

**REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 12, 2006**

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Natchez, Mississippi, was held in the City Council Chamber at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 12, 2006. Mayor Phillip C. West presided at the meeting, which was opened with prayer by Assistant Pastor Aaron Wesley, Egypt Baptist Church.

MAYOR & BOARD PRESENT	ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT	CITY OFFICIALS & DEPARTMENT HEADS
Phillip C. West Mayor Joyce Arceneaux-Mathis Alderman, Ward 1 J. "Ricky" Gray, Jr. Alderman, Ward 2 Bob Pollard Alderman, Ward 3 Theodore West Alderman, Ward 4 David Massey Alderman, Ward 5 Jake Middleton Alderman, Ward 6		Donnie Holloway, City Clerk Everett Sanders, City Attorney Darlene D. Williams, Dep. City Clerk Brett Brinegar, Grants Coordinator Paul Dawes, Inspection Department David Gardner, Water Superintendent Patricia Gibson, Personnel Director Darlene F. Jones, Comm Dev. Director Eric Smith, Public Works Administrator Ralph Tedder, Recreation Director Walter Tipton, Convention Center Wilbert Whitley, Recreation Dept. Natchez Democrat

MINUTES APPROVED

A motion was made by Alderman West to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of November 28, 2006 and approve as submitted. The motion was seconded by Alderman Pollard. The motion carried unanimously.

BIDS AWARDED — RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Mayor West requested comments from Mr. Tedder.

Attorney Sanders said the contracts are being negotiated.

WELCOME VISITORS

Mayor West asked that the agenda is amended to allow Attorney Brown to be recognized to make a presentation. There were no objection from the board.

Mayor West requested comments from Attorney Walter Brown.

Attorney Brown said the purpose of the presentation is to provide the Mayor and Board of Aldermen with the final draft of the management operations agreement between the City of Natchez and New Orleans Hotel Consultants, LLC. Mr. Brown said this has been a much drafted document and the final is #12 dated December 7, 2006. The three (3) changes made as requested by the board was in paragraph 3.3.3 setting forth that traditional events held in the Convention Center shall be honored to those booked in Exhibit A and the additional traditional events on that are not booked but traditionally are booked, which include Mardi-Gras functions. Attorney Brown said these were the first changes made to the document. The second change was to provide specifically in paragraph 3.3.5 that the existing city policy with respect to the use of the Natchez Community Center allowing self catered events would continue throughout the term of the agreement. The third change was in paragraph 3.3.9 which deals with office space that may be rented out for terms in excess of ninety (90) days. This new section will provide that no such lease can be entered into without first consulting the City and the City granting final approval.

Attorney Brown noted that these were the three changes. He said the Board reviewed the documents several times. Attorney Brown said he was present to answer any questions. He said one amendment would be included that the Management Group would provide assistance by making the facilities available during emergencies or disasters such as Katrina. He said this amendment would be included.

Mayor West requested comments.

Alderman West asked if the agreement will hinder the use of the Natchez Community Center.

Attorney Brown said there are three amendments in regard to the Community Center agreement which include.

1. Self catering will continue.
2. The use of the center will continue and traditional events will be honored.
3. Rates will be frozen for a period of two years.

Attorney Brown said following the two year period the Board will meet and discuss additional amendments to the agreement

Alderman Pollard said as Chairman of Tourism he studied the draft closely to make sure he understood the agreement. Alderman Pollard said the major concern is that the agreement brings on the Natchez / New Orleans connection that we have worked toward for two years. He said the wealth of knowledge, experience and finances to market Natchez in the manner it should be marketed. Alderman

Pollard said the contract is for two years and there are options, if the City is not satisfied with the management agreement or decides that it is not good for Natchez, we are not stuck for a long term. The agreement will allow for money savings for the city and will provide marketing dollars for the Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Mayor West requested additional comments.

Mayor West requested a motion to approve the acceptance of the management agreement.

A motion was made by Alderman Pollard and seconded by Alderman Massey to approve the acceptance of the Management Agreement.

Mayor West requested comments on the motion.

Alderman West asked if the emergency / disaster language would be included.

Mayor West said the motion for approval would include the emergency/disaster language.

The motion carried with Alderman Pollard, Alderman Massey, Alderman West, Alderman Middleton voting in favor of the Management Agreement and amendments. Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis, Alderman Gray voted against the motion.

ATTACHMENT

Attorney Brown said the document would be presented to Mayor West and Attorney Sanders for final review.

Mayor West asked that the Board return to the regular order of the agenda.

It was the consensus of the Board to return to the regular order of the agenda.

a. **Business of the Month — Natchez Regional Medical Center**

Mayor West said Natchez Regional Medical Center, formerly known as Jefferson Davis Memorial Hospital opened its doors in 1960 and currently employs 500 people from the surrounding areas. It is a full service hospital offering comprehensive diagnostic and treatment services for acute/subacute and ambulatory care. The hospital is licensed for 179 beds with a solid reputation for delivering high quality health care. Natchez Regional is a teaching facility affiliated with Alcorn State University and Copiah Lincoln Community College for RN and LPN nursing programs, Respiratory and Physical Therapy programs and Medical Billing and Coding.

Natchez Regional Medical Center offers a wide array of services such as the Coronary Care unit, Speech Therapy, Respiratory Therapy and many specialized services including the Chest Pain Center, Open

Air MRI, Diabetes Clinic and Support Center just to name a few. Natchez Regional Medical Center has a significant economic impact on the economy of Natchez and the surrounding areas, and they are the second largest employer in Adams County. Their employees boast about the many great benefits of working for this hospital, but are most proud of the hospital's ability to keep up with technological advances in the medical world. Natchez Regional Medical Center looks forward to serving this community and the surrounding areas for many years to come.

Mayor West congratulated Natchez Regional Medical Center on being chosen the December Business of the Month.

Alderman Massey presented the plaque to the representative.

Mr. said on behalf of the hospital he was delighted to accept the award. He said they look forward to serving the community into the future.

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b. Rene Adams of First Natchez Radio Group - Health Quest

Ms. Rene Adams noted that she was presenting a very exciting project that originated from Natchez Regional Medical Center. She said good health is important and we often find ourselves in a place and time when we wish we had done things to make a difference in our lives. Ms Adams said last year Health Quest 2006 was started with the intent of focusing on improving health care and health awareness in Natchez. She said the first year there were 278 people signed up with 178 to complete the program over a three month period. Ms. Adams said the Natchez Mall signed on as a sponsor and the program will begin on January 4, 2007 with a health fair.

Ms. Adams said the most important thing about Health Quest is the opportunity for the citizens to come and pay a registration fee which will include two major blood screening. The Natchez Regional Medical Center will work with Health Quest in partnership. Ms. Adams said there were several individuals who were able to stop taking medicine for blood pressure, diabetes, cholesterol, because of Health Quest. The purpose of the program is to make Natchez a healthier place. She said Adams County has agreed to pay the registration fee for the employees who wish to participate in the program. Ms. Adams asked that the information be provided to the city employees. The program is a very educational program which includes other sponsors such as McDonalds, The Markets, Natchez Mall, and special promotion from MainStream Fitness.

Ms. Adams requested comments.

Mayor West thanked Ms. Adams for the information.

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c. Tammi Mullins-Gardner - Downtown Development Association

Mrs. Tammi Gardner was present to introduce her replacement with the Downtown Development Association. She introduced Mrs. Kerri Kimbrell. Mrs. Gardner thanked the City of Natchez for the continued support of the association. She said the Downtown Association has been in existence since 1997 and she was appointed the director in 1999. Mrs. Gardner said Mrs. Kimbrell is very energetic and will do a great job as the Director.

Mayor West introduced Mrs. Kimbrell as the new director of the Downtown Development Association and welcomed her to Natchez.

Mrs. Kimbrell said she is excited to be in Natchez and delighted to work with the Mayor and Board of Aldermen in the future.

Alderman Pollard noted that Mrs. Kimbrell has big shoes to fill.

Mrs. Kimbrell said if she can do half the job of Mrs. Gardner she will be pleased.

Alderman Gray asked Mrs. Kimbrell if she is from Natchez.

Mrs. Kimbrell said she is not from Natchez, she is from Louisville, Ms. She said she fell in love with Natchez on the first visit and decided to marry the first man she saw.

Alderman Pollard welcomed Mrs. Kimbrell to Natchez.

Alderman Middleton said on behalf of the City of Natchez he thanked Mrs. Tammi Gardner for the dedicated service to the Downtown Development Association.

Mayor West said he planned to recognize Mrs. Gardner during the meeting but the order he placed was not received. Mayor West said the presentation will be made during the next meeting in January, 2007.

d. James Curtis Smith - Zoa Street Project

Mayor West noted that Mr. James Smith was unable to attend the meeting due to a car accident.

Mr. Calvin Dean, Crown Engineering asked to be recognized as the representative of the project.

Mayor West recognized Mr. Calvin Dean and requested comments.

Mr. Dean presented a summary of the Zoa Street improvement project. He said he is with Crown Engineering, the firm hired to complete the project. Mr. Dean said the City of Natchez was selected for the funding of the project on Zoa and Bluff Streets during the last budget season. The topographic field survey was completed and they are currently developing construction plans to bid out for construction. Mr. Dean

said the plans will be available during January, 2007 at which time a set will be submitted to the City for review. He said when the final plans are approved the bids will be advertised in early February with construction to begin in early spring. Mr. Dean said the project is moving forward.

Mayor West requested comments.

Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis thanked Mr. Dean for the information and noted that she is very interested in the promotion and completion of the project. She said she is glad to know that Mr. Dean and Mr. Smith will keep the Board informed of the project.

Mayor West thanked Mr. Dean for attending the meeting and providing an update.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

VETERANS SERVICE, Erle Drane, Director

Mr. Drane noted that in the Natchez Democrat there was an article about the Patriot Guard. This is a wreath laying ceremony at the National Cemetery on Thursday, December 14, 2006, at 1:00 pm. Mr. Drane said representatives from six (6) services will be present to participate in the event. He encouraged full community support of the event because the activity will take place simultaneously in over 200 National Cemeteries in the Unites States and Puerto Rico. Mr. Drane said it is important to remember the birth of our Savior along with those who have sacrificed their lives for the freedom we have. He asked everyone to participate in the ceremony.

Mayor West thanked Mr. Drane for his dedication to the Veterans of the area.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, David Gardner, Director/Water Superintendent

Mr. Gardner said a list was submitted to him of eligible NRCS projects due to an event in October. This list was generated from input from the Board and Department Heads. Mr. Gardner said the project approved on December 1, 2006 for the 299-325 West Stiers Lane area adjacent to the Dunmore property. Mr. Gardner said the project was approved in the amount of \$137,000. He said there have been changes in the NRCS policies on how projects are handled and they no longer provide in-kind credit for engineering surveying. There is a required 25% match along with the required service of surveying, and land rights. He said the out of pocket expense for the project will be in the amount of \$51,750. Mr. Gardner said this is a project that Adams County was interested in assisting with. He recommended that the county participate in this project.

Mr. Gardner requested directions from the Mayor and Board on whether he should proceed with the project. He said because of the time restraints of NRCS he submitted the application prior to the

deadline in hopes that the board would ratify the action. Mr. Gardner said if the board did not pursue the project nothing would be lost. He said the wheels are in motion to go forward with the project.

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Mayor West said he and Alderman Gray were in consultation with Mr. Gardner regarding the proposed project and the time constraints.

Alderman Gray said he submitted a copy of the proposal to the Adams County Board of Supervisors requesting their participation in the project. Alderman Gray said Supervisor Grennell agreed to discuss the project with the board and request assistance.

A motion was made by Alderman Gray to proceed with the West Stiers Lane NRCS project. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis.

Alderman West asked if the motion is to proceed with the project with or without the assistance of the county.

Alderman Gray said the motion is to proceed with the NRCS project for West Stiers Lane.

Alderman Pollard asked Mr. Holloway, City Clerk if the \$51,750 was available and from what fund account.

Mr. Holloway said he will review the request and see what is available.

Alderman Pollard said he is not against the project, but during discussions with Department Heads there were no funds available and now there is a request for \$51,750 to fund a project.

Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis questioned the amount to be provided by Adams County.

Mr. Gardner said the request is for fifty percent of the match, \$25,875. He said on the memo submitted that there were costs for inspections and surveys which the county could provide in house. He said the City would have to hire out the inspection and survey portion of the project if the county is not involved.

Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis said it is pertinent that the following statement be made a part of the record. She said when gaming money is looked at, it is reviewed as a funding source for a one time event. She said we do not look at gaming money for funding sources for personnel, regular recurring expenses so in looking at a project like the West Stiers Lane NRCS project it would be at the top of the list for fund sources that come in. The money received from gaming should be used for matching funds for projects that are one time expenditures. Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis said surely everyone will go to the boat and help take care of this funding.

Alderman West said he is in support of the project and did not want it to be held up waiting on the county to respond.

Mayor West said he is not sure of the time frame in terms of when the application was submitted versus the time it may be approved to move forward. In addition to requesting funds from the county and examining the city budget, Mayor West said there may be other possibilities for funding the project.

Alderman Massey said he is in favor of the project although he would like to know where the money will come from. He said there was discussion of expenditures in excess of \$400,000. Alderman Massey asked what could be cut to accommodate the project. He said it is great that the city will receive \$137,000 for the project, but he is concerned with how the match funds will be made available. Alderman Massey said to piggy-back on comments made by Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis regarding gaming revenue for the City of Natchez, without revenue from the Isle of Capri there would be a lay off of half the police officers and fire fighters, and a majority of the public works employees.

Alderman Massey said the public should know that if 1.3 million dollars a year received from gaming is removed from the city budget there would be nothing for the city to work with. He said there were two tax increases over the past twenty-five (25) years. He said the city is trying to improve the tax base by doing things and there is a slap in the face by people who moved to the community and living comfortably and not worrying about the people making \$5.50-\$7.40 per hour on minimal jobs. Alderman Massey said it is time for the City of Natchez to realize that a hand full of people who moved here from other places do not dictate what is done. He said when Adams County approved gaming in the county the first site authorized in the State of Mississippi was the Roth Hill site. When Larry 'Butch' Brown was Mayor a total of 1.2 million dollars was allocated for the site which included utilities for proposed gaming. The road was constructed and developed for gaming. Alderman Massey said the opportunity has presented itself therefore the city will not have to worry about the \$51,570 match funds for getting something done in the community. There would be street improvements, recreation projects, and other necessary improvements within the city. Since the close of every factory in the town, the city is charged with the development of jobs and bringing economic opportunities to the area. Alderman Massey said he was the plant superintendent when Diamond International closed in 1983, when the employees were making \$20.00 per hour on the job. The same people are currently unemployed or working on jobs making less than 7.50 per hour.

Alderman Massey said the opportunity is there to provide 400-600 jobs which is a very exciting day for him to make Natchez a solvent town in regard to greater finances. Every time there is a meeting it is not the board members against each other or the board members against the community. He said the problem is the lack of a tax base, there are people who want to hold on to the town as it was in the past. He said nothing can be done without a tax base.

Mayor West said he would hope the motion is supported as the opportunity is there for Natchez to move forward. He said if the match funds are not identified the project funds can be returned. Mayor West said everything possible should be done to identify the necessary funds for the project. He requested a vote on the previous motion.

The motion carried unanimously to proceed with the West Stiers Lane NRCS project.

Mr. Gardner said there will be a strict time frame to complete everything needed on the project and an answer from the county would be encouraged quickly.

Alderman Gray said he will contact Supervisor Grennell and request an answer on the matter.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT, Ralph Tedder, Director

Mr. Tedder requested approval of the miscellaneous concession report for the fiscal year October, 2005 - September, 2006. He said the City Auditors recommended that the report is submitted for approval. Mr. Tedder requested ratification of the reports totaling \$3,366.82.

A motion was made by Alderman Middleton and seconded by Alderman Massey to approve the miscellaneous concessions in the amount of \$3,366.82. The motion carried unanimously.

ATTACHMENT

Mr. Tedder requested permission to advertise for bids for the resurfacing of the North Natchez Tennis Courts. He said bids will be opened on Tuesday, January 23, 2007. The project will take place in mid to late February 2007. Mr. Tedder said the expenses of this project is in the current Recreation Department Budget. The tennis courts have not been resurfaced in ten (10) years.

A motion was made by Alderman Massey and seconded by Alderman Gray to authorize the advertisement for bids for the resurfacing of the North Natchez Tennis Courts.

Mayor West requested comments.

Alderman Massey noted that in the past \$90,000 was donated by the Isle of Capri for the resurfacing of tennis courts in the community.

Mr. Tedder said the donation was used to rebuild the back tennis courts and since that time the department resurfaced the North Natchez courts with a donation from Mr. Henry Harris. Mr. Tedder said the bid is for two courts in the park.

Alderman Massey said he wanted to mention the donation from Isle of Capri (Lady Luck) for recreation improvements.

The motion carried unanimously.

INSPECTION DEPARTMENT, Paul Dawes, Building Official

Mr. Dawes presented the Inspection Department financial report for November, 2006.

Alderman West asked if the report included the number of new constructions in the community.

Mr. Dawes said the report did not provide a breakdown of new construction. He said he will provide the information requested by the board.

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MUNICIPAL COURT, Jim Blough, Judge

Judge Blough submitted the November, 2006 financial report for the department.

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OFFICIAL REPORTS

ALDERWOMAN ARCENEUX-MATHIS

Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis invited the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to the performance of the Madrigal Dinner to be held at Kings Tavern on December 14, 2006 at 7:00 p.m She asked that tickets are purchased through the Natchez Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis said while listening to CNN news there was a long discussion regarding appropriations that would not be taken up by Congress. She said on Friday morning she contacted Mr. Larry 'Butch' Brown, Mississippi Department Of Transportation, (MDOT) Director and talked to hm about the 1.6 million dollars discussed in the Natchez Democrat as a part of a bill to be received for roads in Natchez. She said most of the city understands that there was extensive lobbying to get the money.

Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis said Mr. Brown provided her with a list of contacts and told her to let everyone know that MDOT was in support of the bill and monies being provided to Natchez. She said she then called the office of Governor Haley Barbour and talked to Mr. Parks McNair who said he would call back. Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis said she talked to the representative in Lieutenant Amy Tucks office who agreed to e-mail information to her to have on hand. Mike Lipsent of Congressman Pickering's office said eventhough the appropriation bills would not be taken up, they would be continued.

Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis said she called T.A. Hawks with the office of Senator Cochran and left a message. She said there are names of contacts available and as soon as they come out of session they should be contacted. Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis said she is hurt to think of losing 1.6 million dollars for Natchez, Mississippi. She said at the next meeting there should be a decision made regarding the strategy to follow the bill. She said she was always told that if you can track the money you get all the information. Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis said she would like to lobby the individuals and do everything

possible to not lose the 1.6 million dollars when the next congress go back into session in January, 2007.

Mayor West requested comments.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis to schedule a meeting to discuss the strategy to be adopted to keep the 1.6 million in tact. The motion was seconded by Alderman Gray. The motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Arceneaux-Mathis submitted the following list of contacts.

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Mayor West requested comments from Ms. Brinigar regard the bill.

Ms. Brinigar said the bill number is # 109-293, and is listed on page 50. Ms. Brinigar said the bill is not in the House version of the resolution under transportation. She said the bill is in the Senate version under Transportation.

Mayor West said he has been keeping up with the information and it is a good idea to hold a strategy session. He said he is scheduled to be in Washington on January 23, 2007 and he will prioritize.

Alderman Gray questioned the date of the National League of Cities Conference.

Mayor West said the National League of Mayors is scheduled in January and the League of Cities is scheduled for March.

ALDERMAN GRAY

Alderman Gray presented the November, 2006 monthly report for the Natchez Fire Department.

ATTACHMENT

Alderman Gray said he received news that Mrs. Jacquelyn Williams did not wish to serve another term on the Library Association. He asked the Mayor to find a replacement for the position. Alderman Gray said this will be a great disappointment for the library.

Alderman Gray congratulated the Franklin County Bulldogs for winning the State Championship and the Trinity Saints on their championship.

Alderman Gray said his sympathy goes out to the families of the individuals involved in the plan crash. He said a teacher in the Natchez Middle School mentoring program lost her brother in the crash.

Alderman Gray ended his report with a prayer.

ALDERMAN POLLARD

Alderman Pollard congratulated Lea Ann Mason for putting on the best Christmas Parade every. He said when Mr. Tipton agreed to step up and assist with the parade no one knew what was on his mind. Alderman Pollard thanked everyone who volunteered with the parade.

Mayor West said the parade was a complete success.

Alderman Gray agreed that the parade was excellent.

Mr. Tipton said the parade coordinators were Lea Ann Mason and Stephanie Bourke, teachers with the Robert Lewis Middle School. Mr. Tipton said Mayor West was responsible for the attendance of the Alcorn State University band. Mr. Tipton said there is great respect for Tammi Gardner and the Downtown Development Association for the work on the past parades.

ALDERMAN WEST

No Report

ALDERMAN MASSEY

Alderman Massey said of the three individuals who perished in the plane crash, two were his friends. He said Barr Brown was the son of the past City Clerk, Martha Brown who served for many years. He said Mr. Brown was very involved in the community and athletics. Alderman Massey said Jerry Roberts was the former manager of Cellular South and a local referee who loved both Natchez & Vidalia. Alderman Massey said Barr Brown, Jerry Roberts, and Alex Cardeneaux will be greatly missed in the community.

ALDERMAN MIDDLETON

Alderman Middleton said the Natchez Recreation Department Youth Basketball Leagues will take place at the Martin Gym on Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday evenings and all day on Saturdays from February 1 - March 31, 2007. He said league registration and team drafts will take place January 27, 2007. Alderman Middleton said the Youth Basketball Program has (4) age divisions that include:

- Pee Wee League Players (4-5 years of age)
- 3rd & 4th Grade Players (6-7 years of age)
- 5th & 6th Grade Players (8 -12 years of age)
- 7th & 8th Grade Players (13 - 15 year of age)

Alderman Massey said the 2005 Youth Basketball Program had 372 participation, 2006 Program

had 467 participation which included the Hurricane Katrina Evacuees. He said the 2007 year is expected to have at least 400 children participating in the Program.

Alderman Massey said there will be eight (8) teams in the Adult Basketball League which will take place from January 13 - March 31, 2007 at the Martin Gym on Saturday and Sunday nights. He encouraged all to participate and attend the games.

Alderman Massey noted that his sympathy goes out to the families affected by the devastating plane crash.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

Mr. Holloway requested approval of the docket, #1155 - 1873.

Attorney Sanders said he reviewed the docket.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis and seconded by Alderman Gray to approve the docket # 1155-1873 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Holloway asked that the board authorize the advertisement of bids for the city depository for a two (2) year period.

Mayor West requested comments.

A motion was made by Alderman West and seconded by Alderman Massey to authorize the advertisement of bids for the City of Natchez depository for a two year period. The motion carried unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Sanders presented two ordinances to be adopted by the Board of Aldermen. He asked that the board go out of the regular order of business to discuss the ordinances. Attorney Sanders said both ordinances were recommended by the Natchez Metropolitan Planning Commission.

A motion was made by Alderman Massey and seconded by Alderman West to go out of the regular order of business for the adoption of ordinances. The motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Sanders said the first is for the Private Driveway and Street Ordinance. An Ordinance to prescribe, regulate, or mandate private driveway and private street design, construction and use for ingress and egress within the City of Natchez; and to provide penalties for the violation thereof.

ATTACHMENT

Mayor West requested comments.

A motion was made by Alderman Pollard and seconded by Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis to approve the Private Driveway and Street Ordinance. The motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Sanders said the second is an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to include Regulations for Townhouses, Patio Homes and/or Zero Lot Line Dwellings.

ATTACHMENT

Mayor West requested comments.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis and seconded by Alderman Pollard to approve the amendment to the Natchez Zoning Ordinance to include Regulations for Townhouses, Patio Homes and/or Zero Lot Line Dwellings. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Alderman West and seconded by Alderman Massey to return to the regular order of business. The motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor West requested authorization to negotiate the formal contract between Mr. Dennis Story and the City of Natchez for the position of City Planner. Mayor West requested a motion.

A motion was made by Alderman West and seconded by Alderman Pollard to authorize Mayor West to negotiate the formal contract between Dennis Story and the City of Natchez for the position of City Planner. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor West asked that the Board of Aldermen adopt a series of recommendations for the amended budget in the amount of \$439,000 for the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

A motion was made by Alderman West and seconded by Alderman Massey to approve the amended budget in the amount of \$439,000 for the 2006-2007 fiscal year. The motion carried unanimously.

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Mayor West introduced Mr. Dennis Story and noted that he was authorized by the Board of Aldermen to discuss the contract with him for the position of City Planner. Mayor West requested comments from Mr. Story.

Mr. Dennis Story stated that he is looking forward to working with Mayor West and the Board of Aldermen on planning issues in the City of Natchez. He said he was glad to be in Natchez and be a resource to the city. Mr. Story said he hopes to get a lot of things done from a planning perspective.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor West requested a motion to make the determination to go into Executive Session.

The motion was made by Alderman Massey to make the determination to go into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Alderman Pollard. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor West said the item to be discussed in Executive Session is the contractual agreement in regard to the Riverfront proposals. Mayor West requested a motion to discuss the agreements in Executive Session.

A motion was made by Alderman Pollard and seconded by Alderman West to go into Executive Session to discuss the contractual agreements in regard to the Riverfront proposals. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis and seconded by Alderman Gray to return to the regular order of business. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis and seconded by Alderman Massey to recess the regular meeting of Tuesday, December 12, 2006 to Monday, December 18, 2006.