

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, STATE OF LOUISIANA,
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2024 AT 5:30 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Natchitoches met in legal and regular session at the Natchitoches Council Chambers, 716 Second Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana on Monday, June 10, 2024, 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: None

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 May 28, 2024 meeting. Councilman Nielsen 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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 038 OF 2024

PROCLAMATION DECLARING JUNE 15, 2024 AS “BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY” IN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., Mayor of the City of Natchitoches, do hereby proclaim, June 15, 2024, as

“BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY”

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

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

AYES:	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 10th day of June, 2024.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

ORDINANCE NO. 015 OF 2024

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

To rezone the following: Lot Containing 6.3 ACRES BEING TRACT “B” OF DIVISION OF
LANDS IN SECTION 72, 73, 74, 87, 105, 110 & 133 TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 7
WEST AS SHOWN ON PLAT IN # 135765

(8158 HWY 1 BYPASS)

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana,
has recommended at their meeting of **June 4, 2024** that the application of Rachel LeBlanc,
President of Friends All United Natchitoches Animals (FAUNA) to rezone the property described
above from R-1 Residential to B-3 Commercial to build and operate an animal shelter, be
APPROVED.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on June 10, 2024 and published in the *Natchitoches
Times* on June 15, 2024.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 016 OF 2024

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT SECTION 8-1 OF CHAPTER 8 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, ENTITLED BUILDING AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, SAID AMENDMENT BEING MADE TO REFLECT CURRENT BUILDING CODES, AS THE OFFICIAL BUILDING CODES OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, LOUISIANA, PROVIDING FOR ADVERTISING, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches provides buildings and building regulations in Chapter 8 of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Code of Ordinances currently provides for and adopts the various model codes as part of the official building code for the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Director of Planning and Zoning has recommended that the City of Natchitoches update Section 8.1 of the Code of Ordinances to reflect the most recent versions of the various model codes; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Director of Planning and Zoning has proposed that Section 8-1 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Natchitoches be amended to provide for the adoption of the most recent versions of the various model codes, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches has reviewed the proposed change and agrees that the amendment to Section 8.1 of the Code of Ordinances is in the best interest of the City of Natchitoches and its citizens; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, desires to amend and reenact Section 8-1 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, to provide for the adoption of the most recent model codes as proposed by the Director of Planning and Zoning; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 8-1 of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Natchitoches is hereby

amended and reenacted to amend subsection 8.1 which shall read as follows:

“Section 8-1 Codes ---- Adopted.

There is hereby adopted by the city, for the purpose of establishing rules and regulations for the construction, alteration, removal, demolition, equipment, use and occupancy, location and maintenance of every building or structure or any appurtenance connected or attached to such buildings or structures, excluding farm structures and recreational camps, including permits and penalties, the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code, together with all subsequent amendments, thereto, of which not less than three (3) copies have been and are now filed in the office of the building inspector for the City of Natchitoches. Such code is hereby adopted and incorporated as fully as if set forth at length herein and the provisions therein shall be controlling within the corporate limits of the city, save and except such portions as are hereinafter deleted, modified, or amended, or not otherwise regulated in this Code of Ordinances. The Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code shall consist of the following:

(1)International Building Code, 2021 Edition, not including:

- a. Chapter 1, Administration.
- b. Chapter 11, Accessibility.
- c. Chapter 27, Electrical.
- d. Chapter 29, Plumbing Systems.

The applicable standards referenced in that code are included for regulations of construction within this state.

(2)International Existing Building Code, 2021 Edition, not including:

- a. Chapter 1, Administration.

The standards referenced in that code for regulations of construction within this state.

(3)International Residential Code, 2021 Edition, not including:

- a. Part 1, Administrative.
- b. Part V, Mechanical.
- c. Part VII, Plumbing.
- d. Part VIII, Electrical.

The applicable standards referenced in that code are included for regulation of construction within this state.

e. Appendix J. Existing Buildings and Structures, is also included for mandatory regulation. For the purposes of this Part, IRC R301.2.1.1 (Design Criteria) shall be amended as follows and shall only apply to the International Residential Code, 2006 Edition:

1. Amendment of R301.2.1.1 (Design Criteria)
2. Item 6, The American Concrete Institute, Guide to Concrete Masonry Residential Construction in High Winds Areas, shall be added.
3. Item 7, Institute for Business & Home Safety, Optional Code - plus Fortified for Safer Living, shall be added.
4. Item 8, Federal Alliance for Safe Homes, Optional Code - plus Blueprint for Safety, shall be added.

(4) International Mechanical Code, 2021 Edition, and the standards referenced in that code for regulation of construction within this state.

(5) The Louisiana State Plumbing Code (Part XIV (Plumbing) of the state sanitary code) as amended by the state health officer acting through the office of public health of the department of health and hospitals. Nothing in this part shall be construed so as to prevent the state health officer from enforcing Part XIV (Plumbing) of the state sanitary code, the enforcement of which is his statutory and regulatory responsibility.

(6)International Fuel Gas Code, 2021 Edition, and the standards referenced in that code for regulation of construction within this state.

(7) National Electrical Code, 2021 Edition.

(8) International Property Maintenance Code, 2021 Edition.

(9) National Electrical Safety Code (Power Lines) 2023

(10) Louisiana Public Health Sanitary Code (Water and Sewer Systems)”

SECTION 2. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. If any portion of this Ordinance is declared to be invalid or unconstitutional in any manner, the invalidity shall be limited to that particular section or provision, and shall not affect the remaining portions of the ordinance, which shall remain valid and enforceable, it being the intention of the City Council that each separate provision shall be deemed independent of all other provisions herein.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall go into effect upon publication and in accordance with law.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on June 10, 2024 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on June 15, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 039 OF 2024

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2024 AS AN OFFICIAL HOLIDAY FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES IN OBSERVATION OF JUNETEENTH

WHEREAS, the 117th Congress established Juneteenth National Independence Day and declared June 19 as a legal public holiday; and

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Natchitoches City Council wish to declare, Wednesday, June 19, 2024 as an official City Holiday.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., that Wednesday, June 19, 2024 be declared an Official Holiday for the City of Natchitoches Employees in observation of Juneteenth.

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

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 10th day of June, 2024.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 040 OF 2024

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that special meetings may be held in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.09 of the Home Rule Charter and further providing that notice of the special meeting to be posted at the principal office of the City no less than forty-eight (48) hours in advance of said meeting.

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

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

AYES:	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 10th day of June, 2024.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 041 OF 2024

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

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

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the **Waterworks District No. 1** shall meet at 5:30 P.M. on the third Monday of each month at the Thomas Building located at 560 Second Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana.

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

AYES:	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 10th day of June, 2024.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 042 OF 2024

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

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

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

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

AYES:	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 10th day of June, 2024.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 043 OF 2024

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council does hereby take cognizance of the recommendation of Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., that the firm of Thomas, Cunningham, Broadway and Todtenbier be appointed as City Auditor for the City of Natchitoches for the period of May 31, 2024 through May 31, 2025; and

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

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

AYES:	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 10th day of June, 2024.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 044 OF 2024

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Ordinance No. 037 of 2018 of the Natchitoches City Council awarded Sabine State Bank the contract for Fiscal Agent for the City of Natchitoches; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council does hereby take cognizance of the recommendation of Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., that Sabine State Bank, Natchitoches, LA, be appointed as Fiscal Agent for the City of Natchitoches for the term June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025; and

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

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

AYES:	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 10th day of June, 2024.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 045 OF 2024

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

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

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

AYES:	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 10th day of June, 2024.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 046 OF 2024

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES
AUTHORIZING PROVISION OF LOCAL MATCH FUNDING TO
RAPIDES AREA PLANNING COMMISSION
FOR FTA SECTION 5311 (49 U.S.C. SECTION 5311)**

WHEREAS, the U. S. Department of Transportation is authorized to make grants to states through the Federal Transit Administration to support capital/operating assistance projects for non-urbanized public transportation systems under Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act; and

WHEREAS, the Rapides Area Planning Commission (RAPC) requests local matching funds to support the continued provision of rural transit service for the general public in the City of Natchitoches; and

WHEREAS, the contract for Section 5311 financial assistance includes the provision by it of the local share of project costs; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the applicant to provide the best transit system that can be provided with the funds available; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor is authorized to execute grant agreement(s) on behalf of the City of Natchitoches with the Rapides Area Planning Commission (RAPC) for aid in the financing of Section 5311 assistance; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Natchitoches City Council does hereby authorize the Mayor to provide requested local matching funds to aid in the financing of Section 5311 federal financial assistance and execute agreements with the Rapides Area Planning Commission for capital/operating assistance projects pursuant to Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act (FTA C 9040.1G), as amended; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Mayor or his/her designee is authorized to approve the request for local matching funds from the RAPC for the Section 5311 project(s).

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

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

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution **FAILED** by a vote of 0 Ayes to 5 Nays on this 10th day of June, 2024.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 047 OF 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES TO SIGN A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES AND THE BOSSIER PARISH COMMUNITY COLLEGE (BPCC) THAT OUTLINES THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF EACH PARTNER AS IT RELATES TO THE RENTAL OF BUILDING AND OFFICE SPACE FOR THE NATCHITOCHES FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING DIVISION LOCATED ON THE (BPCC) COLLEGE CAMPUS AT 6587 LA HWY 1 BYPASS, NATCHITOCHES, LA 71457

WHEREAS, City of Natchitoches Fire Department has established its Fire Training Center on the campus of the **BOSSIER PARISH COMMUNITY COLLEGE (BPCC)**; and

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches Fire Department and the **BOSSIER PARISH COMMUNITY COLLEGE (BPCC)** has had a Cooperative Endeavor and Agreement to use the campus for the Fire Department Training Center since 2001; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department Training area has included what was once utilized as the carpenter shop for its classroom and equipment storage area; and

WHEREAS, by agreement of both parties, the **BOSSIER PARISH COMMUNITY COLLEGE (BPCC)** wishes to utilize the Fire Department Training area to expand its welding program and move the Fire Department Training area to what was once the “Print Shop” on the campus; and

WHEREAS, this Lease Agreement shall commence on March 1, 2024 and shall remain in effect until June 30, 2030. Either party may terminate lease with 90 days’ written notice to the other party.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Natchitoches City Council in legal session convened does hereby authorize Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., to sign a Lease Agreement between the City of Natchitoches and **BOSSIER PARISH COMMUNITY COLLEGE (BPCC)**; the for the Fire Department Training Center.

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 10th day of June, 2024.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 048 OF 2024

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR.
TO ADOPT THE REQUIRED PLANS AND POLICIES FOR COMPLIANCE WITH
THE LCDBG PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches has been awarded a FY 2023 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) for Clearance and Demolition; and

WHEREAS, the LCDBG Program requires the adoption of plans and policies for compliance with the LCDBG regulations

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Natchitoches in regular session convened that the following plans and policies be adopted; (1) Residential Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance Plan and (2) Revised LCDBG Procurement Policy, which are intended to serve as the legal authority for the procurement of supplies, equipment, construction services and professional services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution and the above referenced adoptions supersede any and all previous adoptions pertaining to the aforementioned items.

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 10th day of June, 2024.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 049 OF 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., TO HIRE COTHREN GRAFF AND SMOAK, INC. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO THE FY23 LCDBG CLEARANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches has been awarded funding for the FY2023 Clearance Program; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the funding is to for clearance and demolition of properties; and

WHEREAS, the necessary scope of work to be implemented by Cothren Graff and Smoak, Inc. is environmental review for approved properties slated for demolition; and

WHEREAS, the commitment for this scope of work is not to exceed \$11,500.00 and is subject to being approved for funding under the stated program;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Natchitoches has hired Cothren Graff and Smoak, Inc. to provide environmental review services for properties to be demolished under the FY2023 LCDBG Program.

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 10th day of June, 2024.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next scheduled City Council meeting will be **Monday, June 28, 2024.**
- The City of Natchitoches will hold a public work session for **5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** on **Tuesday, June 11, 2024** at the Natchitoches City Council Chambers, 716 Second Street, Natchitoches, La. The purpose of the work session is to discuss a proposed ordinance on regulating short-term rental accommodations in the City of Natchitoches. All persons interested are encouraged to attend.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7: 30 p.m.

/s/
RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

/s/
BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE