

**REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 14, 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, November 14, 2006. Mayor Phillip C. West presided at the meeting, which was opened with prayer by Assistant Pastor Joseph Logan of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church.

MAYOR & BOARD PRESENT	ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT	CITY OFFICIALS & DEPARTMENT HEADS
<b>Phillip C. West</b> Mayor  <b>Joyce Arceneaux-Mathis</b> Aldерwoman, Ward 1  <b>J. "Ricky" Gray, Jr.</b> Alderman, Ward 2  <b>Bob Pollard</b> Alderman, Ward 3  <b>Theodore West</b> Alderman, Ward 4  <b>David Massey</b> Alderman, Ward 5  <b>Jake Middleton</b> Alderman, Ward 6		Donnie Holloway, City Clerk Everett Sanders, City Attorney Darlene D. Williams, Dep. City Clerk Sabrena Bartley, Senior Center Director Jim Blough, Municipal Judge Brett Brinegar, Grants Coordinator Paul Dawes, Inspection Department Rick Freeman, Traffic Department David Gardner, Water Superintendent Patricia Gibson, Personnel Director Temple Hendricks, Mayors Secretary Walter Huston, Planning Department Ronnie Ivey, Public Works Director Paul Johnson, Fire Chief Darlene F. Jones, Comm Dev. Director Mike Mullins, Police Chief Valerie Quinn, Convention Center 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 Massey to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of October 24, 2006 and approve as submitted. The motion was seconded by Alderman Pollard. The motion carried unanimously.

**VISITORS WELCOMED**

Mayor West recognized Mr. Tom Bauer, Mr. Warren Ruther, and Mr. Paul Buckley who were present as new partners for the City of Natchez. Mayor West said the City of Natchez is pleased to have the opportunity to work with the group.

Mayor West requested comments from Attorney Walter Brown.

Attorney Brown said that his purpose for being present is to introduce the individuals to the Board. He said it is an exciting time for the City of Natchez because we are finally getting to the end of a project that was worked on for a very long time and that was to get a downtown hotel, be afforded the opportunity to market conventions and fill every hotel room, restaurant and business in the city. Attorney Brown said the Mayor and Board discussed the possibility of a management agreement with the New Orleans hotel consultants group to have the New Orleans connection in Natchez. Attorney Brown asked that Mr. Bauer make a short presentation in regard to the aspect of the hotel.

Mr. Tom Bauer, said things are moving forward. He said a meeting was held with the investors and they anticipate closing on the downtown property in December and starting construction in January of 2007. Mr. Bauer said the hotel opening date is proposed before the end of next year. He said the important mission was to introduce Mr. Paul Buckley and Mr. Warren Ruther who will manage the hotel site. Mr. Bauer noted that Mr. Buckley is retired with thirty-eight (38) years with the Hilton Corporation and the last twenty-one (21) years he was the General Manager and Area Vice-President of the New Orleans Downtown Hilton. This site was connected to the convention center where Mr. Ruther is the current president. Mr. Bauer said Mr. Ruther has owned several transportation companies, hotels and is the manager of the Super Dome, Zepher Field, Saints training facility, the Municipal Auditorium and the Alario Center. Mr. Bauer said he cannot do anything in Natchez without assistance, and the group can do nothing without the City of Natchez. Mr. Bauer said the group will discuss each stage of the marketing plan for Natchez with the Board in the future. He said there will be more jobs, opportunities, and tax dollars for the City of Natchez.

Attorney Brown asked the Board to suspend the rules for the purpose of consideration of an ordinance.

**A motion was made by Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis and seconded by Alderman Pollard to suspend the rules for the consideration of an ordinance. The motion carried unanimously.**

Attorney Brown said the ordinance is to amend a section of the code dealing with building permits, Section 90-27. He said this ordinance grew out of a request from Duncan McFarland, Habitat for Humanities Organization, for a waiver of the building permit fees. Attorney Brown said it was determined that while cities are not required to have building fees and if there are fees an ordinance must be adopted to do so. The ordinance presented is to allow the board at its discretion to grant waivers or discounts of fees for non-profit corporations, as well as bona fide economic development projects such as the one proposed by the Bauer Group in the form of the hotel. Attorney Brown said when the contract was negotiated and as part of the original proposal, Mr. Bauer asked the city to waive the fees. Attorney Brown said the proposed ordinance gives the board legal authority to waive the fees. He said the urgency in the matter is to allow for the issuance of the permits from the Building Inspection Department. Attorney Brown noted that all other approvals have been obtained from the Preservation Commission, Site Plan Review Committee, and the Natchez Metropolitan Planning Commission. He said the ordinance should be approved by the

board to take effect immediately.

Mayor West requested comments.

**A motion was made by Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis and seconded by Alderman Pollard to adopt the ordinance to allow the Board at its discretion to grant waivers or discounts of fees for non-profit corporations, as well as bone fide economic development projects. The motion carried unanimously.**

Attorney Brown said the management agreement discussed during the finance meeting will be presented to the board at the next scheduled meeting pending corrections of the language.

Alderman Pollard noted that following the discussion in the finance meeting he was ready to accept the management agreement with the necessary corrections.

Mayor West said the proposal as submitted should be accepted since the Bauer Group was present if acceptable to all board members. He requested comments.

**A motion was made by Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis and seconded by Alderman Pollard to accept in concept the presentation provided by the Bauer Group concerning the Convention Center Hotel and the proposed privatization of the Convention Center and other tourism related activities in the City of Natchez. The motion carried unanimously.**

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

### **BIDS - RECREATION DEPARTMENT GOLF CART LEASE**

Mayor West asked that the bids for the forty-eight (48) month Golf Cart lease be opened:

1. **Golf Carts of Mississippi, Ridgeland, Mississippi**  
\$63.00 per month per cart  
\$3,152.82 per month for 50 carts  
\$149.30 per month for 1 range cart
  
2. **E-Z Go, Brandon, Mississippi**  
\$75.00 per month per cart  
\$3,750.00 per month for 50 carts  
\$275.00 per month for 1 range cart

Mayor West requested comments.

Mr. Tedder asked that the bids are taken under advisement.

**A motion was made by Alderman West and seconded by Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis to take the Golf Cart lease bids under advisement. The motion carried unanimously.**

Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis asked if the existing carts would be replaced with the new carts.

Mr. Tedder said the existing carts are being replaced by the new leased carts.

### **WELCOME VISITORS**

Mayor West welcomed all visitors to the meeting.

- a. Business of the Month - Belk's

Mayor West noted that the business of the month will be recognized at the next scheduled meeting.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**None**

### **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

#### **GRANTS COORDINATOR, Brett Brinegar, Director**

Ms. Brett Brinegar said the City of Natchez, Grants Department in cooperation with the Tourism Department applied for a \$20,000 no match grant from the Federal Government to revamp, improve and print a large number of African American Heritage Tourism brochures. Ms. Brinegar said the \$20,000 grant was awarded to the City of Natchez. She thanked Connie Taunton for her assistance with the budget and noted that they will continue working on the project with the committee and Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis.

Ms. Brinegar said the Kick-off Meeting was held for the Forks of the Road feasibility and boundary study. She said the meeting was very productive and there were several comments from the public. Ms. Brinegar said the second meeting will be held to collect additional comments from the public and committee members with the final meeting being scheduled to wrap up the project. All comments should be directed to the study group via the website set up for that purpose, **forks@mangi.com** or submit written comments to the City of Natchez Grants Department to be forwarded to the study group.

Mayor West requested comments.

Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis asked that the items previously discussed with Mr. Boxley be incorporated into the study group. She said the group who met to initiate the project should be contacted and included in the next scheduled meetings.

Ms. Brinegar said a meeting will be scheduled after Thanksgiving to bring all interested parties together.

Mayor West thanked Ms. Brinegar for the work done on the application for the \$20,000 no-match grant for the African American Heritage Tourism brochures.

**CONVENTION CENTER, Walter Tipton, Director**

Mr. Tipton said the current security contract at the Visitor Reception Center is over three years old. He said he would like to advertise for security contract bids. Mr. Tipton said he is not satisfied with the existing security service at the Visitor Center. The cost of the security contract is completely funded by MDOT and managed by the Visitors Center. Mr. Tipton said the contractual cost is billed to MDOT for reimbursement.

Alderman Middleton asked if the security contract is an annual contract.

Mr. Tipton said the contract is an annual contract with a thirty day extension. He said unless the contract is canceled it will continue to run.

Alderman Massey said it was discussed that there is a need for an additional camera on site. He asked if MDOT would fund the additional camera.

Mr. Tipton said MDOT will provide funding for the security contract and the cost of the extra camera would be provided by the City of Natchez and the National Park Service which would provide 52%.

Alderman Massey questioned the number of cameras on site.

Mr. Tipton said there are eight (8) cameras on site and the additional camera would provide extra security.

Mayor West requested comments.

Alderman Gray asked Mr. Tipton if he was satisfied with the current security group.

Mr. Tipton said there were minor instances when security personnel was not present although they were expected to be on site.

Alderman Gray asked if the company was contacted about the situation and if they gave a satisfactory explanation.

Mr. Tipton said he did contact the company and he was not satisfied with the explanation given.

**A motion was made by Alderman Pollard and seconded by Alderman Massey to approve**

**the request to advertise for bids for security at the Visitors Reception Center. The motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Tipton thanked Ms. Brinigar and Mrs. Jones for their participation on the grant application for the African American Heritage Tourism brochures. He asked that Ms. Brinegar and Mrs. Jones meet with Mr. Darryl White and Mr. Boxley to ensure that there is a comprehensive meeting concerning the development of the brochure.

Mr. Tipton reported that visitors to the Natchez Visitors Reception Center increased over the last year following Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

***Increase***

Visitors	24%	
Natchez Movie	53%	
Bus Tours		360%, half of what it was before Hurricane Katrina
Balloon Race T-Shirts	9%	
Carriage Tours	428%	lower than before Hurricane Katrina
Logo Shop	20%	

Mr. Tipton said the numbers tell where we currently stand in comparison to last year following Hurricane Katrina.

**RECREATION DEPARTMENT, Ralph Tedder, Director**

Mr. Tedder said in regard to the Duncan Park Golf Cart bids received, he would like to recommend the acceptance of the low bid submitted by Golf Carts of Mississippi.

Mayor West requested comments.

Alderman Gray asked if Golf Carts of Mississippi currently hold the lease on the golf carts.

Mr. Tedder said the current contract is with Golf Carts of Mississippi.

**A motion was made by Alderman Middleton and seconded by Alderman West to accept the low bid from Golf Carts of Mississippi and award the bid accordingly. The motion carried unanimously.**

**ATTACHMENT**

**INSPECTION DEPARTMENT, Paul Dawes, Building Official**

Mr. Dawes presented the Inspection Department monthly report for the month of October, 2006.

## **ATTACHMENT**

### **PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT, Patricia S. Gibson, Director**

Mrs. Gibson presented the attached report to be included in the minutes.

## **ATTACHMENT**

### **MUNICIPAL COURT, Judge Jim Blough, Municipal Judge**

Judge Blough presented the attached report to be included in the minutes.

## **ATTACHMENT**

### **CITY OFFICIALS' REPORTS (ALDERMEN)**

#### **ALDERWOMAN ARCENEUX-MATHIS**

Alderwoman Arceneux-Mathis asked Mayor West if there are State lobbyist retained for the City of Natchez.

Mayor West said it has not been officially completed although the matter will be discussed during the afternoon meeting. He said the lobbyist were informed of the interest by the City of Natchez to retain them.

**A motion was made by Alderwoman Arceneux-Mathis and seconded by Alderman Gray to have the City Attorney contact Senator Cochrens office and Mr. Hawks regarding the status of the 1.6 million dollars in Road money, possible dates the money will be awarded and if it will be handled during the lame duck session of Congress.**

Mayor West requested comments.

Alderwoman Arceneux-Mathis said with the recent results of the dections and change of committee heads, the City has worked very diligently on this project for two years and should not allow it to slip away. She said finally they were informed that the money was part of the report discussed in committee. Alderwoman Arceneux-Mathis said nothing happened over the break when everyone was out campaigning and so the status of the appropriations chairperson may change. She said she would like to see the money pushed through the committee if possible. Alderwoman Arceneux-Mathis asked that this happen as quick as possible without a delay. She said if it is not going to happen and if there was any possibility of saving the project the City of Natchez can know that everything was done that could be done.

Mayor West asked if everyone was aware of the report submitted regarding his discussion with Mr. Hawks and being told that the legislation would not be taken up until after the election.

Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis said she would like the board to vote on the motion. She said as chief lobbyist for the City of Natchez, Mayor West will also lobby for appropriations.

Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis said she did not know ten (10) days ago that there would be a change due to the election. She said there may be some change in the chair of the committees. Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis said if the issue is not taken up during the lame duck session the process will have to be started over with a different chairperson.

Mayor West requested a vote on the motion.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis asked that James Smith, Sunbelt Corp is contacted to attend the next scheduled meeting and provide an update on the Zoa Street project.

Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis requested an update on grass cutting in Ward 1.

Mr. Huston said the information regarding the status of code violations and other code violations in Ward 1 would be provided by the Code Enforcement Officer in the form of a report.

Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis said she received a complaint from a constituent regarding the Donnan property on Maple Street and other properties along Maple Street. She said she would like to be able to tell the property owner when the properties will be cut and cleaned.

Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis asked Mr. Ivey to look at the matter of replacing a retaining wall at the corner of Oak and Union Street. She said the retaining wall was removed by the city and the adjacent property owner asked that the city replace the retaining wall because the dirt is washing onto Oak Street. Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis asked when the matter will be addressed.

Mr. Ivey said he talked with the property owner and he told them the wall would be replaced.

Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis asked if the wall will be replaced with similar materials that are comparable to what was there. She presented photographs of the area and noted that she did not want the dirt situation to be like the Madison situation. Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis asked that the retaining wall is replaced as quickly as possible.

**ALDERMAN GRAY**

Alderman Gray presented the October, 2006 monthly report for the Natchez Fire Department for the month of October, 2006.

**ATTACHMENT**

Alderman Gray said he received a call from Mr. Ivory regarding a retaining wall on his property that is being destroyed by armadillos. Alderman Gray asked for assistance with this matter. He said he told the property owner he would talk with the public works director and Chief of Police.

Chief Mullins said the property owner should contact a pest control company to provide a solution to the problem.

Alderman Gray questioned the start date for the project on Seals Lane.

Mr. Ivey said the project will not be addressed before the first of the year. He said the site was reviewed and because of the rain there was nothing they could do.

Alderman Gray requested an update on the LaSalle & First Street project.

Mr. Eric Smith said the information was placed in the mailbox at City Hall for Alderman Gray to review.

Alderman Gray said he did not receive the information and any information requested by him should be provided to the complete board. He said the board will have to make the final decision. Alderman Gray asked that the requested information be provided again for the review of the full board.

Alderman Gray said he received several calls about the condition of Union Street. He asked if the pot holes will be filled until the FAU project is approved.

Mr. Ivey said a temporary fix will be done on Union Street within the next ten (10) days.

Alderman Gray questioned the completion of the guard rail on West Stiers Lane. He said a portion of the rail was installed and asked why the rail was not extended to the property where the car ran into the house.

Mr. Ivey said the guard rail was installed following regulations.

Alderman Gray asked that the guard rail be extended to accommodate the dangerous area in front of the property owners home.

Alderman Gray said he would like the record to reflect the many requests made for the installation of the sidewalk at the intersection of Martin L. King Jr Street and Wilson Road. He said the children walking to Robert Lewis Middle School have to walk in the street and this is a very dangerous area. He said the sidewalk should have been replaced when the guard rail was replaced. Alderman Gray asked what the hold up was on the request. He asked Mr. Ivey to take care of the situation immediately.

Alderman Gray asked that the new hires for the Natchez Fire Department and Natchez Police Department are formally introduced to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen during a regular meeting.

Mayor West asked Alderman Gray to offer the request as a motion to be adopted as a policy.

**A motion was made by Alderman Gray and seconded by Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis to adopt as a policy the introduction of new hires for the Natchez Police Department and the Natchez Fire Department to the Mayor & Board of Aldermen during a regular scheduled meeting. The motion carried unanimously.**

Alderman Gray requested an update from Mr. Dawes on the property at #6 Laird Street. He asked if the owner was notified about the condition of the property.

Mr. Dawes said the property owner will be contacted and the condition of the property addressed immediately.

Mayor West requested a monthly report from all departments regarding the progress made during the month on projects, inspections and other daily duties. He asked that the Inspection Department provide information on the delapidated properties and what is being done to correct the situation.

Alderman Gray asked the Public Works Department to pay close attention to ditches throughout the city during rain to make sure there is no debris in the way of the water flowing properly through the area. He asked that 14 Homewood Park is checked on a regular basis because the property owner complained that the drains are always covered with debris and floods his property.

Alderman Gray said he attended several funerals during the past week, one being Mr. Addis West. Alderman Gray said his deepest sympathy goes out to Mayor West and his family. Alderman Gray closed his report with a prayer.

## **ALDERMAN POLLARD**

Alderman Pollard said at the Visitor Center there are comment cards that all visitors are asked to complete following their visit. He said the cards allow the visitor to rate their visit and the city employees. Alderman Pollard said there was a comment card submitted that received excellent marks from Governor Haley Barbour who was in town and no one knew he was here.

## **ALDERMAN WEST**

Alderman West thanked Mr. Eric Smith and the Public Works Department for work on two ongoing projects along Lafayette Street and Ann Holdens Lane.

Alderman West questioned the duties of the Public Works Department when there are rainy days.

Mr. Smith said there is work to be done on the streets during rainy days. He said the department makes sure the rain water is flowing through the drains and ditches. Mr. Smith said there is always work to be completed.

Alderman West asked why school buses or transit buses do not have seat belts.

Chief Mullins said there is discussion on revamping the design of school bus seats or the installation of seat belts.

Mrs. Bartley noted that the transit buses all have seat belts and must be utilized at all times.

### **ALDERMAN MASSEY**

Alderman Massey said during the last rain there was a washout along Margaret Avenue that is cutting into the street. He said Mr. Atkins, Engineering Department reviewed the site and noted that the estimated cost of repairs would be between \$7,000-\$9,000. Alderman Massey said the cost of the repair could be filed under a EWP project for reimbursement. He noted that he would like to make the motion to have the street repaired.

Mayor West requested comments.

**A motion was made by Alderman Massey and seconded by Alderman West to expend the \$7,000-\$9,000 for the repair of Margaret Avenue with the anticipation of being reimbursed through an EWP project based on an emergency.**

Mayor West requested comments on the motion.

Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis asked if the funds would be used from the Public Works.

Alderman Massey said the money would be provided from the general fund because there is no money set aside for a street emergency. He said there is a tremendous amount of damage under the street that will be addressed. .

Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis asked if the street was on the list for an EWP project.

Alderman Massey said with all the construction in the area of Sgt. Prentiss Drive and Liberty Road the ditch has become a roaring river during the rain. He said this will continue to happen and not get any better until something is done. Alderman Massey said this should be an immediate concern of the city. He said there is a dangerous washout in the area of the new bridge. It is unbelievable the amount of water that flows through the area. Alderman Massey asked Mr. Gardner to review the site to determine what options the city would have. The street will be completely lost if something is not done quickly.

Mr. Gardner said he will visit the site and discuss the matter with the appropriate parties.

Mayor West requested a vote on the motion.

Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis asked if MDOT could be included in the repair of the area. She said once the site is repaired who will be responsible for maintenance. Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis questioned the estimated repair cost.

Alderman Massey said the property belongs to the City of Natchez and the estimated cost is \$7,000-\$9,000 to repair.

Alderman Gray said over the past six months the construction in the immediate area has contributed to the washout of the surrounding city streets. He said the entity who caused the problem should be held responsible for the repairs. Alderman Gray said the city should get to the root of the problem and hold others responsible. He said he would like to see the area repaired but he would like to know if it happens again who will repair the damage. Alderman Gray said he will not agree to wasting the money of the tax payers. He noted that the city will not be reimbursed through a EWP project if it is completed prior to the application.

Alderman Massey requested the withdrawal of the motion.

Mayor West said the motion could not be withdrawn because Alderman West was not present to withdraw the second. Mayor West said the motion would have to be voted on at this time. Mayor West called for a vote on the motion.

**All members present voted against the motion to expend the funds to repair the area of Margaret Avenue. The motion was denied.**

#### **ALDERMAN MIDDLETON**

**No Report**

#### **CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DONNIE HOLLOWAY**

Mr. Holloway said proposals were received for Garbage Collection Services for the City of Natchez. He noted that he received a bid from City Hall that was not stamped with a time or date received. Mr. Holloway said he discussed the matter with the City Attorney and the bid would not be accepted from Monty Davidson - Inland Service Corporation because he was unsure when the bid was submitted to the Office of the City Clerk.

Mayor West questioned the deadline date and time for accepting proposals.

Mr. Holloway said the deadline was 11:00am, November 14, 2006. He said all other bids were accepted prior to the meeting. He said the package was brought to the Council Chamber by Mr. Drane.

Mayor West asked if Mr. Drane brought the proposal in prior to 11:00 am.

Mr. Holloway said he did not know when the bid was submitted, therefore it could not be accepted. He said he did not come out of the finance meeting until after 11:15 a.m. and the proposal was handed to him.

Alderman Gray asked if all bids that were submitted would be accepted as legal proposals. He said if all bids are not accepted the one Mr. Drane handed in could not be accepted because no one is sure of the time it was submitted.

Mayor West requested directions from Attorney Sanders regarding the matter.

Attorney Sanders said any bid submitted after 11:00 am is not a legal bid. He said the issue at hand is whether the bids were present in the office of the City Clerk prior to 11:00 am on Tuesday, November 14, 2006.

Alderman Gray asked if Mr. Drane is certified to accept or handle a bid. He said if the bid was not handled in the manner of the other proposals it is not acceptable. Alderman Gray said there was no evidence that the bid was on the table when the finance meeting ended. He said this was discussed with the City Clerk when a second bid was brought in after the deadline.

Mayor West asked if all required information was on the outside of the envelope.

Attorney Sanders said any bid received in the office of the City Clerk on November 14, 2006 prior to 11:00 am is an acceptable bid.

Mayor West requested information on the acceptable proposals for Garbage Collection Services.

Mr. Holloway opened the following proposals.

1. Letter from in regard to them not having enough time to adequately submit a proposal for the service.

Mayor West requested comments from Attorney Sanders in regard to the amount of time allowed for advertisement and submittal of proposals.

Attorney Sanders noted that the advertisement for proposals was submitted to the Natchez Democrat to run twice based on state regulations.

Mr. Holloway continued with the opening of the proposals for the base contract for garbage collection per household

	One per week	Twice per week.
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2. Red River 8.36 11.23

3. Waste Management 7.65 8.15

Alderman Massey asked if there was anything else to be considered by the Board on the contracts.

Mr. Holloway said there is additional information to be considered in the bid material.

Alderman Gray noted that if there are concerns regarding the contracts will they be addressed. He said if there are concerns with the way the contract is handled. He asked when the concerns could be voiced. Alderman Gray said there are concerns with there only being one employee on the rear of the truck for pick-up. He asked if the contract will allow for additional employees.

Mr. Buford Clark, Waste Management said the most competitive bid was submitted. He said the route is planned to determine the number of employees needed per route. Mr. Clark said the day following a holiday requires two employees. He said there is an incentive plan based on the amount of work. Mr. Clark said the company try to keep as many full time employees as possible.

Mr. Holloway requested approval of the docket. Docket # 830 - # 1154.

Alderman Middleton asked if Attorney Sanders reviewed the docket.

Attorney Sanders said the docket was reviewed.

**A motion was made by Alderman Massey and seconded by Alderman Middleton to approve the docket #830 - #1154 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Holloway requested authorization to close two (2) accounts that handled completed projects.

1. Bluff Stabilization Fund Account #120
2. Bluff Stabilization Escrow Account #121

Alderman Gray asked if the accounts have a balance.

Mr. Holloway said both accounts have a zero balance.

Mayor West requested comments.

**A motion was made by Alderman Massey and seconded by Aldermen Pollard to authorize the closure of Account #120-Bluff Stabilization Fund Account, and #121-Bluff Stabilization Escrow Account due to the completion of the projects. The motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Holloway requested authorization to advertise for a Tax Anticipation Note in the amount of \$600,000 with bids being accepted based on the lowest interest rate.

**A motion was made by Alderman Massey and seconded by Alderman Pollard to authorize**

**the advertisement for a Tax Anticipation Note in the amount of \$600,000 to be awarded based on the lowest interest rate. The motion carried unanimously.**

### **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT, EVERETT SANDERS**

Attorney Sanders said there were three (3) recommendations made by the Natchez Metropolitan Planning Commission to be considered for amendments. He asked that the board suspend the rules for the purpose of consideration of ordinances.

**A motion was made by Alderman West and seconded by Alderman Massey to suspend the rules for the purpose of consideration of the following ordinances.**

1. 29 Windsor Lodge Road

A motion was made by Alderman Middleton and seconded by Alderman Pollard to approve the amendment as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

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2. 213 John R. Junkin Drive

A motion was made by Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis and seconded by Alderman Massey to approve the amendment as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

#### ATTACHMENT

3. 15 North Palestine Road

**A motion was made by Alderman Massey and seconded by Alderman Pollard to approve the amendment as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.**

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

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor West reminded the Board of the 4:00 p.m. meeting at City Hall scheduled for November 14, 2006. He said he has a second scheduled meeting with representatives from Senator Cochran's office to discuss important appropriations issues.

Mayor West asked the board to set a date to hold interviews for the Request for Proposals. He said the interviews will be held during the first week of December, 2006 for individuals who have expressed

interest in terms of presenting a proposal for Riverfront Development. Mayor West asked that a definitive date be discussed and set for the interviews at the afternoon meeting.

Mayor West requested authorization himself, City Attorney, and the City Clerk to accept the proposals for the River Front Development Site on Thursday, November 16, 2006 at 5:00 p.m at City Hall.

**A motion was made by Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis and seconded by Alderman Pollard to authorize Mayor West, City Attorney, and City Clerk to accept RFP's for the River Front Development Proposal on Thursday, November 16, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.**

Alderman West questioned the time frame and the next steps in the process following the interviews.

Mayor West said following the interview process the Board will make the decision to collectively analyze the proposals received. He said outside assistance may be required to determine the best proposal for the city. Mayor West said based on the interest in the proposal it would be prudent to expedite the process and have something completed by the end of December. Mayor West said there may be the need for some members of the board to visit other locations.

Mayor West informed the board of a meeting to be held with the legislators. He said there are many things to be accomplished in a short period of time. Mayor West asked everyone to keep in mind the possibility of traveling outside the city to make sure we are following the correct path in regard to the proposals.

Mayor West requested additional comments.

Mayor West thanked the City of Natchez, City employees, and the community for the support shown to him and his family following the passing of his brother, Addis West.

Alderman West asked that the regular meeting be adjourned with a moment of silence in honor of Addis West and the West Family.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**NONE**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Alderman West and seconded by Alderman Massey to adjourn the Regular Meeting of November 14, 2006 in silence in honor of Mr. Addis West. The motion carried unanimously.**

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**PHILLIP C. WEST, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**DONNIE HOLLOWAY, CITY CLERK**