

City of Natchez
Minutes
Mayor and Board of Aldermen
Special Call Board Meeting

Thursday, January 09, 2020

09:30 AM

City Hall Conference Room

Board Secretary, Denise Bell

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Moment of Silence
4. Roll Call by City Clerk:

Present: Mayor Darryl V. Grennell
Aldерwoman Joyce Arceneaux-Mathis - via conference call
Alderman Billie Joe Frazier
Aldерwoman Felicia Irving
Alderman Ben Davis
Alderman Dan Dillard

Also Present: City Clerk, Servia Fortenberry
City Attorney, Robert Latham

Absent: Aldерwoman Sarah Carter-Smith

Order 01:01/20

Sabrena Bartley

Natchez Senior Center

1. Authorization to apply to the Mississippi Department of Transportation for **5310 Elderly and Disabled Transportation funds for 2020-2021**; and further authorizing the mayor, City attorney, and or clerk to sign all necessary documents associated with the proposal. On a motion made by Alderman Davis, seconded by Aldерwoman Irving.

Roll Call by Deputy City Clerk

Aldерwoman Mathis-Aye/via telephone
Alderman Frazier-Aye
Aldерwoman Irving-Aye
Alderman Davis-Aye
Alderman Dillard-Aye
Passed by Majority

Order 02:01/20

Natchez Transit System

2. Authorization to apply to the Mississippi Department of Transportation for **5311 Rural Areas General Transportation funds for 2020-2021**; and authorization for the mayor, attorney, and/ or clerk to sign necessary documents associated with the proposal. Motion made by Aldерwoman Irving, second by Alderman Davis.

Roll Call by Deputy City Clerk

Aldерwoman Mathis-Aye/via telephone
Alderman Frazier-Aye
Aldерwoman Irving-Aye
Alderman Davis-Aye
Alderman Dillard-Aye
Passed by Majority

- 3. Authorization to apply to the Mississippi Department of Transportation for **Multimodal Transportation funds for 2020-2021**; and authorization for the mayor, attorney, and/ or clerk to sign necessary documents associated with the proposal. Motion made by Alderwoman Irving, second by Alderman Frazier.

Roll Call by Deputy City Clerk

Alderwoman Mathis-Aye/via telephone
 Alderman Frazier-Aye
 Alderwoman Carter-Smith-Aye/ arrived at 9:36 a.m.
 Alderwoman Irving-Aye
 Alderman Davis-Aye
 Alderman Dillard-Aye
Passed by Majority

James Johnston

- 4. **Citywide Water Improvement Project 2018 CDBG PF and State Revolving Loan Fund (via Natchez Water Works)**
 Staff is requesting a motion to approve payment for the following invoice from our consulting engineer –

Vendor	Invoice #	Amount
WGK	#49561	\$4,900.00

Note: LL Engineering fees are being paid by Natchez Water Works via the State Revolving Loan and NOT by the 2018 CDBG PF!

Motion by Alderwoman Irving, second by Alderman Frazier

Roll Call by Deputy City Clerk

Alderwoman Mathis-Aye/via telephone
 Alderman Frazier-Aye
 Alderwoman Carter-Smith-Aye
 Alderwoman Irving-Aye
 Alderman Davis-Aye
 Alderman Dillard-Aye
Passed by Majority

- 5. **Pop-Up Farmers Market**
 At the request of Market Coordinator Eddie Burkes, staff is requesting a motion to again sponsor a pop-up market on North Broadway (near Callon parking lot) each Saturday through March, 2020. The hours will be from 10:00 A.M. to approx. 1:00 P.M.

Motion by Alderwoman Smith, second by Alderman Dillard

Roll Call by Deputy City Clerk

Alderwoman Mathis-Aye/via telephone
 Alderman Frazier-Aye
 Alderwoman Carter-Smith-Aye
 Alderwoman Irving-Aye
 Alderman Davis-Aye
 Alderman Dillard-Aye
Passed by Majority

6. Natchez Railroad at Grade Safety Improvement Program 2016 TIGER

Below is a summary of a change order issued by Natchez Railroad and Simmons Railroad Group, LLC Structures for work associated w/the rehabilitation of the timber bridges along the rail line

#19 To provide the necessary supervision, labor equipment & materials for additional work associated with the removal and replacement of approximately 20 cross ties; to install grade crossing boards near Mile Post 144.5; to provide construction and maintenance access to the East End of Bridge 144.6. The lump sum value of this change order will not exceed \$14,000.00

The total price of the contract w/Simmons Railroad Group, LLC will not exceed \$2,067,200.00.

Motion by Alderman Frazier, second by Alderwoman Irving

Roll Call by Deputy City Clerk

Alderwoman Mathis-Aye/via telephone

Alderman Frazier-Aye

Alderwoman Carter-Smith-Aye

Alderwoman Irving-Aye

Alderman Davis-Aye

Alderman Dillard-Aye

Passed by Majority

Order 07:01/20

**7. Lighting Improvements in the Arts District b/n Main & Franklin on Commerce Street
Entergy Foundation Open Grants**

In April 2019 staff requested a motion to approve the submission of an Open Grants application to fund the purchase of new aesthetic lighting and strategically-placed 200 amp power panels on Commerce Street, between Main & Franklin to help achieve one of the goals of the Natchez Downtown Master Plan. The total project cost for this project is \$125,000.00, with the city requesting \$93,750.00 or 75% from Entergy and the city pledging \$31,250.00 or 25%.

Motion by Alderwoman Smith, second by Alderwoman Irving

Roll Call by Deputy City Clerk

Alderwoman Mathis-Aye/via telephone

Alderman Frazier-Aye

Alderwoman Carter-Smith-Aye

Alderwoman Irving-Aye

Alderman Davis-Aye

Alderman Dillard-Aye

Passed by Majority

Note – to try and not incur expenses until FY21.

Scope of Work

The City proposes to purchase and install eight (8) 20' historically accurate aesthetic light poles to light up this block of Commerce Street in addition to installing eight (8) 200 amp electrical panels to provide electricity for the many events planned for the City Center Arts District.

Work will include boring through concrete, pulling and installing service wire, installing footings, installing the mentioned light poles and electrical panels, and necessary finish work.

Additional Upgrades for Natchez Aquatics Center

Land & Water Conservation Program (LWCF)

MS Dept. of Wildlife Fisheries & Parks

Update – Staff met w/Adams County on Monday, 1.6.20 to again present the request to share in the cost of the additional pool upgrades (bleachers, cubbies, lockers, chlorinator). The request is pending until the City/County and Rec Commission can meet to discuss a recently prepared financial report by Silas Simmons.

2020 BUILD Program – FYI

The US Dept. of Transportation has stated via email that they will be releasing the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) by February 18, 2020, which will state when the 2020 application will be released and subsequently due back to the US DOT.

Justin Dollar – Public Works

8. Grass contracts

Motion made by Alderwoman Smith, second by Alderwoman Irving to renew grass cutting contract with Jeffrey Ross.

Roll Call by Deputy City Clerk

Alderwoman Mathis-Abstain/via telephone

Alderman Frazier-Nay

Alderwoman Carter-Smith-Aye

Alderwoman Irving-Aye

Alderman Davis-Aye

Alderman Dillard-Aye

Passed by Majority

Peyton Calvin – Silas Simmons

Jimmy Ware – Recreation Committee

Results from Recreation Audit

Alderwoman Mathis no longer on conference call @ 10:07

Order 09:01/20

Servia Fortenberry, City Clerk

9. Approval of docket

Motion made by Alderman Davis, second by Alderman Davis

Roll Call by Deputy City Clerk

Alderman Frazier-Abstain

Alderwoman Carter-Smith-Aye

Alderwoman Irving-Aye

Alderman Davis-Aye

Alderman Dillard-Aye

Passed by Majority

Order 10:01/20

Robert Latham, City Attorney

10. Approving renewal of liability insurance with Mississippi Municipal Services and property coverage with Atlantic Specialty Insurance Co.

Motion made by Alderman Dillard, second by Alderman Davis.

Roll Call by Deputy City Clerk

Alderman Frazier-Aye

Alderwoman Carter-Smith-Aye

Alderwoman Irving-Aye

Alderman Davis-Aye

Alderman Dillard-Aye

Passed by Majority

11. A motion was made by Alderwoman Irving, seconded by Alderman Davis, to move to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a litigation and personnel issue. The vote carried unanimously.

DARRYL V. GRENNELL, MAYOR

ATTEST:

SERVIA FORTENBERRY, CITY CLERK