

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, STATE OF LOUISIANA,
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY, JUNE 12, 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, June 12, 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 May 22, 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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 058 OF 2023

PROCLAMATION DECLARING JUNE 14, 2023 AS “BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY” IN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES

WHEREAS, on June 14, 1775, the Second Continental Congress established a Continental Army to secure the common defense of the original 13 colonies during the War of Independence; and

WHEREAS, the United States Army exists to preserve the Republic and defend the liberty and freedom of its citizens and national security interests; and

WHEREAS, many citizens of Natchitoches served our country as members of the United States Army and gave the ultimate sacrifice in defense of this nation; and

WHEREAS, it is proper to recognize the United States Army annually on its birthday and thank those who have served and those who are presently serving our nation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., Mayor of the City of Natchitoches, do hereby proclaim, June 14, 2023, as

“BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY”

in the City of Natchitoches and commend its observance to all citizens, please join the celebration of the U. S. Army Birthday as we remember its creation in 1775.

This Resolution was then 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 Resolution passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 12th day of June, 2023.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

ORDINANCE NO. 035 OF 2023

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

Lot West Side 5th Street, North by Severe, South by Church Property

(904 5th St.)

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, has recommended at their meeting of **June 6, 2023** that the application of Trineitta K. Hardison, to rezone the property described above from B-2 Commercial to R-1 Residential, for Single Family residential development (**904 5th Street**), be **APPROVED**.

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

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on June 12, 2023 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on June 17, 2023.

ORDINANCE NO. 036 OF 2023

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

Lot At Sw Cor of Texas & 5th St. Having A Front On Texas St. of 144.9 Ft By A Depth On 5th St. of 80.5 Ft.

(501 Texas Street)

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, has recommended at their meeting of **June 6, 2023** that the application of Michael Gillie- Bayou Soul, to rezone the property described above from B-2 Commercial to B-3 Commercial with BA zoning, for consumption of high/low alcohol on premises **(501 Texas Street)**, be **APPROVED**.

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

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on June 12, 2023 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on June 17, 2023.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 032 OF 2023

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY
OF NATCHITOCHES TO AWARD THE BID FOR BUILDING & SITEWORK
IMPROVEMENTS, PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING, 1608 TEXAS STREET,
NATCHITOCHES, LA
(BID NO. 0660)**

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 Building & Sitework Improvements, Public Works Building, 1608 Texas Street, Natchitoches, LA (Bid No. 0660); 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, two bid proposals were received and opened as follows:

- (1) Martin Metal Construction, LLC.
Natchitoches, LA\$732,073.00
- (2) DSW Construction, LLC.
Natchitoches, LA\$794,560.00

WHEREAS, on May 16, 2023 the appointed committee of Clarissa Smith, Finance Director; Edd Lee, Director of Purchasing; Donald Forest, Director of Public Works; and Betty Smith, Councilwoman at Large, reviewed the bid proposals for bids for Building & Sitework Improvements, Public Works Building, 1608 Texas Street, Natchitoches, LA (Bid No. 0660); and

WHEREAS, the above appointed committee members unanimously recommend the City award the bid to the lowest bidder **Martin Metal Construction, LLC.**, in the amount of **\$732,073.00**

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on May 22, 2023 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on May 27, 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 12th day of June, 2023.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 12th day of June, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 033 OF 2023

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY
OF NATCHITOCHES TO AWARD THE BID FOR RUNWAY 17-35, TAXIWAY, AND
APRON REHABILITATION, AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
NO. 3-22-0034-030-2023**

(BID NO. 0658)

WHEREAS, Resolution No.027 of 2023 was passed by the Natchitoches City Council on March 27, 2023 authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids Runway 17-35, Taxiway, and Apron Rehabilitation, Airport Improvement Program No, 3-22-0034-030-2023 (Bid No. 0658); 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:

(3) Ameriseal of Ohio, Inc.
Smithville, OH\$1,093,865.00

WHEREAS, on May 11, 2023 the appointed committee of Clarissa Smith, Finance Director; Edd Lee, Director of Purchasing; Larry Cooper, Airport Manager; and Rosemary Elie, Councilwoman, reviewed the bid proposals for bids Runway 17-35, Taxiway, and Apron Rehabilitation, Airport Improvement Program No, 3-22-0034-030-2023 (Bid No. 0658); and

WHEREAS, the above appointed committee members unanimously recommend the City award the bid to the only bidder **Ameriseal of Ohio, Inc.**, in the amount of **\$1,093,865.00**

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on May 22, 2023 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on May 27, 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 12th day of June, 2023.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 12th day of June, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 034 OF 2023

AN ORDINANCE TO DESIGNATE FUNDS FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FOR USE BY THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

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

WHEREAS FURTHER, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, enacted by the 117th Congress of the United States of America (“**ARPA**”), appropriated **Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000.00)** to the State of Louisiana, which was then appropriated to the City (the “**ARPA Revenue Replacement Funding**”) for the purpose of providing funding for government services that may have seen a shortfall of revenue funding them due to the COVID-19 pandemic, including, but not limited to, funding transportation infrastructure projects up to the amount of the City’s revenue loss (“**Transportation Projects**”); and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Office of the Mayor of the City of Natchitoches is the proper recipient of the ARPA Revenue Replacement Funding as the instrument of the City most capable of properly distributing it to Transportation Projects; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, it is the desire of this Governing Authority to appropriate the ARPA Revenue Replacement Funding to the Office of the Mayor of the City, to be expended by the Mayor of the City, or the administrative designee of the Mayor (the “**Finance Director**”), pursuant to the guidelines published by the United States Department of the Treasury in its final rule implementing the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund and the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund established under the American Rescue Plan Act, effective April 1, 2022 (the “**ARPA Guidelines**”).

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

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

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, if necessary, that the budget of the City be amended to reflect the receipt of the ARPA Revenue Replacement Funding and its designation for expenditure by the Mayor or the Finance Director, for the purposes of properly distributing it to Transportation Projects; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall become effective immediately

upon adoption; and

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

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

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on May 22, 2023 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on May 27, 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 12th day of June, 2023.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 12th day of June, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.

ORDINANCE NO. 037 OF 2023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, LOUISIANA, TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE NATCHITOCHES COMMUNITY ALLIANCE FOUNDATION D/B/A NATCHITOCHES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE (NEDA), WHICH SAID MEMORANDUM PROVIDES FOR SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY THE NATCHITOCHES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE., PROVIDING FOR A ONE YEAR TERM, 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 referred to as the “City”) is a Municipality located in the State of Louisiana, Parish of Natchitoches governed under a Home Rule Charter and a Code of Ordinances adopted by Ordinance No. 5 of 1977; and

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

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Natchitoches Economic Development Alliance (sometimes hereinafter referred to as “Development Alliance”) is a Louisiana not for profit corporation and has been designated as a 501C-3 entity by the IRS; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the city and the Development Alliance both have an interest in promoting economic growth, commerce and tourism in the City and Parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Development Alliance is strategically positioned to support the city in its efforts to grow its tax base by aligning resources and tools to foster an expanding and growing business and industrial sector, and the city desires to assist the Development Alliance in its goal to become the voice of economic development for Natchitoches Parish; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Development Alliance is in need of funds to move forward in its plan to promote economic development in the City and Parish of Natchitoches, and the City desires to provide funds in exchange for the services to be provided by Development Alliance; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Development Alliance has presented a Memorandum of Understanding between City of Natchitoches and the Natchitoches Economic Development Alliance (sometimes hereinafter “Agreement”) a copy of which is attached hereto; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, under the terms of the Agreement, the Development Alliance will provide to following services to the City:

- 1) Maintain updated, professional, and useful economic development website for one-stop information
- 2) Be the lead contact for economic development request for proposals and information
- 3) Lead the evaluation and development of business and industrial sites
- 4) Serve as local liaison for business retention and expansion visits in conjunction with LED and NLEP
- 5) Provide expertise, experience, and leadership for special projects and initiatives of the administration

WHEREAS FURTHER, in exchange for the above services the City agrees to the following pay schedule:

1) \$40,000 for FY June 2023 by May 2024

WHEREAS FURTHER, the term of this Agreement is one (1) year; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Agreement further provides that either party may terminate the Agreement with written notice within 60 days of the date of execution of the Agreement; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, under the general law and the Home Rule Charter of the City of Natchitoches, the City has the right, power, and authority to promote, protect, and preserve the general welfare, safety, health, peace and good order of the City; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches has reviewed the proposed Agreement, attached hereto, and is of the opinion that the Agreement with the Development Alliance will promote the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City and Parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana and the City Council desires to authorize the Mayor of the City of Natchitoches to execute same; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches desires to enter into this Agreement to help encourage and promote economic development in the City and Parish of Natchitoches; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, that the Mayor of the City of Natchitoches, Ronnie Williams Jr. is hereby authorized to execute the attached Memorandum of Understanding Between City of Natchitoches and the Natchitoches Economic Development Alliance, and in the event that the Mayor determines that the agreement should be terminated at the end of the any one year term, the Mayor is further authorized to provide the required notice to terminate the Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding between City of Natchitoches and the Natchitoches Economic Development Alliance, attached hereto, are approved and accepted by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on June 12, 2023 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on June 17, 2023.

ORDINANCE NO. 038 OF 2023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A FRANCHISE AND VENDING CONTRACT IN FAVOR OF LAKE HOUSE PRODUCTIONS, LLC, DBA DARK WOODS ADVENTURES, TO LOCATE A KAYAK KIOSK AT THE BOAT LAUNCH LOCATED ON HIGHWAY 504, AND LEASE KAYAKS FOR USE ON SIBLEY LAKE WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, CONFIRMING THE TERM OF THE FRANCHISE, CONDITIONS, AND CONSIDERATION FOR SAID FRANCHISE AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE SAID FRANCHISE AND VENDING CONTRACT 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") Waterworks District Number 1 (sometimes hereinafter "WWD1") jointly own that body of water known as Sibley Lake, and further own a tract of ground located on the western right of way of Louisiana Highway 504 which is currently used a boat launch with associated parking lot (sometimes hereinafter "Boat Launch"); and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the CITY, WWD1, and Lake House Productions, LLC dba Dark Woods Adventures (sometimes hereinafter "Lake House") have negotiated a Franchise and Vending Contract, a copy of which is attached hereto (sometimes hereinafter "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Agreement allows Lake House to locate a "Kayak Kiosk" at the Boat Launch for the rental of kayaks to be utilized for recreational purposes on Sibley Lake, and allowing use of CITY and WWD1 public places, including parking areas and lake front for its operation; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, 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 proposed Agreement has a termination date of December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, all parties deem it to be in their mutual best interests and advantage to execute a Franchise and Vending Contract which will clearly delineate the respective obligations, covenants, conditions, responsibilities, and considerations under the said Agreement; and

WHEREAS, this Franchise and Vending Contract 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 Sibley Lake will 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 and Vending Contract, a copy of which is attached hereto, and authorizes the Mayor, Ronnie Williams, Jr., to execute the said Franchise and Vending Contract on behalf of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the terms and conditions of the Franchise and Vending Contract 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 June 12, 2023 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on June 17, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 048 OF 2023

**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 forty-eight (48) 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:	Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Elie
ABSTAIN:	None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 12th day of June, 2023.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 049 OF 2023

**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 the Thomas Building located at 560 Second Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana.

This Resolution was then 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 Resolution passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 12th day of June, 2023.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 050 OF 2023

**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 Ronnie Williams, Jr., 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:	Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Elie
ABSTAIN:	None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 12th day of June, 2023.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 051 OF 2023

**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 Ronnie Williams, Jr., 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, 2023 through May 31, 2024; 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:	Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Elie
ABSTAIN:	None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 12th day of June, 2023.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 052 OF 2023

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Ordinance No. 037 of 2018 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 Ronnie Williams, Jr., that Sabine State Bank, Natchitoches, LA, be appointed as Fiscal Agent for the City of Natchitoches for the term June 1, 2023 through October 31, 2023; 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:	Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Elie
ABSTAIN:	None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 12th day of June, 2023.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 053 OF 2023

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

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 12th day of June, 2023.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 054 OF 2023

**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 Ronnie Williams, Jr., has re-appointed Alex Washington as City Attorney for the City of Natchitoches, in accordance with Section 4.02 of the Home Rule Charter, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council does hereby authorize the re-appointments 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., Gary Conley, Jonathan Blake, 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.

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

This Resolution was then 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 Resolution passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 12th day of June, 2023.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 055 OF 2023

**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. Walter Johnson**
- 6. Isaac Lewis**
- 7. Ron Brown**
- 8. Anita Dubois**
- 9. Ethel Blake**

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

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 12th day of June, 2023.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 056 OF 2023

**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
- 7. Drake Owens

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

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 12th day of June, 2023.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 057 OF 2023

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO
A MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT, INCLUDING MOWING AND LITTER
PICKUP, WITH THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT, OFFICE OF ENGINEERING
BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024**

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, The Agreement for said maintenance shall begin **July 1, 2023** and end **June 30, 2024**, unless Agreement is earlier terminated as conditioned by the Agreement.

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

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

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 059 OF 2023

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A
CONTRACT WITH CADENCE INSURANCE
FOR THE TRAVELERS INSURANCE GROUP CASUALTY PACKAGE INSURANCE
RENEWAL EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024**

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 \$513,908.00 be awarded to Cadence Insurance, for the period June 30, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

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

This Resolution was then 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 Resolution passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 12th day of June, 2023.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 060 OF 2023

A RESOLUTION GRANTING AUTHORITY FOR THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, STATE OF LOUISIANA (THE “CITY”), TO ISSUE, SELL AND DELIVER IN THE NAME OF THE CITY, UTILITIES REVENUE BONDS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING ELEVEN MILLION SIX HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$11,645,000), IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, FOR THE PURPOSES OF FINANCING THE PROJECT (AS DEFINED HEREIN); SEEKING STATE BOND COMMISSION APPROVAL; PROVIDING FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF BOND COUNSEL, A MUNICIPAL ADVISOR AND AN UNDERWRITER; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana (the “**City**”) now owns and operates a combined sewer and sewage treatment system, water plant and distribution system (the “**System**”) as a revenue-producing work of public improvement of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined a need to construct, acquire, extend and/or improve the System (the “**Project**”); and

WHEREAS, this City Council of the City, acting as governing authority (the “**Governing Authority**”) of the City, proposes that Utilities Revenue Bonds will be issued by the City in the manner prescribed by and under the authority of Section 1430 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority (the “**Act**”), payable solely from the income and revenues of the System, subject to the prior payment of the reasonable and necessary expenses of operating and maintaining the System (the “**Net Revenues**”); and

WHEREAS, the Governing Authority of the City now desires to give notice of intention pursuant to the Act to issue not to exceed Eleven Million Six Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$11,645,000) of Utilities Revenue Bonds to finance the Project; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to make application to the Louisiana State Bond Commission, and further to employ bond counsel and other professionals in connection therewith.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Natchitoches, acting as the governing authority thereof (the “**Governing Authority**”), that:

SECTION 1. Approval. Application be and the same is hereby formally made to the Louisiana State Bond Commission (the “**SBC**”) for consent and authority for the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana (the “**Issuer**” or “**City**”), to issue, sell and deliver not exceeding Eleven Million Six Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$11,645,000) of Utilities Revenue Bonds (the “**Bonds**”), in one or more series, to bear interest at a rate or rates not exceeding Six and One-Half per centum (6.5%) per annum, to mature not later than Thirty (30) years all in the manner provided for by Section 1430 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority (the “**Act**”), for the purposes of (i) financing the Project, (ii) funding a debt service reserve fund, purchasing a reserve fund surety, and/or

purchasing a municipal bond insurance policy, if necessary, and (iii) paying the costs of issuance associated with the Bonds. The Bonds shall be secured by and payable from a pledge and dedication of the Net Revenues.

SECTION 2. State Bond Commission Approval. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the SBC by Bond Counsel (defined below), together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application.

SECTION 3. Bond Counsel. This Governing Authority finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of special bond counsel in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. Washington & Wells, LLC Shreveport, Louisiana is hereby appointed as bond counsel (“**Bond Counsel**”) to do and perform comprehensive legal and coordinate professional work as bond counsel with respect to the issuance and sale of the Bonds. Said Bond Counsel shall prepare and submit to this Governing Authority for adoption of all of the proceedings incidental to the authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of such Bonds, and shall furnish its opinion covering the legality of the issuance of the Bonds. The fee of Bond Counsel shall be fixed at a sum not exceeding the maximum fee allowed by the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana’s fee schedule for comprehensive, legal and coordinate professional work in connection with the issuance of revenue bonds and based on the amount of the Bonds actually issued, sold, delivered and paid for, plus “out-of-pocket” expenses, said fees to be contingent upon the issuance, sale and delivery of said Bonds. A certified copy of this resolution shall be submitted to the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana for his written approval of said employment and of the fees herein designated.

SECTION 4. Issuer’s Counsel. This Governing Authority finds and determines that a real necessity exists for counsel to assist the City with general matters relating to its interests in the issuance of the Bonds and accordingly, Boles Shafto, LLC Monroe, Louisiana is hereby and employed as issuer’s counsel with respect to the issuance of the Bonds.

SECTION 5. Appointment of Municipal Advisor. Government Consultants of Louisiana, Inc. of Baton Rouge, Louisiana is hereby appointed and employed as municipal advisor in connection with the Bonds (the “**Municipal Advisor**”), any compensation to be subsequently approved by the City and to be paid from the proceeds of the Bonds, contingent upon issuance of the Bonds.

SECTION 6. Underwriter. It is hereby recognized, found and determined that a real necessity exists for the employment of an underwriter in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. Piper Sandler is hereby appointed and employed as underwriter (the “**Underwriter**”) in connection with the Bonds. Any compensation to the Underwriter is to be paid from the proceeds of the Bonds and is contingent upon issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds; and all costs incurred by the Underwriter in conjunction with the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds must be reasonable and approved by this Governing Authority.

SECTION 7. Bond Purchase Agreement. If deemed necessary upon advice of the Municipal Advisor, the Mayor, Clerk, or any other authorized representative of the City (the “**Authorized Representative**”) is hereby authorized to enter into, execute and deliver a Bond Purchase Agreement (the “**BPA**”) with the Underwriter in such form as the Authorized Representative deems appropriate upon advice of Bond Counsel provided however that no BPA shall be executed until SBC approval is first obtained.

SECTION 8. Other Professionals. Should it be necessary to engage other professionals, the Authorized Representative shall be entitled to engage such professionals provided the contracts employing such professionals shall be promptly submitted to this Governing Authority.

SECTION 9. Professionals to Proceed. Bond Counsel, the Municipal Advisor, and the Underwriter are hereby authorized and directed to proceed with the issuance of the Bonds and Bond Counsel is authorized and directed to prepare necessary documents appertaining thereto and to present them for further action by this Governing Authority.

SECTION 10. State Bond Commission Swap Policy. By virtue of Issuer’s application for, acceptance and utilization of the benefits of the Louisiana State Bond Commission’s approval(s) resolved and set forth herein, it resolves that it understands and agrees that such approval(s) is expressly conditioned upon, and it further resolves that it understands, agrees and binds itself, its successors and assigns to, full and continuing compliance with the “State Bond Commission Policy on Approval of Proposed Use of Swaps, or other forms of Derivative Products Hedges, Etc.”, adopted by the Commission on July 20, 2006, as to the borrowing(s) and other matter(s) subject to the approval(s), including subsequent application and approval under said Policy of the implementation or use of any swap(s) or other product(s) or enhancement(s) covered thereby.

SECTION 11. Conflict of Interest. The Governing Authority hereby acknowledges its understanding that Alex Washington, Esq., the City Attorney for the City, is a founding partner currently employed by Bond Counsel. The Governing Authority finds and determines that no conflict of interest is created by Bond Counsel’s employment herein and Mr. Washington’s employment as City Attorney.

SECTION 12. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption hereof.

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This Resolution was then 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 Resolution passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 12th day of June, 2023.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 061 Of 2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, LOUISIANA TO SUBMIT A LOAN APPLICATION FORM 100A AND ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PLACING THIS PROJECT ON THE COMPREHENSIVE PRIORITY LIST FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE DRINKING WATER REVOLVING LOAN FUND PROGRAM.

WHEREAS the City of Natchitoches is in need of improvements to the Natchitoches Municipal Water System whose PWS ID No. is LA1069007; and,

WHEREAS loans for this project may be available through the Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund program operated by the Louisiana Department of Health Office of Public Health.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana that:

- Section 1. Ronnie Williams, Jr., Mayor of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana is hereby authorized to submit a Loan Application Form 100A and accompanying documents to the Department of Health on behalf of the City of Natchitoches for the purpose of placing this project on the Comprehensive Priority List for funding through the Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund program; and,
- Section 2. Ronnie Williams, Jr., Mayor of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana is further authorized to furnish such additional information as may reasonably be required in connection with the Loan Application; and,
- Section 3. Ronnie Williams, Jr., Mayor of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana is hereby designated as the Official Project Representative and is hereby given signature authority for all relative documents for the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana for any project that may result from the submission of the Loan Application Form 100A and accompanying documents. Furthermore, Ronnie Williams, Jr., Mayor of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana is hereby given the power and authority to do all things necessary to implement, maintain, amend, and renew such documents relative to any such project.

This Resolution was then 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 Resolution passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 12th day of June, 2023.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next scheduled City Council meeting will be **June 26, 2023**.
- The City of Natchitoches offices will be closed **Friday, June 16, 2023** in observation of Juneteenth.

With no further discussion, Mayor Williams made a motion for adjournment and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE

