

**City of Natchez
Minutes
Mayor and Board of Aldermen
Regular Board Meeting**

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

11:00 AM

City Hall Conference Room

Board Secretary, Denise Bell

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

Present: Mayor Darryl V. Grennell
Aldерwoman Joyce Arceneaux- Mathis
Alderman Frazier
Aldерwoman Sarah Carter-Smith
Aldерwoman Felicia Irving
Alderman Davis
Alderman Dan Dillard

Also Present: City Clerk, Servia Fortenberry

1. City Clerk, Servia Fortenberry

Order #49:02/20

A motion was made by Aldерwoman Smith, seconded by Aldерwoman Irving, to approve **December 18, 2019 Special Call Meeting Minutes** with necessary changes. The vote carried unanimously.

Order #50:02/20

A motion was made by Aldерwoman Irving, seconded by Aldерwoman Smith, to approve **January 9, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes**. The vote carried unanimously.

Order #51:02/20

A motion was made by Aldерwoman Irving, seconded by Aldерwoman Smith, to approve **January 28, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes**. The vote carried unanimously.

Order #52:02/20

2. County Business

A motion made by Aldерwoman Mathis, seconded by Aldерwoman Irving, to form a delegation with the county and adopt a plan to address discrepancies with matching funds with watershed projects. The vote carried unanimously.

3. Department Director's Reports

Justin Dollar – Public Works

Order #53:02/20

A motion was made by Alderman Dillard, seconded by Aldерwoman Irving to use the **4.5% monies** from the **casino for road improvement activities**. There came consideration for discussion: **After discussion:** A motion was made by Aldерwoman Mathis, seconded by Aldерwoman Irving to defer the main motion until budget reconciliations are received. The vote carried unanimously.

Order #54:02/20

A motion was made by Alderwoman Mathis, seconded by Alderwoman Irving to approve the proposal submitted by Burns Cooley Dennis Inc. for evaluation and remedial alternatives analyses of the slope failure along Lower Natchez Bluff. The vote carried unanimously.

Order #55:02/20

James Johnston

**Natchez Railroad at Grade Safety Improvement Program
2016 TIGER**

Below is a summary of a change order issued by Natchez Railroad to Koppers Railroad Structures, Inc. for work associated w/the rehabilitation of the truss bridges along the rail line:

CO #10 To provide the necessary supervision, labor, equipment & materials for additional work at Bridge 144.6 required to repair storm damage caused by a falling tree, destroying a portion of the bridge walkway on January 3, 2020 for the lump sum price not to exceed \$10,656.00.

The total price of the contract w/Koppers Railroad Structures, Inc. for this additional will not exceed \$6,797,220.00.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Mathis, second by Alderman Davis. The vote carried unanimously.

Staff is also requesting a motion to approve Reimbursement #15 to the Natchez Railroad as stated below and to allow the mayor to sign the Request for Advance or Reimbursement form to draw down funds from the Federal Railroad Administration –

Federal	Local/NRR	Total
\$200,511.48	\$66,837.18	\$267,348.73

A motion was made by Alderwoman Irving, second by Alderman Davis. The vote carried unanimously.

Order #56:02/20

**Citywide Water Improvement Project
MDA CDBG PF and MSDH SRF**

Staff is requesting a motion to schedule and hold the required second public hearing for this infrastructure improvement project – discussed at last board meeting but did not request a motion.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Mathis, second by Alderwoman Irving. The vote carried unanimously.

Order #57:02/20

**Natchez Aquatic Center Upgrades
MS Dept. of Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks**

No action taken by Adams County concerning the commitment to the additional matching funds to allow the City of Natchez to submit letter requesting additional funds from MDWF&P.

Order #58:02/20

Chief Armstrong

A motion was made by Alderwoman Mathis, seconded by Alderwoman Smith, to seek community by-ins for purchase of cameras. The vote carried unanimously.

6. City Officials' Reports

Alderwoman Joyce Mathis – Ward 1

The 13th Annual Mayor's Youth Council Conference will be in Hattiesburg this year. Canning Project, the Mayor's Youth Council is collecting hygiene products and packaged snacks. Concerns about growing the Mayor's Youth Council, they're looking for more sponsors, currently sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield. There's Lavern Stegall drawing for a \$1,000 Scholarship. Next year the Mayor's Youth Council Conference will be at the W.

Alderwoman Felicia Irving – Ward 4

Commended First Responders (Police, Fire and Public Works) for their actions on February 9, 2020.

Alderman Dan Dillard – Ward 6

Order #59:02/20

A motion was made by Alderman Dillard, seconded by Alderwoman Mathis, to approve installation of Wi-Fi behind the old Boys & Girls Club. The vote carried unanimously.

Order #60:02/20

Alderwoman Smith left the meeting, not participating in awarding of bid discussion.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Mathis, seconded by Alderman Davis to award **Concordia Bank & Trust the financing for Natchez Convention Center improvements** at 2.59%, subject to extricating issues with contractors. The vote carried unanimously.

Alderwoman Smith returned after the Board voted.

Order #61:02/20

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith, seconded by Alderman Davis to allow the City Attorney to compose three resolutions to present at the Legislative Initiative in Jackson, MS for Margaret Margaret renovations, up to 200K additional funds for Economic Development for downtown Natchez, and voting for the School Board. The vote carried unanimously.

Order #62:02/20

A motion was made by Alderwoman Mathis, second by Alderwoman Irving to form a City/County delegation to adopt a resolution to show a list of needs, in terms of monies, to show that the City Board has adopted a resolution of support for new projects. The vote carried unanimously.

7. City Clerk's Report

Order #63:02/20

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith, seconded by Alderman Davis to approve the Municipal Claims Docket. The vote carried unanimously.

Order #64:02/20

A motion was made by Alderwoman Mathis, seconded by Alderwoman Smith, to approve the Mini Claims Docket. The vote carried unanimously.

Order #65:02/20

8. Close determination

A motion was made by Alderman Davis, seconded by Alderwoman Irving, to go into Close Determination to discuss rather to go into Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

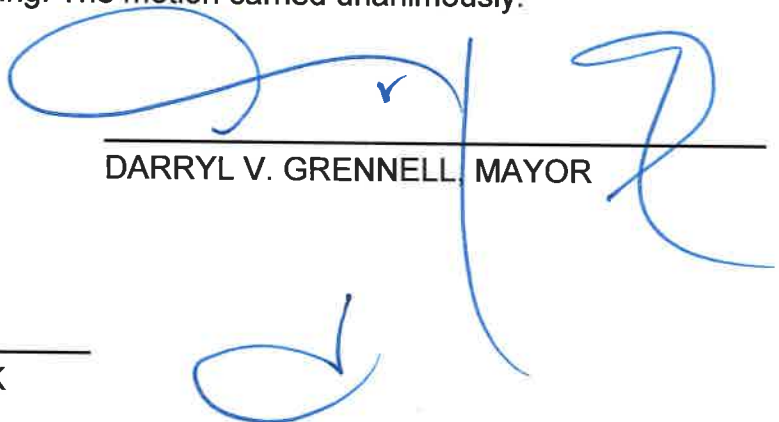
A motion was made by Alderwoman Irving, seconded by Alderman Davis to go into Executive Session for Strategy sessions or negotiations with respect to prospective litigation, litigation or issuance of an appealable order. The vote carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Irving, seconded by Alderman Davis to return to Open Session. The vote carried unanimously.

Order #66:02/20

9. Adjourn

A motion was made by Alderwoman Mathis, seconded by Alderman Davis, to **adjourn** the February 11, 2020, Regular Board Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.


DARRYL V. GRENNELL, MAYOR

ATTEST:


SERVIA FORTENBERRY, CITY CLERK