

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs, STATE OF LOUISIANA,
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY, JUNE 8, 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 8, 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 Eddie Harrington led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Posey then called for the reading and approval of the minutes for the May 26, 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:

Ayes:	Batiste, Nielsen, Mims, Harrington, Morrow
Nays:	None
Absent:	None
Abstain:	None

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Harrington at the June 8, 2020 City Council meeting as follows:

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 is in relation to El Nopal's request to sell beverages of high and low alcoholic content at their new location which was previously Chicken Express. Mr. Vargas will be moving his restaurant from its current location to the location provided to provide more seating, parking and a drive thru option for customers.

This following Ordinance was introduced by Mr. Nielsen and seconded by Mr. Mims as follows:

**ORDINANCE NO. 034 OF 2020
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2019-2020 BUDGET
TO REFLECT ADDITIONAL REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES**

WHEREAS, L.R.S. 39:1310 requires that the City amend its operating budgets when fund balance is being budgeted, and there is a 5% unfavorable variance in revenues and expenditures; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with L.R.S. 39:1305, the following specifies the Mayor's authority to make budgetary amendments without approval of the governing authority, as well as those powers reserved solely to the governing authority.

The Home Rule Charter of the City of Natchitoches states in part "...at any time during the fiscal year the Mayor may transfer part or all of any unencumbered appropriation balance among programs within a department, office or agency request by the Mayor, the Council may by ordinance transfer part or all of any unencumbered appropriation balance from one department, office, or agency to another..."(Section 5.05 D) Supplemental, emergency, and reductions in appropriations must be submitted to the Council for approval by ordinance. (Section 5.05 A-C)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that the special funds budget be amended to reflect these additional revenues and expenditures as follows:

FUND 001 (GENERAL FUND)	<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
REVENUE	Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Proposed Amended Budget
001-0000-433-0700 FEMA- Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ 11,250	\$ 11,250
001-0000-432-1200 Care Act Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
001-0000-432-0500 DOJ - Reimbursement- Over time Wage	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
TOTAL	\$ -	\$ 61,250	\$ 61,250

FUND 001 (GENERAL FUND)	<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
EXPENSES	Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Proposed Amended Budget
General Fund			
Finance			
001-0000-5000-3068 COVID-19	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Community Development	\$ -		\$ -

001-0000-5100-3068	COVID-19	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Planning & Zoning		\$ -		\$ -
001-0000-5200-3068	COVID-19	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500
Fire				
001-0000-5300-3068	COVID-19	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
Police				
001-0000-5400-1050	COVID-19	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
001-0000-5400-3068	COVID-19	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Animal Shelter				
001-0000-5402-3068	COVID-19	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500
Purchasing				
001-0000-5501-3068	COVID-19	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500
City Garage				
001-0000-5502-3068	COVID-19	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500
Recreation				
001-0000-5600-3068	COVID-19	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
001-0000-5602-3068	COVID-19	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Public Works				
001-0000-5700-3068	COVID-19	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500
Indirect				
001-0000-5800-3068	COVID-19	\$ -	\$ 750	\$ 750
TOTAL		\$ -	\$ 61,250	\$ 61,250

PROPRIETARY FUNDS

2019-2020

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<u>FUND 002-Utility Departments</u>		Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Proposed Amended Budget
Revenue				
002-0000-433-0700	FEMA-Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
002-0000-432-1200	Care Act Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
TOTAL		\$ -	\$ 8,500	\$ 8,500

Expense		<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
<u>FUND 002-Utility Departments</u>		Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Proposed Amended Budget
002-0000-6000-3068	COVID-19	\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
Water				
002-0000-6100-3068	COVID-19	\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
Sewer				
002-0000-6200-3068	COVID-19	\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
Electric				
002-0000-6300-3068	COVID-19	\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
Utility Annex				
002-0000-6400-3068	COVID-19	\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
Utility Annex/Information Tech				
002-0000-6401-3068	COVID-19	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500
Indirect				
002-0000-6600-3068	COVID-19	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500
TOTAL		\$ -	\$ 8,500	\$ 8,500

Special Funds

<u>FUND 40-EVENT CENTER</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
Revenue	Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Proposed Amended Budget

040-0000-433-0700	FEMA- Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ 750	\$ 750
040-0000-432-1200	Care Act Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250
TOTAL		\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000

Expense

040-0000-591-3068	COVID-19	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
TOTAL		\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000

FUND 54 - GREEN MARKET

		<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
Revenue		Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Proposed Amended Budget
061-0000-433-0700	FEMA- Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ 750	\$ 750
061-0000-432-1200	Care Act Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ 2,250	\$ 2,250
TOTAL		\$ -	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000

Expense

061-0000-591-3068	COVID-19	\$ -	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
TOTAL		\$ -	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000

FUND 61-EVENT CENTER

		<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
Revenue		Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Proposed Amended Budget
061-0000-433-0700	FEMA- Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ 750	\$ 750
061-0000-432-1200	Care Act Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ 2,250	\$ 2,250
TOTAL		\$ -	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000

Expense

061-0000-591-3068	COVID-19	\$ -	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
TOTAL		\$ -	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000

FUND 99-SPORTS PARC

		<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
Revenue		Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Proposed Amended Budget
099-0000-433-0700	FEMA- Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
099-0000-432-1200	Care Act Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500
TOTAL		\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Expense				
099-0000-591-3068	COVID-19	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
TOTAL		\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, The Cares Act will reimburse at 100% if the funds are available. FEMA will reimburses at 75% of the expenses, but we are only allowed to collect on our expenses once. We will try for the 100% reimbursement from the Cares Act if not successful then we will file under FEMA for 75% of the expenses.

This Ordinance was introduced at the May 26, 2020 City Council meeting and published in the Natchitoches Times on May 30, 2020.

The above Ordinance having been duly advertised in accordance with law and public hearing had on same, was put of 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 8th day of June, 2020

Lee Posey, Mayor

Don, Mims, Mayor Pro Tempore

Delivered to the Mayor on the 9th day of June, 2020, 10:00 A.M.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Mims at the June 8, 2020 City Council meeting as follows:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 036 OF 2020

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO TERMINATE AN EXISTING LEASE WITH NATCHITOCHEs FAIR ASSOCIATION, INC. AND TO EXECUTE A NEW LEASE IN FAVOR OF NATCHITOCHEs FAIR ASSOCIATION, INC. FOR A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE NATCHITOCHEs FAIRGROUNDS, SETTING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SAME, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE LEASE BY THE MAYOR, LEE POSEY, AFTER DUE COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW, AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR ADVERTISING OF THE LEASE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches (City) and the Natchitoches Parish Fair Association, entered into a Lease Agreement dated June 29, 1963, recorded at Conveyance Book 254, page 729, under which the City did lease to the Natchitoches Parish Fair Association a certain tract of land containing 18 acres to be used by the Natchitoches Parish Fair Association as a fair ground; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the original lease was amended in 1976 and in 2000, and the City now desires to terminate that Lease and enter into a new lease with Natchitoches Fair Association, Inc., a copy of said lease being attached hereto; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the term of the new lease will be for one year with automatic annual extensions for no more than ten years, and said new lease to otherwise largely in conformity with the existing lease; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the property to be leased is utilized as the site for the annual Natchitoches Parish Fair; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City desires to continue to make the property available for use associated with the Natchitoches Parish Fair and to that end the City has negotiated the lease of the property to Natchitoches Fair Association, Inc., under the terms more fully set forth in the attached lease; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, under the provisions of Louisiana R. S. 33:4712, any property owned by the City can be leased to any person after due advertisement and compliance with the law; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council in legal session convened as follows:

(1) That the Mayor, Lee Posey, is authorized and directed to give notice to Natchitoches Parish Fair, Inc. of the intent of the City of Natchitoches to terminate that Lease Agreement entered into by the City of Natchitoches and the Natchitoches Parish Fair Association, dated June 29, 1963, recorded at Conveyance Book 254, page 729, as amended in 1976 and in 2000

(2) That after due proceedings and advertisement, the said City does lease that portion of its 18 acre tract located on Fairgrounds Road for the term of one year, with up to ten automatic one year extensions on the terms and conditions as are all as more fully described in the attached lease.

(3) 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, and that ordinance be posted in the City Hall.

(4) That any opposition to this ordinance shall be made in writing, filed with the Clerk for the City of Natchitoches within fifteen (15) days after the first publication of this ordinance, and that a public hearing be held after the advertisements have been completed.

(5) That the Mayor, Lee Posey, be and he is hereby authorized, after due proceedings had, and after the legal delays have run, to execute a lease in favor of Natchitoches Parish Fair, Inc., leasing the property utilized for the Natchitoches Parish Fair on Fairgrounds Road for the term of one year, with up to ten automatic one year extensions , on the terms and conditions as are all as more fully described in the attached lease.

(6) That the City Clerk be authorized to advertise this proposed lease in accordance with law, i.e., three times in fifteen days, one week apart and to report to the City Council if any opposition is made in writing prior to the time of final adoption.

(7) That the City declares that the property to be leased to be surplus property not needed for public purposes by the City.

This ordinance was introduced on the 8th day of June , 2020.

POSTED AT CITY HALL ON JUNE 9, 2020

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Nielsen at the June 8, 2020 City Council meeting as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 037 OF 2020

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 32 OF 2019 IN ORDER TO APPROVE THE LEASE OF A 0.39 ACRE, MORE OR LESS, TRACT OF LAND IN SECTIONS 48 AND 137, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST, LOCATED ON THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF OLD ROBELINE ROAD TO EMRES II LOUISIANA, LLC, TOGETHER WITH AN OPTION TO PURCHASE SAID PROPERTY, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, LEE POSEY, TO EXECUTE A DEED AND ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE LEASE WITH OPTION TO PURCHASE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs, AND TO PROVIDE FOR ADVERTISING.

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches (sometimes hereinafter referred to as “City”) is the owner of property situated on the southerly right of way of Old Robeline Road, at the southwest corner of the intersection of Old Robeline Road and the abandoned right of way of Forest Street, said tract being 0.39 acres, more or less, (sometimes hereinafter “Subject Tract”) which tract is situated in Sections 48 and 137, Township 9 North, Range 7 West, Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, and is shown and depicted as “Substation” on a survey by Meyer, Meyer, LaCroix and Hixson, Inc., a copy of which is recorded at Conveyance Book 577, page 605 of the records of Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, and which is more fully described as follows, to-wit:

That certain parcel, lot or tract of land, together with all buildings and improvements thereon situated, located in Sections 48 and 137, Township 9 North, Range 7 West, situated on the southerly right of way of Old Robeline Road, and being more particularly shown and depicted as “Substation” on a survey by Meyer, Meyer, LaCroix and Hixson, Inc., a copy of which is recorded at Conveyance Book 577, page 605 of the records of Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, and described thereon as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at the westernmost point of Tract “C” as shown and depicted on the September 22, 2003, survey by Cannon, said point also being the eastern corner of the intersection of Old Robeline Road and College Avenue, thence South 20 degrees 6 minutes 50 seconds East a distance of 43.74 feet to a point on the southerly right of way of College Avenue; thence North 86 degrees 00 minutes 17 seconds West a distance of 55.48 feet to the point of beginning being the Northeast corner of the subject property; thence from the point of beginning South 20 degrees 36 minutes 02 seconds East a distance of 110.62 feet; thence South 69 degrees 5 minutes 00 seconds West a distance of 143.40 feet; thence North 22 degrees 25 minutes 00 seconds West a distance of 112.20 feet to a point on the southerly right of way of Old Robeline Road; thence in an easterly direction along

the southerly right of way of Old Robeline Road and College Avenue to the point of beginning.

; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Subject Tract is the location of an old electrical substation that is no longer in use by the Utility Department of the City of Natchitoches; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City previously negotiated with Emres II Louisiana, LLC, (sometimes hereinafter “Emres”) for the sale and purchase of the Subject Tract for the sum and price of 12,500.00; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Subject Property has been appraised by Dranguet’s Appraisal Service which said appraisal reflects that the sales price is the same as the appraised value; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, by Ordinance No. 32 of 2019, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches did approve the conveyance of the Subject Tract to Emres for the sum and price of \$12,500.00; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, subsequent to the adoption of Ordinance No. 32 of 2019, Emres expressed its preference to enter into a Lease with option to purchase the Subject Tract, whereby it would lease the property for three years for the annual consideration of \$500.00 and have an option to purchase the property for the sum and price of \$12,500.00 at the end of the lease term; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, under the provisions of Louisiana R. S. 33:4712, any property owned by the City can be sold or leased to any person after due advertisement and compliance with the law; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council is of the opinion that the Subject Tract is not currently needed by the City for any public purpose, and that its lease and ultimate conveyance to Emres is in the interest to the City; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, in legal session convened, that the terms set forth in the proposed Lease with Option to Purchase attached hereto are approved; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Lee Posey, Mayor of the City of Natchitoches, be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to execute the Lease with Option to Purchase on behalf of the City of Natchitoches and any other documents that may be necessary to complete the lease of the property to Emres II Louisiana, LLC.

BE IT FURTHER 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, and that ordinance be posted in the City Hall.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that any opposition to this ordinance shall be made in writing, filed with the Clerk for the City of Natchitoches within fifteen (15) days after the first publication of this ordinance, and that a public hearing be held after the advertisements have been completed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the City Clerk be authorized to advertise this proposed conveyance in accordance with law, i.e., three times in fifteen days, one week apart and to report to the City Council if any opposition is made in writing prior to the time of final adoption.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the City takes cognizance of the fact that the Subject Tract is not currently needed for public purposes by the City.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that in the event that Emres should exercise its option to purchase and is in good standing under the terms of the lease, then in that event, the Mayor of the City of Natchitoches shall be authorized to execute a deed conveying the property to Emres.

POSTED AT CITY HALL ON JUNE 9, 2020

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Mims at the June 8, 2020 City Council meeting 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.

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Mayor Posey stated this is to ensure none of the original sales tax collected can go toward paying against the building. Only the TIF of the 1% created can go towards this project.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Ms. Morrow at the June 8, 2020 City Council meeting as follows:

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.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 029 OF 2020

**A RESOLUTION FIXING THE TIME, DAY, DATE AND PLACE
OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF NATCHITOCHES FOR THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, in regular session convened, that in accordance with Section 2.09 of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Natchitoches, that the City Council of the City of Natchitoches will meet in regular session at 5:30 P.M. on the second and fourth Mondays of each month for the next twelve (12) months.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the place of meeting shall be at the Natchitoches City Council Chambers, 716 Second Street, City of Natchitoches, unless provided otherwise by the Mayor upon public notice.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that special meetings may be held in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.09 of the Home Rule Charter and further providing that notice of the special meeting to be posted at the principal office of the City no less than twenty-four (24) hours in advance of said meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at the discretion of the Mayor and Councilmen, an informal meeting may be called to begin at 5:00 p.m. preceding the regularly scheduled City Council meeting to discuss any business deemed prudent and necessary.

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 8th day of June, 2020.

LEE POSEY, MAYOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 030 OF 2020

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING MEETING TIMES AND PLACES OF:
NATCHITOCHES PLANNING COMMISSION
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION
WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 1**

WHEREAS, State law requires that notice of meetings of governing bodies and agencies thereof must be published in accordance with the provisions of Louisiana R.S. 42:7.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches that the **Planning Commission** of the City of Natchitoches shall meet in regular session at 5:00 P.M. on the first Tuesday of each month at the City of Natchitoches Council Chambers, 716 Second Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the **Historic District Commission** for the City of Natchitoches shall meet at 5:00 P.M. on the first Monday of each month at the City of Natchitoches Council Chambers, 716 Second Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the **Airport Advisory Commission** will meet at 5:00 P.M. on the third Monday of each month, except December, at the Natchitoches Regional Airport Terminal located at 450 Wallenberg Drive, Natchitoches, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the **Waterworks District No. 1** shall meet at 5:30 P.M. on the third Monday of each month at City Bank located at 145 St. Denis Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana.

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 8th day of June, 2020.

LEE POSEY, MAYOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 031 OF 2020

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE CITY
PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES**

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Natchitoches has submitted the following names for appointment to the Natchitoches City Planning Commission to-wit:

- 1. Charles Whitehead, III**
- 2. Rev. Bobby Claiborne**
- 3. Michael D. Lewis**
- 4. Rickey McCalister**
- 5. Jamie Flanagan**
- 6. Isaac Lewis**
- 7. Jacob Cooper**
- 8. Ron Brown**

WHEREAS FURTHER, Section 24-17 of the Natchitoches Code of Ordinances provides that the members of the Commission shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor, with consent of the Natchitoches City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches that they hereby acknowledge the appointment of the above individuals to the City Planning Commission and hereby approve and consent to same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission shall have such powers and duties as are provided in R.S. 33:101, et seq.

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 8th day of June, 2020.

LEE POSEY, MAYOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 032 OF 2020

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE
NATCHITOCHEs HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
FOR THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs**

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Natchitoches has submitted the following names for appointment to the Natchitoches Historic District Commission as follows, to-wit:

- 1. Jared Dunahoe**
- 2. Dr. Virginia Crossno**
- 3. Mrs. Sharon Gahagan**
- 4. Dr. Steve Horton**
- 5. Mrs. Melissa Robinson**
- 6. Mrs. Marion Salter**

WHEREAS FURTHER, Ordinance No. 31 of 1986 of the Natchitoches Code of Ordinances provides that the members of the Commission shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor with consent of the Council

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches that they hereby acknowledge the appointment of the above individuals to the Natchitoches Historic District Commission and hereby approve and consent to same.

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 8th day of June, 2020.

LEE POSEY, MAYOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 033 OF 2020

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING STACY McQUEARY
AS CLERK OF THE COUNCIL
FOR THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs**

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council does hereby take cognizance of the recommendation of Mayor Lee Posey that Stacy McQueary be appointed as Clerk of the Council for the City of Natchitoches, in accordance with Section 2.08 of the Home Rule Charter, and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby confirms the said appointment.

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 8th day of June, 2020.

LEE POSEY, MAYOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 034 OF 2020

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE CITY ATTORNEY AND ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEYS FOR THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council does hereby take cognizance that Mayor Lee Posey has re-appointed Ronald E. Corkern, Jr. as City Attorney for the City of Natchitoches, in accordance with Section 4.02 of the Home Rule Charter, and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council does hereby confirm the said re-appointment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council does hereby authorize the appointment of five (5) Assistant City Attorneys, and upon the recommendation of the City Attorney and the Mayor, that Daniel T. Murchison, Jr., Cloyd Benjamin, Jr., J. Chris Guillet, Lisa V. Johnson, and Steve Oxenhandler are hereby confirmed and approved as Assistant City Attorneys to serve in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.02C of the Home Rule Charter.

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 8th day of June, 2020.

LEE POSEY, MAYOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 035 OF 2020

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE AUDITOR
FOR THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs**

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council does hereby take cognizance of the recommendation of Mayor Lee Posey that the firm of Thomas, Cunningham, Broadway and Todtenbier be appointed as City Auditor for the City of Natchitoches for the period of May 31, 2020 through May 31, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby confirms the said appointment.

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 8th day of June, 2020.

LEE POSEY, MAYOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 036 OF 2020

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE FISCAL AGENT
FOR THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs**

BE IT RESOLVED that Ordinance No. 44 of 2013 of the Natchitoches City Council awarded Sabine State Bank the contract for Fiscal Agent for the City of Natchitoches; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council does hereby take cognizance of the recommendation of Mayor Lee Posey that Sabine State Bank, Natchitoches, LA, be appointed as Fiscal Agent for the City of Natchitoches for the term June 1, 2020 through May 31, 2021; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby confirms the said appointment.

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 8th day of June, 2020.

LEE POSEY, MAYOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 037 OF 2020

**A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING *THE NATCHITOCHEs TIMES*
AS THE OFFICIAL LEGAL JOURNAL FOR THE CITY OF
NATCHITOCHEs FOR THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS**

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches in regular session convened that *The Natchitoches Times* is hereby designated as the official legal journal for the City of Natchitoches for the next twelve months.

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 8th day of June, 2020.

LEE POSEY, MAYOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 038 OF 2020

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A
CONTRACT WITH ALLIANT INSURANCE SERVICES INC.,
FOR THE ONE BEACON INSURANCE GROUP CASUALTY PACKAGE INSURANCE
RENEWAL EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021**

WHEREAS, the Insurance Committee has reviewed the proposals submitted for the General Liability, Employee Benefit Liability, Law Enforcement Liability, Public Entity Management Liability, Public Entity Employment-Related Practices Liability, Auto Liability, Auto Physical Damage, Umbrella and Crime Insurance for the City of Natchitoches and recommends the contract in the amount of \$483,328.00 be awarded to Alliant Insurance Services Inc., for the period June 30, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Honorable Lee Posey, Mayor, is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign any and all documents necessary for the execution of this contract.

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 8th day of June, 2020.

LEE POSEY, MAYOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 039 OF 2020

RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING WILLIAM “BILL” FINICAL AS A MEMBER OF THE NATCHITOCHES FIRE AND POLICE CIVIL SERVICE BOARD

WHEREAS, the term of office for Mr. William “Bill” Finical as a member of the Natchitoches Fire and Police Civil Service Board will expire May 8, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Natchitoches City Council wishes to reappoint William “Bill” Finical as a member of the Natchitoches Fire and Police Civil Service Board; and

WHEREAS, this appointment is for a three-year term beginning May 8, 2020 and expiring May 8, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Natchitoches does, in legal session convened, does hereby appoint William “Bill” Finical as a member of the Natchitoches Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board for the City of Natchitoches.

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 8th day of June, 2020.

LEE POSEY, MAYOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 040 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 THE 2017-2018 STREET REHABILITATION PROGRAM, PHASE 2

BID NO. 0610

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches has contracted with Regional Construction, LLC for the 2017-2018 Street Rehabilitation Program, Phase 2; 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:

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 8th day of June, 2020.

LEE POSEY, MAYOR

Ms. Morrow stated she did not know the ladies who organized the protests the previous week and mentioned she initially had reservations, but wanted to note there was huge crowd and the protests were conducted in an orderly manner. Everything went well.

Mayor Posey stated he went down to City Park where there were over 400 people. It was well attended and well organized. This was a good event for our community.

Ms. Morrow then stated, tonight there would be a protest held on the courthouse steps at 7:00 p.m. organized by several ministers in the community and invited everyone to attend.

Debbie Miley, Finance Director, presented the Council with the Finance Report. The General Fund summary as of April 2020 stated the revenues were at 86.10% and expenditures at 79.20%, with 92% of the budget year elapsed. The Utility Fund revenues were at 80.95% and expenditures at 81.90%. Sales Tax Collections were up 12.96% for May and 7.31% for the year to date. The Motor Vehicles sales were down 28.05% in April versus this time last year. This reports shows a comparison between budget and actual.

The next scheduled City Council Meeting will be **June 22, 2020.**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

LEE POSEY, MAYOR

DON MIMS, MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE