

CITY OF OPELOUSAS  
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

The Council of the City of Opelousas, Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, convened in a regular session on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic mandates for social distancing and limited occupancy requirements, the meeting was open to limited general public and was **LIVE-STREAMED ON THE WWW.CITYOFOPELOUSAS.COM website.**

With Mayor Julius Alsandor presiding, the meeting was called to order.

Mayor Alsandor requested the Clerk to call the roll and the following Council members were PRESENT: Marvin Richard, Milton Batiste III, Floyd Ford, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, and Chasity Davis. ABSENT: None.

A moment of silent meditation was observed for the following individuals – Street Department: Paul Bellard – death of his father; Steven West, Sr., - death of his sister; Benjamin Dartez – death of his wife; Executive Department: Catherine Thomas – husband, Randall Thomas, Sr., waiting on a heart transplant.

Deacon Jerome Collins, member of Our Lady Queen of Angels Catholic Church and a U. S. Army veteran, led the prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts and Alderman Marvin Richard and seconded by Alderman Floyd Ford, it was resolved to APPROVE the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held 08/10/2021. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Milton Batiste III, Floyd Ford, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, and Chasity Davis.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

On a motion by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts and Alderman Marvin Richard and seconded by Alderman Floyd Ford, it was resolved to ADOPT the agenda as presented. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Milton Batiste III, Floyd Ford, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, Chasity Davis, and Marvin Richard.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

- **Three-minute recess for submission of public comments/questions.**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- COVID-19 Update from Opelousas General Health Systems (OGHS) representative. Mr. Ken Cochran, CEO of OGHS, gave a brief update on the COVID-19 vaccine: Two and half weeks straight of a decline in COVID hospitalizations; rise in number of children and younger adults who are testing positive. They are rarely seeing those who are vaccinated in the hospital—88 percent of all the hospitalizations are people who are not vaccinated and while it is still true that if you have the vaccine that you can still get it and you can still give it to somebody, it is also true that you are a lot less likely—by 88 percent—to need to be hospitalized and therefore hopefully not face death. They are a week and a half into a steady decline and the number of COVID patients is down to 15. The hospital only has 17 staff members out with COVID which is a relief because they were up to close to 50 staff members out before. Vaccinations are up by 10 percent in the last few weeks and 43 percent are fully vaccinated. Guidance is still the same—continue to social distance, wear a mask, wash your hands frequently, try not to touch your hands to your face and increase the potential spread; and get vaccinated. Alderwoman Sherell Roberts asked when and where will people be able to take the booster and is it out already. Mr. Cochran stated that there is a population now that is immuno-compromised who can take the third dose now—most places that offered the first couple of doses continue to offer it—it is the same drug. They were told by the end of next week they should probably get the clearance to start offering the booster shot. It is highly recommended and there are several medical studies from various sources which is always a good thing that show that our immunity declines after about 4 to 6 months so it's good to get that booster shot, especially going into winter. Alderman Milton Batiste asked what if a person loses their proof of vaccination card and what would be the best way to recover it or get a copy. Mr. Cochran stated that they can go back to where they got it and all of the vaccinations are recorded in one universal system throughout the state. Alderman Floyd Ford stated that they can download LaWallet and it is automatically downloaded to your phone.
- Updates/Presentations by Mayor Julius Alsandor: Mayor Alsandor commended the Rotary Club and Ms. Cindy Veillon, former branch manager at St. Landry Homestead, who hosted a disc golf event this past weekend at South Park —some people call it Frisbee—that had about 70 participants. They are looking at doing this at least once or twice a year. Mayor Alsandor also highlighted that the City is hiring for the Water and Wastewater departments and he encouraged those in need of a job to put in an application at City Hall. Finally, Mayor Alsandor announced that starting tomorrow at 3:00 pm (weather permitting) at the Opelousas Civic Center, they will still be taking donations for the Hurricane Ida victims to the south.
- Alderman Marvin Richard stated that on this Saturday at the Malibu event center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., there will be free COVID vaccinations with free food, drinks, and music. He encouraged everyone who has not been vaccinated to come out and get their shot and if they have any questions about the vaccine, feel free to ask at the event.
- Reading of Public Comments/Questions, if any. No comments or questions were submitted online or by email.

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#### REPORTS

Review Monthly Finances. Mr. Stephen Woods gave a brief summary of the month end financial report. On a motion by Alderman Charles Cummings and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to accept the Monthly Finance Report as presented by Mr. Stephen Woods. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Floyd Ford, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, Chasity Davis, Marvin Richard, and Milton Batiste III.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

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Engineer's Monthly Report. A copy of the Engineer's Monthly Report was provided to the Council members. Mr. William Jarrell, City Engineer, gave the following updates:

- (a) Pump station grant – trying to finish up plans to be submitted in November to Office of Community Development to obtain approval to go out for bids on that project
- (b) Replacement of Water Meters – submitted bid packet to Facility Planning & Control (FP&C) and waiting to hear back from them to move forward with that project.
- (c) Water System Project – same status as Replacement of Water Meters Project to be able to advertise for that project.

On a motion by Alderman Milton Batiste III and seconded by Alderman Floyd Ford, it was resolved to accept the Engineer's Monthly Report as presented. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, Chasity Davis, Marvin Richard, Milton Batiste III, and Floyd Ford.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

City Attorney's Report. Attorney Travis Broussard stated that he had no report.

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**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

Discuss administrative approval of VARIANCE approval for property located in a C1 ZONE & NMU ZONE located at 159 Wallior Street for an additional 38' setback variance for the existing building. (The 50' setback was requested by the Building Official for safety purposes and to allow for the landscape requirements in the Historic District.) (UST Opelousas LLC – Mr. Bees Car Wash). The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on 09/13/2021 and recommended approval of this item. On a motion by Alderman Marvin Richard and seconded by Alderwoman Chasity Davis, it was resolved to grant the administrative approval of VARIANCE for property located in a C1 ZONE & NMU ZONE located at 159 Wallior Street for an additional 38' setback variance for the existing building. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Sherell Roberts, Chasity Davis, Marvin Richard, Milton Batiste III, Floyd Ford, and Charles Cummings.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Discuss approval of request for ANNEXATION of property as described below (River Bend Development Co., Inc.):  
66.551 AC TRACT LOCATED ON HARRY GUILBEAU ROAD, EXCLUDING THE ADDITIONAL 2.908 AC TRACT AS PER THE LEGAL PLAT OF SURVEY PERFORMED BY MORGAN GOUDEAU & ASSOCIATES ON NOVEMBER 8, 2018. (*INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE IF REQUEST IS APPROVED*). The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on 09/13/2021 and recommended approval of this item. On a motion by Alderman Floyd Ford and seconded by Alderman Charles Cummings, it was resolved to approve the request for ANNEXATION of property as described below (River Bend Development Co., Inc.):

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A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Chasity Davis, Marvin Richard, Milton Batiste III, Floyd Ford, Charles Cummings, and Sherell Roberts.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Ordinance will be introduced at tonight's meeting and a Public Hearing will be held next month for adoption of the annexation ordinance.

Discuss request for approval of plat being submitted for annexation located at Harry Guilbeau Road to be ZONED as R2 (Residential 2) Zone (River Bend Development Co., Inc.). The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on 09/13/2021 and recommended approval of this item. On a motion by Alderman Charles Cummings and seconded by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts, it was resolved to approve the request for approval of plat being submitted for annexation located at Harry Guilbeau Road to be ZONED as R2 (Residential 2) Zone (River Bend Development Co., Inc.), pending approval of the annexation at next month's meeting. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Milton Batiste III, Floyd Ford, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, and Chasity Davis.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

At this time, Mayor Alsandor requested that the Introduction of Ordinance relating to the Annexation matter be moved up on the agenda with no objections from the Council.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 4 OF 1998 FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCORPORATING INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS CERTAIN PROPERTY AND CHANGING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY (RIVER BEND DEVELOPMENT CO., INC.).

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

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INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS CERTAIN PROPERTY  
AND CHANGING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY  
(RIVER BEND DEVELOPMENT CO., INC.)

WHEREAS, River Bend Development Co., Inc., owns certain property as further described below, and said property is currently situated outside the corporate limits of the City of Opelousas (the "City");

WHEREAS, River Bend Development Co., Inc., has petitioned the governing authority of the City to annex this property into the corporate limits of the City;

WHEREAS, the City is willing to incorporate the property owned by River Bend Development Co., Inc., and has contemplated and prepared this Ordinance for the purpose of incorporating the property;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Opelousas, in legal session convened, that the boundaries of the corporate limits of the City of Opelousas shall be amended to incorporate within the limits of the City the following described property to wit:

66.551 AC TRACT LOCATED ON HARRY GUILBEAU ROAD, EXCLUDING THE ADDITIONAL 2.908 AC TRACT AS  
PER THE LEGAL PLAT OF SURVEY PERFORMED BY MORGAN GOUDEAU & ASSOCIATES ON NOVEMBER 8, 2018.

Said Ordinance having been introduced on September 14, 2021 by councilmember Charles Cummings.

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**NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)**

Discuss request for VARIANCE approval for property located in an R1 (RESIDENTIAL 1) ZONE at 716 E. Bellevue Street to operate a Beauty Shop at the above-referenced location (Domengeaux's Lumber Depot – Erica Sam). The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on 09/13/2021 and recommended approval of this item. On a motion by Alderman Marvin Richard and seconded by Alderwoman Chasity Davis, it was resolved to approve the request for VARIANCE approval for property located in an R1 (RESIDENTIAL 1) ZONE at 716 E. Bellevue Street to operate a Beauty Shop at the above-referenced location (Domengeaux's Lumber Depot – Erica Sam). A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Milton Batiste III, Floyd Ford, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, Chasity Davis, and Marvin Richard.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Discuss request for CONDITIONAL USE approval for property located in a C1 (COMMERCIAL 1) ZONE at 1425 Conrad Street to operate a Drive Thru at the Fast Food Restaurant at the above-referenced location (Oliver & Alice Thierry). The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on 09/13/2021 and recommended approval of this item. On a motion by Alderman Marvin Richard and seconded by Alderwoman Chasity Davis, it was resolved to approve the request for CONDITIONAL USE approval for property located in a C1 (COMMERCIAL 1) ZONE at 1425 Conrad Street to operate a Drive Thru at the Fast Food Restaurant at the above-referenced location (Oliver & Alice Thierry). A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Floyd Ford, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, Chasity Davis, Marvin Richard, and Milton Batiste III.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Discuss request for CONDITIONAL USE approval for property located in a DMU (DOWNTOWN MIXED USE) ZONE at 120 S. Market Street to operate a Tavern/Bar & Adult Dance & Social Club at the above-referenced location (St. Landry Parish Government – DaVille Enterprises LLC). No representative was present on behalf of the business at today's meeting. Mrs. Doucet stated that the property is the Delta Grand. The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on 09/13/2021 and recommended approval of this item with stipulation to allow them until the end of the year to conditionally conduct their business providing that there is no adverse or negative impact on the City of Opelousas. During the Planning Commission hearing, questions were also asked about cleanup of trash after events and the owner stated that they would have someone to clean up and the Mayor requested that the cleanup take place before any of the constituents or residents of the City would see it the next day. The club will only operate on Thursdays and Sundays and will close at 2:00 a.m. The crowd they are catering to would be 25 years old and up. The Mayor stated that the owner was very accommodating and willing to abide by the stipulations and requests that the Planning Commission set forth. Alderman Marvin Richard questioned the classification of Adult Dancing. Mrs. Doucet clarified that it did not mean striptease or anything like that. Alderman Charles Cummings asked whether they would be providing security and Mrs. Doucet stated that they will be using off-duty OPD officers. Alderwoman Sherell Roberts asked about the sale of alcohol so near the jail. Mrs. Doucet stated that the City did not adopt that portion of the State statute that prohibits sale or serving of alcohol near jails. Alderman Cummings confirmed that the stipulation was until the end of this year. If there are no violations during that time, then they will receive their conditional use permanently; however, if at any time there is a complaint against the business then they will have to come back before the board for review. On a motion by Alderman Floyd Ford and seconded by Alderman Milton Batiste III, it was resolved to approve the request for CONDITIONAL USE approval for property located in a DMU (DOWNTOWN MIXED USE) ZONE at 120 S. Market Street (Delta Grand) to operate a Tavern/Bar & Adult Dance & Social Club at the above-referenced location (St. Landry Parish Government – DaVille Enterprises LLC) with the stipulation to allow them until the end of the year to conditionally conduct their business providing that there is no adverse or negative impact on the City of Opelousas. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, Chasity Davis, Marvin Richard, Milton Batiste III, and Floyd Ford.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Award contract for the Opelousas Parks Ped-Bike Trail (H.012681) Project, MGA Project S#516, to Quality Contracting, LLC, in the amount of \$93,500.00 (Base Bid plus Alt #1). Bids were received on this project on 08/11/2021 by City Engineer and City Clerk at a Public Bid Opening held at City Hall Municipal Plaza. One bid was received and after review and certification by the Engineer, it was recommended that the contract be awarded to Quality Contracting, LLC. Bid tabulation is as follows:

BIDDERS	LICENSE NO.	BID BOND INCLUDED	BASE BID	ADD ALT 1	TOTAL (BASE BID + ADD ALT 1)
Ti-Zack Concrete, Inc.	70414	N/A	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID
Quality Contracting, LLC	64529	YES	\$ 87,100.00	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 93,500.00
Hemphill Construction Company, Inc.	6323	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

On a motion by Alderman Milton Batiste III and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to award contract for the Opelousas Parks Ped-Bike Trail (H.012681) Project, MGA Project S#516, to Quality Contracting, LLC, in the amount of \$93,500.00 (Base Bid plus Alt #1). A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Sherell Roberts, Chasity Davis, Marvin Richard, Milton Batiste III, Floyd Ford, and Charles Cummings.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

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Award contract for the Citywide Street Improvements Project, FP&C Project No. 50-MM6-20-02), MGA Project S#539, to Prairie Contractors, LLC, in the amount of \$2,759,161.50 (Base Bid). Bids were received on this project on 08/11/2021 by City Engineer and City Clerk at a Public Bid Opening held at City Hall Municipal Plaza. One bid was received and after review and certification by the Engineer, it was recommended that the contract be awarded to Prairie Contractors, LLC, in the amount of \$2,759,161.50 (Base Bid) with a deductive change order in the amount of \$444,713.00. Bid tabulation is as follows:

BIDDERS	LICENSE NO.	BID BOND INCLUDED	BASE BID	ALT 1	ALT 2	ALT 3	TOTAL (BASE BID + ALTS 1-3)
Prairie Contractors, LLC	34356	YES	\$ 2,759,161.50	\$ 237,942.50	\$ 195,549.00	\$ 87,525.00	\$ 3,280,178.00
Elliott Construction, LLC	51821	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

On a motion by Alderwoman Chasity Davis and seconded by Alderman Floyd Ford, it was resolved to award contract for the Citywide Street Improvements Project, FP&C Project No. 50-MM6-20-02), MGA Project S#539, to Prairie Contractors, LLC, in the amount of \$2,759,161.50 (Base Bid), and submission of contract change order in the decrease amount of \$444,713.00 and contingent upon FP&C approval. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:  
YEAS: Chasity Davis, Marvin Richard, Milton Batiste III, Floyd Ford, Charles Cummings, and Sherell Roberts.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSENT: None.

Approve Contract Change Order No. 1 in the decrease amount of \$444,713.00. This change order is for reduction of the contract amount to be within the funds available for construction. This change order is for the Citywide Street Improvements Project, FP&C Project No. 50-MM6-20-02), MGA Project S#539. (Contractor: Prairie Contractors, LLC). On a motion by Aldermen Milton Batiste III and Charles Cummings and seconded by Alderman Floyd Ford, it was resolved to approve Contract Change Order No. 1 in the decrease amount of \$444,713.00 for reduction of the contract amount to be within the funds available for construction for the Citywide Street Improvements Project, FP&C Project No. 50-MM6-20-02), MGA Project S#539. (Contractor: Prairie Contractors, LLC), contingent upon FP&C approval. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:  
YEAS: Marvin Richard, Milton Batiste III, Floyd Ford, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, and Chasity Davis.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSENT: None.

Grant authority to advertise for bids for Sewer Pump Parts for the Public Works Department. On a motion by Alderman Milton Batiste III and seconded by Aldermen Charles Cummings and Marvin Richard, it was resolved to grant authority to advertise for bids for Sewer Pump Parts for the Public Works Department. Bids will be opened at next month’s meeting. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:  
YEAS: Milton Batiste III, Floyd Ford, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, Chasity Davis, and Marvin Richard.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSENT: None.

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**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Pursuant to an advertisement in the *Daily World*, a Public Hearing was opened at 6:32 p.m. to discuss the following items:  
DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH CRIME FIGHTERS OF LOUISIANA LLC REGARDING SECURITY CAMERAS. Discussion held last month with Police Chief McLendon regarding this matter along with input from other Police Chiefs who are currently utilizing this service. Alderwoman Chasity Davis asked if the Chief would be making the decision of where to place the cameras. She stated that she and the Chief had discussed Cherry Street because of the drive-by shootings. Alderman Marvin Richard asked about the number of cameras the Chief is asking for. Mayor Alsandor stated that he believes it was 20 cameras but they want more than that. Alderman Richard also asked about getting a commitment from CLECO for the poles to place the cameras on. Mayor Alsandor stated that CLECO will be donating some poles to the City because we cannot use their existing poles because of a Public Service Commission issue but they will give us some new poles primarily for those cameras. Ms. Linda Carrier, a resident on Pandora Street, commented that she has had 3 shootings right in front of her house even with a camera and she hopes whoever is making those decisions would keep them in mind because they live in a dangerous area. Alderman Charles Cummings stated that he had a concern about the cost involved. He stated that they were told a cost of \$39 per chip/month and one chip can be used for multiple cameras and he wanted to know if there was a charge for the cameras. Mr. Purvis Morrison confirmed that the cameras are free and they were told by Major Mark Guidry that the card is \$39 per month. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:38 p.m.

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**ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES**

ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH CRIME FIGHTERS OF LOUISIANA LLC REGARDING SECURITY CAMERAS. (Vote Required).  
The following ordinance, which was previously introduced in written form at a regular meeting of the Opelousas City Council on August 10, 2021 by councilmembers Marvin Richard and Charles Cummings, a summary thereof having been published in the official journal, together with a notice of public hearing which was held on September 14, 2021 in accordance with said public notice, was brought up for final passage on motion by Alderman Marvin Richard and seconded by Alderwoman Chasity Davis:

ORDINANCE NO. 05 OF 2021  
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR  
AGREEMENT REGARDING SECURITY CAMERAS BETWEEN THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS AND CRIME  
FIGHTERS OF LOUISIANA, LLC

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WHEREAS, Crime Fighters proposes to attach its security, video, live, license plate reader, and other cameras and related network and other equipment to utility, streetlight, and traffic poles and other above-grade structures and to provide the Opelousas Police Department with access to view the feed from the Cameras, to use and to set and receive alerts through Crime Fighters' Camera software system for managing the Cameras and data in relation thereto, and to obtain video or images from the Cameras, at no cost to Opelousas; and

WHEREAS, Opelousas proposes to authorize Crime Fighters to attach its Cameras to Poles and to provide the electricity, cellular service, and any fiber service access for Crime Fighters Cameras, in exchange for access by the Opelousas Police Department to view the feed from the Cameras, to use and to set and receive alerts through Crime Fighters' Camera software system for managing the Cameras and data in relation thereto, and to obtain video or images from the Cameras; and

WHEREAS, the camera footage is for law enforcement purposes only and would be retained by Crime Fighters, with footage available by request on a per incident basis Opelousas Police Department, with limited access by OPD personnel to view the feed, video, and images from Crime Fighters' Cameras, to use and to set and receive alerts through Crime Fighters' Camera software system for managing the Cameras and data in relation thereto, and to obtain video or images from the Cameras will promote the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Opelousas and will constitute a public benefit to the citizens of Opelousas; and

WHEREAS, the term of this Agreement shall be three (3) years from the Effective Date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, either party may cancel this Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Opelousas Police Department believe there is substantial benefit to Opelousas and its citizens and do approve the terms outlined in the attached *Cooperative Endeavor Agreement Regarding Security Cameras by and between the City of Opelousas and Crime Fighters of Louisiana, LLC* and desire to enter into the aforementioned contract.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE OPELOUSAS CITY COUNCIL, that the Mayor of the City of Opelousas is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute, on behalf of the City of Opelousas, the attached *Cooperative Endeavor Agreement Regarding Security Cameras by and between the City of Opelousas and Crime Fighters of Louisiana, LLC*, as well as any and all other contracts and documentation in connection therewith; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE OPELOUSAS CITY COUNCIL the term of this Agreement shall be three (3) years from the Effective Date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, either party may cancel this Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party; and

This ordinance having submitted to a vote, was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: Floyd Ford, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, Chasity Davis, Marvin Richard, and Milton Batiste III.

NAYS: None.

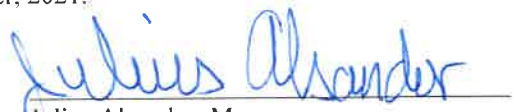
ABSENT: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

And this ordinance was declared adopted on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021.



Leisa Anderson, Clerk  
City of Opelousas



Julius Alsander, Mayor  
City of Opelousas

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## RESOLUTIONS

### A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT PART III. SOURCE SELECTION AND CONTRACT FORMATION SUBPART A. METHODS OF SOURCE SELECTION FOR THE PURCHASE OF USED EQUIPMENT.

On a motion by Alderman Marvin Richard and seconded by Alderwoman Chasity Davis, the following Resolution was offered for adoption:

#### RESOLUTION NO. 13 OF 2021

#### Resolution to Adopt PART III. SOURCE SELECTION AND CONTRACT FORMATION SUBPART A. METHODS OF SOURCE SELECTION for the Purchase of Used Equipment

Whereas, the City of Opelousas follows the Public Bid Law for the purchase of moveable equipment—La. R.S. 38:2212.1; and  
Whereas, La. R.S. 38:2212.1 makes no provision for the purchase of used equipment exceeding the cost of \$10,000 without following the quote and/or bid processes provided in the Public Bid Law which can result in the loss of opportunity to purchase high-quality used equipment; and

Whereas, Title 39, Part III. Source Selection and Contract Formation, Subpart A. Methods of Source Selections, particularly La. R.S. 39:1600(C), provides an alternative method to purchase used equipment without the necessity of bids if the purchase of the used equipment is cost effective; and

Whereas, R.S. 39:1554(E)(1) authorizes political subdivisions to adopt any part of Title 39 and accompanying regulations regarding purchases; and

Whereas, the City of Opelousas has immediate need for an available used, high-quality street sweeper, but placing the purchase for bids is impracticable and would likely result in the loss of opportunity to purchase same.  
Now, Therefore, let it be resolved by the Council that:

1. The City of Opelousas will specifically adopt and utilize Louisiana Revised Statute Title 39, Section 1600(C), for the purchase of a high-quality, used street sweeper as it has been determined that the purchase of a high-quality used street sweeper is more cost effective than the purchase of a new street sweeper.
2. The city staff responsible for purchasing a street sweeper has certified the following:
  - a. the price for which a used street sweeper may be obtained is in the range of \$133,500.00;
  - b. the plan for maintenance and repair of the equipment and the cost thereof has been explained;
  - c. the savings that will accrue to the city because of the purchase of the used street sweeper has been explained; and
  - d. the fact that following the formal procedures set out in the Public Bid Law will result in the loss of the opportunity to purchase the equipment.
3. Because such a certification has been presented and accepted, the purchase of a suitable, high-quality street sweeper for an amount not to exceed \$133,500.00 is hereby approved.
4. This Resolution shall remain in effect until the described street sweeper is purchased and delivered to the city, at which time the adoption of the forgoing Part, Subpart and Statute shall sunset.

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A roll call vote was had with the following results:

YEAS: Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, Chasity Davis, Marvin Richard, Milton Batiste III, and Floyd Ford.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Done and signed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK

  
MAYOR

**A RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LAMATS ADMINISTERED COOPERATIVE PURCHASING JOINT COMMISSION (LACPC) AND TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVE.**

On a motion by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, the following Resolution was offered for adoption:

**RESOLUTION NO. 14 OF 2021**

**Resolution to Participate in the LAMATS ADMINISTERED**

**COOPERATIVE PURCHASING JOINT COMMISSION (LACPC) and to Appoint Representative**

Whereas, the Louisiana Municipal Advisory & Technical Services Bureau, Inc. ("LaMATS") provides purchasing administrative services to members of the Louisiana Municipal Association including administration of cooperative purchasing commissions created pursuant to La. R.S. 33:1322 et seq., the *Local Services Law*;

Whereas, the *Local Services Law* recognizes and allows cooperation between political subdivisions, including the cooperative purchasing of materials, supplies, and equipment;

Whereas, the *Local Services Law* recognizes the creation of a joint commission whenever resolutions are passed by one or more political subdivisions to create an administrative structure for cooperating with one another;

Whereas, under the *Local Services Law*, any municipality or political subdivision of the state or any combination thereof, may make agreements between or among themselves to define and regulate how to engage jointly in the purchase of materials, supplies and equipment for use in the maintenance of governmental services;

Whereas, LaMATS has created an administrative structure for such a joint commission to facilitate cooperation in the formation and use of cooperative purchase contracts among participating municipalities;

Whereas, LaMATS is controlled by a board of directors comprised of mayors, councilmembers and municipal officials whose municipalities are LMA members;

Whereas, LaMATS is subject to annual independent audits reviewed by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor;

Whereas, the administrative services provided by LaMATS, including those described herein, are at no direct cost to LMA Members and LMA affiliated local governments and organizations;

Whereas, LACPC oversight will commence July 1, 2021 or sooner upon the adoption of this resolution by two (2) LMA-member municipalities who desire to participate in and share the administration of cooperative contracts created through the joint commission under the *Local Services Law*; and

Whereas, any additional LMA municipalities and affiliated local political subdivisions may join the agreement as Participants by adopting this resolution;

Now, therefore, to effect economy of operations and administration of a voluntary, cooperative joint commission between and among Participants to this agreement, the parties signing on hereto agree to abide by the following:

**1. ADMINISTRATION SERVICES**

LaMATS shall administer the LaMATS Administered Cooperative Purchasing Joint Commission ("LACPC" or "Commission") at all times acting in a fiduciary capacity on behalf of the joint commission.

LaMATS will maintain a congenial relationship and an open line of communication with Participants and will strive to create beneficial cooperative contracts ("joint use" and/or "piggyback" and/or "group") in a manner consistent with the public bid laws and La. R.S. 33:1322 et seq. (Local Services Law) and made available to all Participants.

LaMATS will not charge Participants for the creation, maintenance, or access to the cooperative contracts created or administered hereunder.

Administrative charges necessary to create and to maintain the administration of cooperative contracts will be assessed only to vendors who have successfully contracted with LaMATS on behalf of the Commission to offer their contracted materials, supplies, or equipment, including installation of same, to Participants.

LaMATS will be responsible for ensuring that all contracts offered for cooperative purchases have met all the requirements of the public bid laws and are advantageous to Participants in both quality and price.

LaMATS will advise Participants on accessing contract use and any applicable limits to purchases that may apply.

LaMATS will maintain one or more websites that describe available contracts, receipt of contract information and contacts for vendor representatives.

LaMATS as Administrator will assist Participants regarding audits of purchases made through the LACPC.

LaMATS will assume responsibility of audit oversight related to the operations of the Commission.

**2. PARTICIPANTS**

A Participant is an LMA-affiliated municipality or local political subdivision, or an affiliated agency of either, authorized to cooperate under the *Local Services Law* and who has adopted this authorizing resolution.

A Participant may withdraw from Participation in the Commission by resolution passed at any time.

Use of cooperative contracts administered by LaMATS by Participants is purely voluntary and discretionary.

Cooperative contracts offered through the LACPC may be utilized by non-Participant political subdivisions where the public bid laws otherwise allow.

**3. LaMATS BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The LaMATS Board of Directors shall solely retain the power and authority to dissolve the LaMATS administration related to the Commission and to cooperative contracts created thereunder. If dissolved, Participants will be provided advanced notice and opportunity to contract with a new third-party administrator and/or fiduciary.

Performance issues regarding administration by LaMATS may be presented to the LaMATS Executive Director or to the LaMATS's Board of Directors by a Participant or by a Participant's Commission Representative.

Commission Representatives and Participants will be provided adequate notice when matters related to cooperative purchasing are to be taken up by the LaMATS Board of Directors.

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Rates, fees, or commissions charged to Vendors who sell materials, supplies and equipment pursuant to cooperative contracts will be set by LaMATS in accordance with LaMATS Board of Directors and Commission guidance and directives. Rates, fees, or commissions to be paid by Vendors shall be reasonable, shall be reportable to and accessible by Participants, shall be considered public records and shall be independently audited.

4. CREATION/POWERS OF THE COMMISSION

The Commission administered by LaMATS shall be deemed created when two (2) municipalities adopt this resolution as recorded in the minutes of the municipality so adopting and reported to the LaMATS Board of Directors and/or the LaMATS Executive Director.

The Commission shall be deemed a tax-exempt, non-profit instrumentality of the Participants and may be incorporated or chartered as the laws of the State of Louisiana may allow as a non-profit corporation or agency. All funds received through the Commission shall be in the name of and shall be reportable by LaMATS.

LaMATS shall facilitate the filing of any required Louisiana Ethics Administration Program Disclosure Forms required of any Commission Representative.

Operations of the Commission shall formally commence July 1, 2021.

The Commission's powers shall be limited to the provision of advice and counsel regarding the creation and use of cooperative contracts that may benefit Participants only, and to serve as the advisory agency to Participants and to LaMATS. Neither the Commission, a Commission Representative nor LaMATS may bind a Participant to a contract, indebtedness, obligation, or financial arrangement of any kind.

LaMATS shall hold any Participant and Commission Representative harmless for their acts while participating in the LACPC under LaMATS administration or for the acts of LaMATS resulting in injury to a Participant and shall indemnify a Participant or a Commission Representative for liability or harm LaMATS or the Commission may be responsible for.

Contracts created by LaMATS as Administrator on behalf of the Commission and Participants shall be held in the name of "LaMATS as Administrator of the LaMATS Administered Cooperative Purchasing Joint Commission" only.

5. APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES

Each Participant that joins the Commission may qualify and appoint a Commission Representative to serve in a voluntary, advisory capacity on the Commission who shall be responsible for communicating to LaMATS the purchasing preferences of the Participant. A Commission Representative serves and reports to a Participant solely at the discretion of a Participant.

The Mayor of a Participant shall be deemed the Commission Representative unless a Participant appoints the Municipal Clerk or another recognized municipal official as its Representative. The Mayor shall also serve as the Commission Representative whenever there is an unfilled vacancy. Whenever the Mayor serves as Representative, the Mayor may delegate representation to the municipal clerk or another municipal official within the Mayor's discretion.

A Commission Representative shall not be compensated by a Participant for providing Representative duties. A per diem, as authorized by the *Local Services Law* and subject to independent auditor oversight reportable to the Legislative Auditor, may be authorized by the LaMATS Board payable directly to a Commission Representative as reimbursement for expenses related to actual services performed. Under the *Local Services Law* a Commission Representative's receipt of payment through the Commission structure is in addition to any regular pay provided by the Participant.

The Commission Representative will report to its Participant those purchasing opportunities created through its participation in the LACPC.

The Commission may appoint a Commission Chair from its ranks to facilitate communications with the LaMATS Board, LaMATS administrators and among Commission Representatives and may create committees as it may deem necessary or desirable to facilitate assessment of needs, research of products or vendors, and to review or evaluate vendor offerings, proposals, or specifications. A Commission Chair shall affirm to the Commission and to LaMATS that any assigned or assumed duties will be carried out in accordance with the Louisiana Governmental Code of Ethics. A Commission Chair may be nominated and affirmed without a quorum by simple majority of Representatives in attendance at a regular meeting scheduled or at any special meeting called by LaMATS for the purpose of appointing a new Commission Chair. In case of a tie regarding any Commission matter, the President of the LaMATS Board of Directors may, but is not required, to break the tie.

LaMATS will call a regular meeting of the Commission a minimum of twice per year and special meetings when deemed necessary, in a manner consistent with the Open Meetings Law, and shall be responsible for setting an agenda.

A quorum of Commission Representatives shall not be necessary to receive and to accept Commission recommendations, to make and to accept motions to expand the agenda or to appoint a Commission Chair.

6. NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENT

Each Participant shall publish in its official journal this resolution when passed to participate in the LaMATS Administered Cooperative Purchasing Joint Commission.

7. MEMBERSHIP AUTHORIZATION

The City of Opelousas hereby joins the LaMATS Administered Cooperative Purchasing Joint Commission as signified below. Mayor Julius Alsandor is hereby recognized as Commission Representative on behalf of Participant. Whenever the Mayor is appointed Representative or assumes the duties of the Representative in event of vacancy or non-appointment, the Mayor may delegate Representative duties to the Clerk or to another municipal official or officer.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Sherell Roberts, Chasity Davis, Marvin Richard, Milton Batiste III, Floyd Ford, and Charles Cummings.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Done and signed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK

  
MAYOR

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH THE OPELOUSAS DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ("ODDD") FOR CONTRACT FOR MASTER PLAN OF SOUTH CITY PARK.

On a motion by Alderman Milton Batiste III and seconded by Aldermen Floyd Ford and Marvin Richard, the following Resolution was offered for adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 15 OF 2021

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH THE  
OPELOUSAS DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ("ODDD") FOR CONTRACT  
FOR MASTER PLAN OF SOUTH CITY PARK

WHEREAS, the CITY OF OPELOUSAS (the "CITY"), represented through Mayor Julius Alsandor, and the OPELOUSAS DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ("ODDD") represented through Chairperson Lena Charles, are political subdivisions of the State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, both parties desire to avail themselves of the provisions of Article VI, Section 20 and Article VII, Section 14(C) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, the Local Services Law (Sub-Part A, Part VII, Chapter 2 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended), the Cooperative Economic Development Law (Chapter 27 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended), and Part II, Chapter 27 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 33:9038.31, *et seq.*), by entering into this Agreement for the objects and purposes and under the conditions, covenants and stipulations hereinafter set forth;

WHEREAS, Part II, Chapter 27, Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 33:9038.31, *et seq.*) (the "Act") authorizes municipalities, parishes and certain other local governmental subdivisions to create economic development districts to carry out the purposes of the Act, which economic development districts are political subdivisions of the State of Louisiana and possess such power and authority and have such duties as provided by the Act and other law;

WHEREAS, the Louisiana legislature created ODDD and authorized the collection of a sales tax over certain commercial enterprises within the District; ODDD is further authorized to enter into contracts and expend funds to improve the economic development within the bounds of the District;

WHEREAS, ODDD was created for the purpose of making improvements to the infrastructure within the District and has agreed to support the efforts of the CITY to enhance all public areas located in the District;

WHEREAS, the CITY has entered into a Contract for Professional Consulting Services with Land Architecture, L.L.C. to develop a Master Plan for improvements to South City Park;

WHEREAS, the CITY intends to make infrastructure improvements to South City Park, a public park owned by the CITY;

WHEREAS, the CITY wishes to gather information to create a Master Plan containing ideas for the creation of facilities within South City Park to enhance the utility and the look of the park so as to encourage and enable greater use of the park by the citizens of Opelousas and by various parties who will come to the park to use the facilities;

WHEREAS, the cost of developing the Master Plan for South City Park will be no more than \$89,000.00;

WHEREAS, ODDD has agreed to partner with the CITY for this project and to pay part of the cost of the project;

WHEREAS, the participation of ODDD in this project will allow the CITY to complete the project within the shortest time period possible;

THEREFORE, ODDD does hereby agree that it will contribute funds developing the Master Plan for South City Park by entering into a contract with Land Architecture, L.L.C. which contribution will be limited to 50% of the cost of the contract, up to a maximum of \$44,500.00 to be paid to the CITY by ODDD and the CITY agrees to provide funds for the remainder of the cost of the contract, up to a maximum of \$44,500.00.

SECTION 1: CANCELLATION

This commitment will expire on April 30, 2022, unless extended or terminated by the ODDD Board of Commissioners prior to that time.

SECTION 2: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Agreement shall be effective September 14, 2021.

SECTION 3: PURPOSE

The purpose of this Agreement is to further economic development within ODDD and within the City of Opelousas, and the Agreement shall be liberally construed to further that purpose. To that end, the Board of Commissioners of ODDD and the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the CITY shall work together to promote the well-being of the citizens of Opelousas by making plans for the infrastructure to South City Park.

SECTION 4: PAYMENT

Payments to CITY shall be made by ODDD within 30 days of receipt by ODDD of invoices from the CITY.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS, PARISH OF ST. LANDRY AND STATE OF LOUISIANA: That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law as agreed upon by the following representatives of both parties:

CITY OF OPELOUSAS

JULIUS ALSANDOR, MAYOR

P O BOX 1879

OPELOUSAS, LA 70571-1879

OPELOUSAS DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (ODDD)

LENA CHARLES, CHAIRPERSON

5367 I-49 SOUTH SERVICE ROAD

OPELOUSAS LA 70570

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Chasity Davis, Marvin Richard, Milton Batiste III, Floyd Ford, Charles Cummings, and Sherell Roberts.


NAYS: None.

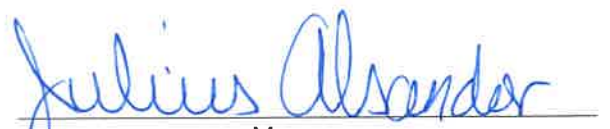
ABSENT: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

THEREUPON, the above Resolution was declared adopted.

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk

  
Mayor

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

On a motion by Alderman Milton Batiste III and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to approve the following items:

Accept the resignation of Police Communications Officer Dola T. Sam, effective 09/10/2021.

Approve the annual leave of the following personnel in the Police Department:

(a) Permanent Police Lieutenant Mark E. Semien, effective 08/13/2021.

(b) Permanent Police Lieutenant Jody E. White, effective 08/23/2021.

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Approve the confirmation of Probational Police Officer First Class Roman D. West to Permanent Police Officer First Class, effective 08/23/2021.

Approve the Police Chief's recommendation of hire for Mr. Eric Williams as a Maintenance Worker/Inmate Cleanup, effective 09/20/2021.

Accept the retirement of Canine Officer Zig and the recommendation that he be placed in the care of/donated to his handler, Police Officer First Class Herman Peterson.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Milton Batiste III, Floyd Ford, Charles Cummings, and Chasity Davis.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Sherell Roberts (*stepped out*).

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*No Items Submitted.*

There being nothing further to come before the Council, on a motion by Alderman Milton Batiste III, seconded by Alderwoman Chasity Davis and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK

  
MAYOR