

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, STATE OF LOUISIANA,
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2022 AT 5:30 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Natchitoches met in legal and regular session at the Natchitoches Council Chambers, 716 Second Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana on Monday, October 10, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

There were present:

Mayor Ronnie Williams
Councilwoman At Large Betty Sawyer-Smith
Councilman Dale Nielsen
Councilman Christopher Petite
Councilwoman Rosemary Elie

Guest: None

Absent: Councilman Eddie Harrington

Mayor Ronnie Williams called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone for coming. Mayor Williams led the invocation and Councilman Petite led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Williams then called for the reading and approval of the minutes for the September 26, 2022 meeting. Councilwoman At Large Smith moved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes and approval of same. Seconded by Councilman Nielsen.

A roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes:	Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Petite
Nays:	None
Absent:	Harrington
Abstain:	None

The following Resolution was introduced by Mr. Nielsen and Seconded by Mr. Petite as follows, to – wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 092 OF 2022

PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2022 AS NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches recognizes October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, National Disability Employment Awareness Month was declared in **1988** by the United States Congress for the month of October to raise awareness of the employment needs and contributions of individuals with all types of disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of National Disability Employment Awareness Month is to educate about disability employment issues and celebrate the many and diverse contributions of America’s workers with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, this year’s theme is “**Disability: Part of the Equity Equation**”; and

WHEREAS, everyone should have the right to fully participate in community life, including attending tourist events, religious services, dining out, shopping, and enjoying community park facilities; and

WHEREAS, let’s strive to make a difference in our community by making Natchitoches more accessible for the disabled by improving city buildings, public spaces, and any other place a person might need to go to work, play, education, business, and services; and

WHEREAS, together, we will continue to develop and encourage an all-encompassing workforce in which everyone can provide for themselves and their families, achieve goals, and enjoy the richness of our great City and Nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., Mayor of the City of Natchitoches hereby proclaim the month of October as:

National Disability Employment Awareness Month

in the City of Natchitoches by acknowledging the accomplishments of the men and women with disabilities whose work helps keep the nation’s economy strong and by reaffirming their commitment to ensure equal opportunity for all citizens.

This Resolution was then presented for a vote, and the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES:	Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Petite
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Harrington
ABSTAIN:	None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 10th day of October, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

Kevin Warner, Recreation Director, spoke about Champions League that was started last year, a league for youth with disabilities. Carl Sias shared remarks in regard to Proclamation No. 092 of 2022. Dr. Snowden accepted Proclamation No. 092 of 2022.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mrs. Smith and Seconded by Mr. Petite as follows, to – wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 094 OF 2022

PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2022 AS NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches recognizes October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the second most common form of the disease among women in the United States.

WHEREAS, one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime. That's one person every two minutes in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, it is estimated that nearly 44,000 people in the U.S. will die from breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the fact that mammography is the best available method of detecting breast changes that may be cancer, long before physical symptoms can be seen or felt, and that breast cancer deaths could decline further if all women age 40 and older received mammograms at regular intervals.

WHEREAS, during National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we rededicate ourselves to supporting patients and their families, boosting access to care, and raising awareness about the life-saving importance of early screening. We honor all those we have lost to this terrible disease and celebrate the courageous survivors and advocates fighting to beat it, along with the loved ones and medical providers who have their backs every day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., Mayor of the City of Natchitoches hereby proclaim the month of October as:

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

in the City of Natchitoches and urge all men and women in the City of Natchitoches to join us in the month of October and all year as we reach out to all women throughout the United States with the vital message about early detection and the value of early treatment if breast cancer is detected.

AYES: Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Petite
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Harrington
ABSTAIN: None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 10th day of October, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

The following Ordinance was introduced by Mr. Petite as follows, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 066 OF 2022

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 64 OF 2001 BY CHANGING ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Lot 15 & A portion of Lot 14, Block “B” of Keegan’s East Natchitoches Subdivision

(Scarborough Ave. and East 5th Street.)

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, has recommended at their meeting of **October 4, 2022** that the application of Rand S. Metoyer to rezone the property described above from and B-1 Commercial to B-2 Commercial for the purpose of resale, be **APPROVED**.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on October 10, 2022 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on October 13, 2022.

Mrs. Smith made a motion to table this ordinance which was seconded by Mr. Nielsen, the motion to table was presented for a vote and the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES: Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance tabled by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays this 24th day of October, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 25th day of October, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

Shontrell Roque provided information about Ordinance No. 066 of 2022

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mrs. Elie as follows, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 067 OF 2022

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 64 OF 2001 BY CHANGING ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Tracts "A" Containing 1.89 Acres and "B" Containing 1.36 Acres In Section 87, Township 9 North-Range, 7 West as Shown on Plat in Conveyance Book 330, Page 490 and Lot containing 1.37 Acres West of Tract "A" and Lot containing 0.81 Acre Below Tracts "A" and "B", all shown on Plat in Conveyance Book 493, Page 760.

(7096 Hwy 1 Bypass)

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, has recommended at their meeting of **October 4, 2022** that the application of Morgan Papillion to rezone the property described above from B-3 Commercial to B-3 Commercial with additional B-A zoning, be **APPROVED**.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on October 10, 2022

Shontrell Roque explained Ordinance No. 067 of 2022. Mr. Morgan Papillion provided details of his intentions for the property mention in Ordinance No. 067 of 2022.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Nielsen and Seconded by Mrs. Smith as follows, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 061 OF 2022

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY
OF NATCHITOCHES TO AWARD
THE BID FOR LIQUID CHLORINE FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT
(BID NO. 0654)**

WHEREAS, Resolution No.069 of 2022 was passed by the Natchitoches City Council on August 8, 2022 authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids for Liquid Chlorine for the Water Treatment Plant (Bid No. 0654); and

WHEREAS, this bid was advertised in the *Natchitoches Times* on, August 8, August 18, and August 25, 2022 in accordance with law; and

WHEREAS, one bid proposal was received and opened as follows:

- (1) DPC Enterprises
Reserve, LA \$2,291.00 per ton

WHEREAS, on September 20, 2022 the appointed committee of Clarissa Brown - Smith, Finance Director; Edd Lee, Director of Purchasing; Matt Anderson, Utility Department; and Rosemary Elie, Councilwoman, reviewed the bid proposals for Liquid Chlorine for the Water Treatment Plant, (Bid No. 0654); and

WHEREAS, the above appointed committee members unanimously recommend the City award the bid to the one bid received, **DPC Enterprises** in the amount of **\$2,291.00 per ton**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that the Honorable Ronnie Williams, Jr., Mayor, is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign any and all documents necessary for acceptance of this bid.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on September 26, 2022 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on September 29, 2022.

The above Ordinance having been duly advertised in accordance with law and public hearing had on same, was put to a vote by the Mayor and the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES: Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Petite
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Harrington
ABSTAIN: None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays this 10th day of October, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 11th day of October 11, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

Matt Anderson spoke in regard to Ordinance No. 061 of 2022. Carl Sias asked a question in reference to this ordinance. Edd Lee provided a response to Mr. Sias's question.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mrs. Smith and Seconded by Mr. Petite as follows, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 062 OF 2022

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE TERMS AND FORM OF A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEES AND CRIME STOPPERS OF NATCHITOCHEES, INC., AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT (CEA) BETWEEN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEES AND CRIME STOPPERS OF NATCHITOCHEES, INC. AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, The Louisiana Constitution of 1974, Article VII, Section 14(C), provides that, “for a public purpose, the state and its political subdivisions or political corporations may engage in cooperative endeavors with each other, with the United States or its agencies, or with any public or private association, corporation, or individual;” and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City of Natchitoches (sometimes hereinafter referred to as the “City”) is a Municipality located in the State of Louisiana, Parish of Natchitoches governed under a Home Rule Charter and a Code of Ordinances adopted by Ordinance No. 5 of 1977; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City of Natchitoches is specifically authorized under Section 1.06 of the Charter of the City of Natchitoches to provide for the general welfare, safety, health, peace and good order of the City, and further authorized under Section 1.07 of the Charter of the City of Natchitoches to enter into Joint Service Agreements or Cooperative; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, Crime Stoppers of Natchitoches, Inc. (Crime Stoppers) is a not-for-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana and provides services which benefit citizens of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City finds it essential that it participates in Crime Stoppers efforts to serve the citizens of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches has reviewed the attached cooperative endeavor agreement which provide for the participation by the City in the Crime Stoppers program and approves same; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, in due, legal, and regular session convened, that the attached Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Natchitoches and Crime Stoppers of Natchitoches, Inc., is approved; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Ronnie Williams, Jr., Mayor, be and is hereby authorized to execute, for and on behalf of the City of Natchitoches, a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Natchitoches and Crime Stoppers of Natchitoches, Inc., substantially in accordance with the draft thereof attached hereto as Exhibit “A”.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provisions or item of this Ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance n are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all Ordinances or Resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

THUS DONE AND ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on September 26, 2022 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on September 29, 2022.

The above Ordinance having been duly advertised in accordance with law and public hearing had on same, was put to a vote by the Mayor and the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES: Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Petite
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Harrington
ABSTAIN: None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays this 10th day of October, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 11th day of October 11, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

Carmilla Parker President of Crime Stoppers introduced her board. Corporal Greely with Natchitoches Police Department provided stats for Crime Stoppers. Carl Sias asked a question about Crime Stoppers. Carmilla Parker responded to Mr. Sias comments.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Nielsen and Seconded by Mr. Petite as follows, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 063 OF 2022

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE TERMS AND FORM OF A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs AND THE NATCHITOCHEs PARISH SCHOOL BOARD AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT (CEA) BETWEEN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs AND THE NATCHITOCHEs PARISH SCHOOL BOARD WHICH WILL PROVIDE FOR TERMS TO SUPPORT ADDITIONAL CROSS GUARDS IN THE CITY AND PARISH.

WHEREAS, The Louisiana Constitution of 1974, Article VII, Section 14(C), provides that, “[f]or a public purpose, the state and its political subdivisions or political corporations may engage in cooperative endeavors with each other, with the United States or its agencies, or with any public or private association, corporation, or individual;” and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City of Natchitoches (sometimes hereinafter referred to as the “City”) is a municipality located in the State of Louisiana, Parish of Natchitoches governed under a Home Rule Charter and a Code of Ordinances adopted by Ordinance No. 5 of 1977; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City of Natchitoches is specifically authorized under Section 1.06 of the Charter of the City of Natchitoches to provide for the general welfare, safety, health, peace and good order of the City, and further authorized under Section 1.07 of the Charter of the City of Natchitoches “to enter into joint service agreements or cooperative efforts with other governmental agencies and political subdivisions, whether domiciled in Natchitoches Parish or other parishes, including but not limited to the parish governing body, other parish offices and agencies, the school board;” and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City wishes to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (the “Agreement”) with the Parish School Board (the “School Board”) for the purposes of facilitating the employment of crossing guards to better protect the children of the community; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, acting as the governing authority thereof (the “Governing Authority”) has reviewed the Agreement, which is attached hereto as an exhibit; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, in due, legal, and regular session convened, that the attached Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Natchitoches and Natchitoches Parish School Board is approved; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Ronnie Williams, Jr., Mayor, be and is hereby authorized to execute, for and on behalf of the City of Natchitoches, a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Natchitoches and Natchitoches Parish School Board, substantially in accordance with the draft thereof attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provisions or item of this Ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance n are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all Ordinances or Resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on September 26, 2022 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on September 29, 2022.

The above Ordinance having been duly advertised in accordance with law and public hearing had on same, was put to a vote by the Mayor and the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES: Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Petite
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Harrington
ABSTAIN: None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays this 10th day of October, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 11th day of October 11, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

Chief Collins provided a statement in reference to Ordinance No. 063 of 2022.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Petite as follows, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 064 OF 2022

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY
OF NATCHITOCHEES TO AWARD
THE BID FOR CAUSTIC SODA FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT
(BID NO. 0655)**

WHEREAS, Resolution No.072 of 2022 was passed by the Natchitoches City Council on August 22, 2022 authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids for Caustic Soda for the Water Treatment Plant (Bid No. 0655); and

WHEREAS, this bid was advertised on Bid Express, in accordance with law; and

WHEREAS, two bid proposals were received and opened as follows:

- (2) Premier Chemicals
Baton Rouge, LA \$0.265 cents per pound

- (3) Univar Solutions USA, Inc.,
Kent, WA \$0.2863 cents per pound

WHEREAS, on September 29, 2022 the appointed committee of Clarissa Smith, Finance Director; Edd Lee, Director of Purchasing; Matt Anderson, Utility Director; and Christopher Petite, Councilman, reviewed the bid proposals for bids for Caustic Soda for the Water Treatment Plant (Bid No. 0655); and

WHEREAS, the above appointed committee members unanimously recommend the City award the bid to the lowest bidder **Premier Chemicals** in the amount of **\$0.265 cents per pound**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that the Honorable Ronnie Williams, Jr., Mayor, is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign any and all documents necessary for acceptance of this bid.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on October 10, 2022

Edd Lee spoke about the routine bid done every six months in reference to Ordinance No. 064 of 2022. Councilman Petite asked a question that was answered by Matt Anderson.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mrs. Elie as follows, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 065 OF 2022

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR BETWEEN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs, THE RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION AND THE NATCHITOCHEs CONVENTION & VISTORS BUREAU TO PROMOTE THE USE OF THE RED RIVER FOR THE KINGKAT FISHING TOURNAMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches (sometimes hereinafter referred to as the “**City**”) the Red River Waterway Commission (sometimes hereinafter referred to as the “**Waterway Commission**”), and the Natchitoches Convention & Vistors Bureau (sometimes hereinafter referred to as the “**CVB**”) are desirous of hosting the KingKat Fishing Tournament to be held on the Red River on April 20, 21 and 22, 2023, and has proposed that the City enter into an agreement titled Memorandum of Cooperative Endeavor between Red River Waterway Commission and City of Natchitoches and Natchitoches Convention & Visitors Bureau, a copy of which is attached hereto (sometimes hereinafter referred to as “**Agreement**”); and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the KingKat Fishing Tournament will draw fishermen, their families and fans to the City and Parish of Natchitoches for the tournament; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the tournament will have a strong economic impact on the Natchitoches community, benefitting local merchants, providers of services and increasing tax revenues to the City and Parish of Natchitoches; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the tournament will provide publicity to the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana promoting the City of Natchitoches as a destination for tourism as well as recreation; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, having reviewed the attached Agreement, and being of the opinion that the tournament will have a positive effect and will benefit the City of Natchitoches, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches desires to authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement on behalf of the City; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, in legal session convened, does hereby authorize, empower, and direct the Honorable Ronnie Williams, Jr., Mayor, to execute the “**Agreement**”, between the City of Natchitoches, the **Waterway Commission** and the “**CVB**” wherein the City agrees to host the KingKat fishing tournament in Natchitoches Parish to be held April 20, 21 and 22, 2023, and further agrees to those obligations set forth in the attached Agreement.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on October 10, 2022

Randy Lacaze provided information pertaining to Ordinance No. 065 of 2022.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Nielsen as follows, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 068 of 2022

AN ORDINANCE TO DESIGNATE FUNDS FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN TO DEMOLISH CERTAIN PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEES THAT ARE A DANGER TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches (sometimes hereinafter referred to as the “**City**”) is a Municipality located in the State of Louisiana, Parish of Natchitoches governed under a Home Rule Charter and a Code of Ordinances adopted by Ordinance No. 5 of 1977; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, Section 1310 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 39:1310) requires that when “there has been a change in operations upon which the original adopted budget was developed, the governing authority shall adopt a budget amendment in an open meeting to reflect such change;” and

WHEREAS FURTHER, Section 2.10 of the Charter of the Home Rule Charter of the City, approved by the charter commission of the city on July 7, 1975 and the voters at the election of November 1, 1975, requires that any appropriation of funds by the City be enacted by an ordinance of the City Council of the City, acting as the governing authority thereof (the “**Governing Authority**”); and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, enacted by the 117th Congress of the United States of America (“**ARPA**”), appropriated Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) to the State of Louisiana, which was then appropriated to the City (the “**ARPA Neighborhood Cleanup Funding**”) for the purpose of financing improvements to vacant and abandoned properties, including rehabilitation or maintenance, renovation, removal and remediation of environmental contaminants, demolition or deconstruction, and greening/vacant lot cleanup (the “**Rehabilitation Projects**”); and

WHEREAS FURTHER, this Governing Authority has previously adopted Ordinance No. 41 of 2022 on August 23, 2022 authorizing the demolition or repair of eight (8) properties that are in a dangerous and unsanitary condition which makes them unsafe and a danger to the public welfare (the “**Condemned Properties**”); and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Office of the Mayor of the City of Natchitoches is the proper recipient of the ARPA Neighborhood Cleanup Funding as the instrument of the City most capable of managing Rehabilitation Projects for the Condemned Properties; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, it is the desire of this Governing Authority to appropriate the ARPA Neighborhood Cleanup Funding to the Office of the Mayor of the City, to be expended by the Mayor of the City, or the administrative designee of the Mayor (the “**Finance Director**”), pursuant to the guidelines

published by the United States Department of the Treasury in its final rule implementing the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund and the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund established under the American Rescue Plan Act, effective April 1, 2022 (the “**ARPA Guidelines**”).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that the defined terms in the recitals of this ordinance (the “**Ordinance**”) are incorporated herein; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by the Natchitoches City Council, in legal and regular session convened, that it hereby appropriates the ARPA Neighborhood Cleanup Funding to Office of the Mayor of the City, to be expended at the direction of the Mayor or the Finance Director, pursuant to the ARPA Guidelines; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, if necessary, that the budget of the City be amended to reflect the receipt of the ARPA Neighborhood Cleanup Funding and its designation for expenditure by the Mayor or the Finance Director, for the purposes of properly distributing for Rehabilitation Projects within the Condemned Properties or such other purposes qualifying as Rehabilitation Projects; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are repealed.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on October 10, 2022

Shontrell Roque spoke in reference to Ordinance No. 068 of 2022.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mrs. Smith as follows, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 069 of 2022

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE TERMS OF A LEASE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY FROM THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY BY THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHE; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY TO EXECUTE THE LEASE; AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches (sometimes hereinafter referred to as the “City”) is a Municipality located in the State of Louisiana, Parish of Natchitoches governed under a Home Rule Charter and a Code of Ordinances adopted by Ordinance No. 5 of 1977; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, Section 2.10 of the Charter of the City of Natchitoches of 1976 lists actions taken by the City requiring an ordinance to be effective, which include, but are not limited to, the lease of conveyance of any lands of the City and the acquisition of any real property on behalf of the City ; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, Union Pacific Railroad Company (the “Company”) is the owner of certain real property (the “Property”) which the City has leased from the Company pursuant to an agreement entered into on May 28th, 2002 (the “2002 Lease”); and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the 2002 Lease has expired as of May of 2022; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, it is the desire of the City and the Company to enter into a new lease agreement (the “Lease”) concerning the Property, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that the defined terms in the recitals of this ordinance (the “Ordinance”) are incorporated herein; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by the Governing Authority, in legal and regular session convened, that it hereby authorizes the execution of the above described Lease, in substantially similar form as the draft attached hereto as Exhibit “A”, and in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth therein; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the Lease, and any and all other documents necessary to facilitate the cooperation described therein, in the name of and on behalf of the City; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or section of this Ordinance, or the application thereof, is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, sections or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect consistent with the terms of this Ordinance absent the invalidated provisions, sections or applications, and to this end the provisions or sections of this Ordinance, or their applications, so invalidated are hereby declared severable; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on October 10, 2022

The following Resolution was introduced by Mr. Petite and Seconded by Mrs. Smith as follows, to –wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 088 OF 2022

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR.,
TO ADOPT A CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN/CITIZEN COMPLAINT
PROCEDURE AND APPOINT A CITIZEN COMPLAINT OFFICER FOR
COMPLIANCE WITH THE FY 2023 LCDBG PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches is desirous of submitting an application to the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration, for funding under the **FY 2023 LCDBG** Program; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the LCDBG Program, a Citizen Participation Plan/Citizen Complaint Procedure shall be adopted and Stacy M. McQueary be appointed as Citizen Complaint Officer for compliance with the LCDBG Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Citizen Participation Plan/Citizen Complaint Procedure be adopted and Stacy M. McQueary be appointed as Citizen Complaint Officer.

This Resolution was then presented for a vote, and the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES: Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Petite
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Harrington
ABSTAIN: None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 10th day of October, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

Nicole Gray spoke in reference to Resolution No. 088 of 2022. Mr. Ernest Davis spoke in reference to Resolution No. 088 of 2022. Carl Sias spoke in reference to the same resolution.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mrs. Elie and Seconded by Mr. Nielsen as follows, to –
wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 089 OF 2022

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE LOUISIANA COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (LCDBG) PROCUREMENT POLICY FOR THE
FY 2023**

WHEREAS, the procedures outlined in the Procurement Policy serve as guidelines for the procurement of supplies, equipment, construction services and professional services for the LCDBG Program; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a Procurement Policy (attached) be adopted for the FY 2023 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) program.

This Resolution was then presented for a vote, and the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES:	Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Petite
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Harrington
ABSTAIN:	None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 10th day of October, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

The following Resolution was introduced by Mrs. Smith and Seconded by Mrs. Smith as follows, to – wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 090 OF 2022

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., TO PROCEED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE LCDBG PROPOSAL TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION CITIZEN PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS AND VIEWS OF THE GOVERNING BODY

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches is desirous of submitting a proposal to the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration, for funding under the **FY 2023** LCDBG Program; and

WHEREAS, the proposal will be submitted for one of the following activities:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Ceiling Amount</u>	<u>Application Due</u>
Street Rehabilitation	\$800,000.00	November 21, 2022

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Natchitoches wishes to authorize Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., to proceed with the development of the FY 2023 LCDBG Program.

This Resolution was then presented for a vote, and the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES: Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Petite
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Harrington
ABSTAIN: None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 10th day of October, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 091

Date: October 10, 2022

The City of Natchitoches of the Parish of Natchitoches met in regular session on this date. The following resolution was offered by Mr. Petite and seconded by Mrs. Smith_____.

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R E S O L U T I O N

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LA DOTD) for improvements at the Natchitoches Regional Airport.

WHEREAS, Act 451 of the 1989 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature authorized the financing of certain airport improvements from funds appropriated from the Transportation Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs has requested funding assistance from the LA DOTD to/for Rehabilitate Runway 17/35, Taxiways, Apron – Phase I (Design); and

WHEREAS, the stated project has been approved by the Louisiana Legislature and the LA DOTD is agreeable to the implementation of this project and desires to cooperate with the CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs according to the terms and conditions identified in the attached Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the LA DOTD will provide the necessary funding for the Rehabilitate Runway 17/35, Taxiways, Apron-Phase I (Design) and reimburse the sponsor up to \$7,500.00 of project cost.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Natchitoches that it does hereby authorize the Mayor to execute an Agreement for the project identified as AIP No. 3-22-0034-029-2022 and SPN H.015319, more fully identified in the Agreement attached hereto, and to execute any subsequent related documents, including, but not limited to, amendments to said agreement.

This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption.

The aforesaid resolution, having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

- YEAS: Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Petite
- NAYS: None
- ABSENT: Harrington

WHEREUPON, the resolution was declared adopted on the 10th day of October, 2022.

CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs

BY: _____
(Signature)

(Typed or Printed Name)

TITLE: _____

ATTEST: _____
(Signature)

TITLE: _____

Edd Lee provided an explanation of Resolution No. 091 of 2022.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mr. Nielsen and Seconded by Mr. Petite as follows, to – wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 093 OF 2022

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT AMENDMENT NO. 1
BY AND BETWEEN THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION,
OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, AND THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEES
FOR THE FY 2021 LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT- CV
HVAC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$600,000.00 FOR ADDITIONAL COSTS DUE TO THE
EXTENUATING REMEDIATION EFFORTS NEEDED AT THE MLK CENTER**

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches (“City”) and the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration, Office of Community Development, (“LCDBG”) entered into a Contract (“Contract”) effective July 26, 2022 in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 for the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (“LCDBG-CV”) HVAC Improvements (the “Project”); and,

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches submitted a Request for Program Amendment # 1 dated July 6, 2022 to Office of Community Development, Division of Administration, in the amount of \$600,000.00 due to mold remediation, additional design and additional construction costs needed for the Martin Luther King Recreation Center; and

WHEREAS, the Request for Program Amendment #1 was approved by the Office of Community Development, Division of Administration on September 20, 2022 in the amount of \$600,000.00 making the total amount of the contract \$1,600,000.00; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and proper that Contract Amendment No. 1 by and between the Division of Administration and the City of Natchitoches be executed between the parties establishing the terms and conditions of the grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Honorable Ronnie Williams, Jr., Mayor, is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign any and all documents necessary for

This Resolution was then presented for a vote, and the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES:	Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Petite
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Harrington
ABSTAIN:	None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 10th day of October, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

Edd Lee made an announcement in reference to Resolution No. 093 of 2022.

Announcements:

- The next scheduled City Council meeting will be Monday, October 24, 2022.

With no further discussion, Mayor Williams made a motion for adjournment and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

**_____
RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR**

**_____
BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE**