

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, STATE OF LOUISIANA,
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2022 AT 5:30 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Natchitoches met in legal and regular session at the Natchitoches Council Chambers, 716 Second Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana on Monday, November 14, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

There were present:

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

Guest: Representative Gabe Firment, District 22
Bruce Johanson
Christmas Angels

Absent: None

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

Mayor Williams then called for the reading and approval of the minutes for the October 24, 2022 meeting. Councilwoman At Large Smith moved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes and approval of same. Seconded by Councilman Harrington.

A roll call vote was as follows:

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

Representative Gabe Firment, District 22 State Representative, introduced himself and spoke about what the new districts will look like.

Bruce Johanson’s firm completed the salary study for the City of Natchitoches and recently did a survey for Civil Service. Mr. Johanson explained the process and comparison of data to similar cities.

PRESENTATION OF CHRISTMAS ANGELS

Averi Bouchie – Pre-K

Anne Michael DeBlieux – K

Chloe McIntosh – 1St

Brinley Cedars – 2nd

Milleigh Aton – 3rd

Adeline Berube – 4th

Brinley Smith – 5th

Ann-Marie Dunahoe – 6th

Autumn Womack – 7th

Sadie Summerlin – 8th

PLANNING & ZONING – APPEAL:

Debra F. Arnold - Purpose: The City Council to review a decision of the Natchitoches Planning and Zoning Commission at the September 6, 2022 meeting that **denied** the application for a rezone request. **(793 Whitfield Drive)**

Councilman Harrington moved to uphold the decision of the planning and zoning committee, seconded by Councilman Nielsen

A roll call vote was as follows:

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

Debra F. Arnold spoke in reference to planning and zoning appeal. Requesting a review of the application the for home she purchased in St. Claire Estates. Carol Steadman spoke in regard of the planning and zoning appeal. Wayne Halm commented on the planning and zoning appeal.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 102 OF 2022

PROCLAMATION DECLARING NOVEMBER 26, 2022 AS SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY IN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES

Whereas, the government of Natchitoches, Louisiana, celebrates our local small businesses and the contributions they make to our local economy and community; and

Whereas, according to the United States Small Business Administration, there are 32.5 million small businesses in the United States, small businesses represent 99.7% of firms with paid employees, small businesses are responsible for 62% of net new jobs created since 1995, and small businesses employ 46.8% of the employees in the private sector in the United States, and

Whereas, 79% of consumers understand the importance of supporting the small businesses in their community on Small Business Saturday®, 70% report the day makes them want to encourage others to Shop Small®, independently-owned retailers, and 66% report that the day makes them want to Shop Small all year long; and

Whereas, 58% of shoppers reported they shopped online with a small business and 54% reported they dined or ordered takeout from a small restaurant, bar, or café on Small Business Saturday in 2021; and

Whereas, Natchitoches, Louisiana supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy, and preserve our communities; and

Whereas, advocacy groups, as well as public and private organizations, across the country have endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday.

Now, Therefore, I, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., Mayor of Natchitoches, Louisiana do hereby proclaim, November 26, 2022, as

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

And urge the residents of our community, and communities across the country, to support small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year.

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

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

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 14th day of November, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

Mrs. Smith made a motion to remove Ordinance No. 066 of 2022 from the table, which was seconded by Mr. Nielsen, the motion to remove Ordinance No. 066 of 2022 from the table was presented for a vote and the vote was recorded as follows:

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

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance tabled by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays this 14th day of November, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

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

ORDINANCE NO. 066 OF 2022

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

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

(Scarborough Ave. and East 5th Street.)

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

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

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

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

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

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 070 OF 2022

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES TO AWARD THE BID FOR THE WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM REHABILITATION, KEYSER LIFT STATION (BID NO. 0650)

WHEREAS, Resolution No.074 of 2022 was passed by the Natchitoches City Council on August 22, 2022 authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids for the Wastewater Collection System Rehabilitation, Keyser Lift Station (Bid No. 0650); and

WHEREAS, this bid was advertised in the *Natchitoches Times* on, August 25, September 1, and September 8, 2022 in accordance with law; and

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

- (1) Womack and Sons Construction Group, LLC
Harrisonburg, LA.....\$561,194.00
- (2) Dixie Overland Construction, LLC
Sibley, LA.....\$588,100.00
- (3) David Lawler Construction Inc.
Shreveport, LA.....\$629,000.00
- (4) Pulley Construction, Inc.
Benton, LA.....\$689,000.00

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2022 the appointed committee of Clarissa Smith, Finance Director; Edd Lee, Director of Purchasing; Matt Anderson, Utility Director; and Betty Smith, Councilwoman at Large, reviewed the bid proposals for bids for the Wastewater Collection System Rehabilitation, Keyser Lift Station (Bid No. 0650); and

WHEREAS, the above appointed committee members unanimously recommend the City award the bid to the lowest bidder **Womack and Sons Construction Group, LLC** in the amount of **\$561,194.00**

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

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on October 24, 2022 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on October 27, 2022.

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

AYES: **Elie, Nielsen, Smith, 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 14th day of November, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 15th day of November, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 071 OF 2022

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, LOUISIANA, APPROVING THAT INSTRUMENT TITLED COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES AND THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY AND THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, WHICH AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR FUNDING FOR THE BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS PROGRAM; PRESCRIBING TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR SAID AGREEMENT, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR. TO EXECUTE SAME.

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

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Louisiana Department of the Treasury and the State of Louisiana (sometimes hereinafter “State” and/or Agency) desire to work together with the “City” in implementation of the Big Brothers Big Sisters Program; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, Act 170 of 2022 Regular Legislative Session of the Louisiana Legislature, which was adopted in accordance with Article VII, Section 10, of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, is the appropriation for the expenditure of State funds, and said Act 170 contains a line item appropriation within the Agency’s budget for the benefit of the City of Natchitoches of which the sum of **SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND & NO/100 (\$75,000 DOLLARS)** has been allocated for the Big Brothers Big Sisters Program, as set forth in the Attachment A Plan, which is attached and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City of Natchitoches desires to implement the Big Brothers Big Sisters program to provide children facing adversity with a strong and enduring, professionally supported one-to-one mentor relationship whose impact will last a lifetime; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the attached agreement entitled “Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Natchitoches and the Louisiana Department of the Treasury and the State of Louisiana” (sometimes hereinafter “Agreement”) provides public purpose described as:

- 1).** to provide youth, ages six to young adulthood, the opportunity to reach their full potential through professionally supported one-to-one mentoring relationships;
- 2).** at no cost to the families served, this program unites young people (Littles) with caring positive adult role models (Bigs);
- 3).** these relationships provide Littles the tools they will need to overcome the adversities they face, such as societal barriers or identity-based discrimination, and continue successfully on their path to adulthood, developing the characteristics need for academic, social, and economic success; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Big Brothers Big Sisters Program is in the best interest of the City.

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council has reviewed and does approve the attached “Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Natchitoches and the State”; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that the terms of the “Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Natchitoches and the State”, attached hereto, is approved and accepted by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER 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 “Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Natchitoches and the Louisiana Department of the Treasury and the State of Louisiana.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on October 24, 2022 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on October 27, 2022.

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

AYES:	Elie, Nielsen, Smith, 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 14th day of November, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 15th day of November, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Harrington at the November 14, 2022 City Council meeting as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 072 OF 2022

AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES ANNEXING A 0.405 ACRE, MORE OR LESS, TRACT SITUATED IN SECTION 81, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST, NATCHITOCHES PARISH, LOUISIANA, SAID TRACT LYING ADJACENT TO AND SOUTH OF LOUISIANA HIGHWAY 6, AND ADJACENT TO THE EXISTING MUNICIPAL LIMITS OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR THE FIXING OF A PUBLIC HEARING, ADVERTISEMENT, FIXING COUNCIL DISTRICT FOR SAME, FIXING ZONING CLASSIFICATION AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, a petition has been filed in accordance with Revised Statutes 33:172, et. seq., by **Mooney Investment Properties, L.L.C.**, requesting that the boundaries of the City of Natchitoches be enlarged so as to include the following described property, to-wit:

THAT CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND, containing 0.405 acre, more or less, situated and located in Section 81, Township 9 North, Range 7 West, Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a ½ inch iron rod at Point 3 as shown on a Plat of Survey for PSB Financial by Jack E. Farmer, PLS, recorded at Conveyance Book 538, page 25 of the records of Natchitoches Parish, having a latitude North 31 degrees 44 minutes 50.31 seconds and longitude of West 93 degrees 07 minutes 04.25 seconds; thence run South 15 degrees 20 minutes 22 seconds East a distance of 202.97 feet to a found ½ inch iron rod; thence run South 62 degrees 21 minutes 47 seconds West a distance of 90.02 feet to a found ½ inch iron rod; thence run North 14 degrees 58 minutes 02 seconds West a distance of 148.61 feet to a set ½ inch iron rod; thence run North 72 degrees 16 minutes 00 seconds East a distance of 8.14 feet to a set ½ inch iron rod; thence run North 16 degrees 22 minutes 29 seconds West a distance of 64.64 feet to a found right of way marker; thence run North 38 degrees 56 minutes 39 seconds east a distance of 12.84 feet to a found right of way marker; thence run North 85 degrees 42 minutes 26 seconds East a distance of 39.40 feet to a found right of way marker; thence run North 59 degrees 05 minutes 11 seconds East a distance of 31.10 feet to the Point of Beginning containing 0.405 acre, more or less.

All as more fully shown on a survey by Brandon C. Thornton dated August 26, 2021 and recorded at Conveyance Book 750, page 89 of the records of Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the petitioner represents one hundred percent in value of the property owners within the area described above, and there are no registered voters or resident property owners on the property described above as is reflected in the attached certificate from the Assessor's Office

of the Parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana and certificate from the Office of the Registrar of Voters of the Parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana, which are filed with the petition for annexation;

WHEREAS FURTHER, attached to the petition is a certificate from the Tax Assessors's Office of the Parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana, certifying that the requirements of Louisiana R.S. 33:172 have been complied with, said certificate being dated the 3rd day of _____ November, 2022.

WHEREAS FURTHER, the matter was considered by the City Council for the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, and a public hearing was called for on the 9th day of _____ January, 2023, at which time the public was allowed to express opinions concerning this annexation;

WHEREAS FURTHER, the notice of filing of the petition has been published in The Natchitoches Times, legal journal of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, on the _____, 17th day of November and 1st day of December, 2022;

WHEREAS FURTHER, an opportunity has been given to all interested person in accordance with Louisiana R. S. 33:172, et. seq., on the 9th day of January, 2023;

WHEREAS FURTHER, the property is contiguous to the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, the corporate limits of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana running along the Northern boundary of the property;

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, in legal session assembled as follows:

Section 1. The boundaries of the City of Natchitoches are hereby enlarged so as to include the following described property, to-wit:

THAT CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND, containing 0.405 acre, more or less, situated and located in Section 81, Township 9 North, Range 7 West, Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a ½ inch iron rod at Point 3 as shown on a Plat of Survey for PSB Financial by Jack E. Farmer, PLS, recorded at Conveyance Book 538, page 25 of the records of Natchitoches Paris, having a latitude North 31 degrees 44 minutes 50.31 seconds and longitude of West 93 degrees 07 minutes 04.25 seconds; thence run South 15 degrees 20 minutes 22 seconds East a distance of 202.97 feet to a found ½ inch iron rod; thence run South 62 degrees 21 minutes 47 seconds West a distance of 90.02 feet to a found ½ inch iron rod; thence run North 14 degrees 58 minutes 02 seconds West a distance of 148.61 feet to a set ½ inch iron rod; thence run North 72 degrees 16 minutes 00 seconds East a distance of 8.14 feet to a set ½ inch iron rod; thence run North 16 degrees 22 minutes 29 seconds West a distance of 64.64 feet to a found right of way marker; thence run North 38 degrees 56 minutes 39 seconds east a distance of

12.84 feet to a found right of way marker; thence run North 85 degrees 42 minutes 26 seconds East a distance of 39.40 feet to a found right of way marker; thence run North 59 degrees 05 minutes 11 seconds East a distance of 31.10 feet to the Point of Beginning containing 0.405 acre, more or less.

All as more fully shown on a survey by Brandon C. Thornton dated August 26, 2021 and recorded at Conveyance Book 750, page 89 of the records of Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana.

Section 2. Be it further ordained that the City of Natchitoches takes cognizance of the fact that this ordinance was introduced at a regular session of the City Council on the 14th day of November, 2022, after receiving the petition signed by the property owner and all of the registered voters, and that a public hearing was held on the _____ day of _____, 2023;

Section 3. Be it further ordained that the above and foregoing property be and is hereby annexed to the City of Natchitoches, declared to be included in Council District No. 3, all in accordance with Section 2.03B of the HomeRule Charter of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana.

Section 4. Be it further ordained by the City Council that the above described property be, and it is hereby annexed into the corporate limits of the City of Natchitoches, with a zoning classification of B-2

Section 5. Be it further ordained by the City Council that this ordinance shall go into effect thirty (30) days after the publication of this ordinance in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 33:173.

This ordinance was introduced on November 14, 2022, was duly advertised with law, and a public hearing had on same on the ____ day of _____, 2023, after advertisement.

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF NATCHITOCHES

I, **Tim Page**, Tax Assessor of Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, do certify that I have read the above and foregoing petition together with a description of property sought to be annexed into the City of Natchitoches, and I have examined into the matter and I certify that the entity that has signed the petition represents one hundred percent of the owners of the property and that there are no resident property owners within the area proposed to be included in the corporate limits.*

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, witness my official signature at Natchitoches, Louisiana, on this the _____ day of _____, 2022.

Tim Page, Tax Assessor
Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana

* Louisiana R. S. 33:172 provides as follows, to-wit:

"No ordinance enlarging the boundaries of a municipality shall be valid unless prior to the adoption thereof a petition has been presented to the governing body of a municipality containing the written assent of (1) a majority of the registered voters and (2) a majority in number of the resident property owners, (3) as well as 25% in value of the property of the resident property owners within the area proposed to be included in the corporate limits according to the certificate of the Parish Assessor. If there are no registered voters residing in the area proposed for annexation, then the requirement for a majority of the registered voters on the petition shall not apply. The valuation of the property within the area proposed to be annexed shall be certified to by the Assessor according to the assessment of each of the owners signing the petition. Where there has been a change of ownership since the last assessment of the property, the Assessor shall certify the valuation of the present owner in accordance with the last case where the property of the present owner has not specifically been assessed the Assessor shall estimate the assessed value of the property for the current year and certify that same as the value of the property."

"At the request of any municipality contemplating the annexation of any tract of land, the Registrar of Voters shall provide a certified list of the registered voters residing in the area proposed to be annexed."

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mrs. Smith at the November 14, 2022 City Council meeting as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 073 OF 2022

AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES ANNEXING A 2.17 ACRE, MORE OR LESS, TRACT SITUATED IN SECTION 40, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 8 WEST, NATCHITOCHES PARISH, LOUISIANA, SAID TRACT LYING ADJACENT TO AND NORTH OF LOUISIANA HIGHWAY 3278, TOGETHER WITH THAT AREA OF LOUISIANA HIGHWAY 3278 SITUATED BETWEEN THE 2.18 ACRE TRACT AND THE EXISTING MUNICIPAL LIMITS OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR THE FIXING OF A PUBLIC HEARING, ADVERTISEMENT, FIXING COUNCIL DISTRICT FOR SAME, FIXING ZONING CLASSIFICATION AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, a petition has been filed in accordance with Revised Statutes 33:172, et. seq., by **Hutchinson & Dupre, L.L.C.**, requesting that the boundaries of the City of Natchitoches be enlarged so as to include the following described property, to-wit:

That certain tract of land containing 2.17 acres more or less, situated and located in Section 40, Township 9 North, Range 8 West, Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Commencing at a found 1.5 inch iron pipe for the Southwest corner of Section 25, Township 9 North, Range 8 West, thence North 90 degrees 0 minutes 0 seconds West a distance of 2,040.31 feet; thence North 0 degrees 0 minutes 0 seconds East a distance of 1,392.46 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence from said Point of Beginning South 63 degrees 39 minutes 12 seconds West a distance of 100.95 feet; thence South 57 degrees 11 minutes 32 seconds West a distance of 122.85 feet; thence South 54 degrees 55 minutes 25 seconds West a distance of 137.45 feet; thence South 54 degrees 14 minutes 40 seconds West a distance of 58.71 feet; thence South 45 degrees 41 minutes 14 seconds West a distance of 198.65 feet; thence South 79 degrees 41 minutes 35 seconds West a distance of 89.59 feet; thence North 35 degrees; 11 minutes 26 seconds West a distance

of 70.35 feet; thence North 35 degrees 11 minutes 26 seconds West a distance of 25.19 feet; thence North 49 degrees 57 minutes 36 seconds East a distance of 40.18 feet; thence North 49 degrees 30 minutes 41 seconds East a distance of 199.92 feet; thence North 50 degrees 24 minutes 48 seconds East a distance of 99.95 feet; thence North 51 degrees 54 minutes 29 seconds East a distance of 100.77 feet; thence North 54 degrees 20 minutes 43 seconds East a distance of 99.25 feet; thence North 59 degrees 4 minutes 16 seconds East a distance of 100.06 feet; thence North 62 degrees 22 minutes 0 seconds East a distance of 82.83 feet; thence South 28 degrees 11 minutes 57 seconds East a distance of 30.36 feet; thence South 24 degrees 20 minutes 37 seconds East a distance of 91.48 feet; thence South 24 degrees; 39 minutes 58 seconds East a distance of 19.51 feet to the Point of Beginning, all as is more fully shown on a Certificate of Survey by Robert Lynn Davis, P.L.S., dated April 6, 2021, recorded May 18, 2021, at Map Slide 828A, of the Records of Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, together with all of that portion of Louisiana Highway No. 3278, situated and located between the current municipal corporate limits of the City of Natchitoches and the above described property.

WHEREAS, the petitioner represents one hundred percent in value of the property owners within the area described above, and there are no registered voters or resident property owners on the property described above as is reflected in the attached certificate from the Assessor's Office of the Parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana and certificate from the Office of the Registrar of Voters of the Parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana, which are filed with the petition for annexation;

WHEREAS FURTHER, attached to the petition is a certificate from the Tax Assessors's Office of the Parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana, certifying that the requirements of Louisiana R.S. 33:172 have been complied with, said certificate being dated the _____ day of _____, 2022.

WHEREAS FURTHER, the matter was considered by the City Council for the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, and a public hearing was called for on the 9th day of January, 2023 , at which time the public was allowed to express opinions concerning this annexation;

WHEREAS FURTHER, the notice of filing of the petition has been published in The Natchitoches Times, legal journal of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, on the 17th day of November, and 1st day of December, 2022;

WHEREAS FURTHER, an opportunity has been given to all interested person in accordance with Louisiana R. S. 33:172, et. seq., on the 9th day of January, 2023;

WHEREAS FURTHER, the property is contiguous to the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, the corporate limits of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana running along the Southern boundary of the property and adjacent state right of way;

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, in legal session assembled as follows:

Section 1. The boundaries of the City of Natchitoches are hereby enlarged so as to include the following described property, to-wit:

That certain tract of land containing 2.17 acres more or less, situated and located in Section 40, Township 9 North, Range 8 West, Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Commencing at a found 1.5 inch iron pipe for the Southwest corner of Section 25, Township 9 North, Range 8 West, thence North 90 degrees 0 minutes 0 seconds West a distance of 2,040.31 feet; thence North 0 degrees 0 minutes 0 seconds East a distance of 1,392.46 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence from said Point of Beginning South 63 degrees 39 minutes 12 seconds West a distance of 100.95 feet; thence South 57 degrees 11 minutes 32 seconds West a distance of 122.85 feet; thence South 54 degrees 55 minutes 25 seconds West a distance of 137.45 feet; thence South 54 degrees 14 minutes 40 seconds West a distance of 58.71 feet; thence South 45 degrees 41 minutes 14 seconds West a distance of 198.65 feet; thence South 79 degrees 41 minutes 35 seconds West a distance of 89.59 feet; thence North 35 degrees; 11 minutes 26 seconds West a distance of 70.35 feet; thence North 35 degrees 11 minutes 26 seconds West a distance of 25.19 feet; thence North 49 degrees 57 minutes 36 seconds East a distance of 40.18 feet; thence North 49 degrees 30 minutes 41 seconds East a distance of 199.92 feet; thence North 50 degrees 24 minutes 48 seconds East a distance of 99.95 feet; thence North 51 degrees 54 minutes 29

seconds East a distance of 100.77 feet; thence North 54 degrees 20 minutes 43 seconds East a distance of 99.25 feet; thence North 59 degrees 4 minutes 16 seconds East a distance of 100.06 feet; thence North 62 degrees 22 minutes 0 seconds East a distance of 82.83 feet; thence South 28 degrees 11 minutes 57 seconds East a distance of 30.36 feet; thence South 24 degrees 20 minutes 37 seconds East a distance of 91.48 feet; thence South 24 degrees; 39 minutes 58 seconds East a distance of 19.51 feet to the Point of Beginning, all as is more fully shown on a Certificate of Survey by Robert Lynn Davis, P.L.S., dated April 6, 2021, recorded May 18, 2021, at Map Slide 828A, of the Records of Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, together with all of that portion of Louisiana Highway No. 3278, situated and located between the current municipal corporate limits of the City of Natchitoches and the above described property.

Section 2. Be it further ordained that the City of Natchitoches takes cognizance of the fact that this ordinance was introduced at a regular session of the City Council on the 14th day of November , 2022, after receiving the petition signed by the property owner and all of the registered voters, and that a public hearing was held on the ____ day of _____, 2023;

Section 3. Be it further ordained that the above and foregoing property be and is hereby annexed to the City of Natchitoches, declared to be included in Council District No. 3, all in accordance with Section 2.03B of the HomeRule Charter of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana.

Section 4. Be it further ordained by the City Council that the above described property be, and it is hereby annexed into the corporate limits of the City of Natchitoches, with a zoning classification of B-3.

Section 5. Be it further ordained by the City Council that this ordinance shall go into effect thirty (30) days after the publication of this ordinance in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 33:173.

This ordinance was introduced on November 14, 2022, was duly advertised with law, and a public hearing had on same on the ____ day of _____, 2023, after advertisement.

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF NATCHITOCHES

I, **Tim Page**, Tax Assessor of Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, do certify that I have read the above and foregoing petition together with a description of property sought to be annexed into the City of Natchitoches, and I have examined into the matter and I certify that the entity that has signed the petition represents one hundred percent of the owners of the property and that there are no resident property owners within the area proposed to be included in the corporate limits.*

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, witness my official signature at Natchitoches, Louisiana, on this the _____ day of _____, 2022.

Tim Page, Tax Assessor
Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana

* Louisiana R. S. 33:172 provides as follows, to-wit:

"No ordinance enlarging the boundaries of a municipality shall be valid unless prior to the adoption thereof a petition has been presented to the governing body of a municipality containing the written assent of (1) a majority of the registered voters and (2) a majority in number of the resident property owners, (3) as well as 25% in value of the property of the resident property owners within the area proposed to be included in the corporate limits according to the certificate of the Parish Assessor. If there are no registered voters residing in the area proposed for annexation, then the requirement for a majority of the registered voters on the petition shall not apply. The valuation of the property within the area proposed to be annexed shall be certified to by the Assessor according to the assessment of each of the owners signing the petition. Where there has been a change of ownership since the last assessment of the property, the Assessor shall certify the valuation of the present owner in accordance with the last case where the property of the present owner has not specifically been assessed the Assessor shall estimate the assessed value of the property for the current year and certify that same as the value of the property."

"At the request of any municipality contemplating the annexation of any tract of land, the Registrar of Voters shall provide a certified list of the registered voters residing in the area proposed to be annexed."

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS CERTIFICATION
ORDINANCE NO. _____ of 2022

For the following described property to-wit:

That certain tract of land containing 2.17 acres more or less, situated and located in Section 40, Township 9 North, Range 8 West, Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Commencing at a found 1.5 inch iron pipe for the Southwest corner of Section 25, Township 9 North, Range 8 West, thence North 90 degrees 0 minutes 0 seconds West a distance of 2,040.31 feet; thence North 0 degrees 0 minutes 0 seconds East a distance of 1,392.46 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence from said Point of Beginning South 63 degrees 39 minutes 12 seconds West a distance of 100.95 feet; thence South 57 degrees 11 minutes 32 seconds West a distance of 122.85 feet; thence South 54 degrees 55 minutes 25 seconds West a distance of 137.45 feet; thence South 54 degrees 14 minutes 40 seconds West a distance of 58.71 feet; thence South 45 degrees 41 minutes 14 seconds West a distance of 198.65 feet; thence South 79 degrees 41 minutes 35 seconds West a distance of 89.59 feet; thence North 35 degrees; 11 minutes 26 seconds West a distance of 70.35 feet; thence North 35 degrees 11 minutes 26 seconds West a distance of 25.19 feet; thence North 49 degrees 57 minutes 36 seconds East a distance of 40.18 feet; thence North 49 degrees 30 minutes 41 seconds East a distance of 199.92 feet; thence North 50 degrees 24 minutes 48 seconds East a distance of 99.95 feet; thence North 51 degrees 54 minutes 29 seconds East a distance of 100.77 feet; thence North 54 degrees 20 minutes 43 seconds East a distance of 99.25 feet; thence

North 59 degrees 4 minutes 16 seconds East a distance of 100.06 feet; thence North 62 degrees 22 minutes 0 seconds East a distance of 82.83 feet; thence South 28 degrees 11 minutes 57 seconds East a distance of 30.36 feet; thence South 24 degrees 20 minutes 37 seconds East a distance of 91.48 feet; thence South 24 degrees; 39 minutes 58 seconds East a distance of 19.51 feet to the Point of Beginning, all as is more fully shown on a Certificate of Survey by Robert Lynn Davis, P.L.S., dated April 6, 2021, recorded May 18, 2021, at Map Slide 828A, of the Records of Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, together with all of that portion of Louisiana Highway No. 3278, situated and located between the current municipal corporate limits of the City of Natchitoches and the above described property.

The office of the Registrar of Voters has determined that no voters reside in the above described area.

Certified on this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Registrar of Voters

EXHIBIT "A"

That certain tract of land containing 2.17 acres more or less, situated and located in Section 40, Township 9 North, Range 8 West, Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

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The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Nielsen at the November 14, 2022 City Council meeting as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 074 OF 2022

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY
OF NATCHITOCHES TO AWARD THE BID FOR WASTEWATER COLLECTION
SYSTEM REHABILITATION, GRAND Ecore AND MILL STREET
LIFT STATION PROJECT, LDEQ-CWSRF
BID NO. 0646**

WHEREAS, Resolution No.028 of 2022 was passed by the Natchitoches City Council on April 11, 2022 authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids for Wastewater Collection System Rehabilitation, Grand Ecore and Mill Street Lift Station Project, LDEQ-CWSRF, Bid No. 0646; and

WHEREAS, this bid was advertised in the *Natchitoches Times* on, April 14, April 21, and May 12, 2022 in accordance with law; and

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

- (5) Dixie Overland Construction LLC.
Sibley, LA\$497,485.00
- (6) Womack and Sons Construction Group
Harrisonburg, LA\$512,377.85
- (7) Petron, LLC
Alexandria, LA\$593,660.33
- (8) Pulley Construction, Inc.
Benton, LA.....\$721,000.00

WHEREAS, on November 9, 2022 the appointed committee of Clarissa Smith, Finance Director; Edd Lee, Director of Purchasing; Matt Anderson, Utility Director; and Christopher Petite, Councilman, reviewed the bid proposals for bids for Wastewater Collection System Rehabilitation, Grand Ecore and Mill Street Lift Station, LDEQ-CWSRF, Bid No. 0646; and

WHEREAS, the above appointed committee members unanimously recommend the City award the bid to the lowest bidder **Dixie Overland Construction, LLC** in the amount of **\$497,485.00**

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 November 14, 2022 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on November 17, 2022.

Matt Anderson spoke in reference to Ordinance No. 074 of 2022.

Councilwoman At Large Smith motioned to amend the language of Ordinance No. 075 of 2022 from Memorandum Of Understanding to Cooperative Endeavor Agreement, seconded by Councilman Harrington.

Motion was put to a vote 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 14th day of November, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Harrington at the November 14, 2022 City Council meeting as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 075 OF 2022

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE TERMS AND FORM OF A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES AND THE NATCHITOCHES CITY MARSHAL'S OFFICE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT (CEA) BETWEEN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES AND THE NATCHITOCHES CITY MARSHAL'S OFFICE WHICH WILL PROVIDE FOR TERMS

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

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

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

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City wishes to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement and or Joint service agreement (the “Agreement”) with the Natchitoches City Marshal (the “City Marshal”) for the purposes of facilitating the ticketing of junk vehicles and movable objects; and

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, in due, legal, and regular session convened, that the attached Cooperative Endeavor Agreement/Joint service agreement between the City of Natchitoches and the Natchitoches City Marshal office is approved; and

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

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

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

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on November 14, 2022.

Chief Nikeo Collins spoke in reference to Ordinance No. 075 of 2022. Councilwoman At Large Smith and Councilman Nielson posed questions to Chief Collins in which he responded.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mrs. Elie at the November 14, 2022 City Council meeting as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 076 OF 2022

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City wishes to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (the “Agreement”) with the Parish School Board (the “School Board”) for the purposes of facilitating the employment of Early Childhood Development Coordinator to better prepare our children of the community for Elementary; and

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

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

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

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

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

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on November 14, 2022.

Clarissa Brown-Smith and Randy Lacaze spoke in reference to Ordinance No. 076 of 2022.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Nielsen follows at the November 14, 2022 City Council meeting as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 077 of 2022

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS FURTHER, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, enacted by the 117th Congress of the United States of America (“**ARPA**”), appropriated Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) to the State of Louisiana, which was then appropriated to the City (the “**ARPA Public Health and Welfare**”) for the purposes of providing assistance with removing inoperable vehicles from the roadway of communities that are a safety concern and removing vehicles because of fear of criminal activity surrounding the abandon vehicles, and

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

WHEREAS FURTHER, it is the desire of this Governing Authority to appropriate the ARPA 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 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, that the budget of the City be amended to reflect the receipt of the ARPA Funding and its designation for expenditure by the Mayor or the Finance Director, for the purposes of properly distributing it to Impacted community; 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.

Clarissa Brown-Smith and Chief Nikeo Collins commented on Ordinance No. 078 of 2022.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Ms. Smith at the November 14, 2022 City Council meeting as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 078 OF 2022

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE ACQUISITION OF A TRACT OF LAND SITUATED AT 202 WILLIAMS AVENUE, FROM FELIX C. PEROT, III, FOR THE TOTAL CONSIDERATION OF ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., TO EXECUTE A CASH SALE DEED ON BEHALF OF THE CITY FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THE TRACT AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, LOUISIANA, TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE CANE RIVER WATERWAY DISTRICT RELATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PARK ON CANE RIVER LAKE AT 202 WILLIAMS AVENUE, AND TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL OTHER RELATED DOCUMENTS THAT MIGHT BE NECESSARY AND PROPER, TO PROVIDE FOR ADVERTISING, AND A SAVINGS CLAUSE

WHEREAS, Felix C. Perot, III (sometimes hereinafter referred to as “Perot”) is the owner of a certain tract of land, situated on the East bank of Cane River Lake and to the West of the right of way of Williams Avenue, and which tract is more fully described as follows, to-wit:

THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF GROUND, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon, being 0.504 acre, more or less, being situated on the West side of Williams Avenue in the City and Parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, and being more particularly shown and depicted as Tract 2 on a survey by Brandon C. Thornton, P.L.S., dated February 1, 2022, and recorded March 3, 2022 at Map Slide 841-B (original instrument 0434973) of the records of Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, a copy of which is attached hereto.

(Sometimes hereinafter “Subject Property”)

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City of Natchitoches (sometimes hereinafter “City”) desires to develop a park on Cane River Lake to allow access to the lake for fishing and other recreational uses and has negotiated a Purchase Agreement with Perot of the Subject Property for the development of such a park; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City desires to acquire the Subject Property for the purpose of developing a park for recreational use by the citizens of the City of Natchitoches; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City has obtained an appraisal prepared by Dranquet’s Appraisal Service, dated October 24, 2022, which reflects a market value of the real estate in the amount of the proposed purchase price, being \$145,000.00; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches has reviewed the

proposed purchase and is of the opinion that the purchase of the Subject Property is in the best interests of the City of Natchitoches and its citizens for the development of a park allowing access to Cane River Lake; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, a copy of the proposed Deed is attached, and the Council approves same and takes cognizance of the requirements that the City expend up to the sum of \$3,861.00 for the placement of a fence on the property line separating the Subject Property from a tract to the North of the Subject Property that is owned by Perot, said fence to be not higher than four to five feet, and protect the canopy of a live oak tree that is located on the property of Perot located to the North; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches desires to purchase the Subject Property from Perot for the sum of \$145,000.00; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches is of the opinion that it is in the interest of the City to purchase of the Subject Property and desires to authorize Mayor, Ronnie Williams, to execute a deed and all associated documents; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Mayor and City Council have studied the matter and have concluded that the acquisition of the Subject Property would be in the best interest of the City, its citizens, and the general public; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City of Natchitoches (sometimes hereinafter "City") has negotiated a Cooperative Development Agreement with the Cane River Waterway District (sometimes hereinafter "CRWW") for the development of the Subject Property as a park, with a parking lot, seawall and related improvements that will allow Citizens of the City and Parish of Natchitoches access to Cane River Lake for fishing and other recreational activities (sometimes hereinafter "Project"); and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the CRWW has indicated that it approves of the Project and has agreed to provide financial support for the Project as it will increase access to and use of Cane River Lake; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, both the City and the CRWW are of the opinion that the Project will draw attention to and encourage the use of Cane River Lake, while also allowing access to more citizens to the lake; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, being of the opinion that the Project will enhance Cane River Lake and its use by the public, the CRWW agreed to contribute up to \$500,000.00 towards the cost of the overall Project; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, as further consideration for the contribution by the CRWW to the cost of the Project, the City agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the CRWW for any damages or injuries which may arise during construction, and/or the use and operation of the facilities improved or constructed as part of the Project; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana desires to authorize the Mayor to execute the attached Cooperative Endeavor Agreement by and between the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana and the Cane River Waterway District, said Cooperative Endeavor Agreement to include an Indemnification, Defense and Hold Harmless Agreement in favor of the Cane River Waterway District; and

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

I. That the purchase from Felix C. Perot, III is approved, and the Honorable Mayor, Ronnie Williams, Jr., be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to execute a Cash Sale Deed on behalf of the City, all in accordance with the general terms and conditions set forth in this Ordinance, and the said Mayor is hereby given full and complete authority to incorporate in said instrument such terms, conditions, and agreements as may be necessary to protect the interest of the City in substantial compliance with the general terms and conditions set forth in this Ordinance in order to acquire the property described as follows, to-wit:

THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF GROUND, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon, being 0.504 acre, more or less, being situated on the

West side of Williams Avenue in the City and Parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, and being more particularly shown and depicted as Tract 2 on a survey by Brandon C. Thornton, P.L.S., dated February 1, 2022, and recorded March 3, 2022 at Map Slide 841-B (original instrument 0434973) of the records of Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, a copy of which is attached hereto.

II. That the Mayor, Ronnie Williams, Jr., be and he is hereby authorized to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement by and between the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana and the Cane River Waterway District, said Cooperative Endeavor Agreement to include an Indemnification, Defense and Hold Harmless Agreement in favor of the Cane River Waterway District.

III. That the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to have all of the necessary legal documents and instruments prepared at once and that this transaction be closed as soon as this Ordinance is final.

IV. That if any part of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, by a Court of competent Jurisdiction, such decision shall not effect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance, and the invalidity shall be limited to that specific portion so declared to be invalid.

V. That this Ordinance shall go into effect immediately after publication according to law.

VI. That all Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

VII. That this Ordinance be advertised in accordance with law.

VIII. That this Ordinance be declared **INTRODUCED** at a Regular Meeting of the City Council on this the 14th day of November, 2022, and that a public hearing be called for at the next regular meeting of the City Council which will be held on the 28th day of November, 2022.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on November 14, 2022 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on November 17, 2022.

Edd Lee spoke in reference to Ordinance No. 078 of 2022.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mrs. Elie at the November 14, 2022 City Council meeting as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 079 OF 2022

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF AIRPORT HANGER AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., TO EXECUTE A LEASE IN FAVOR OF TTVE PROPERTIES, LLC, OF LOT 39 OF THE NATCHITOCHES REGIONAL AIRPORT, AS SHOWN ON THE AIRPORT LAYOUT PLAN OF OCTOBER 1993, AND REVISED SEPTEMBER 2000, AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR ADVERTISING OF THE LEASE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches is the owner of those lots shown on the Airport Layout Plan of October, 1993 as revised September 2000 (sometimes hereinafter “Layout Plan”), which said lots are available for lease, and more particularly is the owner of Lot 39 as shown and depicted on the Layout Plan, and being more fully described as follows:

Lot 39 of the Natchitoches Regional Airport s per the Airport Layout Plan, containing 11,500 square feet, as is more fully shown on a Map by Alliance, Inc., dated October, 1993, and revised in September, 2000, together with all improvements situated on said Lot 39. (Sometimes hereinafter referred to as “Lot 39”).

; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, Lot 39 of the Natchitoches Regional Airport was leased by the City of Natchitoches to Etoile Patrimony, L.L.C., by lease dated November 10, 2020 (sometimes hereinafter “Etoile Lease”); and

WHEREAS FURTHER, Etoile Patrimony, L.L.C. has negotiated the conveyance of the hanger located on Lot 39 to TTVE, Properties, L.L.C.; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, as new owner of the hanger, TTVE, Properties, L.L.C. has requested a new lease in its favor from the City on Lot 39; and

WHEREAS, the Airport Manager, Larry Cooper, has negotiated the terms of a lease with TTVE, Properties, L.L.C., of that property shown and depicted as Lot 39 on the Layout Plan; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the terms of the lease are for a ten (10) year period, with consideration ten cents per square foot per year, being One Thousand One Hundred Fifty no/100 (\$1,150.00) Dollars per year, all as set forth in the attached Lease Agreement by and between the City of Natchitoches, and TTVE, Properties, L.L.C.; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City desires to approve of the transfer of the hanger located on Lot 39 from Etoile Patrimony, L.L.C. to TTVE, Properties, L.L.C.; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City desires to approve lease that property shown and depicted as Lot 39 on the Layout Plan, under the terms set forth above and more particularly set forth in the lease attached hereto.

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

(1) That the City does hereby approve of the transfer of the hanger located on Lot 39 from Etoile Patrimony, L.L.C. to TTVE, Properties, L.L.C..

(2) That after due proceedings and advertisement, the said City does lease that property more fully shown and depicted as Lot 39 on the Airport Layout Plan, to TTVE, Properties, L.L.C., for the term of ten (10) years, with the annual consideration of One Thousand One Hundred Fifty no/100 (\$1,150.00) Dollars per year.

(3) That notice of this proposed ordinance be published three (3) times in fifteen (15) days, one (1) week apart, in the Natchitoches Times, the legal journal for the City, and that ordinance be posted in the City Hall.

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

(5) That the Mayor, Ronnie Williams, Jr., be and he is hereby authorized, after due proceedings had, and after the legal delays have run, to execute a lease in favor of TTVE, Properties, L.L.C., leasing that property more fully shown and depicted as Lot 39 on the Airport Layout Plan, for the term of ten (10) years, with the annual consideration of One Thousand One Hundred Fifty no/100 (\$1,150.00) Dollars per year.

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

(7) That the City takes cognizance of the fact that the property described above is not needed for public purposes by the City.

(8) That this Ordinance be conditioned upon the actual conveyance of Lot 39 from Etoile Patrimony, L.L.C. to TTVE, Properties, L.L.C..

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on November 14, 2022 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on November 17, November 24 and December 1, 2022.

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

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

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays this 12th day of December 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 13th day of December, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

Edd Lee explained Ordinance No. 079 of 2022.

Councilwoman At Large Smith made a motion to amend the agenda to add Ordinance No. 080 of 2022, seconded by Councilman Petite.

Motion made 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 Resolution passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 14th day of November, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

The following Ordinance was Introduced Mr. Petite at the November 14, 2022 City Council meeting as follows:				
	ORDINANCE NO. 080 OF 2022			
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2022-2023 BUDGET				
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2022 - 2023 BUDGET TO REFLECT ADDITIONAL REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES				
WHEREAS, in accordance with L.R.S. 39:1305, the following specifies the Mayor's authority to make budgetary amendments without approval of the governing authority, as well as those powers reserved solely to the governing authority.				
<i>The Home Rule Charter of the City of Natchitoches states in part "...at any time during the fiscal year the Mayor may transfer part or all of any unencumbered appropriation balance among programs within a department, office or agency request by the Mayor, the Council may by ordinance transfer part or all of any unencumbered appropriation balance from one department, office, or agency to another..."(Section 5.05 D) Supplemental, emergency, and reductions in appropriations must be submitted to the Council for approval by ordinance. (Section 5.05 A-C)</i>				
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following budgets be amended to reflect these additional revenues and expenditures as follows:				
GENERAL FUND REVENUE	TOTAL	-	-	-
		2022-2023	2022-2023	2022-2023
EXPENSES	GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	Original Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget
070-0000-591-9051	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND GROUNDS ASSETS-BUILDINGS	1,225,000	(154,000)	1,071,000
070-0000-591-2004	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES-CONSULTANTS	180,000	154,000	334,000
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				-
GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	TOTAL	1,405,000	-	1,405,000
		2022-2023	2022-2023	2022-2023
REVENUE	UTILITY FUND REVENUE	Original Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget
UTILITY FUND	TOTAL	-	-	-

REVENUE				
		2022-2023	2022-2023	2022-2023
EXPENSES	UTILITY FUND EXPENSES	Original Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget
UTILITY FUND EXPENSES	TOTAL	-	-	-

Clarissa Brown-Smith explained Ordinance No. 080 of 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 103 OF 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CERTIFICATE OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES AND REGIONAL CONSTRUCTION, INC., FOR RUNWAY 7-25 AND TAXIWAY B-1 RECONSTRUCTION AT THE NATCHITOCHES REGIONAL AIRPORT (BID NO. 0636)

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches has contracted with Regional Construction, Inc., for Runway 7-25 and Taxiway B-1 Reconstruction at Natchitoches Regional Airport (Bid No. 0636); and

WHEREAS, this work has been completed; and

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

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

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

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

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 14th day of November, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

Edd Lee spoke in reference to Resolution NO. 0103 of 2022.

Councilwoman At Large Smith motioned to remove Resolution No. 104 of 2022 from the Agenda, seconded by Council Harrington.

Motion made 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 Resolution passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 14th day of November, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

RESOLUTION NO. 104 OF 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONSULTING AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, STATE OF LOUISIANA AND EJS, INC, APPROVING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SAID AGREEMENT, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 105 OF 2022

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE
CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN
THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES AND DSW CONSTRUCTION
FOR BUILDING RENOVATIONS AT THE TEXAS AND PACIFIC RAILROAD DEPOT

(BID NO. 0627)**

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches (CITY) awarded the bid to DSW Construction (CONTRACTOR) on November 22, 2021 by Ordinance No. 056 of 2021 in the amount of **\$868,893.00** for building renovations at Texas and Pacific Railroad Depot (Bid No. 0627); and

WHEREAS, on **April 20, 2022**, the City Council approved **Change Order No. 1**, in the amount of **\$61,590.00** making the revised contract total **\$930,483.00**; and

WHEREAS, on **November 8, 2022** CONTRACTOR issued **Change Order No. 2**, fully described in Attachment “A”; and

WHEREAS, the contract sum will be **increased** by this **Change Order No. 2** in the amount of **\$143,304.59** and the revised contract total will be **\$1,073,787.59**; and

WHEREAS, the contract time will be **increased** by **ninety two (92) calendar days**, from the date of approval for all items; and

WHEREAS, the project Engineer, Bob Kempkes, has recommended this change order; and

WHEREAS, the CITY is of the opinion that Change Order No. 2 is in the best interest of the CITY.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Natchitoches, in legal session convened, that the Honorable Ronnie Williams, Jr., Mayor, be and is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute the referenced Change Order No. 1 to the agreement between the City of Natchitoches and the contractor, DSW Construction.

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

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

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 14th day of November, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

Edd Lee explained Resolution No. 105 of 2022.

FINANCIAL REPORT: – Clarissa Brown-Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next scheduled City Council meeting will be **Monday, November 28, 2022.**
- The City of Natchitoches offices will be closed **Thursday, November 24th** and **Friday, November 25, 2022** for the Thanksgiving Holidays.

With no further discussion, Mayor Williams made a motion for adjournment and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

/s/
RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

/s/
BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE