

**REGULAR MEETING
JULY 8, 2008**

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, July 8, 2008. Mayor Jake Middleton presided at the meeting, which was opened with prayer by Reverend John Larson of the First Presbyterian Church.

MAYOR & BOARD PRESENT	ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT	CITY OFFICIALS & DEPARTMENT HEADS
John ‘Jake’ Middleton Mayor Joyce Arceneaux-Mathis Alderwoman, Ward 1 J. “Ricky” Gray, Jr. Alderman, Ward 2 Bob Pollard Alderman, Ward 3 Earnest ‘Tony’ Fields Alderman, Ward 4 Mark Fortenbery Alderman, Ward 5 Daniel Dillard Alderman, Ward 6		Donnie Holloway, City Clerk Everett Sanders, City Attorney Darlene D. Williams, Dep. City Clerk Brett Brinegar, Grants Coordinator Sabrena Bartley, Senior Center Paul Dawes, Building Official Rick Freeman, Traffic Director Darlene Jones, Comm. Dev. Director John Lewis, City Planer Wilbert Whitley, Recreation Department Eric Smith, Public Works Oliver Stewart, Interim Fire Chief Ralph Tedder, Recreation Director Connie Taunton, Tourism Director Dannie White, Police Commander Darryl White, Tourism Division Natchez Democrat

MINUTES APPROVED

A motion was made by Alderman Pollard to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 17, 2008 and approve as submitted with the necessary corrections. The motion was seconded by Alderman Fortenbery. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Alderman Gray to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Organizational Meeting of July 1, 2008 and approve as submitted with the necessary corrections. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Middleton requested a motion to go out of the regular order of business for the adoption of a resolution.

A motion was made by Alderman Pollard and seconded by Alderman Gray to go out of

the regular order of business for the adoption of a resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

A. Walter Brown - Amendment to the Tax Increment Limited Obligation Bonds

Attorney Brown wished the board good luck in the new administration. He said it is a good sign that everyone seemed eager and ready to go and he appreciates that as a former member of the City Government.

Attorney Brown said his purpose for attending the meeting was to present a resolution in connection with the Tax Increment Financing Bond that the City of Natchez is issuing in connection with the Convention Center Hotel. He said because of the change in the administration and signatures that was signed before and after there are changes that need to be made in the bond resolution that was adopted several months ago. These primarily deal with the amount in which the bond was sold. The bond market is unstable at the current time and as a result of that it took longer to sell the bonds and the terms and condition of the buyer of the bonds is Duncan Williams of Memphis, Tenn., who necessitated this bond and it do not change anything about the nature of the bond issue. Attorney Brown said it is scheduled to be closed on July 8, 2008 and there will be pre-closing on the matter. He said the pre-closing will address the items mentioned and makes the changes. A contract has entered for the sell and they are favorable for the City of Natchez. These bonds are not in any way impact the financial obligation of the City of Natchez. The City of Natchez has no obligation on the bonds, and they are purely revenue bonds, payable by the developer Broadway Hospitality, LLC. Attorney Brown requested the adoption of the resolution.

Mayor Middleton requested comments.

A motion was made by Alderman Pollard and seconded by Alderman Fortenbery for the adoption of the resolution authorizing and approving an amendment to the bond. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITORS WELCOMED

Mayor Middleton welcomed all visitors to the meeting. He reminded everyone of the policy that allows all visitors to speak for three (3) minutes before the board.

A. City of Natchez Mayor's Youth Council

Mayor Middleton recognized Darlene Jones, Advisor to the Council.

Mrs. Jones noted that there were several members of the Mayor's Youth Council who would like to make a presentation.

Nicole Ballard, introduced herself along with Christen Hogans, and Kaleb Johnson. Ms. Ballard noted that it is time for the 2nd annual Community Day and she was chosen Chairperson for the committee. She said the committee decided to have the event on the bluff and they were present

to request the blessing of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. Ms. Ballard said the event would be held on August 9, 2008 6:00 p.m. on the Natchez Bluffs.

Kaleb Johnson said the goal of the Community Day is to bring Miss-Lou families together for the one last day of summer fun. Mr. Johnson said there will be many planned events.

Christen Hogans said that the Mayor's Youth Council is looking forward to everyone bringing their family and friends to spend the day with them. Ms. Hogans asked that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen keep the youth in their prayers.

B. Recognition of Captain Johnny Franklin

Mayor Middleton recognized Captain Johnny Franklin.

Alderman Gray said he has known Captain Franklin for many years in the neighborhood. Alderman Gray said he is very proud of Captain Franklin's accomplishments with the City of Natchez for thirty-three (33) years. Alderman Gray noted that Captain Franklin took his job very seriously and he appreciates his service. Alderman Gray presented Captain Franklin with the key to the City.

Interim Fire Chief Stewart presented Captain Franklin with a framed document representing the rank from firefighter to captain. The frame included badges and pins awarded to Captain Franklin over the thirty-three (33) years of service.

Captain Franklin thanked everyone for attending the meeting and noted that he would be enjoying his retirement. He recognized his wife Lorraine Franklin, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and other family members. Captain Franklin said he will be busy visiting the schools. He said he is glad to have served with the City of Natchez Fire Department for thirty-three (33) years.

C. Darrell White - St. Catherine Street Trees

Mayor Middleton recognized Mr. White.

Mr. White requested the support of the new administration for the development of the Heritage Tourism sites located within the City of Natchez. He said it has been his responsibility to assist with the development of those sites. Mr. White requested assistance with the St. Catherine Street area which is the site that holds great historical significance for the 19th & 20th century African American community. He said no where in the nation will you find a site as important as the Fork of the Road at an entryway into the city and at the end of the same street the spiritual home of the first African American to serve in the United States Congress.

Mr. White said in partnership with the Historic Natchez Foundation during the spring two hundred (200) crepe myrtle trees were planted were planted along St. Catherine Street. However, as the trees were planted late in the spring there was not the amount of rain to make sure the trees survived. Mr. White asked that the city assist with the watering of the trees to continue the growth process. He said this would assist with the beautification of the corridor leading into the city.

Mayor Middleton said he will discuss the matter with the Public Works Department and the fire department and work out a plan.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

POLICE DEPARTMENT, Chief Mullins

Chief Mullins said several weeks ago the department worked a credit card fraud case in which \$9,000 dollars worth of lab equipment was ordered on the victims card. He said there was a consent to search the house where the items were shipped and they recovered the equipment before it was re-shipped. Chief Mullins said the equipment belonged to Boston Scientific which is a large laboratory supply company and they would like to donate one item to the Natchez Police Department. The item is an electronic drug scale which can be used to weigh and measure drug evidence which is valued at \$1,800. Chief Mullins said state law requires board approval on any substantial donation of money or property. Chief Mullins requested authorization to accept the donation.

Mayor Middleton requested a motion to accept the donation.

A motion was made by Alderman Gray to authorize the acceptance of the electronic drug scale as a donation. The motion was seconded by Alderman Pollard. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Middleton asked Chief Mullins if the speed trailer was still available.

Chief Mullins said the speed trailer is handled through the Traffic Department.

BUILDING INSPECTION, Paul Dawes

Mr. Dawes presented the monthly report for June 2008.

CITY OFFICIALS' REPORTS

ALDERWOMAN ARCENEAUX-MATHIS

Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis said while attending the MML meeting on the Mississippi Gulf Coast one workshop proved to be especially interesting. She said we have been trying to place a Police Sub-Station in the Woodlawn neighborhood. Mr. Grinnell has suggested using his station on the corner of Martin Luther King Jr. Street and Woodlawn Avenue. She said Mr. Charles Ray-USEDA Brownfield PPM outlined in his presentation the use of old service stations through Brownfield grants to renovate. One such station had been environmentally cleaned and restored to be used as a Police Sub-Station in St. Petersburg, Florida. Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis said

part of the building was used as a police substation and the other part as a museum in the community demonstrating the history of community policing in St. Petersburg, what police do and other information for the community on law enforcement.

Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis said she talked with Mrs. Jones, Community Development Coordinator regarding Brownfield Development and the information. There were several things discussed and one included an old hospital site that had historical significance to the black community and was to be torn down. It was determined that the site would be renovated. She said there is an old hospital site that may assist in obtaining funding in the Cemetery Road community. Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis said she made a list of properties and presented them to the gentlemen making the presentation. She said she was told that it sounded like there are areas in Natchez that may or may not fit the criteria although they would be willing to look at it because no one from the State of Mississippi received funds.

Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis said she attended the workshop with Judy Jordan, State Association of MDA. Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis read the letter

“ Thank you for attending the session at MML. As mentioned the team was recently in Natchez on a first impression visit at the request of Downtown Development Association. In four to six weeks a report would be given and asking for community involvement to receive the presentation. Ms. Carrie Lambert is the contact person. On your response card you mentioned several infrastructure needs related to streets, drainage and housing. Have you discussed these needs with the MDA and PDD.”

Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis said she would like to see what the particular report will include. The group has been throughout the community, they want to get an idea of how visitors are received in the city and want to get the impression from citizens about the city without it being done through government.

Mayor Middleton said he and Supervisor Grinnell were involved with the group for two (2) days when they were in town. Mayor Middleton said they broke up into different groups and went into different sections of the city and looked at things. He said the group will place the findings in a booklet and report back to the city.

Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis asked if Mr. Smith, Public Works Director received the e-mails and she would be ready to discuss the items later.

Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis presented legal updates from the Mississippi Municipal League. She said she selected pertinent bills which had been passed by the Mississippi Legislature which could have a positive effect on Natchez.

Cleaning Property Cost Collection - Municipal and County

House Bill 572, effective 7/1/08 revised Sections 27-41-2 and 17-13-9 to allow municipalities to include cleaning property lien special assessments in their contracts with

their county for collection and sale of real property for ad valorem taxes.

Building Codes - Municipal and County

House Bill 1465, effective 7/1/08 revised Section 17-2-5 to require counties and municipalities that adopted building codes after 7/1/2008 adopt codes promulgated by the Miss. Building Codes Council. Also, to require construction codes published before 1/1/2000 to be replaced with these codes no later than 7/1/2010.

Home Invasion Penalty-Courts

Senate Bill 2622, effective 7/1/08 revised Section 97-17-23 (2) to establish an additional penalty of ten 10 to 25 years for a person convicted of breaking and entering under circumstances likely to terrorize a person.

Employee Leave & Workers Compensation - State [Municipal, etc.]

Senate Bill 2977, effective 7/1/03 revised Section 25-3-95 to limit the compensation an employee may receive from leave and workers compensation to what 100% of their wages would have been. [If governing authority adopts state leave procedures, this limitation could apply to its leave policy {see Section 25-11-103 (i)}.]

Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis said other Bills the City should check include: Senate Bill 2391(Easements of Streets and Other Public Ways-City & County) and House Bill 1482 (Public Employer Assisted Housing-Municipalities, etc.)

ALDERMAN GRAY

Alderman Gray said he attended the MML Conference and went to the session on Sexual Harassment in the Workplace. He said he copied the information to all departments. He said he also attended the Youth Leadership workshop and provided information to Mrs. Jones for the Mayor's Youth Council.

Alderman Gray requested information from Ms. Brinigar regarding the close of the DEQ Grant.

Ms. Brinigar said the paperwork is being processed and would be closed out by the end of the month and the next application would be submitted prior to August 2008.

Alderman Gray said throughout the state individuals were discussing hiring part time youth for the summer. He said he would like the Mayor and Board to look into hiring part-time summer workers for next summer.

Alderman Gray asked Ms. Brinigar if she had information regarding the camera for the dumpsites.

Ms. Brinigar said the camera is very expensive \$8,000 per system. She said she is researching other brands that may be cheaper.

Alderman Gray said the budget sheet showed \$50,000 in the Inspection Department to deal with the abandoned housing situation. He requested information from Mr. Dawes regarding the spending of the funds.

Mr. Dawes said he is waiting on the court system to proceed with other sites.

Alderman Gray requested comments from Attorney Sanders regarding an update.

Attorney Sanders said they were able to personally serve two (2) individuals. He said the other individuals had to be served by substitute service by publication.

Alderman Gray said he would like the City Planner to contact the City of Madison and request information on the ordinance they adopted to alleviate the current problems of abandoned property. He said there are different rules for the City of Madison that are working.

Alderman Gray said there is a gas crisis and Mayor Middleton will discuss the matter in the Work Session. Alderman Gray asked if the Department Heads would be reaffirmed during the meeting.

Mayor Middleton said the reaffirmation of the Department Heads will be discussed during the Department Head meeting along with other things to be put in the budget.

Alderman Gray said the budget agenda is behind schedule in regard to revisions and worksheets. He said he would like to see the new aldermen review and understand the budget process.

Mr. Holloway said the budget is being reviewed, he said June was recently closed out. He said the departments will know what is remaining in the budget for the remainder of the year.

Mayor Middleton said he asked each Department Head to provide a report concerning the remainder of their budget for review. He said the Aldermen will receive a copy of each budget.

Alderman Gray said the MML has created an MML City Hall Center for elected official to call if there are questions or comments dealing with Municipal Government. Alderman Gray said he would be glad to provide a copy of the brochure to all officials.

Alderman Gray said he was impressed when he went to the Swearing in Ceremony in Vidalia. He said he met Ms. Vidalia and surely Natchez should have a Ms. Natchez to represent Natchez. Alderman Gray said Natchez is the oldest city on the Mississippi River and there should be a young representative.

Mayor Middleton said he would contact Mayor Copeland and request information on how she was selected.

ALDERMAN POLLARD

Alderman Pollard said he wanted to note the crisis of the cost of fuel. He said a new administration the Department Heads have already taken the crisis serious and consider cutbacks regarding fuel. Alderman Pollard said one suggestion made by the Police Department is to park the vehicles for ten minutes per hour and use foot patrol. He said the suggestion from Public Works was instead of taking a truck two days a week to Woodville to pick up prison labor they could use the Natchez Transit bus one day a week and pick up double the workers. Alderman Pollard said the small things will help make a difference.

ALDERMAN FIELDS

Alderman Fields said he would first like to Thank God for being present and the voters who thought that the young man was fit to handle the job. He said there was so much family support to help him through the election process. There were many people who showed love, and to the village that raised him, he promised to make them proud. Alderman Fields thanked Alderman West for being so very gracious in tutoring him and getting him ready for the job. He said there have been many questions and he has provided an answer to all. Alderman Fields said he is proud to say Alderman West did a wonderful job with Ward 4.

Alderman Fields reminded everyone about the Minorville Jubilee to be held on July 26, 2008. He said if there are any comments or questions please contact Mr. Burnett Bridgewater or Mrs. Katie Moore, because they have worked hard to organize the event. Alderman Fields asked Mr. Smith when the cleanup process would start for the event. There will be additional information provided regarding the event.

Alderman Fields said he attended the MML Conference and found it to be good training, City Government 101. He said he is excited about working with the new administration.

Alderman Fields thanked his son for being sworn in as Co-Alderman for Ward 4, and in memory of his wife Kim, thanking her because without her pushing him and telling him what he could do, he would not be Alderman of Ward 4. Alderman Fields said she is definitely missed.

Alderman Fields requested information on the work being done on the corner of Auburn Avenue and Winchester Road. He said the trees are being cut and removed. Alderman Fields asked

if the developer would be responsible for the tree that was on the sidewalk.

Mr. Smith said there is a development going into the area. He said the tree fell and knocked down utility lines and it was determined to be a part of the development. Mr. Smith said the Public Works department cleared the street and sidewalk and everything is the responsibility of the developer.

ALDERMAN FORTENBERY

Alderman Fortenbery noted that he did not have a detailed report, but he is looking forward to meeting with the Department Heads and working with the new administration. He said he would be working for the best interest of the community. Alderman Fortenbery said as a rookie on the board he is looking forward to making progress. He asked that the senior board members lead and guide them in the right direction because there will be questions.

ALDERMAN DILLARD

Alderman Dillard said he is very honored and pleased to be a part of the new administration. He said there was a great deal of information that was provided. Alderman Dillard said he is confident that there will be a successful term and look forward to working with the city the public representing Ward 6 to the best of his ability.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DONNIE HOLLOWAY

Mr. Holloway requested approval of the Docket #6175 - 6949.

Mr. Pollard asked if the docket was reviewed by the City Attorney.

Mr. Attorney said he did review the docket.

Mayor Middleton requested comments.

A motion was made by Alderman Gray and seconded by Alderman Pollard to approve the Docket #6175 - 6949. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Holloway requested authorization to borrow 1.3 million on a Tax Anticipation Loan. He said he would request bids and go with the best and lowest bid.

Mayor Middleton requested comments.

A motion was made by Alderman Gray and seconded by Alderman Fields to authorize

the City Clerk to borrow 1.3 million on a Tax Anticipation Loan and accept the best and lowest bidder. The motion carried unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT, EVERETT SANDERS

Attorney Sanders requested the adoption of a Joint Resolution adopted by the Adams County Board of Supervisors. The resolution is the authorization of the Mayor to sign the Inter-Local Agreement which re-authorizes the Metro Narcotics Unit. Attorney Sanders said the agreement was signed by the Police Chief, Sheriff, and the President of the Board of Supervisors. Attorney Sanders requested authorization for the Mayor to sign the agreement.

Mayor Middleton requested comments.

Alderman Gray said with the agreement the departments should step up the enforcement.

Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis asked if it would be possible to meet with the Metro Narcotics Unit or through the Sheriff's department. She requested clarification from Chief Mullins.

Chief Mullins said he would request that the Commander of the Metro Narcotics Unit attend any meeting.

Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis said she talked with the Mayor about information that was found early in the spring. She said she would like to make a motion to meet in Executive Session to discuss the matter. Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis said it is information that would help with getting assistance for the community.

A motion was made by Alderman Pollard and seconded Alderman Fortenbery to authorize Mayor Middleton to sign the Inter-Local Agreement which will re -authorize the Metro Narcotics Unit. The motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Sanders said there is an appeal from the decision of the Natchez Planning Commission by Mr. James Gammill. Attorney Sanders noted that Mr. Robert Latham, Attorney was present to represent Mr. Gammill.

Attorney Sanders said before an appeal can be processed there has to be a fifteen (15) day publication period, therefore the merits of the appeal cannot be heard. He said the second thing is there was an issue raised regarding the timeliness of the appeal. Attorney Sanders said it appears as though it is timely. He said the board has requested that he conduct an investigation to make that

determination. Attorney Sanders said his plan is to recommend that the board set an appeal hearing for August 12, 2008, subject to the investigation and determination of the timeliness of the appeal. He said if it is determined not to be timely there will not be a hearing, but if it is the hearing will be scheduled.

Attorney Latham said he was present on behalf of Mr. Gammill, Fat Mama's Tamale, to request authorization for the Building Official to issue a Certificate of Occupancy to Mr. Gammill to proceed with the opening of the business. Attorney Latham said the board has the authority, and they are aware that it has been a long process for his client and the City of Natchez. He said it has been more than two years of hearings and appeals. Attorney Latham said during June 2008 his client went before the Preservation Commission for what he thought was the final decision with respect to the last aspect of dealing with the site and he received a letter stating that the landscape plan was accepted. He said his client was unaware that the Planning Commission would discuss any issues at their subsequent meeting. Attorney Latham said the last letter he received included additional requirements from the Planning Commission that pertained to a separate site not a part of the project. When Mr. Gammill originally submitted the plans they only dealt with the footprint of the business and the parking is located.

Attorney Sanders noted that would be the merits of the appeal.

Attorney Latham said the issue with whether or not his client would be required to move the curb cuts from a piece of property that is not a part of the project and whether the asphalt has to be removed from the area that is not a part of the project, does not affect the business and the opening of the business. He said there is no legitimate reason why a Certificate of Occupancy should not be granted to Mr. Gammill. The board should determine whether Mr. Gammill has to comply with the requirements that would be easy enough. If the board determines that the applicant does not have to comply with the requirements then the business is opened and running. Attorney Latham said his client spent an excess of \$700,000 dollars to get to the present point. This situation was addressed last week, Vidalia is booming because it is easy to do business there. In this case alone, you realize how hard it is to do business in the City of Natchez, and money was spent to comply with unreasonable request, although they were completed. The footprint of the building was moved fifty (50) feet north because the City Engineer felt that it should not be near the canal under the street. He said because the footprint was moved the six-foot fence was required to be a ten-foot fence, there was no reason for that, although his client agreed. Attorney Latham said there were other requirements that Mr. Gammill agreed to do in order to open his business. He said time and time again Mr. Gammill has been cooperative in the making the changes. To comply with the requirements on the site that was never in the footprint of the project which was initially approved is unreasonable. Attorney Latham said is something that can be dealt with because the building does comply with all city codes. He requested the authorization of the issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy pending the final inspections of the Building Official. The Gammill's are required to be out of the existing building in August 2008 and he would not want to close the business for any period of time.

Mayor Middleton questioned the date of the final inspection for the project. He asked if there was a punch list for the final inspection

Mr. David Gammill said they are down to seven or ten days and they will be ready for the inspection.

Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis asked that John Lewis, City Planner respond to the request.

Mr. Lewis said he did not want to have the hearing before the board at this time as a model for the hearing that will be scheduled. He said there are a few points that would be of concern to the Planning Commission members if they were present. The obtaining of a Certificate of Occupancy prior to the completion of the requirements or the pending requirements as proposed by the Planning Commission for the benefit of the surrounding neighborhood. He said the Planning Commission is about Land Use in the City of Natchez, they consider how land is used and how surrounding property owners will be affected. The Development Code serves as a vehicle for the Planning Commission in its decision making and the choices for the city and for commercial development as it relates to residential development. Mr. Lewis said the restaurant that has cost \$700,000 and will enjoy substantial income at a visible location in the City of Natchez. The parking area on the corner of Washington and Canal was not discussed, very closed mouth and now near the end of the process the Planning Commission has seen and heard from the neighbors that they are concerned about the parking and traffic leaving the area via Washington Street. Mr. Lewis said the Planning Commission would like to see the requirement complied with prior to the issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy. The applicant was advised of the meeting date of June 19, 2008 and the fact that he was on the agenda. The agenda item was clearly established through the Planning Department.

Mr. Lewis said the parking area is part of the same parcel, it is not a separate piece of land.

Attorney Sanders said the only issues the board is concerned with is if the Certificate of Occupancy should be issued to the applicant and whether or not the issuance of the certificate would impact on the issues regarding the green space and the land that is associated. He asked if the Certificate of Occupancy could be issued and those other issues be preserved in the process.

Mr. Lewis said the Certificate of Occupancy should not be issued until such time as decisions are made. He said the danger the Planning Commission would be concerned about would be if the certificate was issued and time passed and there was no compliance.

Attorney Sanders asked if there could be the issuance of a conditional Certificate of Occupancy.

Mayor Middleton said he understood how long the Gammill's have worked on the project. He said some of the problems that have occurred were not necessarily caused by one particular group but a combination. He said when the project started there was no City Planner and there were

things done on assumption. The city must agree to get the project going. Mayor Middleton said all parties including the Planning Commission must get together and make concessions. He said he and Mr. Lewis discussed the matter and the City Planner was very opened to making some concessions to move the project forward. Mayor Middleton said if the certificate is issued the applicant must come to an agreement with the Planning Department. He said the Development Code was adopted and the project started under the old Zoning Ordinance.

Mayor Middleton requested comments.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis and seconded by Alderman Gray to issue a Conditional Certificate of Occupancy to David Gammill, Fat Mama's Tamale pending the three requirements of the Planning Commission, that those are addressed or a compromise is made where both parties (City/Gammill) are in agreement.

1. The two entry/exit areas at Washington Street along the north end of the subject parcel, defined by the two existing curb cuts, must be blocked from vehicular use by the installation of four (4) trees, to include two (2) trees installed in the green space in front of both of the curb cut areas, such that any and all automobile entries are blocked. Landscaping hedgerow treatment must be installed between both of the two pairs of trees to discourage entry from Washington Street. A specific design and site plan depicting this installation shall be submitted to the City of Natchez Site Plan Review Committee for review and approval before installation.
2. The area in front of the two east parking stalls in the north row of parking spaces of the restaurant must be blocked from vehicular use as an entry area to the 50'x100' green space, which shall not be used as a parking area. A minimum of two (2) three-foot high, the bollards shall be installed in the concrete on either side of the two parking stalls, and a chain with padlock treatment shall be included to span between the bollards. A specific design must be submitted to the Site Plan Review Committee for review and approval prior to installation. In the event of a delivery vehicle requiring additional radius for unloading, the padlock and chain may be removed and replaced upon the completion of the delivery.
3. Compromise green space (50'x100') will remain asphalt.

Mayor Middleton requested comments on the motion.

Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis asked if temporary bumpers could be placed to eliminate thru traffic from Washington Street.

Mr. Gammill said there are permanent curb stops in place. He said the parking stoppers will remain on the property that is not part of the development.

Attorney Sanders said he had a meeting with the parties involved and they were able to work

out some process as it relates to that. He asked if there is a meeting scheduled could all entities meet and make a legitimate effort to resolve the matter.

Attorney Latham said his client would be willing to meet to resolve the matter.

Mr. Lewis said he would be available to meet to discuss a possible compromise.

Alderman Fields asked if there are procedures in place to follow the completion of the project. He asked why everything was not done on the front end of the project.

Mayor Middleton said the project got caught between the Zoning Ordinance and the adoption of the Development Code and the lack of a City Planner. He said he recommended to the City Planner and he agreed that there will be some public relations work and address the issue with all contractors, architects and others and if they have the old ordinance it will be replaced with the new Development Code at no charge. Mayor Middleton said he would like to make sure everyone is aware of the Development Code. He said it is unfortunate that the project got caught between the issues.

The motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Middleton said he enjoyed serving the City of Natchez for the past four years. He said it was one of the most difficult jobs during the course of his political years, and it has been the most rewarding. Mayor Middleton thanked everyone for their support.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Pollard and seconded by Alderman Gray to Adjourn the Regular Meeting of July 8, 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

JOHN 'JAKE' MIDDLETON

MAYOR

ATTEST:

DONNIE HOLLOWAY
CITY CLERK