

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, STATE OF LOUISIANA,  
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY, MAY 8, 2023 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, May 8, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

There were present:

Mayor Ronnie Williams  
Councilwoman At Large Betty Sawyer-Smith  
Councilman Eddie Harrington  
Councilman Christopher Petite  
Councilman Dale Nielsen

**Guest:** None

**Absent:** Councilwoman Rosemary Elie

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

Mayor Williams then called for the reading and approval of the minutes for the April 24, 2023 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:** Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSENT:** Elie  
**ABSTAIN:** None

Special Guest: Mike McConathy and Mayor’s Youth Council

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 035 OF 2023**

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 7 – 13, 2023 AS NATIONAL TRAVEL  
AND TOURISM WEEK IN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES**

**WHEREAS**, the travel industry fuels every industry and will continue to be an essential part of Natchitoches, Louisiana’s economy, development and workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, travel is an economic powerhouse for every state and destination across the country, with an economic output of \$2.6 trillion in 2022, supporting 14.5 million American jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, travel spending supports vibrant and historic communities in Louisiana and across the United States by generating \$84 billion in state and local tax revenue in 2022 to support essential services, such as education, emergency response, public safety and more; and

**WHEREAS**, travel enables success for all industries—including manufacturing, agriculture, defense, healthcare and more—by driving sales growth, innovation, education and operations that move our economy, our nation and Natchitoches, Louisiana forward; and

**WHEREAS**, the travel industry cannot recover without the full return of leisure, business and international inbound travelers; increasing travel to and within the United States drives America forward to a more prosperous future; and

**WHEREAS**, the travel industry’s success will grow Natchitoches, Louisiana’s economy and workforce, since, prior to the pandemic, small businesses accounted for 60% of leisure and hospitality employment; and

**WHEREAS**, travel is an essential industry, and we must continue to communicate that growing travel leads to economic growth, benefits businesses and fosters mutual understanding; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2021 Natchitoches Parish produced nearly \$80.2 million in visitor spending; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2021 Natchitoches visitors contributed \$9.25 million in state and local tax revenues; and

**WHEREAS**, Natchitoches ranks 19th out of 64 parishes for spending produced by visitors to each parish in Louisiana; and

**WHEREAS**, If it not for the State and local taxes paid by tourists in 2021 in Natchitoches Parish, each household would pay \$653 MORE in taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, the rebound of travel will drive the rebuilding of the U.S. economy and American workforce; and

**WHEREAS** the Future of Travel will continue to revive and grow Natchitoches, Louisiana, and the United States and drive us forward to a more prosperous future; and

**Therefore, I, Natchitoches Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr**, does hereby proclaim May 7-13, 2023 as National Travel and Tourism Week in Natchitoches, Louisiana and urge the citizens of our great city, to join me in recognizing the critical role this industry plays in Natchitoches, Louisiana.

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

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| <b>AYES:</b>    | <b>Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite</b> |
| <b>NAYS:</b>    | <b>None</b>                               |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>  | <b>Elie</b>                               |
| <b>ABSTAIN:</b> | <b>None</b>                               |

**THEREUPON**, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

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**RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 036 OF 2023**

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 20, 2023 AS KIDS TO PARKS DAY IN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, LOUISIANA**

**WHEREAS**, May 20, 2023 is the twelfth Kids to Parks Day organized and launched by the National Park Trust, held annually on the third Saturday of May; and

**WHEREAS**, Kids to Parks Day empowers kids and encourages families to get outdoors and visit America’s parks, public lands and waters; and

**WHEREAS**, we should encourage children to lead a more active lifestyle to combat the issues of childhood obesity, diabetes, hypertension and hypercholesterolemia; and

**WHEREAS**, Kids to Parks Day will broaden children’s appreciation for nature and the outdoors; and

**WHEREAS**, Kids to Parks Day will recognize the importance of recreating responsibly while enjoying the benefits of the outdoors; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ronnie Williams, Jr., Mayor, and the Natchitoches City Council, do hereby proclaim May 20, 2023 as:

**KIDS TO PARKS DAY**

in Natchitoches, and urge residents of Natchitoches to make time May 20, 2023 to take the children in their lives to a neighborhood, State or National Park.

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

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| <b>AYES:</b>    | <b>Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite</b> |
| <b>NAYS:</b>    | <b>None</b>                               |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>  | <b>Elie</b>                               |
| <b>ABSTAIN:</b> | <b>None</b>                               |

**THEREUPON**, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

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**RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 038 OF 2023**

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY, 2023 AS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES**

**WHEREAS**, mental health is essential to everyone’s overall health and well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, all Americans experience times of difficulty and stress in their lives and one in four of all Americans require treatment at some point for mental health; and

**WHEREAS**, prevention is an effective way to reduce the burden of mental health conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a strong body of research that supports specific tools that all Americans can use to better handle challenges, and protect their health and well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, mental health conditions such as depression, anxiety and schizophrenia are real, common and treatable illnesses and with effective treatment individuals can recover and lead full, productive lives; and

**WHEREAS**, real recovery from mental illness requires community action, understanding and teamwork and is possible due to improved science, increased community support and reduced stigma and stereotypes, but significant barriers still remain; and

**WHEREAS**, each business, school, government agency, healthcare provider, organization and citizen share the burden of mental health problems and has a responsibility to promote mental wellness and support prevention efforts.

**THEREFORE**, I, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., do hereby proclaim May 2023 as **MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH** in the City of Natchitoches and call upon the citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools in Natchitoches to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental health, the steps our citizens can take to protect their mental health, and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental health conditions.

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

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| <b>AYES:</b>    | <b>Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite</b> |
| <b>NAYS:</b>    | <b>None</b>                               |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>  | <b>Elie</b>                               |
| <b>ABSTAIN:</b> | <b>None</b>                               |

**THEREUPON**, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

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**RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR**

**ORDINANCE NO. 029 OF 2023**

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

Lot 190 Feet Front North Side Mill Street As Shown on Plat in Conveyance Book 317,  
Page 884

**(104 Mill St.)**

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, has recommended at their meeting of **May 2, 2023** that the application of James K. Dortlon, to rezone the property described above from B-3 Commercial to B3 Commercial with additional BA Zoning, for multi-purpose-Venue, Restaurant **(104 Mill Street)**, be **APPROVED**.

**THIS ORDINANCE** was introduced on May 8, 2023 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on May 13, 2023.

**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.

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>Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite</b> |
| <b>NAYS:</b>    | <b>None</b>                                     |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>  | <b>None</b>                                     |
| <b>ABSTAIN:</b> | <b>None</b>                                     |

**THEREUPON**, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2023.

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**RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR**

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**BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE**

Delivered to the Mayor on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.

**MOTION TO TAKE ORDINANCE NO. 024 FROM THE TABLE**

Mrs. Smith made a motion to take ordinance no 024 from the table which was seconded by Mr. Petite, the motion to take ordinance no. 024 was presented for a vote and the vote was recorded as follows:

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

**THEREUPON**, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance taken from the **table** by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 024 OF 2023**

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE  
CITY OF NATCHITOCHES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR  
JUNE 1, 2023 THROUGH MAY 31, 2024**

**WHEREAS**, the fiscal year of the City of Natchitoches is from June 1 through May 31 of each year; and

**WHEREAS**, a budget has been prepared by the Finance Director, Clarissa Brown-Smith, and has been submitted by the Mayor, Ronnie Williams, Jr., to the City Council for review and consideration;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it ordained that the Natchitoches City Council does hereby adopt the budget for the fiscal year June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024.

**CITY OF NATCHITOCHES 2023 - 24 FY**

|                                   |                  |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| General Fund                      | \$ 20,590,175.00 |
| Proprietary Fund (Utility)        | \$ 49,038,082.00 |
| Special and Capital Project Funds | \$ 26,090,876.00 |

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, 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. Upon written 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 of appropriations must be submitted to the Council for approval by Ordinance. (Section 5.05 A-C)

**THIS ORDINANCE** was introduced on April 10, 2023 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on April 13, 2023.

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

**THEREUPON**, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

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**RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR**

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**BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE**

Delivered to the Mayor on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 025 OF 2023**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A FRANCHISE IN FAVOR OF PAUL’S PARTY BOAT, TO OPERATE A TOUR BOAT BUSINESS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHE, CONFIRMING THE TERM OF THE FRANCHISE, CONDITIONS, AND CONSIDERATION FOR SAID FRANCHISE AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE SAID FRANCHISE 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**, pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statute 33:4404, municipalities may grant a franchise to use or occupy the streets or other public places therein for the operation of forms of transportation within the municipal limits of said municipality; and

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, the City of Natchitoches (sometimes hereinafter "CITY") and Paul’s Party Boat, L.L.C. (sometimes hereinafter “Paul’s”) entered into a Franchise Agreement and Lease dated November 21, 2018, which was renewed and amended in 2021 (sometimes hereinafter “Existing Agreement”); and

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, the CITY and Paul’s have negotiated a renewal of the Existing Agreement, for the purpose of continuing to allow Paul’s to operate a business offering tours on Cane River Lake and allowing use of CITY public places, including parking areas and river front for its operation; and

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, the proposed extension of the franchise is for a period of one year, with an option for one additional one- year term; and

**WHEREAS**, both parties, that is, the CITY and Paul’s, deem it to be in their mutual best interests and advantage to execute a Franchise Agreement which will clearly delineate the respective obligations, covenants, conditions, responsibilities, and considerations under the said Franchise; and

**WHEREAS**, this Franchise Agreement is permitted and authorized under the authority of Louisiana Revised Statutes 33:4404 and the Home Rule Charter of the City of Natchitoches, Section 2:10, and is compliance with Sections 28-50 et seq, of the Code of Ordinances; and

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

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, the City Council is of the opinion that the services that Paul’s will offer on Cane River Lake will continue to help promote tourism and will further offer additional recreational opportunities to the citizens of the City; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** that the City Council takes cognizance of and approves the Franchise Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto, and authorizes the Mayor, Ronnie Williams, Jr., to execute the said Franchise Agreement with Party Boat.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the terms and conditions of the Franchise Agreement are hereby approved by the City Council, including the consideration for the franchise and other considerations.

**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 April 24, 2023 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on April 29, 2023.

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>Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite</b> |
| <b>NAYS:</b>    | <b>None</b>                               |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>  | <b>Elie</b>                               |
| <b>ABSTAIN:</b> | <b>None</b>                               |

**THEREUPON**, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

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**RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR**

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**BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE**

Delivered to the Mayor on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 026 OF 2023**

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE MILLAGE RATE FOR THE TAX YEAR 2023**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2023 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the City of Natchitoches:

MILLAGE

|                     |              |       |
|---------------------|--------------|-------|
| Public Safety Tax   | 10.000       | mills |
| General Alimony Tax | <u>7.030</u> | mills |
| TOTAL MILLAGE       | 17.030       | mills |

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2023, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that cognizance is taken by the City Council that this Ordinance was introduced on the 8th day of May, 2023 and published in the Natchitoches Times on May 13, 2023.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, the foregoing ordinance was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the ordinance was adopted by the following votes:

**YEAS: Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite**  
**NAYS: None**  
**ABSTAINED: None**  
**ABSENT: None**

**CERTIFICATE**

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the ordinance adopted at the board meeting held on May 22, 2023, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

Natchitoches, Louisiana, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ronnie Williams, Jr., Mayor

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Betty Smith, Mayor Pro Tempore

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 027 OF 2023**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY  
OF NATCHITOCHES TO AWARD THE BID FOR A DIGGER DERRICK TRUCK FOR  
THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES UTILITY DEPARTMENT**

**(BID NO. 0659)**

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No.024 of 2023 was passed by the Natchitoches City Council on March 27, 2023 authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids for a Digger Derrick Truck for the Natchitoches Utility Department (Bid No. 0659); and

**WHEREAS**, this bid was advertised in the *Natchitoches Times* on, April 8, April 13, and April 20, 2023 in accordance with law; and

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

(1) Altec NUECO, LLC.

Birmingham, AL .....\$389,500.00

**WHEREAS**, on May 2, 2023 the appointed committee of Clarissa Smith, Finance Director; Edd Lee, Director of Purchasing; Matt Anderson, Utility Director; and Dale Nielsen, Councilman, reviewed the bid proposals for bids for a Digger Derrick Truck for the Natchitoches Utility Department (Bid No. 0659); and

**WHEREAS**, the above appointed committee members unanimously recommend the City award the bid to the only bidder **Altec NUECO, LLC.**, in the amount of **\$389,500.00**

**THIS ORDINANCE** was introduced on May 8, 2023 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on May 13, 2023.

**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.

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, Harrington, Petite**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**ABSTAIN: None**

**THEREUPON**, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2023.

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**RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR**

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**BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE**

Delivered to the Mayor on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 028 OF 2023**

**AN ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS UNSAFE  
AND RECOMMENDING THAT SAME BE DEMOLISHED OR PUT INTO  
REPAIR TO COMPLY WITH THE BUILDING CODE, AUTHORIZING  
NOTICE TO BE SERVED, FIXING HEARING DATE AND APPOINTING  
CURATOR TO REPRESENT ABSENTEES**

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Planning & Zoning and City Building Inspector have filed written reports with the City Council declaring that the buildings listed below are in a dangerous and unsanitary condition which makes them unsafe and endangering the public welfare, and recommending that said buildings be demolished or put in repair to comply with the Building Code, to-wit:

1. Clarence LaCaze, Jr. & Ruth H. LaCaze  
911 Lake St.  
Natchitoches, La 71457

Re: Lots 11 & 14 Block P of S & P Addition (**940 Lake St.**)

2. Robert Murphy & Grant Shields, ET AL  
1448 Hill Ave.  
Natchitoches, La 71457

Re: Lot W Side 8<sup>th</sup> St., N By Thomas, S By Smith, W By Jordan St. (**826 Martin Luther King.**)

3. McCauslin Investments, LLC  
2107 Eight Mile Loop  
Natchitoches, La 71457

Re: Lot SE Cor. 2<sup>nd</sup> & Texas Sts., 120 FT Front on 2<sup>nd</sup> St. By 119 FT, E by Dew (**121 Texas St.**)

4. Cynthia B. Adams  
C/O Ola Bradley  
812 Salim St.  
Natchitoches, La 71457

Re: Lot 7 Blk 5 of Bailey Heights (**1205 Berry Ave.**)

5. H-Town Hospitality LLC  
14702 South Post Oak Rd.  
Houston, TX 77045

5.5 AC -- COMM. AT PT. "C" AS SHOWN ON PLAT BY A. J. BROUILLETTE, DATED APRIL 27, 1979, WHICH IS THE NE COR. AND SAID PT. SITUATED ON THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF LA HWY. 3110, AND FROM PT. OF BEG., RUN THENCE SOUTH 2 DEG. 35 MIN. WEST 208.7, THENCE RUN SOUTH 87 DEG. 25 MIN. EAST 208.7 FT., THENCE RUN SOUTH 2 DEG. 35 DEG. WEST 209.3 FT., THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 2 DEG. 35 MIN. WEST 35 FT., THENCE NORTH 87 DEG. 25 MIN. WEST 627 FT., THENCE RUN NORTH 2 DEG. 35 MIN. EAST 35 FT.,

THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 2 DEG. 35 MIN. EAST 418 FT. BEING A PT. SITUATED ON THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF LOUISIANA STATE HIGHWAY 3110 AND BEING THE NORTHWEST COR., RUN THENCE SOUTH 87 DEG. 25 MIN. EAST ALONG SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF LOUISIANA STATE HIGHWAY 3110 418.3 FT. TO PT. OF BEG. IN SECS. 72, 73 & 74-9-7.

NOTE: CB 549/530; 549/638 (**7624 HWY 1 Bypass**)

6. Sharon L. Friedman  
P.O. Box 84  
Lindale, TX 75677

Re: Lots 2 & 8 of The R. Stacy Williams Subd. (**1503 Salter St**)

7. Elvee Samuels  
817 Jordan St.  
Natchitoches, La 71457

Re: Lot Being the Est 45 Ft. of Lot 2 of Dan Henry Partition Being 45 X 96 Ft. As Shown on Plat attached to deed and shown as Parcel "AA". (**817 Jordan St.**)

8. Zachary Rogers  
229 Carver St.  
Natchitoches, La 71457

Re: Lot 10 & West 4 Ft. 5 Inches of Lot 11 Blk M of East Natchitoches (**439 Carver St.**)

9. Hermon Small  
C/O Calvin Murphy  
233 Swanne  
Natchitoches, La 71457

Re: Center Strip of Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, & 11 Blk 13 of Bailey Hgts, Annex (**837 Salim St.**)

10. Ocie L. & Lee H. Johnson  
P.O. Box 422  
Natchitoches, La 71457

Re: Lot 3 of Jeansonne's West Natchitoches Subd. (**1442 Hill Ave.**)

11. Victor & Mable B. Coutee  
C/O Brenda Coutee  
701 Abbie Dr.  
Natchitoches, La 71457

Re: Lot 25 Blk 6 of Bailey Hgts (**1316 Grace Ave.**)

12. Rock Island Missionary Baptist Church  
635 Dixie St.  
Natchitoches, La 71457

Re: Lots 2 & 3 Blk 5 of Ellis Dean Addition. (**1221 Ellis St.**)

13. Ophelia Johnson, Est  
C/O Jacqueline Lewis  
1203 Ellis St.  
Natchitoches, La 71457

Re: Lots 4 & 5 Blk 5 Of Ellis Dean Addition (**1215 Ellis St.**)

14. Beverly A. Rachal  
1101 Collins St.  
Natchitoches, La 71457

Re: Lots 8, 9 & 10 Blk 4 of Ellis Dean Addition (**1124 Ellis St.**)

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| <b>SPECIAL FUNDS</b>                                                                                   | <b>FUND 206 - KNOCK KNOCK GRANT</b>        | <b>Original Budget</b> | <b>Adjustments</b> | <b>Revised Budget</b> |
| 206-0000-432-0900                                                                                      | STATE GRANT                                | 10,845                 | (6,000)            | 4,845                 |
| <b>REVENUE</b>                                                                                         | <b>TOTAL</b>                               | <b>10,845</b>          | <b>(6,000)</b>     | <b>4,845</b>          |
|                                                                                                        |                                            | <b>2022-2023</b>       | <b>2022-2023</b>   | <b>2022-2023</b>      |
| <b>SPECIAL FUNDS</b>                                                                                   | <b>FUND 313 - POLICE BOND</b>              | <b>Original Budget</b> | <b>Adjustments</b> | <b>Revised Budget</b> |
| 313-0000-481-0000                                                                                      | MISCELLANEOUS INCOME                       | 300,000                | (120,000)          | 180,000               |
| <b>REVENUE</b>                                                                                         | <b>TOTAL</b>                               | <b>300,000</b>         | <b>(120,000)</b>   | <b>180,000</b>        |
|                                                                                                        |                                            | <b>2022-2023</b>       | <b>2022-2023</b>   | <b>2022-2023</b>      |
| <b>SPECIAL FUNDS</b>                                                                                   | <b>FUND 314 - LIABILITY INSURANCE FUND</b> | <b>Original Budget</b> | <b>Adjustments</b> | <b>Revised Budget</b> |
| 314-0000-591-2002                                                                                      | CONTRACTUAL SERVICE/ATTORNEYS              | 100,000                | 100,000            | 200,000               |
| 314-0000-591-2008                                                                                      | INSURANCE/PROPERTY/PREMIUM                 | 150,000                | 60,000             | 210,000               |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>                                                                                        | <b>TOTAL</b>                               | <b>250,000</b>         | <b>160,000</b>     | <b>410,000</b>        |
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| THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on May 8, 2023 and published in the Natchitoches Times on May 13, 2023.  |                                            |                        |                    |                       |
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| 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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| AYES: Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite                                                         |                                            |                        |                    |                       |
| NAYES: None                                                                                            |                                            |                        |                    |                       |
| ABSENT: None                                                                                           |                                            |                        |                    |                       |
| ABSTAIN: None                                                                                          |                                            |                        |                    |                       |
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| THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 |  |                        |  |  |
| Nays this 22nd day of May, 2023.                                                        |  |                        |  |  |
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| Ronnie Williams, Jr., MAYOR<br>TEMPORE                                                  |  | Betty Smith, MAYOR PRO |  |  |

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| <b>ORDINANCE NO. <u>031</u> OF 2023</b>                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                    |                        |                    |                       |
| <b>The following ordinance was introduced by Mr. Harrington at the May 8, 2023 City Council meeting</b>                                                                                                             |                                                    |                        |                    |                       |
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| <b>AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2022-2023 BUDGET TO REFLECT ADDITIONAL REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES</b>                                                                                                                   |                                                    |                        |                    |                       |
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| <b>WHEREAS</b> , Louisiana Statute (R.S. 39:1310-1311) 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. |                                                    |                        |                    |                       |
| <b>NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> , that the utility fund be amended due to additional expenditures for the unplanned repairs regarding the Jefferson St. Sink Hole project as follows:                          |                                                    |                        |                    |                       |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                    | <b>2022-2023</b>       | <b>2022-2023</b>   | <b>2022-2023</b>      |
| <b>Utilities</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>FUND 002</b>                                    | <b>Original Budget</b> | <b>Adjustments</b> | <b>Revised Budget</b> |
| 002-6200-620-9230                                                                                                                                                                                                   | CAPITAL PROJECT-JEFFERSON STREET SEWER LINE        | -                      | 533,498            | 533,498               |
| 074-0000-591-2616                                                                                                                                                                                                   | REPAIRS & MAINT. - SEWER LIFT STATION              | 10,000                 | -10,000            | -                     |
| 074-0000-591-3025                                                                                                                                                                                                   | MATERIALS & SUPPLIES-MACHINERY AND EQUIP NON-ASSET | 5,000                  | -5,000             | -                     |
| 074-0000-591-9002                                                                                                                                                                                                   | CAPITAL ASSETS-MACHINERY & EQUIP.                  | 30,000                 | -30,000            | -                     |
| 002-6100-610-2621                                                                                                                                                                                                   | REPAIRS & MAIN.-WATER METERS                       | 20,000                 | -20,000            | -                     |
| 002-6100-610-2617                                                                                                                                                                                                   | REPAIRS & MAIN.-MAINT. LINES                       | 150,000                | -25,000            | 125,000               |
| 002-6100-610-2622                                                                                                                                                                                                   | REPAIRS & MAIN.-OTHER EQUIPMENT                    | 40,000                 | -5,000             | 35,000                |
| 002-6100-610-3043                                                                                                                                                                                                   | MATERIALS & SUPPLIES-WATER PUMP STATION            | 25,000                 | -10,000            | 15,000                |
| 002-6100-610-3049                                                                                                                                                                                                   | MATERIALS & SUPPLIES-SIBLEY LAKE EQUIP.            | 30,000                 | -10,000            | 20,000                |
| 002-6100-610-3531                                                                                                                                                                                                   | OPERATING SERVICES-EQUIPMENT INSPECTION            | 38,400                 | -10,000            | 28,400                |
| 002-6100-610-3577                                                                                                                                                                                                   | OPERATING SERVICES-BACKFLOW PREVENTION PROGRAM     | 5,000                  | -5,000             | -                     |
| 002-6200-620-2617                                                                                                                                                                                                   | REPAIRS & MAIN.-MAINT. LINES                       | 50,000                 | -30,000            | 20,000                |

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| 002-6200-620-3011 | MATERIALS & SUPPLIES- CHEMICALS                    | 150,000 | -50,000 | 100,000 |
| 002-6200-620-9003 | CAPITAL ASSESTS-VEHICLES                           | 100,000 | -25,000 | 75,000  |
| 002-6000-600-2603 | REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE-BUILDINGS & GROUNDS          | 15,000  | -15,000 | -       |
| 002-6000-600-2604 | REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE-OFFICE EQUIPMENT             | 3,000   | -3,000  | -       |
| 002-6000-600-3011 | MATERIALS & SUPPLIES- CHEMICALS                    | 2,000   | -2,000  | -       |
| 002-6000-600-3013 | MATERIALS & SUPPLIES-BUILDING & GROUNDS            | 3,000   | -2,998  | 2       |
| 002-6000-600-3024 | MATERIALS & SUPPLIES-FURNITURE (NON-ASSET)         | 1,500   | -1,500  | -       |
| 002-6000-600-3025 | MATERIALS & SUPPLIES-MACHINERY AND EQUIP NON-ASSET | 1,500   | -1,500  | -       |
| 002-6000-600-3560 | OPERATING SERVICES- RENTALS/EQUIP/MACHINERY        | 2,500   | -2,500  | -       |
| 002-6000-600-2099 | CONTRACTUAL SERVICES-OTHER                         |         | -1,500  | (1,500) |
| 002-6100-610-2009 | CONTRACTUAL SERVICES-LANDFILL                      | 4,800   | -4,800  | -       |
| 002-6100-610-2603 | REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE-BUILDINGS & GROUNDS          | 20,000  | -19,200 | 800     |
| 002-6100-610-2617 | REPAIRS & MAIN.-MAINT. LINES                       | 125,000 | -10,000 | 115,000 |
| 002-6100-610-2618 | REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE-WATER TANKS                  | 100,000 | -10,000 | 90,000  |
| 002-6100-610-2622 | REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE-OTHER EQUIPMENT              | 35,000  | -10,000 | 25,000  |
| 002-6100-610-2629 | REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE-SIBLEY LAKE EQUIP.           | 50,000  | -1,500  | 48,500  |
| 002-6100-610-3010 | MATERIALS & SUPPLIES-STREET MATERIALS              | 15,000  | -5,000  | 10,000  |
| 002-6100-610-3043 | MATERIALS & SUPPLIES-WATER PUMP STATION            | 15,000  | -10,000 | 5,000   |
| 002-6100-610-3047 | MATERIALS & SUPPLIES-WATER PLANT                   | 100,000 | -12,000 | 88,000  |
| 002-6100-610-3531 | OPERATING SERVICES- EQUIP. INSPECTION              | 13,400  | -10,000 | 3,400   |

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| 002-6100-610-3578 | OPERATING SERVICES-STREET IMPROVE/STRIPING | 3,000            | -3,000   | -                |
| 002-6100-610-8920 | LEASES-SCADA SYSTEM                        | 25,000           | -7,000   | 18,000           |
| 002-6200-620-2615 | REPAIRS & MAINT.-SEWER DISTR. SYSTEM       | 57,000           | -12,000  | 45,000           |
| 002-6200-620-2616 | REPAIRS & MAINT.-SEWER LIFT STATION        | 60,000           | -20,000  | 40,000           |
| 002-6200-620-3014 | MATERIALS & SUPPLIES- PLANTS               | 15,000           | -10,000  | 5,000            |
| 002-6200-620-3011 | MATERIALS & SUPPLIES-CHEMICALS             | 100,000          | -20,000  | 80,000           |
| 002-6200-620-3039 | MATERIALS & SUPPLIES-SEWER DISTR. SYSTEM   | 12,000           | -8,000   | 4,000            |
| 002-6200-620-3040 | MATERIALS & SUPPLIES-SEWER LIFT STATION    | 120,000          | -15,000  | 105,000          |
| 002-6200-620-3048 | MATERIALS & SUPPLIES-SEWER PLANT           | 45,000           | -6,000   | 39,000           |
| 002-6200-620-9003 | CAPITAL ASSETS-VEHICLES                    | 75,000           | -75,000  | -                |
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| <b>EXPENSES</b>   | <b>TOTAL</b>                               | <b>1,672,100</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>1,672,100</b> |
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THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on May 8, 2023 and published in the Natchitoches Times on May 13, 2023.

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, Harrington, Petite
- NAYES: None
- ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN:   None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0  
Nays this 22nd day of May, 2023.

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Ronnie Williams, Jr., MAYOR

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Betty Smith, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 037 OF 2023**

**A RESOLUTION LEVYING AN ADDITIONAL SALES AND USE TAX OF TWO PERCENT (2%) AND AN ADDITIONAL HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX OF TWO PERCENT (2%) IN THE NATCHITOCHES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT F, STATE OF LOUISIANA (THE “*DISTRICT*”); DESIGNATING THE FULL AMOUNT OF SUCH NEWLY LEVIED ADDITIONAL SALES AND USE TAX AND HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX AS THE LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX AND LOCAL HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX IN THE DISTRICT FROM WHICH THE LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX INCREMENTS AND LOCAL HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX INCREMENTS WILL BE DETERMINED AND USED TO FINANCE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND AS AUTHORIZED BY PART II, CHAPTER 27, TITLE 33 OF THE LOUISIANA REVISED STATUTES OF 1950, AS AMENDED; DESIGNATING THE INITIAL ANNUAL BASELINE COLLECTION RATE AND ESTABLISHING A MONTHLY BASELINE COLLECTION RATE FOR THE DISTRICT; PLEDGING AND DEDICATING SUCH TAX INCREMENTS TO FUND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT GOVERNING THE USE AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE NEWLY LEVIED TAXES; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING.**

**WHEREAS**, Part II, Chapter 27, Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 33:9038.31, *et seq.*) (the “*Act*”) authorizes municipalities, parishes and certain other local governmental subdivisions to create economic development districts to carry out the purposes of the Act, which economic development districts are political subdivisions of the State of Louisiana and possess such power and authority and have such duties as provided by the Act and other law; and

**WHEREAS**, by ordinance adopted on February 27, 2023, the Natchitoches City Council (the “*City Governing Authority*”) created the Natchitoches Economic Development District F, State of Louisiana (the “*District*”), in accordance with La. R.S. 33:9038.32; and

**WHEREAS**, La. R.S. 33:9038.39 permits the District to levy an additional sales and use tax at a rate up to two percent (2%) and an additional hotel occupancy tax of up to two percent (2%) for authorized purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, La. R.S. 33:9038.34(O) provides for the creation of a special trust fund for the furtherance of economic development projects, as defined in the Act, into which the incremental increases in sales and use taxes and the District Tax (defined herein) shall be deposited and loaned, granted, donated, or pledged in furtherance of economic development projects; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Act, the City Governing Authority, in said ordinance creating the District did further create a special trust fund, named the Natchitoches Economic Development District F, State of Louisiana, Trust Fund (the “*Trust Fund*”), the purpose of which is to fund economic development projects selected by the District in the manner provided by the Act; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with La. R.S. 33:9038.39, and in order to finance and fund economic development projects in the District and in the Texas Street Economic Development District, State of Louisiana (the “*Texas Street EDD*”), created by Ordinance No. 046 of 2022 of the City adopted on August 8, 2022, the City Governing Authority, in its capacity as governing authority of the District (the “*District Governing Authority*”), desires to levy an additional sales and use tax of two percent (2%) in the District and an additional hotel occupancy tax of two percent (2%) in the District and to designate such increase in sales and use tax and hotel occupancy tax

respectively as the district sales and use tax and district hotel occupancy tax increments which will be deposited to the Trust Fund, together with any other funds deposited therein from time to time, to be loaned, granted, donated, or pledged in furtherance of economic development projects (as defined in the Act); and

**WHEREAS**, a successful economic development strategy requires investment in Projects (as defined in the Act) to spur economic growth throughout the City; and

**WHEREAS**, to spur economic growth throughout the City, the City Governing Authority, in its capacity as governing authority of the District, desires to pledge fifty percent (50%) of the proceeds of the district sales and use tax and district hotel occupancy tax increments to fund Projects (as defined in the Act) within the District and to pledge the remaining fifty percent (50%) of the district sales and use tax and district hotel occupancy tax increments to fund Projects (as defined in the Act) within the Texas Street EDD;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** by the Natchitoches City Council, acting as the governing authority of the Natchitoches Economic Development District F, State of Louisiana, that:

**SECTION 1:** All of the aforescribed “*Whereas*” clauses are adopted as part of this resolution.

**SECTION 2. Levy of Taxes.** In accordance with La. R.S. 33:9038.39 and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, there is hereby levied in the District, effective October 1, 2023, and expiring on September 30, 2038, an additional sales and use tax of two percent (2%), upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and on the sales of services in the District, as defined by law (the “*District Sales Tax*”).

In accordance with La. R.S. 33:9038.39 and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, there is hereby levied in the District, effective October 1, 2023, and expiring on September 30, 2038, a hotel occupancy tax of two percent (2%), upon the fee or rent for occupancy of hotel rooms located within the District (the “*District Hotel Occupancy Tax*” and, together with the District Sales Tax, the “*District Tax*”).

The word “*hotel*” in this section shall mean and include any establishment engaged in the business of furnishing or providing rooms intended or designed for dwelling, lodging or sleeping purposes to transient guests where such establishment consists of ten or more guest rooms. “*Hotel*” does not include any hospital, convalescent or nursing home or sanitarium, or any hotel-like facility operated by or in connection with hospital or medical clinic providing rooms exclusively for patients and their families.

The District Hotel Occupancy Tax shall be paid by the person who occupies or is entitled to occupancy of the hotel room and shall be paid at the time the rent or fee for occupancy is paid. The word “*person*” shall have the same definition as that contained in La. R.S. 47:301(8).

The proceeds of the District Tax shall be used to fund economic development projects, as permitted by the Act.

The Uniform Local Sales Tax Code, as enacted by Act No. 73 of the 2003 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, and as it may be amended from time to time, shall apply in the assessment, collection, administration and enforcement of the District Sales Tax, the provisions of which Uniform Local Sales Tax Code are hereby incorporated by reference.

As provided by La. R.S. 33:9038.39, no election shall be required in connection with the levy of the District Tax, since there are no qualified electors in the District, as certified by the Registrar of Voters by certification attached hereto as **Exhibit A.**

**SECTION 3. Vendor’s Compensation.** For the purpose of compensating the dealer in accounting for and remitting the District Tax, each dealer shall be allowed two percent (2%) of the amount of District Tax due and accounted for and remitted to the Tax Collector in the form of a deduction in submitting his report and paying the amount due by the dealer, provided the amount due was not delinquent at the time of payment, and provided the amount of any credit claimed for

taxes already paid to a wholesaler shall not be deducted in computing the commission allowed the dealer hereunder.

**SECTION 4. Exclusions or Exemptions.** This governing authority adopts none of the optional exclusions or exemptions allowed by state sales and use tax law, nor does this governing authority adopt any exclusions or exemptions authorized by legislation enacted under Article VI, Section 29(D)(1) of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974 that are not allowed as an exclusion or exemption from state sales and use tax. Included within the tax base of the District Tax is every transaction, whether sales, use, lease or rental, consumption, storage or service, with no exclusions or exemptions except for those mandated upon political subdivisions by the Constitution or statutes of the State.

**SECTION 5. Tax Collector.** The District Tax is authorized to be collected by a “*Collector*,” which term shall mean the Natchitoches Tax Commission. The Collector is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to carry into effect the provisions of this resolution.

With regard to the collection of the District Tax on any motor vehicle, automobile, truck, truck-trailer, trailer, semi-trailer, motor bus, home trailer, or any other vehicle subject to the vehicle registration license tax, this governing authority, acting through the Collector and on behalf of the District, for the collection of the District Tax on such vehicles, is authorized to enter into an agreement with the Vehicle Commissioner, Department of Public Safety and Corrections, as provided by R.S.47:303(B).

All taxes, revenues, funds, assessments, moneys, penalties, fees or other income which may be collected or come into the possession of the Collector under any provision or provisions of this resolution relating to the District Tax shall be deposited forthwith by the Collector for the account of the District in the Trust Fund, provided, however, any amount which is paid under protest or which is subject to litigation may be transferred to a separate account established by the Collector with said fiscal agent pending the final determination of the protest or litigation.

**SECTION 6. Penalty, Interest and Attorneys Fees.** As provided by R.S. 47:337.69, if the amount of District Tax due by the dealer is not paid on or before the twentieth (20th) day of the month next following the month for which the District Tax is due, there shall be collected, with said District Tax, interest upon said unpaid amount at the rate of one and twenty-five hundredths per cent (1.25%) per month, to be computed from the first day of the month next following the month for which the District Tax is due until it is paid. As provided by R.S. 47:337.70, in addition to the interest that may be so due there shall also be collected a penalty equivalent to five per cent (5%) for each thirty (30) days, or fraction thereof, of delinquency, not to exceed twenty-five per cent (25%) in the aggregate, of the District Tax due, when such District Tax is not paid, within thirty (30) days of the date the District Tax first becomes due and payable, and in the event of suit, attorney's fees at the rate of ten per cent (10%) of the aggregate of District Tax, interest and penalty.

As provided by R.S. 47:337.72, in the event any dealer fails to make a report and pay the District Tax as provided by this resolution, or in case the dealer makes a grossly incorrect report, or a report that is false or fraudulent then the penalty shall be fifty per cent (50%) of the District Tax due and shall be the duty of the Collector to make an estimate for the taxable period of the retail sales, or sales of services, of such dealer, or of the gross proceeds from rentals or leases of tangible personal property by the dealer, and an estimate of the cost price of all articles of tangible personal property imported by the dealer for use or consumption or distribution or storage to be used or consumed in the District, and to assess and collect the District Tax and interest, plus penalty, if such have accrued, on the basis of such assessment, which shall be considered prima facie correct, and the burden to show the contrary shall rest upon the dealer. In the event such estimate and assessment requires an examination of books, records, or documents, or an audit thereof, then the Collector shall add to the assessment the cost of such examination, together with any penalties accruing thereon.

If any dealer fails to make any return required by this resolution or makes an incorrect return, and the circumstances indicate willful negligence or intentional disregard of rules and regulations, but no intent to defraud, then as provided by R.S. 47:337.73 there shall be imposed, in addition to any other penalties provided herein, a specific penalty of five per cent (5%) of the District Tax or deficiency found to be due, or Ten Dollars (\$10.00), whichever is greater. This specific penalty shall be an obligation to be collected and accounted for in the same manner as if

it were a part of the District Tax due and can be enforced either in a separate action or in the same action for the collection of the District Tax.

As provided by R.S. 47:337.74, in the event a check used to make payment of a tax, interest, penalty, or other charges due is returned unpaid by the bank on which it is drawn for any reason related to the account on which the check is written, such shall constitute a failure to pay the tax, interest, penalty, or other charges due and a specific penalty shall be imposed on the taxpayer in addition to all other penalties provided by law; however, upon sufficient proof being furnished to the Collector by the bank that the bank was at fault for the nonpayment of the check, the Collector shall waive the penalty provided for in this resolution. This specific penalty shall be an obligation to be collected and accounted for in the same manner as if it were part of the tax, interest, penalty, or other charges that is due in payment of which the check was given and may be enforced in a separate action or in any action instituted for the collection of the tax, interest, penalty, or other charges, and shall be an amount equal to the greater of one per cent (2%) of the check or twenty dollars (\$20.00).

The Collector is authorized to employ private counsel to assist in the collection of any District Tax, penalties or interest due under this resolution, or to represent him/her in any proceeding under this resolution. If any District Tax, penalties or interest due under this resolution are referred to any attorney at law for collection, an additional charge of attorney fees, in the amount of ten per cent (10%) of the District Tax, penalties and interest shall be paid by the tax debtor.

As provided by R.S. 47:337.75, a penalty shall be added to the amount of District Tax due in an amount as itemized by the Collector to compensate for all costs incurred in making an examination of books, records or documents, or an audit thereof, or in the holding of hearings or the subpoenaing and compensating of witnesses.

As provided by R.S. 47:337.76, in the event the Collector uses the distraint procedure to enforce the collection of any tax there shall be imposed with respect to the tax for the collection of which the distraint procedure is used, a specific penalty of ten dollars (\$10.00) to compensate for the costs of the distraint procedure. This specific penalty shall be in addition to any penalty assessed as provided by law and shall be an obligation to be collected and accounted for in the same manner as if it were part of the tax due and may be enforced either in a separate action or in the same action for the collection of the tax.

**SECTION 7. Designation of Baseline Collection Rate.** The District Tax levied in accordance with Section 2 above includes a new sales and use tax and a new hotel occupancy tax, both of which have heretofore not been levied in prior years and the full amount thereof is hereby designated by the District Governing Authority to be used in determining the local sales and use tax increment in accordance with the Act. The initial annual baseline collection rate for the District (the “*Initial Baseline Collection Rate*”), which is the amount of the District Tax collected in the District in the most recently completed fiscal year prior to the establishment of the District, is hereby designated to be \$0.00, and the monthly baseline collection rate is also therefor designated to be \$0.00 (the “*Monthly Baseline Collection Rate*”).

**SECTION 8. Certification of Initial Baseline Collection Rate.** The Director of Finance for the City has furnished a certification, attached hereto as Exhibit B, as to the accuracy of the Initial Baseline Collection Rate and Monthly Baseline Collection Rate and is further authorized and directed to publish such certification in *The Natchitoches Times*, the official journal of City, one time. If the amounts of the Initial Baseline Collection Rate and the Monthly Baseline Collection Rate are not contested within thirty days after said publication, then such amounts shall be conclusively presumed to be valid, and henceforth no court shall have any jurisdiction to alter or invalidate the designation of the amount of either the Initial Baseline Collection Rate or the Monthly Baseline Collection Rate.

**SECTION 9. Designation of Sales and Use Tax Increment.** The District Governing Authority hereby designates the entire amount of the District Tax as the local sales and use tax increment and hotel occupancy tax increment, which is to be deposited in the Trust Fund herein for the furtherance of economic development projects (as such term is defined by the Act) in the District and within the Texas Street EDD and hereby pledges and dedicates to such purpose fifty percent (50%) of the District Tax to economic development projects within the District and fifty

percent (50%) of the District Tax to economic development projects within the Texas Street EDD in the manner provided by the Act.

**SECTION 10. Approved Use.** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, amounts deposited into the Trust Fund shall be used only for projects that meet the definition of “*economic development project*” as that term is defined in R.S. 33:9038.34(M).

**SECTION 11. Notice of Intent.** The governing authority of the District hereby ratifies the prior publication of a notice describing the levy of the District Tax and informing the citizens of the date of consideration of this resolution, said notice having been published once a week for two weeks in *The Natchitoches Times*, the official journal of the City, in the form of notice attached hereto as **Exhibit C**.

**SECTION 12. Cooperative Endeavor Agreement.** The District hereby authorizes the execution and delivery of the CEA, the form of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit D**, with such additions, omissions or changes as may be recommended by special counsel to the City.

**SECTION 13. Authorization of Officers.** The Mayor, Mayor *Pro Tempore*, and City Clerk are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to do any and all things necessary and incidental to carry out the provisions of this resolution.

**SECTION 14. Severability.** If any provision of this resolution shall be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this resolution, but this resolution 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 resolution which validates or makes legal any provision of this resolution which would not otherwise be valid or legal, shall be deemed to apply to this resolution.

**SECTION 15. Repealer.** All ordinances or resolution, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 15. Publication; Effective Date.** This resolution shall be published one time in the official journal of the City and shall become effective ten (10) days after said publication date.

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Moved for adoption by Mr. Nielsen, seconded by Mr. Petite.

Whereupon this resolution was submitted to a vote and resulted in the following:

**YEAS: Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSTAIN: None**

**ABSENT: Elie**

**THEREUPON**, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

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**RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR**

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**BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE**

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**STACY MCQUEARY, CITY CLERK**

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF NATCHITOCHES

I, Kathrin W. Holden, the duly appointed Registrar of Voters of the Parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, do hereby certify to the Natchitoches City Council, that there are no qualified electors located in the proposed economic development district to be known as the “*Natchitoches Economic Development District F, State of Louisiana*,” being an approximately \_\_\_\_ acre site having the specific geographical boundaries set forth in the Notice of Intent to create said District.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my signature and official seal of the Registrar of Voters of the Parish of Natchitoches, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

(SEAL)

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Parish of Natchitoches Registrar of Voters

[Original on file with the Natchitoches City  
Clerk, State of Louisiana as an attachment to Resolution No. \_\_\_\_]

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF NATCHITOCHES

The undersigned Director of Finance of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana (the “*City*”), hereby certify that the initial annual baseline collection for the additional sales and use tax of two percent (2%) which is the amount of such designated sales and use taxes collected in the District during the fiscal year of the City most recently completed prior to the establishment of the District, is zero (\$0.00), as such additional sales and use tax were not levied during the previous fiscal year, and further certify that the initial annual baseline collection for the additional hotel occupancy tax of two percent (2%), which is the amount of such designated hotel occupancy taxes collected in the District during the fiscal year of the City most recently completed prior to the establishment of the District, is zero (\$0.00), as such additional hotel occupancy tax was not levied during the previous fiscal year The monthly baseline collection rate for both the said sale and use tax and the said hotel occupancy tax, which is the annual baseline rate divided by twelve (12), is also zero (\$0.00).

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my signature and official seal of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

(SEAL)

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: Director of Finance  
City of Natchitoches

[Original on file with the Natchitoches City

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**EXHIBIT C**

[The following notice was published once a week for two weeks in the official journal of the Natchitoches City Council, the first publication appearing at least fourteen days before the public hearing mentioned herein]

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**Natchitoches Economic Development District F, State of Louisiana**

**Pursuant to LA. R.S. 33:9038.39**

**Notice of Intention to Levy Sales and Use Tax and Hotel Occupancy Tax**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana (the ***“City Council”***), acting as the governing authority of Natchitoches Economic Development District F, State of Louisiana (the ***“District”***) will meet at its meeting place, Natchitoches Council Chambers, 716 Second Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana, 71457 on May 8, 2023 Date at 5:00 p.m., at which time the District intends to take action regarding the levy and collection of a two percent (2%) sales and use tax upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption and storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and on sales of services in the District, and a two percent (2%) hotel occupancy tax upon the fee or rent for occupancy of hotel rooms, hotel being defined as any establishment engaged in the business of furnishing or providing rooms intended or designed for dwelling, lodging or sleeping purposes to transient guests where such establishment consists of ten or more guest rooms, located within the District commencing on October 1, 2023, all in the manner and subject to the provisions and terms of those portions of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, applicable to sales and use taxes and hotel occupancy taxes levied by the District, for the purposes of funding construction of, acquisition of, and upgrades to capital improvement and economic development projects within the District’s boundaries and any and all authorized purposes under the applicable provisions of Part II, Chapter 27, Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 33:9038.31, *et seq.*).

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STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF NATCHITOCHES

I, the undersigned Clerk of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana (the “*City*”) do hereby certify that the foregoing \_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) pages constitute a true and correct copy of the proceedings taken by the Natchitoches City Council on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, levying an additional sales and use tax of two percent (2%) and an additional hotel occupancy tax of two percent (2%) in the Natchitoches Economic Development District F, State of Louisiana (the “*District*”); designating the full amount of such newly levied additional sales and use tax and the newly levied hotel occupancy tax as the local sales and use tax and hotel occupancy tax in the District from which the local sales and use tax increments and the local hotel occupancy tax increment will be determined and used to finance economic development projects inside and outside the District in accordance with and as authorized by Part II, Chapter 27, Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended; designating the Initial Annual Baseline Collection Rate and establishing a Monthly Baseline Collection Rate for the District; pledging and dedicating such tax increments to fund economic development projects, and providing for other matters in connection with the foregoing.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature and the impress of the official seal of said City Council on this, the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

FORM OF COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT

*(Attached.)*

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 039 OF 2023**

**A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 2023 AS AN OFFICIAL HOLIDAY FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES IN OBSERVATION OF JUNETEENTH**

**WHEREAS**, Juneteenth National Independence Day is a US federal holiday, signed into law by President Joe Biden on Thursday, June 17, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2021, Governor John Bel Edwards signed a bill making Juneteenth a legal state holiday; and

**WHEREAS**, the new law designated the third Saturday in June as Juneteenth Day; and

**WHEREAS**, all state offices will be closed the Friday preceding that Saturday; and

**WHEREAS**, Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free; and

**WHEREAS**, Though the Emancipation Proclamation was signed into law and became official on January 1, 1863, slaves in the state of Texas had not heard of the news until 2 ½ years later on June 19, 1865; and

**WHEREAS**, People celebrate Juneteenth by eating barbecue, shooting fireworks, gathering at a cookout, shopping at black-owned businesses, sharing history and sipping on red drinks, a tradition that symbolizes perseverance and honors the blood that was shed of African-Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, Juneteenth is a day that should be recognized by all Americans, and a day that reminds us of our incredible capacity to heal, hope, and emerge from our darkest moments with purpose and resolve; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Natchitoches City Council wish to declare, Friday, June 16, 2023 as an official City Holiday.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., that Friday, June 16, 2023 be declared an Official Holiday for the City of Natchitoches Employees in observation of Juneteenth.

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

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| <b>AYES:</b>    | <b>Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite</b> |
| <b>NAYS:</b>    | <b>None</b>                               |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>  | <b>Elie</b>                               |
| <b>ABSTAIN:</b> | <b>None</b>                               |

**THEREUPON**, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

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**RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- The next scheduled City Council meeting will be **May 24, 2023**.

With no further discussion, Mayor Williams made a motion for adjournment and all were in favor.  
The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
**RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR**

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
**BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE**