

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, STATE OF LOUISIANA,
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 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, August 28, 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
Councilwoman Rosemary Elie

Guest: None

Absent: None

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

Mayor Williams then called for the reading and approval of the minutes for the August 14, 2023 meeting. Councilwoman At Large Smith moved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes and approval of same. Seconded by Councilman Petite.

A roll call vote was as follows:

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

Mayor Ronnie Williams Jr., Mickey Matthews of Piper Sander; provided information in regards to the public Bond Hearing.

Special recognition: Joey Carpenter

Special guests:

- FAUNA –Debbie Tebbits
- Crime Stoppers-Carmella Parker, Officer Greely, Jay Sharplin

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

RESOLUTION NO. 076 OF 2023

A PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 2023 AS NATIONAL SICKLE CELL AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES

WHEREAS, September is National Sickle Cell Awareness Month. The observance, unanimously passed by Congressional resolution in 1983, was endorsed through presidential proclamation, which spoke to the national progress that had been made to diagnose and treat sickle cell disease (SCD).

WHEREAS, the proclamation also cited the success of Comprehensive Sickle-Cell Centers across the United States in establishing programs of research, training, and community service to address SCD, a blood disorder causing abnormalities in hemoglobin, leading to the telltale sickle shape in sufferers' red-blood cells.

WHEREAS, In the past decade, there has been substantial progress in research on sickle-cell disease. Diagnostic procedures have been greatly improved. Measures to ameliorate excruciatingly painful sickle-cell crises have been introduced for those afflicted with the disease.

WHEREAS, sickle cell disease (SCD) presents grave health challenges for an estimated 100,000 Americans. For some, it triggers intermittent episodes of pain, difficulty with vision, and serious fatigue. Other survivors experience this disease more acutely—SCD can cause infections, strokes, and even organ failure.

WHEREAS, for almost everyone impacted, coping with inherited red blood cell disorders means putting plans on pause, living with excruciating pain, paying for expensive treatments, and hoping for a day when medications and doctor visits no longer interrupt life.

WHEREAS, during National Sickle Cell Awareness Month, we recognize the perseverance of SCD patients, and we recommit to working with our partners in State and local government, the nonprofit space, and the private sector to develop treatments and cures for this debilitating disease.

WHEREAS, SCD affects our population unevenly. Black and Brown Americans are disproportionately affected. About 1 in 13 Black children tests positive for the sickle cell trait, and about 1 in 365 Black Americans develops the disease over the course of their lifetime. Due to persistent systemic inequities in our health care system, these same patients are also often the last to get help.

WHEREAS, as we continue research to find a cure for sickle cell disease, let us celebrate the strides our health experts have made in understanding and treating this condition. Let us continue to offer support to those battling its effects today.

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

NATIONAL SICKLE CELL AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Natchitoches, and call upon the residents of the Natchitoches, Louisiana to learn more about the progress we are making to reduce the burden of this disease on our fellow residents.

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 28th day of August, 2023.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

Judith Walters of the Krewe of Excellence and Andrew Wesley President of Omega Psi Phi provided information about Sickle Awareness Month in regards to Proclamation No. 076 of 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 077 OF 2023

A PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 2023 AS OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES

WHEREAS, ovarian cancer is the fifth leading cause of cancer-related deaths among women, and accounts for more deaths than any other gynecologic cancers; and

WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimates that 22,440 women are diagnosed with ovarian cancer every year in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, recognition of the warning signs are essential to an early detection and effective treatment; and

WHEREAS, early symptoms of ovarian cancer are commonly overlooked, public awareness and knowledge are essential to getting a diagnosis before the cancer worsens; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that those affected by ovarian cancer have the proper resources and access to health care to prevent, detect, treat, and ultimately defeat ovarian cancer and all cancers; and

WHEREAS, ovarian cancer and the hardship it brings have affected too many lives. This month, the City of Natchitoches stands with everyone who has been touched by this disease, and we recognize all those committed to advancing the fight against this cancer through research, advocacy, and quality care.

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

OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Natchitoches, and encourage all citizens to honor ovarian cancer patients, survivors, their families and caregivers, and remember those who have lost their lives to this devastating disease.

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 28th day of August, 2023.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

Leah Lentz spoke about Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month in regards to Proclamation No. 077 of 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 078 OF 2023

PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 15 AND 16, 2023

AS NATCHITOCHES MEAT PIE FESTIVAL DAY’S

IN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES

WHEREAS, Records show that the concept of the meat pie took shape in the mid-1700's in Louisiana by Native Americans and later enhanced by the Spanish; and

WHEREAS, 55 years ago, James Lasyone’s - opened his meat pie kitchen which is still in operation today in Historic Downtown Natchitoches; and

WHEREAS, the recipe of the meat pie has changed slightly from its inception and has been handed down from generation to generation; however, the basic ingredients and the process for creating a meat pie remains the same; and

WHEREAS, with an abundance of excitement in 2002, the Natchitoches Meat Pie Festival was formed to celebrate the noted culinary staple in Natchitoches, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, the Natchitoches meat pie was named Louisiana 's official meat pie, and Natchitoches was one of the last cities to not have an identified food festival until 2002; and

WHEREAS, the annual Festival attracts visitors from throughout the state and over a dozen of other states as well each year; and

WHEREAS, the festival has always been a family-oriented, non-admission required event over a two-day period in Downtown Natchitoches, helping to enhance the area's economy with individual activities that can be enjoyed at a small fee; and

WHEREAS, the organizing committee for the Festival is a complete volunteer committee; and

WHEREAS, the Natchitoches Meat Pie Festival is returning by popular demand after a two-year break due to the novel coronavirus.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Williams, Jr., Mayor, and the Natchitoches City Council, do hereby proclaim September 15 and 16, 2023 as:

NATCHITOCHES MEAT PIE FESTIVAL DAY'S

in the City of Natchitoches, and invite all residents to participate and enjoy the two-day Festival, that will include various bands, fireworks, vendors, children's performances and play area, and a "how to" workshop will encompass this year's celebration.

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 28th day of August, 2023.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

Elizabeth Albert, Miss Natchitoches Meat Pie Festival Queen, and Jimmy Harper provided information regarding the upcoming Meat Pie Festival in regards to Proclamation No. 078 of 2023.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 044 OF 2023

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 64 OF 2001 BY CHANGING

ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

**Lot 62 Feet Front East Side Washington St. East by Cane River Lake, North By Poleman,
South by Brown**

(911 Washington St.)

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, has recommended at their meeting of **August 8, 2023** that the application of Zachary Investments to rezone the property described above from R-1 Residential to R-1 Residential with a special exception for short-term rental, be **APPROVED**.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on August 14, 2023 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on August 19, 2023.

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

AYES:	Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite
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 28th day of August, 2023.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 29th day of August, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 045 OF 2023

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

Lot East Second St., North by Kaffie, South By Church.

(129 St. Denis)

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, has recommended at their meeting of **August 8, 2023** that the application of First United Methodist Church to rezone the property described above from R-1 Residential to R-1 Residential with a special exception to operate a business office for the church, be **APPROVED**.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on August 14, 2023 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on August 19, 2023.

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

AYES: **Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite**
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 28th day of August, 2023.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 29th day of August, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 047 OF 2023

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE TERMS AND FORM OF A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, STATE OF LOUISIANA AND KTBS, LLC, A LOUISIANA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION THEREOF BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, STATE OF LOUISIANA AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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 (the “Charter”) and a Code of Ordinances adopted by Ordinance No. 5 of 1977; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City is authorized under Section 1.05 of the Charter to “have and exercise such other powers, rights, privileges, immunities, authority and functions not inconsistent with this charter as may be conferred on or granted to a local governmental subdivision by the constitution and general laws of the state;” and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City wishes to enter into a Lease Agreement (the “Agreement”) with KTBS, LLC, a Louisiana Limited Liability Company (“KTBS”), for the purposes of facilitating the installation of a video camera on City property, which is a public purpose; 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 Lease Agreement between the City of Natchitoches and KTBS 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 Lease Agreement between the City of Natchitoches and KTBS, 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 August 14, 2023 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on August 19, 2023.

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

AYES:	Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite
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 28th day of August, 2023.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 29th day of August, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mrs. Smith at the August 28, 2023 City Council meeting as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 048 OF 2023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY

OF NATCHITOCHES TO AWARD

**THE BID FOR THE EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT, SLUDGE THICKENER #2 CITY OF NATCHITOCHES
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

(BID NO. 0662)

WHEREAS, Resolution No.042 of 2023 was passed by the Natchitoches City Council on May 22, 2023 authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids for the Equipment Replacement, Sludge Thickener #2 City of Natchitoches Wastewater Treatment Plant (Bid No. 0662); and

WHEREAS, this bid was advertised in the *Natchitoches Times* on, June 1, June 8, and June 22, 2023 in accordance with law; and

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

(1) McInnis Brothers Construction, Inc.,
Minden, La.....\$756,000.00

WHEREAS, on August 16, 2023 the appointed committee of Clarissa Smith, Finance Director; Edd Lee, Director of Purchasing; Matt Anderson, Utility Director; and Eddie Harrington, Councilman, reviewed

the bid proposals for bids for the Equipment Replacement, Sludge Thickener #2 City of Natchitoches Wastewater Treatment Plant (Bid No. 0656); and

WHEREAS, the above appointed committee members unanimously recommend the City award the bid to the only bidder McInnis Brothers Construction, Inc., in the amount of **\$756,000.00**

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.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Harrington at the August 28, 2023 City Council meeting as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 049 OF 2023

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 Assessor'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 ____ day of _____, 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 ____ day of _____, and _____ day of _____, 2023;

WHEREAS FURTHER, an opportunity has been given to all interested persons in accordance with Louisiana R. S. 33:172, et. seq., on the _____ day of _____, 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 ____ day of _____ , 2023, 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, and is 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 the same zoning classification as existed prior to the annexation, being zoning classification of RMH-1.

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 published in the *Natchitoches Times* on _____, ____, 2023 and _____, ____, 2023.

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

Realtor Cathy Davis spoke on behalf of her clients in regards to Ordinance No. 049 of 2023.

The following entitled Ordinance, having been previously introduced on August 28, 2023, notice of introduction having been published in the City's official journal on September 2, 2023, and a public hearing held thereon on _____, 2023, was offered for final adoption by _____ and seconded by _____:

**FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL BOND ORDINANCE
NO. 050 OF 2023**

**A FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE
ISSUANCE BY THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, STATE OF LOUISIANA OF
ITS UTILITIES REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2023, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO
EXCEED ELEVEN MILLION SIX HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND
DOLLARS (\$11,645,000) PRESCRIBING THE FORM, TERMS AND
CONDITIONS OF SAID BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE
ACCEPTANCE OF AN OFFER FOR THE PURCHASE OF SAID
BONDS; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN
CONNECTION THERE.**

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana (the “**City**” or “**Issuer**”), now owns and operates a combined waterworks plant and system, electric power and light plant system, and sewer utility system (collectively, the “**System**”), and proposes to acquire and construct additions, extensions and improvements to the System, including but not necessarily limited to equipment and fixtures, which shall constitute a work of public improvement for the City (collectively, the “**Project**”); and; and

WHEREAS, the City proposes to issue not to exceed Eleven Million Six Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$11,645,000) Utilities Revenue Bonds, Series 2023 (the “**Bonds**”), for the purposes of: (i) acquiring and constructing additions, extensions and improvements to the sewer utility portion of the System, including but not necessarily limited to equipment and fixtures, (ii) funding a debt service reserve fund or purchasing a reserve fund policy, if necessary, and (iii) paying the Cost of Issuance of the Bonds, including the costs of purchasing a bond insurance policy, if necessary. The Bonds will be payable as to principal and interest from a pledge and dedication of the Revenues of the System(as defined in the hereinafter defined General Bond Ordinance) after payment of the reasonable and necessary expenses of operating and maintaining the System (the “**Net Revenues**”), 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**”); and

WHEREAS, on January 26, 2015, the Mayor and City Council acting as the governing authority (the “**Governing Authority**”) of the City adopted General Bond Ordinance No. 001 of 2015 entitled: “A General Bond Ordinance authorizing the issuance from time to time of Utilities Revenue Bonds of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana; prescribing the form, and certain terms and conditions of said Bonds; establishing funds and accounts relating to said Bonds;

providing for the payment thereof in principal and interest including a rate covenant relating thereto; and providing for other matters in connection therewith” (the “**General Bond Ordinance**”), which authorizes the issuance of utilities revenue bonds from time to time for the purposes described therein; and

WHEREAS, the City's Taxable Utilities Revenue Bonds, Series 2015 (the “**Series 2015 Bonds**”) having been issued pursuant to the General Bond Ordinance and the First Supplemental Bond Ordinance No. 2 of 2015 adopted by this Governing Authority on January 26, 2015 (the “**First Supplemental Bond Ordinance**”), have been fully refunded, have been either discharged or defeased, and are no longer outstanding; and

WHEREAS, at the time of the delivery of the Bonds, the City has no outstanding indebtedness payable from the income and revenues to be derived from the Net Revenues, except for the following:

- (a) the City's \$4,000,000 Utilities Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2021, maturing December 1, 2030 (the “**Series 2021 Bonds**”) issued pursuant to the Second Supplemental Bond Ordinance No. 004 of 2021 adopted by this Governing Authority on March 8, 2021 (the “**Second Supplemental Bond Ordinance**”); and
- (b) the City's \$935,000 Taxable Utilities Revenue Bonds, Series 2022, maturing December 1, 2043 (the “**Series 2022 Bonds**” and together with the Series 2021 Bonds, the “**Outstanding Parity Bonds**”) issued pursuant to the Third Supplemental Bond Ordinance No. 001 of 2022 adopted by this Governing Authority on June 27, 2022 (the “**Third Supplemental Bond Ordinance**”); and

WHEREAS, the Bonds will be issued on a complete parity with the Outstanding Parity Bonds with respect to the pledge of the Net Revenues and upon issuance shall be deemed "Outstanding Parity Bonds" as defined in the General Bond Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Bond Commission granted its approval of the issuance of the Bonds on _____, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Issuer has determined that the sale of the Bonds to Piper Sandler & Co., as underwriter (the “**Underwriter**”) and the use of the proceeds thereof to finance the Project.

WHEREAS, the City desires to adopt this Series Ordinance (the “**Fourth Supplemental Bond Ordinance**” and, together with the General Bond Ordinance, the First Supplemental Bond Ordinance, the Second Supplemental Bond Ordinance, and the Third Supplemental Bond Ordinance, the “**Bond Ordinance**”), in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Act and the General Bond Ordinance, to establish the details with respect to the issuance, sale and delivery of the aforesaid series of Bonds to the Underwriter in accordance with Article IX of the General Bond Ordinance, to authorize the issuance of the Bonds to authorize the execution and delivery of (i) the Preliminary Official Statement; (ii) the Bond Purchase Agreement, (iii) the Official Statement; and (iv) all other documents, certificates and contracts ancillary thereto and required in connection with the transaction contemplated hereby; and to provide for the execution of all instruments, documents and certificates in connection therewith, in the manner provided by the Bond Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Authority of the City, that:

SECTION 1. Definitions. In addition to capitalized words and terms elsewhere defined herein, unless the context shall clearly indicate some other meaning, all words and terms used in this Fourth Supplemental Bond Ordinance which are defined in the General Bond Ordinance shall, for all purposes of this Fourth Supplemental Bond Ordinance, have the respective meanings given to them in the General Bond Ordinance. In addition, unless the context shall clearly indicate some other meaning, the following terms shall, for all purposes of the General Bond Ordinance and of this Fourth Supplemental Bond Ordinance or of any resolution or other instrument amendatory thereof or supplemental thereto have the following meanings:

“Act” means Section 1430 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto.

“Bond” or **“Bonds”** means the Utilities Revenue Bonds, Series 2023, issued by the Bond Ordinance in the total aggregate principal amount of not exceeding Eleven Million Six Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$11,645,000), and any bond of said issue, whether initially delivered or issued in exchange for, upon transfer of, or *in lieu* of any previously issued, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.

“Bond Insurer” means _____, a New York domiciled mutual insurance corporation, or any successor thereto or assignee thereof.

“Bond Insurance Policy” means the Municipal Bond Insurance Policy issued by ____ that guarantees the scheduled payment of principal of an interest on the Insured Obligation when due. **“Bond Ordinance”** means the General Bond Ordinance, the First Supplemental Bond Ordinance, the Second Supplemental Bond Ordinance, the Third Supplemental Bond Ordinance, and this Fourth Supplemental Bond Ordinance.

“Bond Purchase Agreement” means the agreement between the Issuer and the Underwriter providing for the sale of the Bonds, the execution of which is authorized herein.

“Book-Entry System” means the system of evidence and transfer of ownership of the Bonds maintained by the Securities Depository described in _____ hereof.

“City” or **“Issuer”** means the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana, and its successors or assigns.

“Closing Memorandum” means that certain closing memorandum or similar document to be prepared by the Underwriter or Municipal Advisor detailing the application for the Bond Proceeds and the sequence of events which are to occur on the Closing Date.

“Costs of Issuance” means all items of expense, directly or indirectly payable or reimbursable and related to the authorization, sale and issuance of the Bonds, including but not limited to printing

costs, costs of preparation and reproduction of documents, filing and recording fees, initial fees and charges of any fiduciary, legal fees and charges, fees and disbursements of consultants and professionals, fees and charges for preparation, execution, transportation and safekeeping of the Bonds, costs and expenses of refunding, and any other cost, charge or fee payable by the City in connection with the original issuance of the Bonds.

"Closing Date" means the date on which the Bonds are delivered and payment therefor is received by the Issuer.

["Insurance Agreement" means the Insurance Agreement dated _____, 2023, between the Issuer and the Bond Insurer.]

"Interest Payment Date" means June 1 and December 1 of each year in which the Bonds are outstanding, commencing December 1, 2023.

"Paying Agent" means Regions Bank, an Alabama state trust company having a corporate office located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, until a successor Paying Agent shall have become such pursuant to the applicable provisions of this Bond Ordinance, and thereafter Paying Agent shall mean such successor Paying Agent.

"Paying Agent Agreement" means the Paying Agent Agreement to be entered into between the Issuer and the Paying Agent, pursuant to this Fourth Supplemental Bond Ordinance.

"Principal Payment Date" means each June 1 of each year in which the Bonds are outstanding, commencing June 1, 2024.

"Project" means the acquisition and construction of additions, extensions and improvements to the System, including but not necessarily limited to equipment and fixtures, which shall constitute a work of public improvement for the City.

"Record Date" for the interest payable on any Interest Payment Date means the 15th calendar day of the month next preceding such Interest Payment Date, whether or not such day is a Business Day.

["Reserve Insurer" means, with respect to the Bonds, _____, or any successor therefor, or assigned thereto.]

"S&P" or "Standard & Poor's Ratings Group" means Standard & Poor's Ratings Services a Standard & Poor's Financial Services, LLC business, its successor and assigns, and, if such corporation shall for any reason no longer perform the functions of a securities rating agency, "S&P" shall be deemed to refer to any other nationally recognized securities rating agency designated by the Issuer.

"Tax Agreement" means the Tax Regulatory Agreement and Non-Arbitrage Certificate executed by the Issuer in connection with the issuance of the Bonds.

"Underwriter" means Piper Sandler & Co., Minneapolis, Minnesota representing the original purchasers of the Bonds.

SECTION 2. Authorization of Bonds.

(a) In compliance with and under the authority of the Act, and other constitutional and statutory authority, there is hereby authorized a series of Bonds hereunder as the "City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana Utilities Revenue Bonds, Series 2023" issued in the aggregate principal amount of not exceeding Eleven Million Six Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$11,645,000).

(b) The Bonds shall bear interest at the rates per annum (subject to the right of prior redemption as set forth in the Bond Purchase Agreement), from date thereof on a 30/360 basis or the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, payable on December 1, 2023, and semiannually thereafter on June 1 and December 1 of each year, , and shall become due and payable and mature on June 1 of each year as follows:

Due	Principal	Interest
<u>(June 1)</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Rate</u>

\$_____ of ____% Term Bonds due June 1, 20____, Yield ____%

(c) The Bonds, when issued, will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of the Depository, and shall be evidenced by one Bond for each maturity of a Series in the total aggregate principal amount of the Bonds of such maturity. Registered ownership of the Bonds, or any portion thereof, may not thereafter be transferred except as set forth in Section hereof. So long as Cede & Co. is the registered owner of the Bonds, as nominee of the Depository, references herein to the Bondholders, holders or registered owners shall mean Cede & Co. as aforesaid and shall not mean the "beneficial owners" of the Bonds.

(d) The principal of and premium, if any, on the Bonds, upon maturity or redemption, shall be payable at the principal office of the Paying Agent, upon presentation and surrender thereof, and interest on the Bonds will be payable by check mailed by the Paying Agent to the Owner (determined as of the Record Date) at the address shown on the Bond Register. Each Bond delivered under this Bond Ordinance upon transfer or in exchange for or in lieu of any other Bond shall carry all the rights to interest accrued and unpaid, and to accrue, which were carried by such other Bond, and each such Bond shall bear interest (as herein set forth) so that neither gain nor loss in interest shall result from such transfer, exchange or substitution. No Bond shall be entitled to any right or benefit under this Bond Ordinance, or be valid or obligatory for any purpose, unless there appears on such Bond a certificate of registration, substantially in the form provided in this Bond Ordinance, executed by the Paying Agent by manual signature.

(e) The principal and interest on the Bonds shall be payable by check mailed to the registered owner of the Bonds (determined as of the Interest Payment Date) at the address shown on the registration books kept by the Paying Agent for such purpose, provided that payment of the final installment of principal on the Bonds shall be made only upon presentation and surrender of the Bonds to the Paying Agent.

(f) The Bonds shall be in fully registered form, shall be dated the date of delivery thereof, shall be in the denomination of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) each or any integral multiple thereof within a single maturity, shall be numbered consecutively from R-1 upward, the Bonds shall mature no later than thirty (30) years from the date thereof and bear interest at a rate not to exceed ____ per centum (____%) per annum, all as will be provided in and subject to the terms and conditions of the Bond Purchase Agreement.

(g) Regions Bank, an Alabama state trust company having a corporate office located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana shall be the initial Paying Agent for the Bonds.

(h) The Bonds are awarded to and sold to the Underwriter at a price of par plus accrued interest, if any, under the terms and conditions set forth in the Bond Purchase Agreement. Pursuant to La. R.S. 39:505(B), the City has determined to sell the Bonds at a private sale without necessity of publication of a notice of sale. It is understood that the purchase price of the Bonds will be paid by the Underwriter to the City in the manner and under the terms and conditions set forth in the Bond Purchase Agreement.

(i) The "Reserve Fund Requirement" means with respect to the Bonds an amount equal to the lesser of: (i) 100% of the maximum annual principal and interest due on the Bonds, (ii) 10%

of the aggregate proceeds of the Bonds or (iii) 125% of the aggregate average annual debt service on the Bonds, unless lesser amounts are approved by the Mayor in the Bond Purchase Agreement. The Reserve Fund Requirement may be fulfilled as a cash deposit from the proceeds of the Bonds or in the form of a Reserve Fund Policy. Pursuant to Section 5.01(c) of the General Bond Ordinance, the Issuer shall establish a "Series 2023 Reserve Account" in the Reserve Fund which shall solely secure the Bonds, and shall deposit to such account upon the delivery of the Bonds the Reserve Fund Requirement. No changes are made with respect to the required balance in the Contingencies Fund.

(j) No proceeds of the Bonds will be used to refund any outstanding obligations.

(k) The parity requirements of the Outstanding Parity Bond Ordinances are being complied with in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, and a parity certification in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit B will be delivered at the time of delivery of the Bonds.

(l) In accordance with La. R.S. 39:507, After having investigated the regularity of the proceedings had in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, this Governing Authority hereby determines that the same have been in all respects regular, therefore the Bonds shall contain the following recital, to-wit:

“It is certified that this indebtedness is authorized by and is issued in conformity with the requirements of the constitution and statutes of Louisiana.”

(m) The Executive Officers are each hereby empowered, authorized and directed to do any and all things necessary and incidental to carry out all of the provisions of the General Bond Ordinance and this Fourth Supplemental Ordinance, to execute and deliver the Bond Purchase Agreement, and to cause the Bonds to be prepared and/or printed, to issue, execute the Bonds and to effect delivery thereof as hereinafter provided. In connection with the issuance and sale of the Bonds, the Executive Officers and the chief financial officer of the City are each authorized, empowered and directed to execute on behalf of the City such additional documents, certificates and instruments as they may deem necessary, upon the advice of bond counsel, to effect the transactions contemplated by this Fourth Supplemental Ordinance, including the preparation and distribution of the preliminary official statement, official statement and Bond Purchase Agreement [and Insurance Agreement]. The signatures of said officers on such documents, certificates and instruments shall be conclusive evidence of the due exercise of the authority granted hereunder. A commitment for a Municipal Bond Insurance Policy and/or Reserve Policy may be accepted by an Executive Officer, if deemed necessary by Government Consultants, Inc., Baton Rouge, Louisiana, the Municipal Advisor and Bond Counsel

(n) To the extent permitted by the laws of the State, the City will comply with the requirements of the Code to establish, maintain and preserve the exclusion from “*gross income*” of interest on the Bonds under the Code. The City shall not take any action or fail to take any action, nor shall it permit at any time or times any of the proceeds of the Bonds or any other funds of the City to be used directly or indirectly to acquire any securities or obligations the acquisition of which would cause the Bonds to be an “*arbitrage bond*” as defined in the Code, or would result

in the inclusion of the interest on the Bonds in “*gross income*” under the Code, including without limitation, the failure to comply with the limitation on investment of the proceeds of said Bonds, the failure to pay any required rebate of arbitrage earnings to the United States of America, or the use of the proceeds of the in a manner which would cause the Bond to be a “*private activity bond*” under the Code, all as set forth in greater detail in the Tax Agreement. The ability of the Issuer to designate the Bonds as “qualified tax-exempt obligations” will be determined at the time of pricing the Bonds and the designation will be stated in the Bond Purchase Agreement

(o) The Bonds are not being designated as “Build America Bonds” or any similar type of tax-advantaged bonds requiring a designation at this time.

(p) The Executive Officers are hereby empowered and directed to execute an appropriate Continuing Disclosure Certificate (substantially in the form set forth in Appendix E of the official statement issued in connection with the sale and issuance of the Bonds) pursuant to S.E.C. Rule 15c2-12(b)(5).

In addition, to the extent that the Issuer has entered into a Continuing Disclosure Agreement, covenant or undertaking with respect to the Bonds, all information furnished pursuant to such agreements shall also be provided to the Insurer, simultaneously with the furnishing of such information.

(q) Application to the State Bond Commission has previously been authorized.

(r) [Bond Insurance Terms]

SECTION 3. Parties Interested Herein. Nothing in this Fourth Supplemental Ordinance expressed or implied is intended or shall be construed to confer upon, or to give to, any person or corporation, other than the City, the Paying Agent and the Owners of the Bonds any right, remedy or claim under or by reason of this Fourth Supplemental Ordinance or any covenant, condition or stipulation thereof; and all the covenants, stipulations, promises and agreements in this First Supplemental Ordinance contained by and on behalf of the City shall be for the sole and exclusive benefit of the City, the Paying Agent and the Owners of the Bonds.

SECTION 4. No Recourse on the Bonds. No recourse shall be had for the payment of the principal of or interest on the Bonds or for any claim based thereon or on this Fourth Supplemental Ordinance against any member of the Governing Authority or officer of the City or any person executing the Bonds.

SECTION 5. Successors and Assigns. Whenever in this Fourth Supplemental Ordinance the City is named or referred to, it shall be deemed to include its successors and assigns and all the covenants and agreements in this Fourth Supplemental Ordinance contained by or on behalf of the City shall bind and inure to the benefit of its successors and assigns whether so expressed or not.

SECTION 6. Severability. In case any one or more of the provisions of this Fourth Supplemental Ordinance or of the Bonds issued hereunder shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this Fourth

Supplemental Ordinance or of the Bonds, but this Fourth Supplemental Ordinance and the Bonds shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provisions had not been contained therein. Any constitutional or statutory provision enacted after the date of this Fourth Supplemental Ordinance which validates or makes legal any provision of this Fourth Supplemental Ordinance or the Bonds which would not otherwise be valid or legal shall be deemed to apply to this Fourth Supplemental Ordinance and to the Bonds.

SECTION 7. Publication; Peremption. This Fourth Supplemental Bond Ordinance shall be published at least once in the official journal of the City. Exhibits to this ordinance need not be published if the exhibits are enumerated in the publication and it is stated in the publication that such exhibits are available for public inspection at the office of the Governing Authority during regular business hours. For thirty days after the date of publication, any person in interest may contest the legality of this ordinance and of any provision herein made for the security and payment of the Bonds. After that time, no one shall have any cause of action to test the regularity, formality, legality, or effectiveness of this ordinance, and provisions hereof for any cause whatsoever. Thereafter, it shall be conclusively presumed that every legal requirement for the issuance of the Bonds has been complied with. No court shall have authority to inquire into any of these matters after the thirty days.

SECTION 8. Effective Date. This Fourth Supplemental Bond Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

This Ordinance was introduced on _____, 2023, by _____, the title having been read and the Ordinance considered, on motion to adopt, as amended, by _____, seconded by _____, a record vote was taken and the following result was had:

YAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

THEREUPON, the Mayor declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of ____ Yays to ____
Nays this _____ day of _____, 2023.

MAYOR

Delivered to the Mayor on the ____ day of _____, 2023 at ____:____ __.M.

, MAYOR

EXHIBIT A
to Fourth Supplemental Bond Ordinance

[FORM OF BOND]

Unless this certificate is presented by an authorized representative of The Depository Trust Company, a New York corporation ("DTC"), to the Authority or its agent for registration or transfer, exchange or payment, and any certificate issued is registered in the name of CEDE & CO. or in such other name as is requested by an authorized representative of DTC (and any payment is made to CEDE & CO. or to such other entity as is requested by an authorized representative of DTC), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL inasmuch as the registered owner hereof, CEDE & CO., has an interest herein.

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF NATCHITOCHES**

**UTILITIES REVENUE BOND, SERIES 2023
OF THE
CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, STATE OF LOUISIANA**

<u>Bond Number</u>	<u>Bond Date</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>
R-1	_____, 20__	_____%	\$11,645,000

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana (the "City"), hereby promises to pay (but only from the sources hereinafter described) to:

REGISTERED OWNER: Cede & Co. (Tax Identification No. 13-2555119)

or registered assigns, on the Maturity Date set forth above, the Principal Amount set forth above, together with interest thereon from the Bond Date set forth above or the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, payable on June 1 and December 1 of each year, commencing December 1, 2023 (each an "Interest Payment Date"), at the Interest Rate per annum set forth above until said Principal Amount is paid. The principal of this Bond, upon maturity, is payable in lawful money of the United States of America at the principal corporate trust office of Regions Bank, an Alabama state trust company having a corporate office in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, or successor thereto (the "Paying Agent"), upon presentation and surrender hereof. Interest on this Bond is payable by check mailed by the

Paying Agent to the registered owner (determined as of the 15th calendar day of the month next preceding each Interest Payment Date) at the address as shown on the registration books of the Paying Agent.

FOR SO LONG AS THIS BOND IS HELD IN BOOK-ENTRY FORM REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF CEDE & CO. ON THE REGISTRATION BOOKS OF THE ISSUER KEPT BY THE PAYING AGENT, AS BOND REGISTRAR, THIS BOND, IF CALLED FOR PARTIAL REDEMPTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BOND ORDINANCE, SHALL BECOME DUE AND PAYABLE ON THE REDEMPTION DATE DESIGNATED IN THE NOTICE OF REDEMPTION GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BOND ORDINANCE AT, AND ONLY TO THE EXTENT OF, THE REDEMPTION PRICE, PLUS ACCRUED INTEREST TO THE SPECIFIED REDEMPTION DATE; AND THIS BOND SHALL BE PAID, TO THE EXTENT SO REDEEMED, (i) UPON PRESENTATION AND SURRENDER THEREOF AT THE OFFICE SPECIFIED IN SUCH NOTICE OR (ii) AT THE WRITTEN REQUEST OF CEDE & CO., BY CHECK MAILED TO CEDE & CO. BY THE PAYING AGENT OR BY WIRE TRANSFER TO CEDE & CO. BY THE PAYING AGENT IF CEDE & CO. AS BONDOWNER SO ELECTS. IF, ON THE REDEMPTION DATE, MONEYS FOR THE REDEMPTION OF BONDS OF SUCH MATURITY TO BE REDEEMED, TOGETHER WITH INTEREST TO THE REDEMPTION DATE, SHALL BE HELD BY THE PAYING AGENT SO AS TO BE AVAILABLE THEREFOR ON SUCH DATE, AND AFTER NOTICE OF REDEMPTION SHALL HAVE BEEN GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BOND ORDINANCE, THEN, FROM AND AFTER THE REDEMPTION DATE, THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF THIS BOND SHALL BE IMMEDIATELY REDUCED BY AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT THEREOF SO REDEEMED, NOTWITHSTANDING WHETHER THIS BOND HAS BEEN SURRENDERED TO THE PAYING AGENT FOR CANCELLATION.

REFERENCE IS MADE TO THE FURTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS BOND SET FORTH ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES WHICH SHALL FOR ALL PURPOSES HAVE THE SAME EFFECT AS THOUGH FULLY SET FORTH HEREIN.

THIS BOND DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN OBLIGATION, GENERAL OR SPECIAL, DEBT OR LIABILITY OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, THE PARISH OF NATCHITOCHES, THE STATE OF LOUISIANA OR OF ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION THEREOF WITHIN THE MEANING OF ANY CONSTITUTIONAL OR STATUTORY PROVISIONS WHATSOEVER AND NEITHER THE FAITH AND CREDIT NOR THE TAXING POWER OF THE STATE OR OF ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION THEREOF IS PLEDGED TO THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF OR THE INTEREST ON THIS BOND. THIS BOND IS NOT A GENERAL OBLIGATION OF THE ISSUER BUT IS A LIMITED OBLIGATION OF THE ISSUER AND IS PAYABLE SOLELY FROM THE SOURCES PROVIDED IN THE BOND ORDINANCE. THIS BOND IS NOT A DEBT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OR ANY OTHER FEDERAL GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY AND IS NOT GUARANTEED BY THE FULL FAITH AND CREDIT OF THE UNITED STATES.

_____, has delivered its municipal bond insurance policy (the "Insurance Policy") with respect to the scheduled payments due of principal of and interest on this Bond to

the Paying Agent. Said Insurance Policy is on file and available for inspection at the principal office of the Paying Agent and a copy thereof may be obtained from _____ or the Paying Agent. All payments required to be made under the Policy shall be made in accordance with the provisions thereof. The owner of this Bond acknowledges and consents to the subrogation rights of _____ as more fully set forth in the Policy.

This Bond shall not be valid or become obligatory for any purpose or be entitled to any security or benefit under the Bond Ordinance until the Certificate of Registration hereon shall have been signed by the Paying Agent.

It is certified that this Bond is authorized by and is issued in conformity with the requirements of the Constitution and statutes of the State of Louisiana (the "State"). It is further certified, recited and declared that all acts, conditions and things required to exist, to happen and to be performed precedent to and in the issuance of this Bond and the issue of which it forms a part necessary to constitute the same legal, binding and valid obligations of the Issuer have existed, have happened and have been performed in due time, form and manner as required by law, and that the indebtedness of the Issuer, including this Bond and the issue of which it forms a part, does not exceed any limitation prescribed by the Constitution and statutes of the State, and that said Bonds shall not be invalid for any irregularity or defect in the proceedings providing for the issuance and sale thereof and shall be incontestable in the hands of bona fide purchasers or owners for value thereof.

This Bond is one of an authorized issue aggregating in principal the sum of _____ Dollars (\$_____) (the "Bonds"), all of like tenor and effect except as to number, denominations, interest rate and maturity, the Bonds having been issued by the Issuer pursuant to (i) General Bond Ordinance No. 001 of 2015 entitled: "A General Bond Ordinance authorizing the issuance from time to time of Utilities Revenue Bonds of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana; prescribing the form, and certain terms and conditions of said Bonds; establishing funds and accounts relating to said Bonds; providing for the payment thereof in principal and interest including a rate covenant relating thereto; and providing for other matters in connection therewith" (the "General Bond Ordinance"), which authorizes the issuance of utilities revenue bonds from time to time for the purposes described therein; and (ii) an ordinance enacted on _____, 2023 (the "Fourth Supplemental Bond Ordinance," and together with the First Supplemental Bond Ordinance No. 2 of 2015 adopted by this Governing Authority on January 26, 2015 (the "First Supplemental Bond Ordinance"); the Second Supplemental Bond Ordinance No. 004 of 2021 adopted by this Governing Authority on March 8, 2021 (the "Second Supplemental Bond Ordinance"); and the Third Supplemental Bond Ordinance No. 001 of 2022 adopted by this Governing Authority on June 27, 2022 (the "Third Supplemental Bond Ordinance"), collectively, the "Bond Ordinance") 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, and to fix the details of the Bonds, under the authority conferred by Section 1430 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, and other constitutional and statutory authority (the "Act"). Terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning given them in the Bond Ordinance.

Optional Redemption

The Bonds maturing June 1, 20__, and thereafter, are callable for at the option of the Issuer in full or in part at any time on or after June 1, 20__, and if less than a full maturity, then by lot within such maturity, at a price of 100% of the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.

*Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption**

The Bonds maturing on June 1, 20__* will be subject to mandatory redemption prior to maturity on June 1 in each of the years and in the principal amounts set forth below at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued interest thereon:

Maturity*	Principal
(June 1)	Amount*
20__	\$
20__	
20__	
20__	
20__**	

****Final Maturity**

In the event a Bond to be redeemed is of a denomination larger than \$5,000, a portion of such Bond (\$5,000 or any multiple thereof) may be redeemed. Official notice of such call of any of the Bonds for redemption will be given by the Paying Agent by mailing a copy of the redemption notice by first class mail (postage prepaid) not less than 30 days prior to the date fixed for redemption to the registered owner of each bond to be redeemed at his address as shown on the registration books of the Paying Agent.

In the case of any redemption of Bonds, the Issuer shall give written notice to the Paying Agent and the Bond Insurer of the election so to redeem and the redemption date, and of the principal amounts and numbers of the Bonds or portions of the Bonds of each maturity to be redeemed. Such notice shall be given at least forty-five (45) days prior to the redemption date.

The Bonds may be transferred, registered, and assigned only on the registration books of the Paying Agent, and such registration shall be at the expense of the Issuer. A Bond may be assigned by the execution of an assignment form on the Bonds or by other instruments of transfer and assignment acceptable to the Paying Agent. A new Bond or Bonds will be delivered by the Paying Agent to the last assignee (the new registered owner) in exchange for such transferred and assigned Bonds after receipt of the Bonds to be transferred in proper form. Such new Bond or Bonds shall be in the denomination of \$5,000 for any one maturity, or any integral multiple thereof within a single maturity. Neither the Issuer nor the Paying Agent shall be required to issue, register, transfer or exchange any Bond during a period beginning at the opening of business on the 15th calendar day of the month preceding an Interest Payment Date and ending at the close of business on the Interest Payment Date.

The Bonds shall be secured by and payable in principal and interest and redemption premium, if any, solely from an irrevocable pledge and dedication of the Net Revenues. The Net Revenues are hereby irrevocably and irrepealably pledged and dedicated in an amount sufficient for the payment of the Bonds in principal and interest and redemption premium, if any, as they shall respectively become due and payable. All Net Revenues shall be set aside in a separate fund, as provided in the Bond Ordinance, and shall be and remain pledged for the security and payment of the Bonds in principal and interest and for all other payments provided for in the Bond Ordinance until the Bonds shall have been fully paid and discharged. For a complete statement of the revenues from which and conditions under which this Bond is issued and provisions for the issuance of *pari passu* obligations hereafter, reference is hereby made to the Bond Ordinance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the City, has caused this Bond to be signed by the Mayor and attested by its Clerk of the Council, and this Bond to be dated as of the Dated Date set forth above.

CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, STATE OF
LOUISIANA

ATTEST:

By: _____ (manual)
Mayor

By: _____ (manual) (SEAL)
City Clerk/Treasurer

* * * * *

PAYING AGENT'S CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

Date of Registration: _____, 2023

This Bond is one of the Bonds referred to in the within mentioned Bond Ordinance.

REGIONS BANK,

By: _____
Kesha Jupiter, Assistant Vice President

ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto the within Bond and all rights thereunder, and hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints attorney or agent to transfer the within Bond on the books kept for registration thereof, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: _____

NOTICE: The signature to this assignment must correspond with the name as it appears upon the face of the within Bond in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatever.

LEGAL OPINION CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned Clerk of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the following is a true copy of the complete legal opinion Washington and Wells, LLC, the original of which was manually executed, dated and issued as of the date of payment for and delivery of the original bonds of the issue described therein and was delivered to or at the direction of _____, representing the original purchasers thereof.

EXHIBIT B
to Fourth Supplemental Bond Ordinance

EXHIBIT B

FORM OF PARITY DEBT CERTIFICATE

\$ _____

UTILITIES REVENUE BOND, SERIES 2023
OF THE
CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, STATE OF LOUISIANA

Pursuant to Section 6.01 of the General Bond Ordinance No. 001 adopted by this Governing Authority on January 26, 2015 (the “**General Bond Ordinance**”), the undersigned Director of Finance and certified public accountant of the City do hereby certify as follows in connection with the issuance and delivery of the above-captioned issue of Utilities Revenue Bonds, Series 2023 (the “**Bonds**”):

1. Capitalized terms used in this certification shall have the meanings assigned thereto in the General Bond Ordinance.

2. The undersigned have reviewed the financial statements of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana for the fiscal years ended May 31, 2020, May 31, 2021, and May 31, 2022 (unaudited).

3. The average Net Revenues for the three (3) completed Fiscal Years immediately preceding the year in which the Bonds are to be issued (i.e. the fiscal years ended May 31, 2020, 2021, and 2022) are not less than one and three-tenths (1.3) times the highest combined principal and interest requirements (including any Department administrative fee) for any succeeding Fiscal Year period on all bonds then Outstanding, including any Parity Obligations theretofore issued and then outstanding and any others bonds or obligations whatsoever then outstanding which are payable from the Net Revenues (but not including bonds which have been refunded or provisions otherwise made for their full and complete payment and prepayment), and the Parity Obligations so proposed to be issued.

Net Revenues for FY2020 \$ _____

Net Revenues for FY2021 \$ _____

Net Revenues for FY2022 (unaudited) \$ _____

Average Net Revenues

for FY2020, 2021, and 2022 \$_____

Highest combined debt service requirements on

Outstanding Parity Bonds and the Refunding

Bonds in any Bond Year \$_____

Coverage Ratio _____

4. There are no delinquencies in the payments required to be made into the various funds provided for in the resolutions authorizing the Outstanding Parity Bonds.

5. No event of default relating to the Outstanding Parity Bonds has occurred or is continuing.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness our official signatures as of this, the _____ day of September, 2023.

CITY OF NATCHITOCHES,

STATE OF LOUISIANA

Director of Finance

THOMAS, CUNNINGHAM, BROADWAY &

TODTENBIER CPA'S

Certified Public Accountant

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF NATCHITOCHES

I, the undersigned Clerk of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, do hereby certify
that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of:

**A FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL BOND ORDINANCE
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE BY THE CITY OF
NATCHITOCHES, STATE OF LOUISIANA OF UTILITIES
REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2023, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO
EXCEED ELEVEN MILLION SIX HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE
THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$11,645,000) PRESCRIBING THE
FORM, TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SAID BONDS;
PROVIDING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF AN OFFER FOR
THE PURCHASE OF SAID BONDS; AND PROVIDING FOR
OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THERE.**

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature on this, the ____ day of
_____, 2023.

Clerk

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Petite at the August 28, 2023 City Council meeting as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 051 OF 2023

**AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NUMBER 039 OF 2023,
AWARDING BID NO. 0661 FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT PROFESSOR F. M.
RICHARDSON PARK**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches adopted Ordinance No. 039 of 2023 on July 24, 2023, which said Ordinance authorized the Mayor of the City of Natchitoches, Ronnie Williams, Jr., to award the bid for Professor F. M. Richardson Park Improvement, to Regional Construction (Bid No. 0661); and

WHEREAS FURTHER, subsequent to the passage of Ordinance No. 039 of 2023, the City Council was informed that the city had not obtained official approval from the Office of Community Development, Division of Administration, State of Louisiana to award bid no. 0661; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Office of Community Development, Division of Administration has confirmed that an official approval letter will be issued to the city in the near future; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, it is in the best interest of the City Council to repeal Ordinance Number 039 of 2023; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana that Ordinance No. 039 of 2023 be and is hereby repealed.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mrs. Smith at the August 28, 2023 City Council meeting as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 052 OF 2023

ORDINANCE RENAMING THE CITY STREET WHICH IS CURRENTLY DELINEATED AS TRUDEAU STREET TO HENCE FORTH BE KNOWN AS 1927 REMEMBRANCE WAY IN HONOR OF THE YEAR OF THE FOUNDING OF THE HISTORIC TEXAS AND PACIFIC RAILROAD DEPOT, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the street extending west to east from Martin Luther King Jr. Drive to 6th Street and which is paralleled by Lafayette Street and Amulet Street in the City of Natchitoches (the “**City**”) is currently named Trudeau Street (the “**Street**”); and

WHEREAS, the City held an essay contest to rename the street, and the winning essay resulted in the name “1927 Remembrance Way” being chosen; and

WHEREAS, in honor of year of the founding of the historic Texas and Pacific Railroad Depot, 1927, it is the desire of the City to rename the Street **1927 REMEMBRANCE WAY**; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, in legal session convened, that the street extending west to east from Martin Luther King Jr. Drive to 6th Street and which is paralleled by Lafayette Street and Amulet Street, currently named Trudeau Street, is hereby renamed 1927 Remembrance Way on all signage, official maps, plats or subdivision controls or regulations or zoning plans as they now or may exist.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that upon adoption of this Ordinance that the City Clerk be authorized and instructed to file a copy of the Ordinance with the Clerk for Natchitoches Parish.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that appropriate street signs be installed to designate the name change.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all official maps, plats or subdivision controls or regulations or zoning plans be amended to reflect the name change in honor of the year of the founding of the historic Texas and Pacific Railroad Depot, 1927.

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

David Mains of DSW Construction spoke on the progress of the Train Depot in regard to Ordinance No. 052 of 2023. Mrs. Smith read the essay of Melodie Rice which renamed the street location of the Train Depot to Remembrance Way.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Petite at the August 28, 2023 City Council meeting as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 053 of 2023

AN ORDINANCE TO DESIGNATE FUNDS FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, STATE OF LOUISIANA, 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, appropriated Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) to the State of Louisiana, which was then appropriated to the City (the “**ARPA Community Development Funding**”) for the purpose of financing improvements to vacant and abandoned properties, including rehabilitation or maintenance, renovation, removal and remediation of environmental contaminants, demolition or deconstruction, and greening/vacant lot cleanup; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, this Governing Authority desires to appropriate the ARPA Community Development Funding for the repair and complete construction of properties that are in a dangerous and unsanitary condition which makes them unsafe and a danger to the public welfare (the “**Head Start Building Project**”), to be expended at the direction of the Mayor or the administrative designee of the Mayor appointed, or to be appointed, with the approval of this Governing Authority (the “**Finance Director**”).

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 Community Development Funding, to be expended on the Head Start Building Project, at the direction of the Mayor or the Finance Director; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the budget of the City be amended to reflect the receipt of the ARPA Community Development Funding and its designation for expenditure on the Head Start Building Project, at the direction of the Mayor or the Finance Director; 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.

Mr. Petite, Mrs. Smith, and Shontrell Roque had remarks pertaining to Ordinance No. 053 of 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 075 OF 2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE

**CHANGE ORDER NO. 4 TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES AND
WILLIAMS EQUIPMENT SERVICES, LLC, FOR**

FY 2021-22 PHASE 1 STREET REHABILITATION

(BID NO. 0641)

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches (CITY) awarded the bid to Williams Equipment Services, LLC (CONTRACTOR) on March 28, 2022 by Ordinance No. 014 of 2022 in the amount of **\$1,177,046.23** for FY 2021-22 Phase 1 Street Rehabilitation (Bid No. 0641); and

WHEREAS, on **May 23, 2022**, the City Council approved **Change Order No. 1** in the amount of **\$130,370.29** making the revised contact total **\$1,307,416.52**; and

WHEREAS, on **June 27, 2022**, the City Council approved **Change Order No. 2** in the amount of **\$17,719.73** making the revised contact total **\$1,325,136.25**; and

WHEREAS, on **November 28, 2022**, the City Council approved **Change Order No. 3** in the amount of **\$99,854.62** making the revised contact total **\$1,424,990.87**; and

WHEREAS, on **August 9, 2023** the City Engineer Nick Verret issued **Change Order No. 4**, fully described in Attachment “A”; and

WHEREAS, the contract sum will be increased by this **Change Order No. 4** in the amount of **\$69,732.56** and the revised contract total will be **\$1,494,723.43**; and

WHEREAS, the allotted Contract Time will be increase proportionally from **Two Hundred Seventeen (217) Calendar Days to Two Hundred Twenty-Seven (227) Calendar Days**; and

WHEREAS, the CITY is of the opinion that Change Order No. 4 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. 4 to the agreement between the City of Natchitoches and the contractor, Williams Equipment Services, LLC.

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

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

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 1 Nays on this 28th day of August, 2023.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

Nick Verrett explained the change order in regards to Resolution No. 75 of 2023. Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Elie, Matt Anderson made remarks pertaining to Resolution No. 75 of 2023.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Title 2 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 provides that cities, towns, parishes, and other political subdivisions of this State may separately or jointly acquire, establish, construct, expand, own, lease, control, equip, improve, maintain, operate, regulate, and police airports and landing fields for the use of aircraft; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development, Division of Aviation (formerly the LA DOTD-OAPT) is charged by Title 2 with the responsibility for the development of aviation facilities within the State to foster air commerce and to safeguard the interests of those engaged in all phases of the aviation industry and of the general public; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches, hereinafter referred to as “Sponsor”, has completed an FAA and DOTD approved Master Plan, Action Plan, and/or Airport Layout Plan which outlines the specific future development of the Natchitoches Regional Airport; and, the Sponsor is desirous of implementing a portion of the approved Plan recommendations which provide for the critically needed improvements as stated below to substantially improve the safety and usability of the Airport, but does not have sufficient funds of its own required for completing the needed improvements; and,

WHEREAS, the LA DOTD, Division of Aviation is authorized by Title 2 to expend funds for the construction or enlargement of airports for the safety and advancement of aeronautics;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

SECTION I.

That the Sponsor does hereby formally request that the LA DOTD, Division of Aviation provide funds required to complete the airport improvements at the Natchitoches Regional Airport specifically as described in the Capital Improvement Program Application for State Financial Assistance dated August 28, 2023:

SECTION II.

That the said LA DOTD, Division of Aviation be and is hereby assured that all necessary servitudes, rights-of-way, rights of ingress and egress and means thereof will be furnished by the Sponsor and the titles thereto will be valid and indefeasible, and that the Sponsor will assume ownership, financial reporting, and complete responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of the airport after completion of said improvement.

SECTION III.

That the Sponsor will save and hold the said LA DOTD, Division of Aviation, its officers, agents, and employees harmless from any liability or claim for damages arising out of the project, including death or injuries to third parties including, but not limited to, liability or claim for damages out of the negligence of said LA DOTD, Division of Aviation, its officers, agents, or employees, and expressly agrees to defend any suit of any nature brought against the LA DOTD, Division of Aviation as a result of this project.

SECTION IV.

That the Mayor of the Sponsor be and is hereby authorized and directed to evidence this agreement by affixing his signature at the place provided therefore on this resolution and on subsequent related documents/agreements as required by the rules and regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration and the State of Louisiana and the Clerk is hereby authorized to attest said execution.

The aforesaid resolution, having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was follows:

- YEAS:**
- NAYS:**
- ABSTAIN:**
- ABESENT:**

WHEREUPON, the Resolution was declared adopted on the ____ day of August, 2023.

CITY OF NATCHITOCHES

BY: _____
(Signature)

Ronnie Williams, Jr.
(Typed or Printed Name)

TITLE: Mayor_____

ATTEST:

(Signature)

TITLE: Clerk_____

The Motion to remove Resolution No. 079 of 2023 was made by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Mr. Harrington.

This Motion 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

Precious Barbara asked a question pertaining to Resolution No. 79 of 2023 and Edd Lee provided a response.

A Motion was made to add Resolution No. 080 of 2023 by Mr. Harrington and seconded by Mrs. Smith.

This Motion 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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 080 OF 2023

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY
OF NATCHITOCHES TO EXECUTE A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF LOUISIANA AND
THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, LOUISIANA FOR THE
NATCHITOCHES FIRE STATION, UNIVERSITY PARKWAY (LA HWY 6) PLANNING AND
CONSTRUCTION (NATCHITOCHES)
(FP&C PROJECT 50-MK9-23-01)**

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Louisiana, through the Office of Facility Planning and Control of The Division of Administration, has approved funding for the Natchitoches Fire Station, University Parkway (La Hwy 6) Planning and Construction, in the sum of One Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars and No/100 (\$1,800,000); and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Louisiana requires that a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement be executed in connection with this project; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Natchitoches desires approval to sign a cooperative endeavor agreement and other documents that may be required to facilitate the funding of the above-described project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., of the City of Natchitoches is hereby authorized and empowered to execute a cooperative endeavor agreement and other documents necessary and required by the State of Louisiana and the City of Natchitoches to proceed with funding for the Natchitoches Fire Station, University Parkway (La Hwy 6) Planning and Construction (Natchitoches) FP&C Project No. 50-MKP-23-01.

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 28th day of August, 2023.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

Randy LaCaze and Chief Wynn provided remarks regarding Resolution No. 080 of 2023.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next scheduled City Council meeting will be **September 11, 2023.**

With no further discussion, Mayor Williams made a motion for adjournment and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE