

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs, STATE OF LOUISIANA,  
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2020 AT 5:30 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Natchitoches met in legal and regular session at the Natchitoches Municipal Building, 716 Second Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana on Monday, June 22, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

There were present:

Mayor Lee Posey  
Councilman At Large Don Mims, Jr.  
Councilman Eddie Harrington  
Councilman Dale Nielsen  
Councilwoman Sylvia Morrow  
Councilman Lawrence Batiste

Guests: None

Absent: None

Mayor Lee Posey called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone for coming. Councilwoman Sylvia Morrow led the invocation and Councilman Don Mims led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Posey then called for the reading and approval of the minutes for the June 8, 2020 meeting. Mr. Mims moved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes and approval of same. Seconded by Ms. Morrow, a roll call vote was as follows:

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| <b>Ayes:</b>    | <b>Batiste, Nielsen, Mims, Harrington, Morrow</b> |
| <b>Nays:</b>    | <b>None</b>                                       |
| <b>Absent:</b>  | <b>None</b>                                       |
| <b>Abstain:</b> | <b>None</b>                                       |

Mayor Posey recognized Sheriff Victor Jones for his dedicated service to Natchitoches Parish for 20 years with a total of 43 years of service. Mayor thanked him for how much he has done for our community going above and beyond the call of duty. Especially during this time, you have kept us together on things, which has been so important. Mayor Posey stated the relationship Sheriff Jones has with this community speaks volumes of what we have done with the peaceful protests which has made me so proud of this community.

Sheriff Jones thanked the Mayor and City Council for recognizing him tonight. He stated he has thoroughly enjoyed his time as sheriff and there was never a day he didn't look forward to going to work. He saw his work as an everyday challenge which he appreciated the opportunity to serve Natchitoches Parish. While there is still work to do, he stated we have worked to get a lot of good things done for our parish.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 035 OF 2020**

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

**TO REZONE THE FOLLOWING:** South One-half of Lt 7, Lot 8 & East 39.4 Feet of Lt 9 of East Broadmoor Subdivision, Unit #2 from B-3 Commercial to additional B-A to sell beverages of high and low alcoholic content for consumption on premise.

**(115 South Drive)**

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, has recommended at their meeting of **June 2, 2020** that the application by Redolpho Vargas to rezone the property described above from B-3 Commercial to additional B-A to sell beverages of high and low alcoholic content for consumption on premise, be **APPROVED**.

**THIS ORDINANCE** was introduced on June 8, 2020 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on June 11, 2020.

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:           Batiste, Nielsen, Mims, Harrington, Morrow**  
**NAYS:           None**  
**ABSENT:       None**  
**ABSTAIN:      None**

**THEREUPON**, Mayor Lee Posey declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2020.

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**LEE POSEY, MAYOR**

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**DON MIMS, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE**

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 033 OF 2020**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs, LEE POSEY, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT OR LEASE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY AND AIRSPACE WITH RONNIE MOOTY AND MARILYN D. MOOTY WHEREBY THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs AND THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WATERWORKS DISTRICT NUMBER 1 WILL LEASE PUBLIC GROUND AND AIRSPACE PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF R. S. 33:4712 AND R. S. 33:4712.1 TO RONALD MOOTY AND MARILYN D. MOOTY , TO PROVIDE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING, TO PROVIDE FOR ADVERTISING, AND A SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Natchitoches (the “City”), along with the Board of Commissioners of Waterworks District No. One (the “Board”) are the owners of the bed of Sibley Lake, being all that portion of said lake complex which lies at and below the elevation of 116.0 feet above mean sea level;

**AND WHEREAS**, a small portion of the bed of Sibley Lake, located in Section 46, Township 9 North, Range 7 West, Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, (the “Subject Property”), is more fully described as follows, to-wit:

**That certain piece, parcel or tract of land** being located and situated in Section 46, Township 9 North, Range 7 West, Louisiana Principal Meridian, Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at a ½" iron rod found for point No. 862 on the 116' contour traverse of Sibley Lake Reservoir, also being the POINT OF BEGINNING of the herein described tract; thence run South 81 degrees 28 minutes 35 seconds East a distance of 52.07 feet to a ½" iron rod found on the westernmost right of way of Louisiana Highway No. 3110; thence run North 87 degrees 51 minutes 18 seconds West a distance of 29.30 feet to a point on a sea wall on the water's edge of Sibley Lake Reservoir; thence run the following courses along the Sibley Lake Reservoir sea wall: North 88 degrees 16 minutes 18 seconds West a distance of 36.33 feet, South 1 degree 22 minutes 33 seconds East a distance of 6.32 feet, South 89 degrees 25 minutes 46 seconds West a distance of 15.65 feet, North 28 degrees 18 minutes 46 seconds West a distance of 71.88 feet, North 52 degrees 47 minutes 12 seconds East a distance of 3.76 feet, North 6 degrees 41 minutes 15 seconds West a distance of 130.87 feet; thence leaving the Sibley Lake Reservoir sea wall run South 88 degrees 24 minutes 33 seconds East a distance of 52.84 feet to a set ½" iron rod; thence run South 26 degrees 40 minutes 39 seconds East a distance of 27.20 feet to a set ½" iron; thence run South 22 degrees 10 minutes 01

seconds West a distance of 90.00 feet to a set ½" iron rod ;thence run South 31 degrees 05 minutes 13 seconds East a distance of 86.90 feet back to the point of beginning, containing 0.173 acres more or less, and being depicted on a survey by Robert Lynn Davis, dated March 25, 2020, as that area located between the 116 foot contour traverse of Sibley Lake and a sea wall.

**AND WHEREAS**, the predecessor in title of Ronnie Mooty and Marilyn D. Mooty, (“Mooty”) constructed certain buildings and improvements (the “Improvements”) which occupy all or portions of the air space above the Subject Property, with the foundation or supports for the improvements resting upon certain portions of the Subject Property;

**AND WHEREAS**, in order to improve the status of the title to the improvements, Mooty has applied to the City and will apply to the Board for a 99 year lease on the Subject Property and of the air space situated above same (collectively, the “Lease Property”) pursuant to the provisions of La. R. S. 33:4712 and 33: 4712.1 (the “Applicable Laws”) for the pre-paid cash rental of Eight Hundred and 00/100 (\$800.00) Dollars cash paid one half each to the City and the Board, pursuant to a written Lease Agreement, but only after the final adoption of this Ordinance and ratification approval of the same by the Board, and final compliance with due legal proceedings and advertisements required by law;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** that notice of this proposed ordinance be published three (3) times in fifteen (15) days, one (1) week apart in The Natchitoches Times, the legal journal for the City of Natchitoches, and that said Ordinance further be posted in the City Hall; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** by the City that the Mayor, Lee Posey, on behalf of the City, be and he is hereby authorized after due proceedings had, and after the lapse of all the delays above set forth have run, to execute a 99 year lease to Mooty on the Subject Property, for the pre-paid rental of Eight Hundred and 00/100 (\$800.00) Dollars cash, said Mayor being authorized and directed to incorporate in said lease such terms, provisions and conditions as may be necessary and proper in the premises; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the City Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise this Ordinance three (3) times in fifteen (15) days, one (1) week apart, and to report to the City Council if any opposition is made in writing prior to the time of final adoption of this Ordinance; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that, notwithstanding all of the above, this Ordinance shall not be effective until such time as it is ratified and approved by the Board; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the City Council take cognizance of the fact that the Subject Property is not now used for public purposes, is not needed for public purposes, and in the opinion of this City Council constitutes surplus property which can be leased pursuant to the authority of the Applicable Laws.

**THIS ORDINANCE** was introduced on May 26, 2020 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on May 30, 2020, June 6, 2020 and June 13, 2020.

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:

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| <b>AYES:</b>    | <b>Batiste, Nielsen, Mims, Harrington, Morrow</b> |
| <b>NAYS:</b>    | <b>None</b>                                       |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>  | <b>None</b>                                       |
| <b>ABSTAIN:</b> | <b>None</b>                                       |

**THEREUPON**, Mayor Lee Posey declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2020.

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**LEE POSEY, MAYOR**

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**DON MIMS, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE**

The following Ordinance was previously introduced in written form at a regular meeting of the City Council on June 8, 2020, a Notice of Public Hearing having been published in the City's official journal and which public hearing was held in accordance with said public notice, and the Ordinance was offered by Mr. Mims and seconded by Mr. Harrington.

The Ordinance was thereupon signed by the Mayor and the *Mayor Pro Tempore*, attested by the City Clerk, and declared to be adopted. The Ordinance provides as follows:

### **ORDINANCE NO. 038 OF 2020**

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 17 of 2020 adopted on February 24, 2020 to provide for the removal of a pledge and dedication to the Natchitoches Economic Development District D of the incremental revenues generated by the City's one percent (1.0%) sales and use tax now being levied for general purposes and collected by the City; and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

**WHEREAS**, the governing authority of any municipality in the State of Louisiana may create an economic development district composed of territory wholly within such municipality pursuant to the provisions of Part II of Chapter 27 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, inclusive (the "**EDD Act**"); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Ordinance No. 17 of 2020 ("**Ordinance No. 17**") adopted by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana (the "**City Council**") on February 24, 2020, acting as governing authority of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana (the "**City**") created the Natchitoches Economic Development District D, State of Louisiana (the "**District**"), all in accordance with and pursuant to the provisions of the EDD Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council serves as the governing authority of the District and exercises all powers granted to the District under the EDD Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council wishes to amend Ordinance No. 17 to remove a pledge and dedication of the incremental revenues generated by the City's one percent (1.0%) sales and use tax now being levied for general purposes and collected by the City; and

**WHEREAS**, this Ordinance shall not affect in any way the District's one percent (1.0%) sales and use tax levied in accordance with Resolution No. 15 of 2020.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and the City Council, that:

**SECTION 1.** Section 5 of Ordinance No. 17 is hereby deleted in its entirety.

**SECTION 2.** Section 6 of Ordinance No. 17 is hereby deleted in its entirety.

**SECTION 3.** If any one or more of the provisions of this Ordinance shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this Ordinance, but this Ordinance shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provisions had not been contained herein. Any constitutional or statutory provision enacted after the date of this Ordinance which validates or makes legal any provision of this Ordinance which would not otherwise be valid or legal, shall be deemed to apply to this Ordinance.

**SECTION 4.** Upon adoption, this Ordinance shall be published in full in one (1) issue of *The Natchitoches Times* and shall be recorded in the mortgage records of the Natchitoches Parish Clerk of Court.

**SECTION 5.** That the Mayor, the Mayor *Pro Tempore*, and the City Clerk are hereby further authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the City and the District, empowered and directed to take any and all such action as may be necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 6.** This Ordinance shall immediately take effect upon adoption.

**THIS ORDINANCE** was introduced on June 8, 2020 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on June 11, 2020.

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This Ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

**YEAS: Batiste, Nielsen, Mims, Harrington, Morrow**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSTAIN: None**

**ABSENT: None**

Done, Approved and adopted on this, the 22nd day of June, 2020.

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Lee Posey, Mayor

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Don Mims, Jr., *Mayor Pro Tempore*

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Stacy McQueary, City Clerk

**STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**PARISH OF NATCHITOCHES**

I, **STACY MCQUEARY**, certify that I am the duly qualified and acting City Clerk of the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, the governing authority of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana.

I further certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of an excerpt from the minutes of a meeting of said City Council held June 22, 2020 concerning an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 17 of 2020 adopted on February 24, 2020 to provide for the removal of a pledge and dedication to the Natchitoches Economic Development District D of the incremental revenues generated by the City's one percent (1.0%) sales and use tax now being levied for general purposes and collected by the City; and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

**IN FAITH WHEREOF**, witness my official signature and the impress of the official seal of said City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, on this, the 22nd day of June, 2020.

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Stacy McQueary, City Clerk

(Seal)

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Ms. Morrow and Seconded by Mr. Batiste as follows, to-wit:

**ORDINANCE NO. 039 OF 2020**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SMARTNET NORTH AMERICA REFERENCE NETWORK REFERENCE STATION HOST AGREEMENT WITH LEICA GEOSYSTEMS, INC. AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE SAID AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, PROVIDING FOR ADVERTISING, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Natchitoches (sometimes hereinafter “City”) has been approached by Leica Geosystems, Inc. (Sometimes hereinafter “Leica”), regarding an agreement under which Leica may locate a global navigation satellite system on property of the City; and

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, the consideration is the sum of \$1,750.00 per year and the agreement may be cancelled by either party with 60 days notice; and

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, Leica has provided the City with a copy of the proposed Smartnet North America Reference Network Reference Station Host Agreement (sometimes hereinafter “Agreement”) and a copy is attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, both parties, that is, the City and Leica, deem it to be in their mutual best interests and advantage to execute and enter into the Agreement; and

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, the proposed Agreement has been reviewed by the City Council and has been approved; and

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, the City Council is of the opinion that the Agreement is in the best interest of the City of Natchitoches and its citizens and provide additional income to the City and will additionally enhance the global navigation satellite system in the area; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** that the City Council takes cognizance of and approves the Smartnet North America Reference Network Reference Station Host Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto, and authorizes the Mayor, Lee Posey, to execute the said Smartnet North America Reference Network Reference Station Host Agreement with Leica.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the terms and conditions of the Smartnet North America Reference Network Reference Station Host Agreement are hereby approved by

the City Council, including the consideration for the Smartnet North America Reference Network Reference Station Host Agreement and other terms.

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

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that if any portion of this Ordinance is declared to be invalid or unconstitutional in any manner, the invalidity shall be limited to that particular section or provision, and shall not affect the remaining portions of the ordinance, which shall remain valid and enforceable, it being the intention of the City Council that each separate provision shall be deemed independent of all other provisions herein.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that this Ordinance shall go into effect upon publication and in accordance with law.

**THIS ORDINANCE** was introduced on June 8, 2020 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on June 11, 2020.

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:

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| <b>AYES:</b>    | <b>Batiste, Nielsen, Mims, Harrington, Morrow</b> |
| <b>NAYS:</b>    | <b>None</b>                                       |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>  | <b>None</b>                                       |
| <b>ABSTAIN:</b> | <b>None</b>                                       |

**THEREUPON**, Mayor Lee Posey declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2020.

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**LEE POSEY, MAYOR**

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**DON MIMS, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE**

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Nielsen at the June 22, 2020 City Council meeting as follows:

**ORDINANCE NO. 040 of 2020**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the City of Natchitoches of the Parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2020 which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the following **adjusted** millage rates be and they are hereby levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within said Parish for the year 2020, for the purpose of raising revenue:

MILLAGE

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| <u>PUBLIC SAFETY FAC/SER FIRE &amp; POLICE</u> | <u>9.690 mills</u> |
| <u>GENERAL ALIMONY</u>                         | <u>6.820 mills</u> |

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the Assessor of the Parish of Natchitoches, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2020 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Harrington at the June 22, 2020 City Council meeting as follows:

**ORDINANCE NO. 041 of 2020**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the City of Natchitoches of the Parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2020, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the taxing district voted to increase the millage rate(s), but not in excess of the prior year's maximum rate(s), on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the year 2020, and when collected, the revenues from said taxes shall be used only for the specific purposes for which said taxes have been levied. Said millage rate(s) are:

|                                     | <u>Adjusted Rate</u> | <u>2020 Levy</u>   |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| PUBLIC SAFETY FAC/SER FIRE & POLICE | <u>9.690</u> mills   | 10.000 mills       |
| GENERAL ALIMONY                     | <u>6.820</u> mills   | <u>7.030</u> mills |

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the Assessor of the Parish of Natchitoches, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2020 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

A motion was made by to add Ordinance No. 42 of 2020 by Mr. Mims, seconded by Ms. Morrow. A roll call vote was recorded as follows:

**AYES: Batiste, Nielsen, Mims, Harrington, Morrow**  
**NAYS: None**  
**ABSENT: None**  
**ABSTAIN: None**

Mayor Posey stated this ordinance is in reference to the bids received for the building renovations at the Eagle Distributing Building located on Sixth Street for the National Park Service. The bids came in higher than anticipated and are working with a value engineer to reduce the cost of the project. Due to the time sensitive nature of the project we are proposing this be added to tonight's council meeting agenda.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Mims at the June 22, 2020 City Council meeting as follows:

**ORDINANCE NO. 042 OF 2020**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY  
OF NATCHITOCHES TO AWARD  
THE BID FOR BUILDING RENOVATIONS AT 720 SIXTH STREET**

**(BID NO. 0625)**

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No.099 of 2020 was passed by the Natchitoches City Council on December 27, 2019 authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids for Building Renovations at the 720 Sixth Street (Bid No. 0625); and

**WHEREAS**, this bid was advertised in the *Natchitoches Times* on, May 9, May 16, and May 23, 2020 in accordance with law; and

**WHEREAS**, five bid proposals were received and opened as follows:

- (1) DSW Construction  
Natchitoches, LA .....\$695,775.00
- (2) Pat Williams Construction  
Leesville, LA.....\$722,000.00
- (3) Skip Converse, Inc.  
Pineville, LA .....\$740,900.00
- (4) Martin Metal Construction  
Natchitoches, LA .....\$749,850.00
- (5) Prothro Construction  
Natchitoches, LA..... No submittal

**WHEREAS**, on June 4, 2020 the appointed committee of Debbie Miley, Finance Director; Edd Lee, Director of Purchasing; Randy LaCaze, Community Development Director; and Eddie Harrington, Councilman, reviewed the bid proposals for Building Renovations at 720 Sixth Street (Bid No. 0625); and

**WHEREAS**, the above appointed committee members unanimously recommend the City award the bid to the lowest bidder **DSW Construction** in the amount of **\$695,775.00** less a value engineering deduction of **\$77,796.00** making the total base bid **\$617,979.00**.

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

Randy LaCaze, Community Development Director, stated we maximized the amount under value engineering, creating a list that went to the National Park Service of which they critiqued and sent back to us bringing the amount down as much as possible which gave us the \$77,000 deduction. Mayor Posey stated this is the first phase of the project and something we think will be a great use of the property and great for our community. The National Park Service will be paying roughly \$96,000 in rent allowing us to be able to repay ourselves over a period of time.

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

**RESOLUTION 041 of 2020**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs, LOUISIANA TO ADOPT THE NATCHITOCHEs BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLAN AND THE NATCHITOCHEs FEASIBILITY STUDY AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN DEVELOPED BY THE RAPIDES AREA PLANNING COMMISSION**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Natchitoches (sometimes hereinafter “City”) and the Rapides Area Planning Commission (sometimes hereinafter “RAPC”) partnered together to develop a city-wide Bicycle-Pedestrian Master Plan and Bikeshare Feasibility Study for the City of Natchitoches (sometime hereinafter “Plan”) in compliance with federal guidelines; and

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, the RAPC, designated by the Governor of Louisiana, developed said plan for the City set forth per the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement entered into July of 2018 per Ordinance 027 of 2018; and

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches was of the opinion that the development of the Plan was in the interest of the City and its citizens; and

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, the intent of developing the Plan correlated with 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

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, the RAPC provided early and continuous opportunities for public participation throughout the two-year development of the Plan including a public survey, public meetings and a public comment period as per RAPC’s Public Participation Plan.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Natchitoches does hereby approve and adopt the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan and Feasibility Study and Implementation Plan and directs staff to submit said document to the appropriate federal and state agencies.

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

**AYES: Batiste, Nielsen, Mims, Harrington, Morrow**  
**NAYS: None**  
**ABSENT: None**  
**ABSTAIN: None**

**THEREUPON**, Mayor Lee Posey declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 22nd day of June, 2020.

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**LEE POSEY, MAYOR**

Jonathan Bolen, Transportation Director for the Rapides Area Planning Commission, stated the plan before the council tonight is the second plan we developed in house for our region. He stated he is excited this plan has made it to the adoption phase and looks forward to the plan being implemented in Natchitoches.

Matt Johns, Executive Director for the Rapides Area Planning Commission, stated the reason we came to you with this about 2 ½ years ago is because we had an influx of funding through our agency that allowed us to assist with this project. He thanked the City for the opportunity to use those funds to develop a plan for our area and for trusting RAPC with the project.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 042 OF 2020**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CERTIFICATE OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs AND REGIONAL CONSTRUCTION, LLC FOR**

**LA-6 WEST TURN LANE AND J-TURN**

**BID NO. 0624**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Natchitoches has contracted with Regional Construction, LLC for the LA – 6 West Turn Lane and J-Turn; and

**WHEREAS**, this work has been completed; and

**WHEREAS**, a substantial completion inspection has been performed by the Engineer and a representative of the City of Natchitoches, and they find the project to be complete.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Natchitoches, in legal session convened, that the Honorable Lee Posey, Mayor, be and is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute the referenced Certificate of Substantial Completion for Regional Construction, LLC.

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

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| <b>AYES:</b>    | <b>Batiste, Nielsen, Mims, Harrington, Morrow</b> |
| <b>NAYS:</b>    | <b>None</b>                                       |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>  | <b>None</b>                                       |
| <b>ABSTAIN:</b> | <b>None</b>                                       |

**THEREUPON**, Mayor Lee Posey declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 22nd day of June, 2020.

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**LEE POSEY, MAYOR**

Mayor Posey stated having the J-turn on University Parkway at Parc Natchitoches has come in handy and is being utilized with the number of people coming to our community for tournaments at Parc Natchitoches.

The following Resolution was introduced by Ms. Morrow and Seconded by Mr. Harrington as follows, to –wit:

**RESOLUTION NO. 043 OF 2020**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO  
A MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT, INCLUDING MOWING AND LITTER  
PICKUP, WITH THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT, OFFICE OF ENGINEERING  
BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of LSA-R.S. 48:193, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, Office of Engineering, is directed to repair and to keep in operating condition, at its sole cost and expense, all municipal roads or streets within the State Highway System as it is defined in LSA-R.S. 48:191, hereinafter sometimes referred to as the “State Highway System” or “State Roadway”; and

**WHEREAS**, further LSA-R.S. 48:193 authorizes municipalities to request that the repair and maintenance of said State Roadways located within a respective municipality be performed by the municipality, at the State’s expense; and

**WHEREAS**, DOTD lacks sufficient personnel and equipment to perform mowing and litter collection on a routine and continuing basis and wishes to enter into an agreement with the City of Natchitoches to perform maintenance directly related to mowing and litter collection on the State Roadways within the City of Natchitoches; and

**WHEREAS**, this agreement applies only to the roads and streets identified on the DOTD’s List of Routes for Maintenance Agreement which shall include all rights-of-ways and roadway shoulders associated with the State Roadways; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Natchitoches shall be reimbursed by DOTD the amount of \$875.00 per cycle, per mile for Interstate Roadways; \$500.00 per cycle, per mile for divided State Roadways; and \$250.00 per cycle per mile for undivided State Roadways; and

**WHEREAS**, the total mileage to be maintained by the City of Natchitoches pursuant to this Agreement and for which the City is entitled to reimbursement by DOTD is 24.88 miles, of which 0.0 miles are Interstate Roadways; 4.40 miles are divided State Roadways; and 20.48 are undivided State Roadways, for the total maximum amount for which the City may claim reimbursement is \$29,280.00; and

**WHEREAS**, The Agreement for said maintenance shall begin **July 1, 2020** and end **June 30, 2021**, unless Agreement is earlier terminated as conditioned by the Agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Natchitoches City Council, in legal session convened, does hereby authorize the Mayor to enter into a Maintenance Agreement, Including Mowing and Litter Pickup, with the State of Department of Transportation and Development.

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

**AYES:**        **Batiste, Nielsen, Mims, Harrington, Morrow**  
**NAYS:**        **None**  
**ABSENT:**    **None**  
**ABSTAIN:**   **None**

**THEREUPON**, Mayor Lee Posey declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 22nd day of June, 2020.

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**LEE POSEY, MAYOR**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 044 OF 2020**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR LEE POSEY  
TO ADOPT THE REQUIRED PLANS, POLICIES, APPOINTMENTS AND  
AUTHORIZATION OF INDIVIDUALS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE LCDBG  
PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Natchitoches has been awarded a FY 2020 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) for Water Improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, the LCDBG Program requires the adoption of plans and policies, appointments and authorization of individuals for compliance with the LCDBG regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary under the regulations of the LCDBG Program to authorize certain individuals to sign for Requests for Payment for LCDBG funds and to authorize one individual to certify to the correctness of each signature, designate an official depository to hold LCDBG funds and authorize certain individuals to sign checks on the official depository; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City of Natchitoches in regular session convened that the following plans and policies be adopted; (1) Residential Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance Plan (2) Language Access Plan (3) Policy Statement for Communicating Information to Persons with Sensory Impairments (4) Section 504 Grievance Procedure and (5) Section 504 Assurance;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the following appointments and authorization of individuals are made; (1) Handicapped/Section 504 Compliance/Coordinator – Stacy McQueary (2) Antidisplacement Coordinator – Stacy McQueary, (3) Equal Employment Officer – Stacy McQueary, (4) Citizen Complaint Officer – Stacy McQueary, (5) Labor Compliance Officer - LCDBG Administrator, and (6) Authorize the Mayor to sign all documents pertaining to the LCDBG Program;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Lee Posey, Don Mims, Jr., Charles Brossette, and Deborah A. Miley are hereby authorized to sign for Requests for Payment; Stacy McQueary shall certify to the correctness of each signature, that Sabine State Bank is hereby designated as the official depository of all LCDBG funds and that Lee Posey, Don Mims, Jr., and Deborah A. Miley are authorized to sign checks on the official depository, of which two signatures are required for each check.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution and the above referenced adoptions and appointments supersede any and all previous adoptions pertaining to the aforementioned items.

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

**AYES:**        **Batiste, Nielsen, Mims, Harrington, Morrow**  
**NAYS:**        **None**  
**ABSENT:**    **None**  
**ABSTAIN:**   **None**

**THEREUPON**, Mayor Lee Posey declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 22nd day of June, 2020.

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Stacy McQueary, City Clerk

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Lee Posey, Mayor

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 045 OF 2020**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A  
GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE RAPIDES FOUNDATION FOR THE  
2020 HEALTHY BEHAVIORS PROGRAM GRANT FOR READY, SET, GO!**

**WHEREAS**, The Rapides Foundation, a Louisiana nonprofit corporation, provides funding to aid other nonprofits and local governments for the purpose of promoting healthy behavior by creating or improving opportunities for adults and youth in Central Louisiana to engage in safe, accessible activity and by increasing accessibility of healthy foods; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Natchitoches applied for a grant through The Rapides Foundation Healthy Behaviors Program to fund Ready, Set, Go! Natchitoches with plans to continue growing and implementing objectives and initiatives for the Natchitoches Farmers Market, mobile market, portable park and Mayor’s Health & Fitness Council with the expected outcomes to include access to fresh, local produce to encourage healthy eating, access to play spaces to encourage physical activity and a Mayor’s Health & Fitness Council made up of community leaders to address legislation and healthy initiatives through; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana was awarded a grant in the amount of \$150,000.00 over 36 months for the grant period beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2023; and

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches is of the opinion that it is in the best interest of the City to accept the Grant from The Rapides Foundation and does hereby authorize the Mayor to execute the Grant Agreement on behalf of the City of Natchitoches; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, in legal session convened, that Mayor Lee Posey, be and is hereby authorized, directed and empowered to accept the Grant from The Rapides Foundation and to enter into and execute the Grant Agreement and all grant-related documents on behalf of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana for the purposes as outlined more fully in the grant agreement.

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

**AYES:           Batiste, Nielsen, Mims, Harrington, Morrow**  
**NAYS:           None**  
**ABSENT:       None**  
**ABSTAIN:      None**

**THEREUPON**, Mayor Lee Posey declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 22nd day of June, 2020.

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**LEE POSEY, MAYOR**

Mayor Posey stated it was announced today we are not going into the third phase of reopening. I highly encourage our community to be aware and take precautions as the number of cases in our community and state are going up. I encourage everyone to do the right thing by washing your hands, wearing a mask in public and maintaining social distance. We cannot afford to shut this economy back down so I am challenging this community to adhere to these guidelines.

The next scheduled City Council Meeting will be **July 13, 2020**.

The Offices of the City of Natchitoches will be **CLOSED Friday, July 3, 2020** in honor of Independence Day.

With no further discussion, Mayor Posey made a motion for adjournment and all were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

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**LEE POSEY, MAYOR**

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**DON MIMS, MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE**