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Donald Trump Sworn in as 47th President, Marks Historic Return to the White House

BY STACEY TINSLEY
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On Monday, Jan. 20, 2025, Donald Trump was inaugurated as the 47th president of the United States, marking his return to the White House for a second, non-consecutive term. The ceremony took place inside the U.S. Capitol rotunda—a departure from tradition—where Trump took the oath of office just after noon.

Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts administered the oath as Trump placed his hand on two Bibles held by First Lady Melania Trump: one from his 1955 Sunday school graduation and the historic burgundy Bible used by Abraham Lincoln at his 1861 inauguration.

Trump, both the 45th and 47th pres-

ident, joins Grover Cleveland as the only leaders in American history to serve non-consecutive terms. This unique political milestone was underscored by his pledge to usher in a “renewed era of American greatness” during his inaugural address.

The 60th presidential inauguration was steeped in tradition and symbolism, drawing millions of viewers nationwide. Vice President J.D. Vance, sworn in moments before Trump, stood beside him as they began their tenure as the nation’s leaders. Vance, a rising star in the Republican Party, emphasized collaboration and unity in his remarks.

In his address, President Trump outlined his vision for the next four years, focusing on economic revitalization,

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Photos By Stacey Tinsley, Bossier Press-Tribune

A brief power outage didn't deter attendees of the Republican Women of Bossier City from witnessing history as they gathered at Silverstar Smokehouse in Bossier City on Monday, Jan. 20, 2025, to watch Donald Trump take the oath of office as the 47th president of the United States.

Gingerbread House Honors Law Enforcement, Advocates, and Community Partners at Annual Awards

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The Gingerbread House Children's Advocacy Center held its Multidisciplinary Team Awards ceremony on Thursday, Jan. 23, 2025, recognizing individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to the fight against child abuse and trafficking. The event took place at the Bossier Sheriff's Substation on Viking Drive in Bossier City, highlighting the center's mission to support child victims and hold perpetrators accountable.

The center honored Victim Assistance Program Director Leone Fitzgerald, of the 1st Judicial District,

as the Multidisciplinary Team Member of the Year. Fitzgerald was recognized for her outstanding dedication to ensuring children and families receive critical support during investigations and legal proceedings.

Detective Ronald Glover, of the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office, received the Spirit of Jacob Bergren Award, which commemorates the qualities exemplified by the late Jacob Bergren, a Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office investigator who passed away in 2020. The award recognizes law enforcement members who go above and beyond to advocate for child victims and their families.

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Israel Mukuamu

DALLAS COWBOYS STAR ISRAEL MUKUAMU INSPIRES STUDENTS DURING BOSSIER VISIT

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Excitement rippled through Bossier Schools on Friday, Jan. 24, 2025, as Dallas Cowboys defensive back Israel Mukuamu returned to his roots, spending the day inspiring students

and giving back to the community that helped launch his career.

The Parkway High School Class of 2018 graduate began his day at Bossier Elementary School, speaking to a fifth-grade P.E. class about the importance of

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VOLUNTEERS FROM LOUISIANA BLUE, HEALTHY BLUE AND ENTERGY LOUISIANA JOIN FORCES FOR MILLION MEALS MLK CAMPAIGN

BY STACEY TINSLEY
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On Thursday, Jan. 23, 2025, employee volunteers from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana, Healthy Blue, and Entergy Louisiana gathered at the Bossier Council on Aging to pack meals as part of the Million Meals for MLK campaign. The initiative, led by Volunteer Louisiana and Feeding Louisiana, aims to collect one million meals for food banks across the state by the end of January.

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Howdy Homemade Ice Cream by Holy Angels, Celebrates First Anniversary with Sweet Festivities

BY STACEY TINSLEY
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Howdy Homemade Ice Cream by Holy Angels marked its first anniversary on Thursday, Jan. 23, 2025, with a joyful celebration at its Bossier City location, 2850 Douglas Drive. The event, held from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., offered attendees a taste of community and camaraderie, along with the shop's signature ice cream flavors and new menu offerings.

Guests enjoyed Howdy's famous Dr. Pepper Chocolate Chip ice cream and the seasonal Lowder Bakery King Cake flavor, alongside new items such as hot chocolate and ice cream sandwiches. The celebration embodied the

shop's motto: "Amazing ice cream, served by amazing people!"

"Holy Angels is proud to continue serving the Bossier City community and bringing the joy of amazing ice cream to our customers," said Laurie Boswell, CEO of Holy Angels. "Each scoop is made and served by remarkable individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities, whom we proudly call 'our heroes.'"

The Bossier City location is Louisiana's first franchise of Howdy Homemade Ice Cream, launched by Holy Angels in January 2023. The franchise is dedicated to providing

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national security, and restoring American influence globally.

Here at home in Bossier City, the Republican Women of Bossier City and their guests gathered at Silverstar Smokehouse to watch the historic event. Despite a brief power outage 20 minutes before Trump's oath, attendees used their phones to ensure they didn't miss a moment of the live broadcast of the inauguration ceremonies.

"We're excited to see President Trump back in office," said attendee Julie Johnson Byram. "It's a historic moment, and we're proud to come together as a community to witness it."

The power outage at Silverstar did not last long, and cheers erupted in the room as local Congressman and Speaker of the House Mike Johnson appeared on screen moments before Trump and Vance.

Following the ceremony, Speaker Johnson, Majority Leader Steve Scalise, Majority Whip Tom Emmer, and RNC Chairwoman Lisa McClain issued a joint statement:

"President Donald Trump and Vice President Vance have now been formally inaugurated, and our country stands at the threshold of a new era—America's Golden Age has arrived.

"House Republicans are committed to working with President Trump to deliver the America First agenda. This includes revitalizing

our economy, securing our borders, and ensuring the government serves the American people effectively and transparently."

President Trump's return to the White House solidifies his lasting influence in American politics. As the only president besides Grover Cleveland to achieve non-consecutive terms, his leadership reflects the ongoing support of a significant segment of voters.

This inauguration marks the beginning of what Trump and his allies have described as a transformative era for the nation, with promises of sweeping reforms and strengthened global leadership.

As the celebrations in Washington, D.C., and across the country concluded, attention turned to



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Members and guests of the Republican Women of Bossier City gathered at Silverstar Smokehouse in Bossier City to watch Donald Trump take the oath of office as the 47th president of the United States on Monday, Jan. 20, 2025.

the future challenges and opportunities awaiting the new administration. With President Trump and Vice President Vance now at the

helm, Americans anticipate a period of significant change and renewed focus on national priorities. For many, inauguration

day symbolized the enduring strength of American democracy and the traditions that unite a diverse nation.

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meaningful employment opportunities for community members with intellectual and developmental disabilities, furthering Holy Angels' mission of empowerment and inclusion.

In addition to their homemade ice cream, the shop offers unique items such as Holy Angels cookies, to-go lasagnas crafted with handmade pasta from the Sisters of Our Lady of Sorrows, and a variety of handcrafted art and homeware made by Holy Angels residents.

Howdy Homemade Ice Cream was founded in 2015 by Dallas-based

restaurateur Tom Landis to create jobs for individuals with special needs. The brand has grown to include eight locations across the United States, all of which emphasize inclusivity and community impact.

The anniversary celebration reinforced Howdy Homemade's role as a cornerstone of the Bossier City community. To learn more about their products, catering services, or Holy Angels' mission, visit howdyholyangels.com.

As customers indulged in the sweetness of the day, the event also served as a testament to the power of community-driven initiatives and the joy of giving everyone a chance to shine—one scoop at a time.



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Rosie's Beauty Operators was named Community Partner of the Year at the Gingerbread House Children's Advocacy Center Multidisciplinary Team Awards ceremony on Thursday, Jan. 23, 2025. The event was held at the Bossier Sheriff's Office Viking Drive Substation in Bossier City. Rosie's Beauty Operators was recognized for their ongoing volunteer efforts and support of the Gingerbread House mission.

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Rosie's Beauty Operators was named Community Partner of the Year for its ongoing volunteer efforts and support of the Gingerbread House's mission. Their contributions underscore the importance of community involvement in addressing and preventing child abuse.

In 2024, the Gingerbread House provided comprehensive services to 884 children, conducting an average of 74 forensic interviews per month. The center also assisted 179 victims of child sex trafficking and provided counseling ser-

vices to 217 child victims and their caregivers. Additionally, 46,531 individuals participated in prevention education sessions aimed at reducing child abuse and exploitation.

These accomplishments are made possible through the generosity of donors, ensuring that all services are offered free of charge to child victims and their families.

The awards ceremony served as a reminder of the collaborative efforts required to combat child abuse, with law enforcement, advocacy professionals, and community partners working together to provide care and seek justice for vulnerable children.

Krewe of Gemini Celebrates Cultural and Economic Impact of Mardi Gras

BY STACEY TINSLEY
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On Monday, Jan. 20, 2025, the Krewe of Gemini held its General Membership Meeting and Annual Bead Reception at the Krewe of Gemini Den in Bossier City. The event, which attracted Krewe members and guests alike, focused on the cultural and economic significance of Mardi Gras and featured a lineup of distinguished guest speakers.

Former state Sen. Mike Walsworth, representing Lt. Gov. Billy Nungesser's office, joined Bossier City Mayor Tommy Chandler and Visit Shreveport-Bossier President and CEO Stacy Brown to discuss Mardi Gras' vital role in Louisiana's tourism industry and its economic impact locally and statewide.

"Mardi Gras isn't just a celebration; it's a cornerstone of Louisiana's identity," Walsworth said. "It brings people together and drives tourism, creating millions in economic opportunities for our communities."

Mayor Chandler echoed these sentiments, emphasizing Bossier City's role in the season's festivities. "Our city takes pride in being part of a tradition that showcases our culture and strengthens our economy," Chandler said.

Stacy Brown highlighted the broader impact of Mardi Gras. "Every year, Mardi

Gras generates significant economic activity," she said. "It draws visitors from across the country, who come to experience the vibrant culture and community spirit we offer."

The evening also included the Annual Bead Reception, where members received exclusive polystone beads from this year's royal court, commemorating the 2025 Mardi Gras season. Attendees enjoyed classic Louisiana dishes prepared by Gemini's 2025 King, Queen, and Captain, with gumbo and red beans and rice adding to the festive atmosphere.

Upcoming Krewe of Gemini Events for the 2025 Mardi Gras Season:

Feb. 15, 2025: Gemini XXXVI Grand Bal at the Shreveport Convention Center, 6:30 p.m. (Open to the public; ticket required).

Feb. 28, 2025: Krewe of Gemini Float Loading Party at the Krewe of Gemini Den in Bossier City, 5:30 p.m. (Open to the public).

March 1, 2025: Gemini XXXVI Grand Parade, "Dreamcatcher," in Shreveport, 3:30 p.m. (Open to the public).

Mardi Gras remains a cornerstone of Louisiana's cultural heritage, and the Krewe of Gemini's events exemplify the spirit of celebration, community, and economic growth the season brings. The Krewe of Gemini's Jan. 20, 2025, general membership meeting underscored the importance of Mardi Gras while setting the stage for the vibrant festivities of the 2025 season in the weeks ahead.



Courtesy Photo

(Left to right) Bossier City Mayor Tommy Chandler and Visit Shreveport-Bossier President and CEO Stacy Brown discuss Mardi Gras' vital role in Louisiana's tourism industry and its impact on the local economy during the General Membership Meeting and Annual Bead Reception at the Krewe of Gemini Den in Bossier City on Monday, Jan. 20, 2025.



Courtesy Photo

Former State Senator Mike Walsworth, representing Lt. Gov. Billy Nungesser's office, speaks to attendees during the General Membership Meeting and Annual Bead Reception at the Krewe of Gemini Den in Bossier City on Monday, Jan. 20, 2025.

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education and hard work. Each student received an autographed photo as a keepsake of the visit. Mukuamu also met with administrators and took photos with staff.

At Cope Middle School, Mukuamu addressed boys' and girls' P.E. classes, sharing his journey from Parkway High to the University of South Carolina and eventually to the NFL. His message emphasized perseverance and overcoming adversity.

The day concluded at Parkway High School, where Mukuamu presented a signed Dallas Cowboys game jersey to Head Football Coach Coy Brotherton and the Panthers football team in the auxiliary gym. Addressing the team, he reflected on the lessons he learned at Parkway, both on and off the field, and how they prepared him for his career.

"When I was drafted by the Dallas Cowboys in 2021, being with them these past four years has been a blessing. My whole journey has been a blessing. I thank God every day for where I've been and where I came from," Mukuamu said.

He encouraged students to stay focused and work hard. "Going into college and high school, you're going to have trials and tribulations. But if you know where you want to go in life—whether it's being a lawyer, doctor, firefighter, football player, or basketball player—you just have to understand that you have to work hard. You have to put in the work every day. You don't have to overdo it, but you have to do more than your competition," he added.

Mukuamu also visited several of his former teachers, including surprising one of his favorites, Candace Impson. "I have not seen Israel since he graduated. I just love him. He's



Dallas Cowboys defensive back Israel Mukuamu surprises one of his favorite teachers, Candace Impson, at Parkway High School on Friday, Jan. 24, 2025.

just a great overall kid. I'm just so proud of him," Impson said.

Mukuamu's story of perseverance and determination is a testament to his character. After graduating from Parkway High in 2018, he excelled at the University of South Carolina, earning All-SEC honors in 2019. In 2021, he was drafted by the Dallas Cowboys as the 227th overall pick in the sixth round.

Students and faculty across Bossier Schools celebrated Mukuamu's visit, drawing inspiration from his achievements and his message of resilience. For many, the day was as uplifting as it was motivational, reminding them that big dreams are possible with hard work and the right mindset.

Mukuamu's return to Bossier underscored the importance of community, gratitude, and giving back, leaving a lasting impression on all who had the opportunity to hear his story.



Members of Parkway High School's girls basketball team listen to Dallas Cowboys defensive back Israel Mukuamu as he speaks about his journey through life and school.



Dallas Cowboys defensive back Israel Mukuamu signs a football for a Parkway High School student.

(RIGHT) Dallas Cowboys defensive back Israel Mukuamu signs a Dallas Cowboys game jersey after speaking with Parkway High School students on Friday, Jan. 24, 2025.

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The event saw enthusiastic participation from teams of volunteers who assembled "oh seaux good" red beans and rice meal kits—a Louisiana staple—to distribute to families in need. The "pack party" took place from 10 a.m. to noon at the Bossier Council on Aging on Bearkat Drive in Bossier City.

The Million Meals for MLK campaign, which launched last fall, is a statewide initiative designed to combat food insecurity in Louisiana. Through donations, sponsorships, and community service

events like this one, the campaign seeks to make a meaningful impact by collecting and distributing one million meals to food banks.

Although this event was exclusive to employees of the participating organizations, the Million Meals for MLK campaign encourages public involvement through additional volunteer and donation opportunities. Individuals and groups can visit MillionMealsforMLK.org to find upcoming events and learn how to contribute to this vital cause.



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Employee volunteers from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana, Healthy Blue, and Entergy Louisiana take a group photo after packing meals at the Bossier Council on Aging as part of the Million Meals for MLK campaign on Thursday, Jan. 23, 2025.

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OPINION

READING IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

Our new President has just taken Office, and one of his priorities is to seek out the possibility of buying Greenland. Its closest neighbor is Iceland, so maybe Trump can get a twofer, a lagniappe deal for both countries. And both countries have something in common that could set an example for the United States. There is 100% literacy and some 10% of the population has actually written books. With such frigid weather, most Greenlanders and Icelanders opt to read regularly all year long. If you're a book publisher like me, and want to sell a lot of books, that's great news and a fitting example for our country. And particularly with this wave of cold weather we here in the Bayou State are experiencing now, if you are stuck inside, what better way to pass time by reading a book.

I can't remember a time when I wasn't carrying around something to read. The luck of the draw gave me parents who surrounded my siblings and me with books, storytelling, poems, and lengthy letters when we were away from home. I was immersed in words, and books gave me a special outlet to deal with aspirations, doubts, and a wide range of emotions. I had notes and rhymes taped to my class notepads. Early on it was Dr. Seuss:

The more that you read the more things you will know
the more that you learn
the more places you will go.



JIM BROWN

As I grew older, I would shudder at the thought of waiting somewhere and not having something to read. Today, I would not even consider making an appointment for medical treatment, renew a driver's license, arrive at an airport, even wait for a table at a restaurant without a book or newspaper in my hip pocket. Maybe that's why I love baseball so much. There is a lot of down time between innings and even between batters when I can sneak in a page or two. I get itchy if I'm waiting anywhere for more than three or four minutes. Why didn't I bring along something to read?

A few years back, Baton Rouge had a very minor league baseball team, the River Bats that played at Goldsby Field, a small baseball arena close to the present Louisiana governor's mansion. I had season tickets on the first-row right behind home plate, and the average attendance was generally around seventy-five to a hundred fans. Supplied with a large box of popcorn, a cold beer, and an arm full of newspapers I had saved up, I relished several hours of reading and light entertainment.

I've had front row LSU basketball season tickets for over forty five years. The local paper printed a picture of me reading a novel during one such game, and shortly after I received a call from LSU Coach Dale Brown. He's an old friend, but he implored me to be more diplomatic in pulling out reading material while the game is going on.

Am I judgmental? Absolutely. Maybe I don't judge a book by its cover, but I never hesitate to judge a person by what current book if any, they are reading. A bibliophile snob? I certainly am. But please don't tell that to any of my numerous non-reading friends. I try to be diplomatic, and would rather not, well, make them angry.

I rarely discard any of my book collection, much to my wife's chagrin. Oh, I'll give a book to a friend if they ask me for a recommendation for something to read. I intentionally keep a few extra copies of a favored novel just for that purpose.

Books offer both a barrier and a response to calamity in our lives. So with freezing weather keeping most of us in doors, why not curl up with a good book, and keep a diary. Who knows? You might end up on the book best seller lists.

Peace and Justice,

Jim Brown

Jim Brown Jim Brown's syndicated column appears each week in numerous newspapers throughout the nation and on websites worldwide. You can read all his past columns and see continuing updates at <http://www.jimbrowns.com>.

OTHER

Louisiana receives \$5.2M in federal grants for English language programs

By Nolan McKendry
The Center Square

One week prior to the end of President Joe Biden's administration, the U.S. Department of Education awarded Louisiana a total of \$5.2 million in grants under Title III, aimed at enhancing language instruction for students with limited English proficiency and immigrant youth. These funds are designated to help Louisiana school districts provide additional educational support to immigrant and limited English proficiency students, ensuring they meet challenging state standards.

The money will be allocated to various districts, with significant portions going to parishes including Jefferson, Lafayette and Calcasieu. Jefferson

Parish was awarded over \$221,000, while Lafayette Parish will receive more than \$38,000 to enhance language instruction. One of the approved grants was to Rosenwald Collegiate Academy in New Orleans. The charter school will receive nearly \$28,000 to assist in teaching English to non-native speakers.

In total, New Orleans received \$63,667. The grant is part of the federal government's ongoing effort to support English language acquisition programs across the nation. Funding for the program increased substantially and steadily after 2017. The most recent grant awards for the 2025 school year total of \$5.21 million.

In 2017, Louisiana received just \$308,304. The following year, the grants climbed into the

millions of dollars, to \$3.3 million in 2018, followed by \$3.44 million in 2019. In 2020, the total reached \$3.76 million. When the Biden administration took office, the funding continued to climb.

The funding amounts have steadily risen from 2021, when the state was awarded \$3.99 million, and 2022, which saw an allocation of \$4.28 million. Awards in 2023 increased another \$430,000. Last year, Louisiana received \$5.03 million. During the Biden administration, the total funding increased by more than \$1.4 million, a 37% rise.

As part of the program, districts receiving funds are required to focus on activities that improve instructional opportunities for immigrant children and

youth. The total funding, allocated based on a two-year increase in the number of limited English proficient students, will help these districts meet the educational needs of a growing diverse student population. The grants come with stipulations for financial transparency, with all recipients subject to audits by the Louisiana Department of Education, the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's office and other relevant federal and state agencies. These grants are part of the broader federal efforts to ensure that all students, regardless of their background, have access to high-quality education. The grants are effective through the 2024-2025 school year, with performance periods extending through 2026.

OPINION

A New Golden Age: American Exceptionalism Returns President Trump's Inauguration Signals Re-Birth of U.S. Greatness

Royal Alexander

In the whirl of President Trump's first few days back in office he is securing our borders, fully freeing the oil and gas industry to explode with growth and ridding our public institutions of the poisonous Diversity, Inclusion and Equity (DIE) doctrine to name just a few. He has also done something that only a distracted First World nation like ours would need to have done—he has again declared that there are only two genders, male and female. The “golden age of America begins now,” Trump said again last week. What does he mean by that and how does his hope for our country tie into our American Exceptionalism?

American Exceptionalism includes a strong economy, a strong national defense, secure borders, freedom of speech, freedom of religion, and guaranteeing each of us the opportunity to fully utilize our lives and God-given abilities in an environment in which every American has the opportunity to excel. I believe it also includes being proud of our national character and our extraordinary history. However, American Exceptionalism can be

reduced to the most granular level.

We recall instances after hurricanes Katrina and Rita in which the owner/driver of an 18-wheeler in Oregon said he had awakened one morning and felt powerfully moved to drive a truck load of bananas to Louisiana to help with the food problems. FEMA wouldn't accept them; finally, a group of churches did. Same story for an enormous number of donated McDonald hamburgers and over one hundred Lea's pies. These kinds of examples are too numerous to count.

What about the flooding of New Orleans? What about the hundreds of Louisiana sportsmen who drove to the outskirts of New Orleans planning to help rescue as many stranded people as they could but were told by government agencies to turn around and go back home. American exceptionalism? Who filled many of these great needs after those hurricanes and other natural disasters? Churches, families, and private businesses virtually all of whom donated their time and resources because they wanted to help their fellow Louisianans and Americans.

American exceptionalism? Internationally, how about the billions of dollars the United States has spent through Amer-

ican international health programs designed to fight HIV/AIDS, Malaria and TB throughout Sub-Saharan Africa and Southeast Asia, which have saved the lives of over sixty million human beings.

After WWII, America was the world's lone superpower and could have become an imperial one and essentially governed the world. Not only did we not seek global dominance, we did the opposite. Through the Marshall Plan and tremendous American aid and resources we helped other countries rebuild. Why? because unless provoked or endangered, the American spirit has never sought to subjugate other countries.

How about the miracle of our U.S. Constitution which gives rise to our Rule of Law; how about our shared belief that we are endowed by our Creator with certain rights that cannot be taken—all of which gave rise to a government instituted for the preservation of liberty? Our Bill of Rights which ensures our many freedoms including the guarantee that we cannot be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law?

Our 2nd Amendment? That we cannot have our doors kicked in at 2:00 am without probable cause and a warrant? That we are guaranteed,

every one of us, equal protection of the laws? Do we remember how rare all of this is?

No nation is perfect because nations are ruled by governments and governments are comprised of flawed human beings. Yet, throughout our history, we have always sought to correct our flaws as we strove for The Good, and, however imperfectly, the good was attained.

The American spirit is sterling as are the foundational ideals of liberty and equality to which we aspire. American kindness and generosity are unbounded. De Tocqueville observed that “the position of the Americans is therefore quite exceptional,” in Democracy in America, “and it may be believed that no democratic people will ever be placed in a similar one.”

Why would he draw this conclusion? Because he recognized the American spirit and the moral and religious character that anchored it. President Reagan noted many times that America is the greatest country in the world. Again, it's not perfect but it is, and remains, the last best hope of Earth. This exceptionalism is the basis of the new golden age to which Trump refers and aspires.

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LIBRARY

FOOD IS IMPORTANT IN CELEBRATIONS OF OTHER CULTURES

I first started looking into topic ideas for this week's library column, I had thought to talk about new years celebrations in other culture. Specifically, I was looking at Lunar New Year's Day which falls on January 29th this year; this is an important celebration in China and is celebrated in a number of other Asian countries including Vietnam and South Korea where the celebrations last for three days.

As I read more about Lunar New Year, one of the most important aspects of the celebrations centered on food. Reading about the traditional dishes that are shared and play different roles in the celebrations, and then reading the synopsis of one of the new books we have on our shelves, just catapulted me into looking up more titles about the history of traditional dishes around the world.

And the new book that helped spark this research? A Feast of Folklore: the Bizarre Stories Behind British Food by Ben Gazur, which explores the tales behind why we have festivals in honor of apple pies and why we throw salt over our left shoulder with your right hand. In our catalog I found a children's book called Chinese Menu: the History, Myths, and Legends Behind Your Favorite Foods by Grace Lin. And another, The Secret History of Food: Strange but True Stories About the Origins

of Everything We Eat by Matt Siegel, can be found back in the adult non-fiction section.

I'll stop there in my list of the titles we have available in our catalog because I'm running out of column inches and I like to leave a little bit of mystery for my readers to investigate on their own. Plus, you can check out some more recipes and read about their cultural significance on A-to-Z World Food, which can be found on our databases page. Happy reading and tasty eating!

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HISTORY

THE LIFELINES OF THE NATION

The United States Interstate Highway System, often shortened to just the Interstate or "I" is one of the most critical pieces of infrastructure in the United States, a fact I and many others are intimately familiar with. My commute spends twenty minutes on the interstate, and I know I'm not alone with this experience. With the interstates, what would otherwise be heavy traffic and constant stoplights is replaced with steady movement and high speeds. This and more are all thanks to the work put in nearly a century prior, in the wake of the Second World War.

The purpose of the U.S. Interstate Highways is to help bring about quick and easy interstate commerce, with the added benefit of allowing for the rapid transportation of men and material for National Defense purposes. The idea was initially championed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, and indeed the Roosevelt government would pass the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1944, but the idea was never given real funding until the Eisenhower Presidency. Eisenhower's reasoning behind his support for an interstate system dates to 1919, when he accom-

panied a military convoy across the country. Couple this with his developed appreciation for the German highway system known as the Autobahn, and the President was poised to create something similar here in the United States. From this would come about the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1956 (more popularly known as the National Interstate and Defense Highways Act of 1956), which would see the construction of the first of the ubiquitous interstate highways here in America.

The interstates themselves are managed and maintained by the states

they are in, though they were built with federal aid. Here in Bossier Parish, there are two such national lifelines: Interstates 20 and 220. The reasoning for the numbering of the interstates goes back to the 1956 act, which according to the Federal Highway Administration, declared that "routes with odd numbers run north and south, while even numbered run east and west. For north-south routes, the lowest numbers begin in the west, while the lowest numbered east-west routes are in the south." There is a similar numbering system for the auxiliary interstates, most

of which have a prefix before referencing the original interstate. So, I-220 is named in reference due to its connection to I-20, with the two referencing its status with I-20 as its only spur within Louisiana.

Interstate 20 is the main throughfare, passing from Webster parish, through Bossier, and into Caddo, taking a similar route to the older Overland Dixie Highway (Highway 80). I-20 begins in eastern South Carolina, just west of the city of Florence, and ends in southwestern Texas after joining with I-10. Interstate 220 was built as a bypass for the Shreveport-Bossier metro area, allowing drivers to avoid the busy congestion inside the city limits.

For Interstate 20, construction began locally in the early 1960s, crossing through the parish quickly. By 1962, the construction of Red River Bridge had begun. The substructure would be finished by October of that same year, according to the October 31, 1962, issue of the Bossier Press. In 1966, the first part of I-20 in Bossier would be opened to the public with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

However, construction didn't just stop in '66. As can be seen today, and has been seen for the past year, continuous improvements and repairs are done to the entire system to keep up with the demand and use of these vital roadways. In fact, I-20's ongoing revitalization project, which is not projected to finish until late this year according to the Louisiana DOTD website, is to replace the original roadway laid down during the 1960s.

Looking to the future of the interstate system in Bossier Parish, a segment of the Interstate 69 is to be built in north Louisiana. I-69 begins near the bor-



JONAH DAIGLE

der with Canada in Port Huron, Michigan and ends in Brownsville, Texas, at the Mexican border. Here in Bossier Parish, the local segment will begin after the interstate crosses into Bossier Parish from Webster north of Haughton, heading south to intersect with I-20, before exiting the Parish across the Red River near Elm Grove.

The U.S. interstates are as important as can be, both nationally and locally. These connective links pull together the various parts of the nation, and without them, the face of America would be radically different. From sea to shining sea, these highways are the lifelines of America.

If you have any photos or other information relating to the history of Bossier City or Bossier Parish, the History Center may be interested in adding the materials to its research collection by donation or by scanning them and returning the originals. Call or visit us to learn more. We are open M-Th 9-8, Fri 9-6, and Sat 9-5. Our phone number is (318) 746-7717 and our email is history-center@bossierlibrary.org. We can also be found online at <https://www.facebook.com/BPLHistoryCenter/> and <http://bpl-hc.blogspot.com/>

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-Interstate Aerial Photo No. 3 - Barksdale Interchange at West End, looking east. April 20, 1967 (Source: Louisiana Department of Highways (LaDOTD) - BPL History Center)



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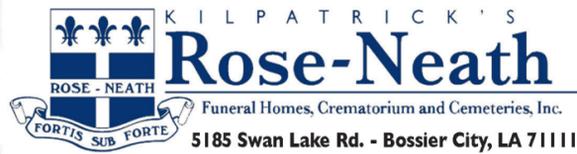
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Pictured left to right are the Northwest Louisiana Master Gardeners 2024 grant recipients: **Willie White, J.S. Clark; Denise Washington, J.S. Clark; Honorable Jim Galambos, Town of Blanchard; Dr. Kenya Roberts, J.S. Clark; Bennie Dottie, MLK Neighborhood; Dottie Bell, Bill Cockerell Park; Eric Anderson, Bill Cockerell Park; Dianne Clark, Sci-Port; Madison Poche, Highland Center.**

MASTER GARDENERS NAME GRANT RECIPIENTS

The Northwest Louisiana Master Gardeners are proud to announce the 2024 recipients of NWLAMG community grants. NWLAMG awards grants to organizations and municipalities that support beautification and horticultural education within our community. Of particular interest are projects that make a difference in the community, are sustainable, and involve collaboration among local organizations.

The NWLA Master Gardeners awarded a total of \$17,323. The winners of the Community Grant Program:

Bill Cockerell Park 'J.D. Hudson Memorial Garden' - \$1370 – The garden at Bill Cockerell Park was created in honor of J.D. Hudson who spent hours at the Community Center volunteering his time and talents supporting local citizens who frequented the center. There has been a garden in place for several years and this grant will help supply upkeep, trans-

plants, seeds and pavers for additional beds.

Blanchard Town Hall Beautification Project - \$3150 – This project will include removal of existing landscape and will go back with new plants to help beautify the town hall.

Cathedral at St. John Berchman's Catholic School - \$3000 – Every year in the spring, the school has a butterfly release. This is the culmination of the lower grades study of the life cycle of the butterfly. The long-term goal is to become an official Monarch butterfly waystation and listed on the national website. This grant will help them fulfill that goal with added garden space and pollinator plants.

Chamber of Commerce Foundation of Shreveport - \$2000 – The Shreveport Chamber took over the old Memorial Library building in downtown Shreveport and has been working hard to refurbish it. They have repaired the irrigation and with this grant they will be

able to redo the landscape in the front of the building.

Highland Center - \$1500 – This grant will help with phase II of the beautification project by providing a garden area in the Child Development Center and Nonprofit offices entrances.

J.S. Clark 4-H Garden Growers - \$2163 – J. S. Clark will use the grant to establish a school garden where 4-H students can learn about gardening, and plant fruit trees and vegetables. The garden will serve as an educational resource in grades K-5, providing them with hands-on experience in agriculture, nutrition and environmental sustainability.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Neighborhood Association - \$2640 – The 'Root and Sprouts' Project will install raised beds and purchase native perennials and vegetables to benefit members of the neighborhood, guests and citizens that frequently visit the MLK Neighborhood Association Center.

Sci-Port Discovery Cen-

ter - \$1500 – Sci-Port's goal is to create a bird-friendly native plant garden. This grant will go towards purchasing plants adapted to our local environment and require less water.

The NWLA Master Gardeners launched this program in 2010 as a way to give back to the community after all the support given each year for the Le Tour des Jardins, Fall Bulb Sale, and Spring Plant Sale. The mission of the Master Gardeners is to educate the public about gardening and engage our community in horticultural pursuits. Giving these grants allows them to multiply their efforts by aiding and funding projects envisioned, implemented and maintained by other groups. To date, we have donated over \$175,000 to the gardening community.

For more information on the Community Grant Program or each individual grantee, please call the NWLA Master Gardeners at (318)408-0984.

OBITUARIES



Joseph Christopher Miciotto

Funeral services for Joseph Christopher "Chris" Miciotto, 55, will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 25, 2025 at Rose-Neath Funeral Home, 1815 Marshall St., Shreveport, Louisiana. A visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until time of service. Officiating the service will be Father Charles Glorioso and Reverend Jamison May.

Chris was born on September 28, 1969 in Shreveport, Louisiana to Joe Miciotto and the late Tona Barbaree Walston and passed away Saturday, January 18, 2025 in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Chris attended high school at Loyola College Prep. He continued his education receiving his Bachelor's degree from the University of Louisiana-Monroe in 1993 and his doctorate of law from Oklahoma City University in 1997. After practicing law for several years, he transitioned his career to education, teaching at Woodlawn High School and then, Fairpark High School.

He was very active during his teaching career, starting a golf club, attending all the sports events and managing the scoreboard with his coworker, Brian Bucker. He rejoined the legal field in 2014, working with one of his best friends, Allen Cooper. When not working, he enjoyed playing golf at Crooked Hollow, attending LSU games, reading, watching sports, and then taking ridiculously long bubble baths. Chris and his wife, Christie, enjoyed "getting out of town" and taking spontaneous weekend trips. Although he was the president of phone tag, he always enjoyed his catch up phone calls with his Bellaboo.

Chris is preceded in death by his mother; paternal grandparents, Joseph A. Miciotto and Helen B. Miciotto; maternal grandparents, Denton A. Barbaree and Clara Jean Barbaree; paternal uncle, Ricky Miciotto and uncle, Wes Barbaree. Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Christie Miciotto; daughter, Bella Miciotto and husband, Adam Watson; step-son, Keith McMellon and wife, Meghan; step-daughter, Amber McMellon; granddaughters, Kenzie and Amilya; father, Joseph Miciotto and wife, Debbie; step-father, Tim Walston; step-brothers, Lance Walston and Jason Walston; sister, Bridget Miciotto Eavenson and husband, Troy; niece, Kacey McNutt; nephew, Noah Miciotto and a host of uncles, aunts, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Allen Cooper, Mark Ludke, Kirk Brodd, Michael Brossett, Noah Miciotto, and Jason Walston.

The family suggests memorials may be made to Caddo Parish Animal Shelter, 1500 Monty St. Shreveport, LA 71107 AND Grand Cane Baptist Church, 1008 5th St., Grand Cane, LA 71032.



Beulah "Bea" Mae Tyler Grimes

Beulah "Bea" Mae Tyler Grimes, 89, of Homer, Louisiana passed away on January 19, 2025, surrounded by loved ones at her home. She is survived by her husband of 68 years, Don, of Homer; son, Donnie and wife Sherry of Fate, Texas; son, Robert and wife Melynda of Houston, Texas; daughter, Mary Prior and son-in-law Dan of Homer, and daughter, Tammy Mitchell of Montgomery, Texas. Bea is also survived by her sister, Betty Latimer, of El Paso, Texas. Known as "Granny Bea" and "BB", she was adored by her eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Bea was born on December 6, 1935, in Coleman, Texas to Samuel and Vernice Tyler. Soon after graduating from Wink (TX) High School in 1954, she met the love her life, Don. They were then married on May 12, 1956 in Lovington, NM. Over the next 68 years, Bea, Don, and their 4 children lived all over the country in New Mexico, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Pennsylvania, and California. Bea and Don eventually settled in North Louisiana, where they lived for the last several decades of her life.

Bea had one time worked at Union Carbide in Taft, Louisiana, before taking an early retirement, and later worked at the Council on Aging while living in St. Charles Parish. When she moved to North Louisiana, she worked at Miss Lizzy's in Homer and volunteered at the First Baptist Church Thrift Store. She was also very involved with the Homer Christmas Festival and Parade.

Bea loved sports, both as an active participant and a spectator. She enjoyed watching her children and grandchildren play various sports from very young ages up through college. Bea and Don loved attending football, basketball, baseball and softball games at Louisiana Tech and at various local high schools. She took up many hobbies throughout her life: painting, crafts and whale watching being a few notable ones. Most of all, Bea loved being around her family. She enjoyed family gatherings, especially on Fourth of July and Christmas. Bea was an active participant in many boardgames, card games, and free throw contests during those times and was very competitive. She loved being with her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren and they loved being with her. Bea will be greatly missed by all of them.

Bea was an active member of Holly Springs Baptist Church in Minden, Louisiana. She enjoyed participating in Ladies' Circle and buying gifts for her "Secret Pal".

Bea was preceded in death by her parents and her three sisters: Earlene Huntington, Sammie Hight, and Joyce Hill.

Visitation will be held Saturday, January 25, 2025, at 1:00 at Holly Springs Baptist Church, 854 Highway 79, Minden, Louisiana, with the funeral following at 2:00. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Holly Springs Cemetery Association at 172 Ford Drive, Homer, Louisiana 71040.

GARDENING WITH DR. JOE WHITE

READING AND UNDERSTANDING PESTICIDE LABELS IS IMPORTANT

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January 2025

Since gardening is (or can be) a year-round task, several gardeners are probably already out in their gardens planting their early crops of hardy vegetables. But as many or perhaps even more gardeners have not yet started. While it may be a bit early for major pest problems, believe me, sooner or later they will show up. So, if we are going to grow a variety of vegetables, we have to decide how to deal with these pests. Some choose not to use pesticides but, unfortunately, those who don't more often than not wind up with crops that are in poor condition and if it's a food crop perhaps even inedible.

Therefore, many gardeners necessarily do use pesticides to protect their crops, but it's important that they do it responsibly. Responsible use begins with reading the pesticide label. Pesticide labels are not only important, but they act as a reliable guide and they are the law. To many gardeners and non-gardeners as well, the word "pesticide" has bad connota-



tions. Persons concerned with the environment feel that pesticides are going to ruin the earth as we know it. And the general public hears more of the negative side of pesticide use than of the role it plays in contributing to the most productive agriculture system in the world.

Misuse of pesticides by a relatively few has given agriculture a bad reputation. Harm to the environment and development of human health hazards can often be linked to urban and

suburban persons who misuse the pesticides because they failed to read the label and used too much of the wrong kinds of pesticides to control the targeted pest. When someone fails to read a pesticide label before using the product, it can result in circumstances that are not only dangerous to the user, but also to the user's family, neighbors, pets and the environment.

Labels show on what plants each chemical can be safely used, how much to apply per application, allowed frequency of use

within a designated span of time, time interval between applications and when it's safe to re-enter the treated area. Also often included are symptoms of harm and antidotes. Even what to do in case of accidental poisoning. Typically, there is so much information printed on most labels it may take a good amount of time to read and digest it. Herein lies the problem. Few will take the time to read and understand how to properly use a pesticide which may result in possible misuse of that product.

If all users of pesticides made for control of household, yard, garden and orchard pests would just make it a point to completely read and understand how to use whatever pesticide they purchase, the potential danger to humans, animals and the environment would largely disappear.



JOE W. WHITE, Ph.D.



FOOTBALL/COLUMN

Former Parkway star Mukuamu talks about journey to NFL

By Russell Hedges
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Israel Mukuamu only spent a year and a half as a student-athlete at Parkway High School, but it's obvious his experience there meant a lot to him.

Mukuamu, who has spent the last four seasons playing defensive back for the Dallas Cowboys, spoke to athletes in the school's auxiliary gym last Friday afternoon about his journey to the NFL. Before that he spoke at Bossier Elementary and Cope Middle.

He also visited a few of his teachers at Parkway and spoke to their classes.

"I haven't been here since I graduated but it's an honor to be here and I'm glad to be here to just share my story," Mukuamu told the athletes.

During a Q&A with local media, he said his time at Parkway was very impactful.

"You don't know how it's going to affect you but later when I looked back it blessed me a lot," he said. "I had the chance to move around and be in different communities and just moving."

Mukuamu said he has wanted to come back and visit Parkway for a long

time but the demands of the NFL season have made it tough.

An Instagram direct message from a youngster who mentioned that his name was on a wall at the school was an inspiration.

"I'm like, man, I've got to get back," he said. "Even though I was here for a short period of time I finished out my high school ball here, graduated from here. And then go to college, it's been a blessing."

The 25-year-old Mukuamu's message to the football and basketball teams at Parkway was that if you work hard enough you can accomplish your goals whatever they may be.

"Going into college, going into high school I had trials and tribulations," he told the athletes. "But if you know where you want to go in life whether it's being a lawyer or being a doctor, being a firefighter, being a football player, being a basketball player you just got to understand that you've got to work hard."

"You've got to put in the work every day. Just a little bit though. You don't have to overdo it but you've got to do more than you're next competition. And that's what I learned just growing up and being around peo-



RUSSELL HEDGES/PRESS-TRIBUNE
Former Parkway star Israel Mukuamu presents a game-worn Dallas Cowboys jersey to Head Coach Coy Brotherton and Principal Steven Vrbka. Mukuamu spoke to Parkway athletes last Friday.

ple."

He also talked about the importance of being a good person and listening to those with life experience.

"Just listening to the people around me has made me what I am today," he said. "Listening to my parents growing up, my teachers, my coaches helped me a lot because getting to where you want to be you can't do it by

yourself. It's impossible.

"You're going to have people there to help you and they know better than you do. They've been through life experiences and seen stuff that you haven't seen yet that's coming your way so and just listening to them and being obedient to what they're saying because you don't know now until you look up and time has flown by."

Mukuamu went to elementary and middle school in Charlotte, N.C. His family moved to Charleston, S.C., where he played his first years of high school football and drew the attention of college scouts.

In the middle of his junior year, his family moved to Bossier City. His father had an opportunity in the area of cybersecurity with the military.

Going into the 2017 season, Parkway had high expectations. The 6-foot-4 Mukuamu joined a team that included future LSU and NFL receiver Terrace Marshall Jr. and Justin Rogers, one of the top quarterbacks in the country.

The Panthers were coming off a 9-1 regular season. But both Marshall and Rogers suffered season-ending injuries early in the season. Mukuamu was mainly a defensive back but he also played on offense. Despite the adversity, Parkway went 5-5 and made the playoffs.

Mukuamu subsequently signed with South Carolina.

As a freshman, he played in all 13 games with two starts. As a sophomore, he started all 13 games and was named second-team All-SEC by The Associated Press. A groin injury

limited his playing time as a junior. He played in six games, opting out of the last three after head coach Will Muschamp was fired.

He said he was sure he would be drafted but there was still some anxiety.

He participated in the 2021 NFL Combine and was drafted by the Dallas Cowboys in the sixth round. He has been primarily a backup defensive back and special teams players.

Last season he got a lot of playing time, appearing all 17 games. He finished with 19 tackles and two interceptions as the Cowboys went 7-10.

Mukuamu is now an unrestricted free agent so he may not be a Dallas Cowboy in 2025. During the Q&A session with the media he said he's letting his agent handle it.

"Hopefully I still have time with the Cowboys but it's all in God's plan so I'm excited to see where God is going to take me that next journey."

Mukuamu is thankful that he's come this far.

"It's been a blessing," he said. "My whole journey has been a blessing. And I thank God every day from where I've been and from where I came and I just overcame a lot."

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

Bossier opens District 1-4A play with victory

By Russell Hedges
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The Bossier Bearkats opened District 1-4A play last week with a 64-52 victory over the Booker T. Washington Lions at BTW.

The Parkway Panthers and Houghton Bucs picked up District 1-5A victories.

Parkway knocked off Huntington 81-68 at Huntington. The Panthers also fell to Natchitoches Central 59-46 on the road.

Houghton defeated Byrd 51-36. The Bucs entered this week 14-9 overall and 1-1 in district.

Airline dropped two 1-5A games, falling to Evangel Christian 53-44 at Evangel and Captain Shreve 58-48 at Airline.

Benton picked up a 59-56 non-District victory over Quitman at home. The Tigers, who entered this week 7-11 and 0-2, lost to Captain Shreve 65-34 at Shreve.

Kerel Dean poured in 29 points to lead Bossier against BTW. Jatravion Bunnery added 14 and David Thomas chipped in 10.

Dean scored 10 and Bunnery eight in the first half to help Bossier grab a 28-10 lead.

The Bearkats pulled away in the third, outscoring the Lions 21-10.

Dean had 10 points.

Thomas hit two 3-pointers and scored nine. Dean added nine more points in the fourth.

Bossier entered this week 9-11.

Parkway and Huntington were tied at 53 after three quarters. The Panthers erupted for 29 points in the fourth.

Four Parkway players scored in double figures. Caleb Evans had a game-high 23.

Jacob Gaskins had 15, Kaleb Williams 13 and Antonio Gladney 12. Gary Burney and Tristan Sedberry scored eight each.

Gaskins stepped up in the fourth quarter with 11 points. Evans had eight and Gladney six.

Gaskins and Evans both had conventional three-point plays.

Parkway trailed 17-15 after the first quarter. Burney hit two 3-pointers in the quarter and Evans scored seven points.

Sedberry and Williams knocked down 3-pointers in the second. The Panthers rallied for a 35-31 halftime lead. The Raiders came back to tie it going into the fourth.

Parkway entered this week 12-10 and 1-1.

Jaydan Gladney led Airline against Evangel with 15 points. Eli Washington scored 19 against Shreve.



ROBERT SUMMERLIN/PRESS-TRIBUNE
Bossier senior Kerel Dean, pictured with Head Coach Justin Collins, scored 29 points in a victory over Booker T. Washington last week.

The Vikings entered this week 9-12 and 1-2.

Maddox Martinez led Benton against Shreve with

10 points. Greg Chambers added seven. The Tigers entered this week 7-11 and 0-2.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Louisiana Tech hires Luke Olson as defensive coordinator

By Stephen Featherston
Louisiana Tech Director of Strategic Communications

RUSTON — Louisiana Tech head football coach Sonny Cumbie has appointed Luke Olson as the team's new Defensive Coordinator.

Cumbie also announced the hiring of assistant coaches Carlton Buckels and Josh Creech.

Buckels will serve as the cornerbacks coach/defensive passing game coordinator. Creech will coach linebackers.

Olson brings over a decade of defensive coaching experience at the FBS level to Ruston, including two seasons as a defensive coordinator.

Familiar with Conference-USA, Olson joins LA Tech from Jax State, where he served as the defensive coordinator during the 2024 season. The Gamecocks finished with a 9-5 (7-1 CUSA) record on their way to winning the CUSA Championship.

"I'm excited to work with Luke Olson as our DC!" stated Cumbie. "Fresh off a CUSA championship as a coordinator, he knows what it takes to win at the highest level in our league. We're looking forward to having Luke,

Keisha, Lane, Wells, and Worth as Bulldogs and making a difference in our community and program."

His 2024 defense was headlined by safety Fred Perry who earned All-CUSA First Team honors after registering 110 tackles, 10 tackles for loss, three sacks, two forced fumbles and one fumble recovery.

Olson also coached linebacker Reginald Hughes who earned First Team honors, along with three players on the All-CUSA Second Team. Olson's Gamecock defense finished sixth in the league in points allowed per game (26.1) and fifth in yards allowed (393.0).

Olson came to Jax State from TCU, where he was a senior defensive analyst during the 2023 season after an 11-year stint on staff at Tulsa. He served as the Hurricane Defensive Coordinator in 2022.

A Tulsa native, Olson started his coaching career with the Golden Hurricane in 2012 as a graduate assistant and worked his way up before being named the defensive coordinator in 2022.

Olson's 2022 Tulsa defense defense allowed 33.08 points per game and 414.3 yards per outing.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

Four parish teams notch district wins

By Russell Hedges
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The Parkway Lady Panthers, Houghton Lady Bucs and Airline Lady Vikings won District 1-5A games last week.

Parkway got two big wins on the road, defeating Huntington 60-47 and Natchitoches Central 49-26.

Houghton defeated Byrd 52-18 at Byrd. The Lady Bucs entered this week 22-2 and 2-0.

Airline split games, defeating Evangel Christian 67-5 at Evangel and failing to Captain Shreve 55-40 at Airline.

Benton lost to Shreve 76-37 at Shreve. The Lady Tigers defeated Quitman 53-37 in a non-district home game.

Bossier defeated Plain

Dealing 55-42 at Bossier. The Lady Kats lost to Booker T. Washington 52-45 in their District 1-4A opener at BTW.

Plain Dealing opened District 1-1A play with a 64-14 victory over Haynesville at home.

Providence Classical Academy won twice at home. The Lady Knights defeated North Caddo 57-23 and Calvary Baptist 66-43.

With five players contributing to the scoring, Parkway jumped out to a 17-8 lead against Huntington after the first quarter. Dakota Howard scored 13 of her 15 points in the first half.

Savannah Wilson came up big for the Lady Panthers in the second half. She scored 17 of her team-high 21 points.

Jasmyne Hendrix chipped in 10 points. She helped Parkway get off to the fast start with six points in the first quarter then added four more in the fourth.

Howard led the Lady Panthers against Natchitoches Central with 23 points. Wilson added 12 and Hendrix had nine.

Parkway entered this week 19-4 overall and 2-0 in district.

Ke'Zyriah Sykes and Addison McDowell led Airline against Evangel with 12 and 11 points, respectively. Nia Williams and Amari Moseley scored 10 each.

Williams and Ke'Zyriah Sykes led the Lady Vikings against Shreve with 13 and 11 points, respectively.

Airline entered this week 16-3 and 2-1.

Zamarion Carter poured in 26 points to lead Bossier against Plain Dealing. Adrianna Gooden added 14.

Carter hit two 3-pointers and scored 20 points in the first half. The Lady Kats led 34-26 at the half and extended the lead to 47-34 after three quarters.

Brianna Newton led Plain Dealing with 22 points.

Jakayla Douglas poured in 36 points to lead the Lady Lions against Haynesville. She had 20 in the first half. Newton added 13 points.

Plain Dealing, which also defeated Byrd 33-28, entered this week 11-11.

Taylor Brown and Kryshna Bostic led Benton against Shreve with 11 and 10 points, respectively. The Lady Tigers entered this week 18-9 and 0-2.

HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Eight parish teams make playoffs

By Russell Hedges
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Eight parish teams qualified for the LHSAA playoffs which begin this week.

The regular season officially ended Monday. Official pairings were scheduled to be announced Tuesday.

First-round matches must be played by Feb. 2.

Benton, Airline, Parkway and Bossier are in the girls playoffs.

The top 32 teams in the final power rankings qualify for the playoffs. District champions automatically qualify. The top 16 teams host first-round matches.

(Note: Records are through Sunday).

According to Geaux-Preps.com, Benton (18-3) was No. 3 in Division I

and Airline (8-7-0) was No. 25 through Sunday.

Parkway (11-4-5) was No. 20 in Division II. Bossier was No. 29 in Division III.

Benton finished tied for second with Captain Shreve in District 1-I. The Lady Tigers tied Shreve 1-1 last week.

Bossier, Benton, Airline and Parkway are in the boys playoffs.

Bossier (15-6-1) was No. 4 in Division III. Airline (9-5-3) and Benton (11-11-1) were No. 21 and 23, respectively, in Division I. Parkway was No. 27 in Division II.

Bossier reached the semifinals last season and the championship game in 2023.

Benton and Airline finished third and fourth, respectively, in District 1-I.



BOSSIER Council on Aging

Senior Link

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Check out our website at www.bossiercoa.org for menus, activity calendars, service listings and upcoming trip details.



Please like us on Facebook @ Bossier Council on Aging

Group participants and supporters can enroll their Kroger Plus Card online at our secure website: www.krogercommunityrewards.com. Every time an enrolled participant of your organization shops at Kroger using their Kroger Plus Card, Bossier Council on Aging accumulates funding.



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Don't forget about our endowment with the Community Foundation. You can set-up planned giving, paycheck donations & even support for us via their website.

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706 BearKat Drive
Bossier City, LA 71111
318-741-8302
contactus@bossiercoa.org
activities@bossiercoa.org

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Benton, LA 71006
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As we celebrate our 50th anniversary of serving seniors in our community, we reflect on the incredible journey of supporting older adults through changing seasons, both literal and figurative. This winter, we continue to focus on keeping our seniors active, connected, and prepared for whatever comes their way.

The recent cold snap caught many of us off guard! With temperatures plunging overnight, we've been reminded of the importance of staying prepared for

emergency weather situations. Seniors are particularly vulnerable during these times, so we encourage everyone to review their emergency plans, check on neighbors, and ensure that supplies like blankets, non-perishable foods, and flashlights are readily available.

Our ongoing Blanket Drive is one way to make sure no senior is left in the cold. Please consider donating a new or gently used blanket to help someone in need. Drop-off locations are available at all our sites. Together, we can help everyone stay warm and safe this winter.

Our Fall Health Fair on October 23 was a tremendous success! With over 20 vendors offering resources like insurance advice, vaccine information, food assistance, and housing options, attendees left well-informed and equipped for the future. A heartfelt thank you goes to our sponsors, People Health and Blue Cross Blue Shield, for making it all possible. Looking ahead, we're already planning

our next big event in May, where our health fair will coincide with the Older Americans Month Fish Fry. Stay tuned for details—it's an event you won't want to miss!

As election season continues, we remind everyone that staying prepared isn't just for emergencies—it's also about participating in decisions that shape our future. Make sure your voter registration is up to date and know your polling location.

As part of our 50 years of service, we're always looking for dedicated individuals to join us in making a difference. Current opportunities include part-time and full-time homemaker positions in Bossier Parish, as well as Senior Community Service Employment Program roles. Stop by our office to learn more and apply.

Here's to another 50 years of building a strong, supportive community for our seniors. Let's embrace the season together, staying active, prepared, and united. Stay warm and safe out there!

UPCOMING HOLIDAY CLOSURES:



**MARDI GRAS, 3/4
GOOD FRIDAY, 4/18**

NO SERVICES PROVIDED ON THESE DATES.

Site Snapshots



Seniors are invited to come by their local site to visit, have lunch & get signed up. Each of our sites is unique to its area and the seniors it serves. Of course, we are always going to have bingo at least once a week but that's not the only fun thing going on. All clients are required to have a current assessment on file, but it only takes about 10 to 15 minutes to complete so don't let that deter you.

Reservations are needed for lunch so we can order the appropriate amount of meals ahead of time.

Rent your car in BOSSIER:

Did you know that a percent of the sales tax from car rentals in Bossier Parish directly supports the Bossier Council on Aging's services? Including home-delivered meals, transportation, and caregiver support?! This funding helps the Council enhance the quality of life for local seniors by expanding vital programs that empower independence and well-being. So rent your car in Bossier & help us support our seniors.



BLANKET DRIVE:

We are collecting & distributing new blankets for our seniors. Any size, fabric blanket may be donated at any of our sites. Must be new & not electric. Seniors may receive one blanket a year with a Bossier parish ID at their local senior center.



NEED HELP TO GET TO THE GROCERY STORE?

BOSSIER COUNCIL ON AGING IS AVAILABLE TO HELP. TRANSPORTATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

- PLAIN DEALING - 1ST WEDNESDAY
- BENTON - 2ND WEDNESDAY
- HAUGHTON - 3RD WEDNESDAY
- BAFB - 4TH WEDNESDAY
- BOSSIER CITY - TUESDAY & THURSDAYS

• ALL GROCERY STORE RIDES MUST HAVE MINIMUM OF 3 CLIENTS
THIS SERVICE IS AVAILABLE TO SENIORS AGE 60 AND ABOVE WITH A CURRENT ASSESSMENT ON FILE.

CONTACT US AT 318-741-8302 TO FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN UTILIZE THIS SERVICE.



ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR SENIORS IN NEED:

(with current assessment on file)

• **CAREGIVER CLIENTS:** raised toilet seat, wheelchair cushion, incontinence supplies - diapers, pads, pull-ups (sizes vary), Walkers; (subject to availability)

• **NOTE:** The Bossier Fire Department is offering FREE smoke alarms for our seniors that don't have them. They come and install them for you, and remember: **"THEY MAY SAVE YOUR LIFE!"**

We have FREE rides for clients to go to their eye doctor via our grant from ITN America & Regeneron. Call 318-741-8302 for further details.



UPDATE:

AARP classes utilizing the Bossier Council on Aging sites are BACK!!!!

Call for upcoming class dates.

\$20=AARP members.
\$25=non members.

AARP also offers you the opportunity to elect to take the class on line by visiting the secured link: www.aarp.com.



ITEMS WE ARE COLLECTING

... Thank you to everyone who has been bringing these items in for us! It helps us to be able to

STRETCH
our dollars even FURTHER!
Aluminum cans
Printer & toner cartridges

THANKS FOR THE SUPPORT!

Thanks to following donors:

- Delta Sigma Theta
- Lagniappe PRIME
- Home Federal Bank
- Kroger Community donors
- Pet Pantry of NWLA-dog & cat food for our seniors fur babies

TELEPHONE REASSURANCE -

program provided by Bossier Parish Sheriff's Dept. It is one phone call per week to check on home bound seniors.

Call 318-965-3500 for more information.

WANT TO KNOW MORE:

Our Outreach Director, Tana Wilder is available to speak to your civic or community group to share valuable information about Bossier Council on Aging. Call her now to schedule your speaking engagement.

NOTARY SERVICE:

Don't forget that we now offer **FREE 'signature only' notary services for clients with a current assessment on file. Clients can make an appointment & bring their own documents for notarization.**



LEGALS

SHERIFF'S SALE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Suit No: (08) 174792-
Date: Tuesday, January 14, 2025
21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION
VS
ERIC JOSEPH KITTRELL

JULIAN C. WHITTINGTON, SHERIFF
P.O.Box 850
BENTON, LA 71006

Parish of Bossier
28th Judicial District Court
State of Louisiana

By virtue of a Writ of SEIZURE AND SALE issued in the above numbered and entitled cause and to me directed, I have seized and will proceed to sell at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, for cash, WITHOUT the benefit of appraisal, and according to law, at the principal front door of the court house, in the town of Benton, LA, on WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2025, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM the following described property, situated in parish of BOSSIER, Louisiana, to-wit:

2007 CLAYTON 18 X 76 MOBILE HOME BEARING SERIAL NUMBER CBH017888TX

And from the proceeds of said sale to pay petitioners claims of: TWENTY-NINE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FORTY-NINE AND 06 / 100 (\$29,549.06) DOLLARS, along with interest, attorney's fees and all other costs of suit.

PUBLISH ON: January 29, 2025

JULIAN C. WHITTINGTON, SHERIFF & EX-OFFICIO AUCTIONEER
BOSSIER Parish

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January 29th, 2025
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SHERIFF'S SALE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Suit No: (08) 174597-
Date: Tuesday, January 14, 2025
NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING
VS
CHRISTINA MARIE DEMOSS AND JAMES CARROLL DEMOSS

JULIAN C. WHITTINGTON, SHERIFF
P.O.Box 850
BENTON, LA 71006

Parish of Bossier
28th Judicial District Court
State of Louisiana

By virtue of a Writ of SEIZURE AND SALE issued in the above numbered and entitled cause and to me directed, I have seized and will proceed to sell at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, for cash, WITH the benefit of appraisal, and according to law, at the principal front door of the court house, in the town of Benton, LA, on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2025, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM the following described property, situated in parish of BOSSIER, Louisiana, to-wit: LOT 28, ROSEDALE PLACE, UNIT NO. 1, A SUBDIVISION OF BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN BOOK 808, AT PAGE 686 OF THE CONVEYANCE RECORDS OF BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, TOGETHER WITH ALL BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED THEREON, WHICH HAS THE ADDRESS OF 2105 WEST BELLE HAVEN, BOSSIER CITY, LA 71111

And from the proceeds of said sale to pay petitioners claims of: NINETY-THREE THOUSAND TWENTY-FOUR AND 82 / 100 (\$93,024.82) DOLLARS, along with interest, attorney's fees and all other costs of suit.

PUBLISH ON: January 29, 2025
March 12, 2025

JULIAN C. WHITTINGTON, SHERIFF & EX-OFFICIO AUCTIONEER
BOSSIER Parish

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:
EMILY A MUELLER
3510 N. CAUSEWAY BLVD, STE 600
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January 29th, 2025
March 12th, 2025
Bossier Press Tribune

SHERIFF'S SALE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Suit No: (08) 174819-
Date: Tuesday, January 14, 2025
PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
VS
ESTATE OF KAREN L. MORRIS A/K/A KAREN LYNN MORRIS

JULIAN C. WHITTINGTON, SHERIFF
P.O.Box 850
BENTON, LA 71006

Parish of Bossier
28th Judicial District Court
State of Louisiana

By virtue of a Writ of SEIZURE AND SALE issued in the above numbered and entitled cause and to me directed, I have seized and will proceed to sell at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, for cash, WITHOUT the benefit of appraisal, and according to law, at the principal front door of the court house, in the town of Benton, LA, on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2025, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM the following described property, situated in parish of BOSSIER, Louisiana, to-wit: A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A POINT LOCATED 397.51 FEET DUE WEST AND 800.87 FEET DUE SOUTH OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 22 FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN SOUTH 0 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST 200.0 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT FOR A CORNER; THENCE RUN NORTH 81 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 51 SECONDS WEST 126.26 FEET ALONG THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SLIGO ROAD TO AN IRON PIPE FOR CORNER; THENCE RUN NORTH 0 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 200.0 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE FOR CORNER; THENCE RUN SOUTH 81 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 51 SECONDS EAST 126.26 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING, TOGETHER WITH ALL BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED THEREON, INCLUDING A 1996 MASTERPIECE DOUBLE WIDE MOBILE HOME, SERIAL #MP153095A/B. (THE "PROPERTY")

And from the proceeds of said sale to pay petitioners claims of: TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWO AND 68 / 100 (\$25,102.68) DOLLARS, along with interest, attorney's fees and all other costs of suit.

PUBLISH ON: January 29, 2025
March 12, 2025

JULIAN C. WHITTINGTON, SHERIFF & EX-OFFICIO AUCTIONEER
BOSSIER Parish

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:
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New Orleans, LA 70112

January 29th, 2025
March 12th, 2025
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BID NOTICE

SEALED BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE BOSSIER PARISH SCHOOL BOARD Purchasing Department in the Former Benton High Gymnasium now referred to as The Ole Gym located at 110 Kelly Street, Benton, LA 71006 and electronic bids will be received at www.BidExpress.com until February 18, 2025, at 2:00 P.M. after which time the bids will be opened.

BOSSIER PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

PROJECT NUMBER: BPSB Bid #25-30

PROJECT NAME: T.L. Rodes Elementary School HVAC System Replacement
(Guth PN: 5-7316)

Original complete Bidding Documents must be obtained at no charge from Bid Express at www.BidExpress.com, which has been designated as the only method and service of distribution of the Bidding Documents and plans.

Contractors may elect to submit bids electronically via the Internet. Electronic bids for the Bossier Parish School Board are available for submission at www.BidExpress.com. Contractors that wish to submit electronic bids online will be charged a fee by Bid Express. In addition, contractors shall be required to obtain a digital signature certificate prior to submitting bids online. The bid security required by this solicitation may also be submitted online.

Questions about the Bidding Documents or request for approvals shall be directed to the Architect at:

John J. Guth Associates, Inc.
Michael S. Middleton
208 Milam Street, Shreveport, LA 71101
318-221-8638
mmiddleton@guthassoc.com

Work on this Project includes all work as indicated in the Bidding Documents.

NOTE: BIDS SHALL ONLY BE ACCEPTED FROM CONTRACTORS WHO ARE LICENSED UNDER LOUISIANA CONTRACTORS LICENSING LAW FOR THE MAJOR CLASSIFICATION OF MECHANICAL.

All Bids must be accompanied by Bid security equal to five percent (5%) of the sum of the base Bid and all alternates and must be in the form of a certified check, cashier's check or Bid Bond written in conformance with state law. Written evidence of the authority of the person signing the Bid Form should be included with the Bid Form. See La. R.S. 38:2212 B. (2) and (5).

The successful Bidder shall be required to furnish Performance, Maintenance and Payment Bonds on the forms provided by the School Board and written in accordance with state law.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

A MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE will be held on February 6, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at T.L. Rodes Elementary School located at 4670 Highway 80 East, Haughton, LA. 71037. Attendance at the Pre-Bid Conference by an Officer or Estimator directly involved with this Project is MANDATORY and is a Pre-Condition for bidder eligibility. Sign-in for the Conference will be between 8:45 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. The Conference will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. No one will be allowed to sign in after that time and to be eligible to bid it is necessary to attend the entire conference.

BOSSIER PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
An Equal Opportunity Employer
Kerry Douglas
Chief Procurement Officer
Bossier Parish School Board
kerry.douglas@bossierschools.org
318-549-5039

January 22nd, 2025
January 29th, 2025
February 5th, 2025
Bossier Press Tribune

Notice to the Public

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT: Hyundai Capital America, Inc. DBA Kia Finance v. REBECCA CARTER; Docket No. 104,496, Bossier City Court, Bossier Parish, Louisiana. Please notice that REBECCA CARTER has been named as a defendant in the above-styled action. Anyone knowing the whereabouts or having information on REBECCA CARTER is asked to contact Atty Taunton Melville at (318) 200-0897, or by email at TMelville@MelvilleLawFirm.com.

January 22nd, 2025
January 29th, 2025
Bossier Press Tribune

March 29, 2025 Election Parish of Bossier

Northeast Bossier Parish Fire Protection District No. 5 Proposition (Millage)

Shall Northeast Bossier Parish Fire Protection District No. 5 of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana (the "District"), be authorized to levy a special tax of 27.50 mills (the "Tax") on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$600,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2034, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining and/or operating fire protection and emergency medical service facilities, vehicles and equipment, including both movable and immovable property to be used by the District directly or indirectly to provide fire protection or emergency medical service, including the costs of obtaining water for fire protection purposes and charges for fire hydrant rentals and service, provided that a portion of the Tax proceeds is required to be contributed to state and statewide retirement systems as provided in R.S. 11:82?

January 22nd, 2025
January 29th, 2025
February 5th, 2025
February 12th, 2025
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LEGAL NOTICE TO BIDDERS BID # S01-25

Notice is hereby given that the Bossier City Purchasing Department, will receive sealed bids until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, February 13, 2025 for One (2) 6" Diesel Trailer Mounted Bypass Pump. Bids will then be publicly opened and read aloud in the Purchasing Office.

In accordance with the Louisiana Administrative Code Title 4, Part XV., Chapter 7: Vendors shall be provided the option to submit bids for Purchase of Materials and Supplies through either a secure electronic interactive system or by submitting a paper bid. Use www.bidnetdirect.com to submit an electronic bid.

Specifications and Contract Documents may be obtained from the office of the City of Bossier City, Purchasing Department, Municipal Complex, 620 Benton Road, Bossier City, Louisiana at no charge.

Bids must be submitted on the official bid form furnished with the specifications and those submitted otherwise will not be considered. The City of Bossier City reserves the right to reject any/all bids.

Denna Beauchemin
Purchasing Agent
City of Bossier City, Louisiana

January 29th, 2025
February 5th, 2025
Bossier Press Tribune

Notice to the Public

East Central Bossier Parish Fire District 1 is accepting sealed bids for the following surplus equipment.

2001 Sea Ark 18' Boat, Motor and Trailer
This vehicle will be sold as is to the highest bidder. Once awarded, the bidder has 7 business days to pay in full the amount of the bid, or their bid will be nullified. This Vehicle is available for inspection at the main fire station located at 4494 Hwy 80 in Haughton, La 71037. Sealed bids will be received until noon on Tuesday March 11 2025 at the same location with a minimum bid of \$1000.00. Bids must contain the name of the bidder and a current phone number. Bids will be opened and read aloud at the next regular board meeting on Tuesday March 11 2025 at 6 PM in the training building located directly behind the station.

January 29th, 2025
February 5th, 2025
February 12th, 2025
Bossier Press Tribune

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF MOFFITT INVESTMENT PROPERTY, L.L.C.

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that Moffitt Investment Property, L.L.C., a Louisiana limited liability company, is to be liquidated out of court, pursuant to authorization by its members, duly given, and that Michael F. Moffitt, whose address is P.O. Box 5855, Bossier City, Louisiana 71171, has been duly appointed to serve as liquidator.

January 29th, 2025
Bossier Press Tribune

Notice to the Public

Any person claiming to be, knowing the whereabouts of, or related to, **Melvin Eugene Davis**, please contact Attorney Felicia M. Hamilton, 3304 Lakeshore Dr. Shreveport, LA 71109. (318)424-9424 or law@feliciahamilton.com.

January 29th, 2025
Bossier Press Tribune

Notice to the Public

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of **GLEN MARTIN NELSON** known to frequently be between Bossier and Ouachita Parish, please contact Attorney Kourtnee Jones at 318-801-2572.

January 29th, 2025
February 5th, 2025
February 12th, 2025
Bossier Press Tribune

Best Yet Storage 5216 Airline Dr Bossier City, LA 71111

Online Self-Storage Auction will be held at www.storage-treasures.com for the following units and will end on February 19, 2025 at 10:00AM

- Tenant: Norbert Gongolo
Unit: G722
Inventory: Books, Desk shelving, Stroller, Bench/Stool, 4 Cloth Chairs, Outside pillows, Flat Screen TV, Baby walker, Baby pillows, Baby toys
- Tenant: Kathryn Lindsay
Unit: A127
Inventory: Christmas Trees, Tree Stand, Christmas decor, Fall decor, Totes/Boxes
- Tenant: Andrea Gorum
Unit: A130
Inventory: Dryer, Singer sewing desk, Toaster oven, Lawn chairs, Large suitcases, Printer, Igloos, Tall jewelry box, Dresser, Rug, Totes/Boxes/Bags, Home decor, Plastic storage, Fishing poles. White side tables, Lamps, Fan, Heater, Stroller
- Tenant: Andrea Gorum
Unit: C317
Inventory: Dresser, Wardrobe armoire, Standing mirror, Chest, Side tables, Bed Frame, Mattress/Box Spring/Bed topper, Wall art, Lamps, Igloo cooler, Wooden shoe rack, Wooden stepping stool, Totes/Boxes.
- Tenant: Krystal Hernandez
Unit: C346
Inventory: Couch, Love Seat, Queen Bed Frame, Mattress/Box spring, Benches, Candle decor, Home decor, Heat press.

January 29th, 2025
Bossier Press Tribune

SHERIFF'S SALE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Suit No: (08) 174359-
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2025
LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC
VS
JAMES CHAZE NEAL

JULIAN C. WHITTINGTON, SHERIFF
P.O.Box 850
BENTON, LA 71006

Parish of Bossier
28th Judicial District Court
State of Louisiana

By virtue of a Writ of SEIZURE AND SALE issued in the above numbered and entitled cause and to me directed, I have seized and will proceed to sell at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, for cash, WITH the benefit of appraisal, and according to law, at the principal front door of the court house, in the town of Benton, LA, on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2025, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM the following described property, situated in parish of BOSSIER, Louisiana, to-wit: PLAINTIFF'S MORTGAGE AND/OR PRIVILEGE AFFECTS THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY, TO-WIT: LOT 30, HAPPY MEADOW SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION OF BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN BOOK 275, PAGE 127 OF THE CONVEYANCE RECORDS OF BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, TOGETHER WITH ALL BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED THEREON; SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS, SERVITUDES, RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND OUTSTANDING MINERAL RIGHTS OF RECORD AFFECTING THE PROPERTY.

And from the proceeds of said sale to pay petitioners claims of: EIGHTY-ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN AND 95 / 100 (\$81,997.95) DOLLARS, along with interest, attorney's fees and all other costs of suit.

PUBLISH ON: January 29, 2025
March 12, 2025

JULIAN C. WHITTINGTON, SHERIFF & EX-OFFICIO AUCTIONEER
BOSSIER Parish

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:
ASHLEY E MORRIS
1505 N. 19TH STREET
MONROE, LA 71207
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January 29th, 2025
March 12th, 2025
Bossier Press Tribune

SHERIFF'S SALE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Suit No: (08) 174288-
Date: Tuesday, January 7, 2025
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.
VS
MICHAEL DUANE BARNHILL AND RHONDA SUE BARNHILL

JULIAN C. WHITTINGTON, SHERIFF
P.O.Box 850
BENTON, LA 71006

Parish of Bossier
28th Judicial District Court
State of Louisiana

By virtue of a Writ of SEIZURE AND SALE issued in the above numbered and entitled cause and to me directed, I have seized and will proceed to sell at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, for cash, WITHOUT the benefit of appraisal, and according to law, at the principal front door of the court house, in the town of Benton, LA, on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2025, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM the following described property, situated in parish of BOSSIER, Louisiana, to-wit: LOT 7, EIGHTY ACRES, UNIT 4, BOSSIER PARRISH, LOUISIANA, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN BOOK 1207, PAGE 44-45 IN THE CONVEYANCE RECORDS OF BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, TOGETHER WITH ALL BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON. IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE A 2002 HOMES OF LEGEND MOBILE HOME, MODEL NAME FIVESTAR, BEARING SERIAL #HL14330A8AL, WHICH SAID MANUFACTURED HOME/MOBILE HOME WAS IMMOBILIZED PURSUANT TO AFFIDAVIT TO IMMOBILIZE MOBILE HOME DATED DECEMBER 11, 2001 AND FILED FOR RECORD IN BOOK 1247, PAGE 515 AT INSTRUMENT NUMBER 737545 OF THE RECORDS OF BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, WHICH HAS THE ADDRESS OF 7805 HIGHWAY 80, PRINCETON, LA 71067

And from the proceeds of said sale to pay petitioners claims of: ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE AND 92 / 100 (\$122,251.92) DOLLARS, along with interest, attorney's fees and all other costs of suit.

PUBLISH ON: January 29, 2025
March 05, 2025

JULIAN C. WHITTINGTON, SHERIFF & EX-OFFICIO AUCTIONEER
BOSSIER Parish

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METAIRIE, LA 70002

January 29th, 2025
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ADOPT,
DON'T
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Notice

The following resolution was offered by Mr. David Montgomery, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Jeffery Darby
RESOLUTION 95 of 2024

A resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the City of Bossier City, State of Louisiana, to vote upon the adoption of amendments to the current City Charter of the City of Bossier City; making application to the State Bond Commission and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Bossier City, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the City of Bossier City, State of Louisiana (the "City"), that:

SECTION 1. Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, and under the authority conferred by the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, including Article VI, Sections 5 and 22 thereof, the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority, a special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the City on SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2025, between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, and at the said election there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSITION NO. 1 OF 3

Shall the City Charter of the City of Bossier City, Louisiana, be amended and restated, in its entirety, pursuant to Article VI, Section 5 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, as set forth in the revisions prepared and submitted by the Citizens Charter Review Commission as advertised in the Bossier Press Tribune on January 15, 22, and 29, and February 5, 2025?

CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSITION NO. 2 OF 3

Shall Section 3.01(b) of the existing City Charter for Bossier City or the amended and restated City Charter set forth in Proposition No. 1, if approved, be amended to read as follows:

Members of the City Council shall be eligible for re-election except that no person who has been elected to serve as a member of the City Council for more than two and one-half terms in three consecutive terms, that service being during a term of office that began on or after January 1, 2025, shall be elected to the City Council for the succeeding term?

CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSITION NO. 3 OF 3

Shall Section 4.01 of the existing City Charter for Bossier City or the amended and restated City Charter set forth in Proposition No. 1, if approved, be amended to read as follows:

The Mayor shall be elected according to the laws of the state and serve a term of four (4) years. The term of office shall begin on July 1 of the year in which they were elected.

No person who has been elected to serve as the Mayor for more than two and one-half terms in three consecutive terms, that service being during a term of office that began on or after January 1, 2025, shall be elected to Mayor for the succeeding term?

SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Election. A Notice of Special Election shall be published in the official journal of the City once a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the election, which Notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, prior to the publication of the Notice of Election, the Mayor is authorized and directed to make any amendments to the foregoing propositions that may be required to comply with any state or federal regulatory agencies.

SECTION 3. Canvass. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the City Hall, 620 Benton Road, Bossier City, Louisiana, on TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2025, at THREE O'CLOCK (3:00) P.M., and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election.

SECTION 4. Polling Places. The polling places for the precincts set forth in the aforesaid Notice of Special Election are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

SECTION 5. Election Commissioners; Voting Machines. The officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, shall hold the said special election as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said election for the meeting of the Governing Authority to be held as provided in Section 3 hereof. All registered voters in the City will be entitled to vote at the special election, and voting machines shall be used.

SECTION 6. Authorization of Officers. The City Clerk of the City is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of said election, the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election and the Mayor and/or City Clerk of the City are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the election.

SECTION 7. Furnishing Election Call to Election Officials. Certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Parish Custodian of Voting Machines of Bossier Parish and the Registrar of Voters of Bossier Parish, as notification of the special election, in order that each may prepare for said election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

SECTION 8. Application to State Bond Commission. Application is made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the special election as herein provided, and in the event said election carries for further consent and authority to amend the City Charter of the City of Bossier City. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of this Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application.

SECTION 9. Employment of Counsel. This Governing Authority finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of special counsel on matters related to the special election, and accordingly, Foley & Judell, L.L.P., is hereby employed as special counsel for said purpose for a term not exceeding one (1) year from the date of this resolution. The fee to be paid said special counsel shall be an amount computed at hourly rate based on the Attorney General's then current Maximum Hourly Fee Schedule, together with reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses, and the Director of Finance is authorized to pay such invoices as and when presented. The scope of this legal representation does not involve federal claims.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Smith, Mr. Darby, Mr. Williams, Mr. Free and Mr. Maggio

NAYS: Mr. Hammons

ABSENT: none

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 5th day of November, 2024.

Phyllis McGraw _____ Don W. Williams _____
City Clerk _____ President

**EXHIBIT "A"
NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION**

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Bossier City, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the City of Bossier City, State of Louisiana (the "City"), on November 5, 2024, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the City on SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2025, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the City qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

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No person who has been elected to serve as the Mayor for more than two and one-half terms in three consecutive terms, that service being during a term of office that began on or after January 1, 2025, shall be elected to Mayor for the succeeding term?

The said special election shall be held at the polling places for the following precincts, which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to-wit:

- PRECINCTS
- 01-01
- 01-02
- 01-03
- 01-03A
- 01-03B(PART)
- 01-04(PART)
- 01-05
- 02-02
- 02-03
- 02-03A
- 02-04-1
- 02-04-2
- 02-05A(PART)
- 02-06(PART)
- 02-07
- 02-08
- 02-09(PART)
- 02-10
- 02-11
- 02-12A
- 02-12B

- 02-13
- 02-14
- 02-15
- 02-16
- 02-17A(PART)
- 02-17B
- 02-18C-1(PART)
- 02-18C-2(PART)
- 02-19
- 02-20
- 02-21A(PART)
- 02-21C-1(PART)
- 02-21C-2(PART)
- 02-21D-1(PART)
- 02-21D-2(PART)
- 02-21E(PART)
- 04-08A(PART)
- 04-08B-1(PART)
- 04-08B-2(PART)
- 04-08C(PART)
- 04-08D
- 04-08G(PART)
- 04-10-1(PART)
- 04-10-2(PART)
- 04-11C(PART)

The polling places for the precincts set forth above are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$ 87,600.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, City Hall, 620 Benton Road, Bossier City, Louisiana, on TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2025, at THREE O'CLOCK (3:00) P.M., and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. All registered voters of the City are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

STATE OF LOUISIANA PARISH OF BOSSIER

I, the undersigned City Clerk of the City of Bossier City, State of Louisiana (the "City"), do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of the proceedings taken by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, on November 5, 2024, ordering and calling a special election to be held in the City, to vote upon the adoption of amendments to the current City Charter of the City; making application to the State Bond Commission and providing for other matters in connection therewith. IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature at Bossier City, Louisiana, on this, the 5th day of November, 2024.

Phyllis McGraw
City Clerk

January 15th, 2025
January 22nd, 2025
January 29th, 2025
February 5th, 2025
Bossier Press Tribune

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by Fire District #2, 3551 Hwy 527, Elm Grove LA, 71051, until the hour of 6:30 P.M., (CST), February 13, 2025, at which time bids will be opened and read aloud by the Fire District or their designated representative in open meeting.

**SOUTH BOSSIER FIRE DISTRICT #2, Station #1
CLASS "A" BURN BUILDING
SINGLE-STORY PRE-ENGINEERED FIRE TRAINING FACILITY
Project No. 2024-FDNO2**

In accordance with Act No. 590 of the 2008 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, bids may be submitted electronically at https://bidexpress.com. Prime bidders shall obtain an original set of electronic or paper bidding documents from the Bossier Parish Police Jury Office. Bidding documents will be available at the address shown below on December 30, 2024.

All inquiries shall be directed to:
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
Jim Firth
204 Burt Blvd
P.O. BOX 70
BENTON, LA 71006
(318) 965-3701 phone
(318) 965-3703 fax

An acceptable Bid Bond, cashier's check, or certified check payable to Bossier Parish Police Jury in an amount not less than five-percent (5%) of the bid must accompany the bid. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Payment Bond equal to One Hundred Percent (100%) of the contract amount. Any surety bond written for a public works project shall be written by a surety or insurance company on the U.S. Department of the Treasury Financial Management Service list of approved bonding companies which is published annually in the Federal Register, or by a Louisiana domiciled insurance company with at least an A-rating in the latest printing of the A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide to write individual bonds up to ten percent of policy holders' surplus as shown in the A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide or by an insurance company that is either domiciled in Louisiana or owned by Louisiana residents and is Licensed to write surety bonds.

BID GUARANTEE: No bid may be withdrawn for a period of forty-five (45) days after receipt of bids. All applicable local, state, federal laws and regulations shall apply. Bids shall be submitted on the Louisiana Uniform Public Works Bid Form furnished with the bid package. Those submitted otherwise may not be considered or accepted. Bid shall be submitted in a sealed envelope and shall be plainly marked as "CLASS "A" BURN BUILDING" PROJECT NO.2024-FDNO2 ". Contractor's License Number shall also be clearly shown on the outside of the bid envelope. The successful Bidder must submit executed copies of the Non-Collusion Declaration, Felony Conviction / E-Verify Affidavit within ten (10) days of the bid opening. These items may be submitted with the bid.

Fire District #2 reserves the right to reject any or all bids, as provided for in LA R.S. 38:2214(B). Any person with disabilities requiring special accommodations must contact Fire District #2 no later than seven (7) days prior to the bid opening.

MEGAN RAMOS, PARISH SECRETARY
PHILIP RODGERS, PRESIDENT

January 8th, 2025
January 15th, 2025
January 22nd, 2025
January 29th, 2025
Bossier Press Tribune

**SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Suit No: (08) 170965- Date: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC VS WILLIAM FREDRICK THOMPSON, IV	JULIAN C. WHITTINGTON, SHERIFF P.O. Box 850 BENTON, LA 71006 Parish of Bossier 26th Judicial District Court State of Louisiana
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By virtue of a Writ of SEIZURE AND SALE issued in the above numbered and entitled cause and to me directed, I have seized and will proceed to sell at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, for cash, WITHOUT the benefit of appraisalment, and according to law, at the principal front door of the court house, in the town of Benton, LA, on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2025, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM the following described property, situated in parish of BOSSIER, Louisiana, to-wit: PLAINTIFF'S MORTGAGE AND/OR PRIVILEGE AFFECTS THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY, TO-WIT:

LOT 31, RE-PLAT OF LOTS 1 THRU 31, GREENACRES SUBDIVISION, UNIT 6, A SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF BOSSIER CITY, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN BOOK 275, PAGE(S) 249 OF THE CONVEYANCE RECORDS OF BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA; SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS, SERVITUDES, RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND OUTSTANDING MINERAL RIGHTS OF RECORD AFFECTING THE PROPERTY.

And from the proceeds of said sale to pay petitioners claims of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY-TWO AND 22 / 100 (\$155,872.22) DOLLARS, along with interest, attorney's fees and all other costs of suit.

PUBLISH ON: January 29, 2025 March 12, 2025	JULIAN C. WHITTINGTON, SHERIFF & EX-OFFICIO AUCTIONEER BOSSIER Parish
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF: ASHLEY E MORRIS 1505 N. 19TH STREET MONROE, LA 71207 318-388-1440	

January 29th, 2025
March 12th, 2025
Bossier Press Tribune

Notice to the Public

Anyone with any knowledge of the whereabouts of **Zachary Cade Lynch**, please contact Walter Gerhardt at 318-869-1221. A lawsuit is pending in Bossier Parish, Louisiana, against Mr. Lynch on an account with Bossier Federal Credit Union.

January 29th, 2025
Bossier Press Tribune

SHERIFF'S SALE SHERIFF'S OFFICE	
Suit No: (08) 172643- Date: Monday, January 13, 2025 BOSSIER FEDERAL CREDIT UNION VS JAMES W. TRIMBLE AND DAWN TRIMBLE	JULIAN C. WHITTINGTON, SHERIFF P.O. Box 850 BENTON, LA 71006 Parish of Bossier 26th Judicial District Court State of Louisiana

By virtue of a Writ of SEIZURE AND SALE issued in the above numbered and entitled cause and to me directed, I have seized and will proceed to sell at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, for cash, WITH the benefit of appraisalment, and according to law, at the principal front door of the court house, in the town of Benton, LA, on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2025, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM the following described property, situated in parish of BOSSIER, Louisiana, to-wit:

PLAINTIFF IS THE HOLDER OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED NOTE EXECUTED BY DEFENDANT TO THE ORDER OF PLAINTIFF, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

NOTE DATED AUGUST 28, 2020 IN THE PRINCIPAL SUM OF \$99,000.00, WITH INTEREST AT THE RATE OF 5.250% PER ANNUM MONTHLY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,062.19 PER MONTH BEGINNING September 18, 2020, DUE AND PAYABLE THE SAME DAY OF EACH CONSECUTIVE MONTH, SAID NOTE IS ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A" TO THE PETITION FOR EXECUTORY PROCESS FILED HEREIN ON MARCH 28, 2024. DEFENDANT'S OBLIGATION UNDER THE NOTE IS SECURED BY THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:

PROPERTY LOCATED IN BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA:

ALL THAT CERTAIN 18.299 ACRES TRACT LOCATED IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW/4) OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE/4) OF SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 11 WEST, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA; SAID TRACT BEING THE REMAINDER OF A TRACT CONVEYED FROM ROY FULLER TO KEVEN LAMAR FULLER BY DEED RECORDED IN VOLUME 1274, PAGE 917 OF THE DEED RECORDS OF BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA.

SAID TRACT 18.299 ACRES TRACT BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT AN ¾ INCH IRON ROD FOUND IN THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE/4) OF SECTION 18 FOR THE MOST SOUTHERN SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED 18.299 ACRE TRACT; FROM SAID CORNER A ¾ INCH IRON ROD FOUND FOR THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 18 BEARS SOUTH 89 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 02 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 2012.30 FEET;

THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 33 SECONDS WEST CONTINUING ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE/4) OF SECTION 18 FOR A DISTANCE OF 652.49 FEET TO A 1 INCH IRON PIPE FOUND FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED 18.299 ACRES TRACT; SAID CORNER ALSO BEING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED 18.299 ACRES TRACT; SAID CORNER ALSO BEING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW/4) OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE/4) OF SECTION 18;

THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 39 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW/4) OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE/4) OF SECTION 18 FOR A DISTANCE OF 660.87 FEET TO A ½ INCH IRON ROD FOUND FOR THE MOST WESTERN NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED 18.299 ACRES TRACT;

THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 10 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 664.98 FEET TO A ¾ INCH IRON ROD FOUND FOR AN INSIDE ELL CORNER OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED 18.299 ACRES TRACT;

THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 31 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 219.83 FEET TO A ½ INCH IRON ROD FOUND FOR THE MOST NORTHERN NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED 18.299 ACRES TRACT; SAID CORNER ALSO BEING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED 18.299 ACRES TRACT CONVEYED TO JO ANN TOUCHSTONE BY DEED RECORDED IN VOLUME 1610, PAGE 22 OF THE DEED RECORDS OF BOSSIER PARISH LOUISIANA;

THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 07 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 663.14 FEET TO A ½ INCH IRON ROD FOUND IN THE EAST LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW/4) OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE/4) OF SECTION 18 FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED 18.299 ACRES TRACT; SAID CORNER ALSO BEING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID 3.34 ACRES TRACT.

THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW/4) OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE/4) OF SECTION 18 FOR A DISTANCE OF 543.83 FEET TO A ¾ INCH IRON ROD FOUND FOR THE MOST EASTERN SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED 18.299 ACRES TRACT;

THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 01 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 668.14 FEET TO A ½ INCH IRON ROD FOUND FOR AN INSIDE ELL CORNER OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED 18.299 ACRES TRACT; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 27 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 324.89 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND CONTAINING IN AREA 18.299 ACRES OF LAND.

(LEGAL DESCRIPTION TAKEN FROM MORTGAGE ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "B" WHICH WAS PREPARED BY BAKER TITLE AND ABSTRACT, LLC)

ALSO DESCRIBED AS (PURSUANT TO TAX ASSESSOR'S RECORDS) ASSESSMENT NO. 1561110
E ¼ OF SW OF SE, LESS THE S ¼ OF SW OF SW OF SE, LESS TR DESC IN VOL 1029-788, 1414-740, 1468-147 AND THE SW OF SW OF SE, SEC 18, T 19, R 11, TR 16-84/ ---- ALSO DESCRIBED AS: BEGIN AT S LINE OF SE OF SEC 18; THENCE S 89 DEG 19 MIN 02 W 2012.30 FT; THENCE S 89 DEG 47 MIN 33 SEC W 652.49 FT ALONG S LINE OF SE TO SW CORNER OF SW OF SE; THENCE N 00 DEG 48 MIN 39 SEC W ALONG W LINE OF SW OF SE 660.87 FT; THENCE S 89 DEG 16 MIN 10 SEC E 664.98 FT; THENCE N 00 DEG 17 MIN 31 SEC E 219.83 FT; THENCE S 89 DEG 14 MIN 07 SEC E 663.14 FT TO E LINE OF SW OF SE; THENCE S 00 DEG 15 MIN 30 SEC E 543.83 FT ALONG E LINE OF SW OF SE; THENCE N 89 DEG 20 MIN 01 SEC W 668.14 FT; THENCE S 00 DEG 17 MIN 27 SEC W 324.89 FT TO PT OF BEGIN, SEC 18, T 19, R 11/ TR 1684

And from the proceeds of said sale to pay petitioners claims of: NINETY-NINE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY AND 41 / 100 (\$99,880.41) DOLLARS, along with interest, attorney's fees and all other costs of suit.

PUBLISH ON: January 29, 2025 March 12, 2025	JULIAN C. WHITTINGTON, SHERIFF & EX-OFFICIO AUCTIONEER BOSSIER Parish
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ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:
David L White
3885 Airline Drive
Bossier City, LA 71111
318-747-7023

January 29th, 2025
March 12th, 2025
Bossier Press Tribune

**SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Suit No: (08) 174288- Date: Wednesday, January 22, 2025 BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. VS MICHAEL DUANE BARNHILL AND RHONDA SUE BARNHILL	JULIAN C. WHITTINGTON, SHERIFF P.O. Box 850 BENTON, LA 71006 Parish of Bossier 26th Judicial District Court State of Louisiana
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By virtue of a Writ of SEIZURE AND SALE issued in the above numbered and entitled cause and to me directed, I have seized and will proceed to sell at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, for cash, WITHOUT the benefit of appraisalment, and according to law, at the principal front door of the court house, in the town of Benton, LA, on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2025, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM the following described property, situated in parish of BOSSIER, Louisiana, to-wit: LOT 7, EIGHTY ACRES, UNIT 4, BOSSIER PARRISH, LOUISIANA, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN BOOK 1207, PAGE 44-45 IN THE CONVEYANCE RECORDS OF BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, TOGETHER WITH ALL BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON. IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE A 2002 HOMES OF LEGEND MOBILE HOME, MODEL NAME FIVESTAR, BEARING SERIAL #HL14330A8AL, WHICH SAID MANUFACTURED HOME/MOBILE HOME WAS IMMOBILIZED PURSUANT TO AFFIDAVIT TO IMMOBILIZE MOBILE HOME DATED DECEMBER 11, 2001 AND FILED FOR RECORD IN BOOK 1247, PAGE 515 AT INSTRUMENT NUMBER 737545 OF THE RECORDS OF BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA. WHICH HAS THE ADDRESS OF 7805 HIGHWAY 80, PRINCETON, LA 71067

And from the proceeds of said sale to pay petitioners claims of: ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE AND 92 / 100 (\$122,251.92) DOLLARS, along with interest, attorney's fees and all other costs of suit.

PUBLISH ON: January 29, 2025 March 05, 2025	JULIAN C. WHITTINGTON, SHERIFF & EX-OFFICIO AUCTIONEER BOSSIER Parish
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ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:
Amy R Oris
3510 N. CAUSEWAY BLVD., STE. 600
METAIRIE, LA 70002

January 29th, 2025
March 5th, 2025
Bossier Press Tribune

**Best Yet Storage - Shed Rd
5630 Shed Rd,
Bossier City, LA 71111
318-742-5200
Auction at Storagetreasures.com Ends on 2/19/2025**

Tenant:Natasha Crook Unit:186 Inventory:Totes/Boxes, Wooden Chest/Trunk, Mini Pinball game, Brother printer, Full Bed Frame, House decor, Lamp, Wishing Well, Heat Press, Heater

Tenant:Juriel Parker Unit:249 Inventory:Foam Coolers, 4 Tires, Igloo cooler, Black bags, JVC Raido, 2 Tall Speakers, Playmate Igloo, Totes, Nike/Filas/Jordan Mens Shoes

Tenant:Jerriann Laenger Unit:300 Inventory:Wooden Chest, Flat Vizio TV, Wall Art, Air Compressor, Tool Chest on wheels, Shock Vac, Chain Saw, Full Bed Frame/Mattress/Boxspring, Twin mattress/box spring, Storage bin w/ bins, Lamps, Big coolersX2 Pool Equipment, Entryway table.

Tenant:Jerriann Laenger Unit:305 Inventory:Wall decor, Sofa ChairsX2, Tator&Onion bin, Bread cooker, CrockpotsX3, BurnersX2, Storage binsX3, Shelving, Boxes/Totes, Entry Table, Side Tables, Edger, Weeddeater, Fishing poles, Chairs, Couch.

**CITY OF BOSSIER CITY
HOME RULE CHARTER**

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Chapter 1. Incorporation and Boundaries
Section 1.01 Incorporation.

The City of Bossier City, as its boundaries now are or may hereafter be, shall continue to be a municipal corporation and body politic, and by the name and style of the City of Bossier City shall have perpetual succession.

Section 1.02. Enlargement of boundaries.

The boundaries of the City of Bossier City may be enlarged from time to time as may be provided in the laws of the state relating to annexation.

Chapter 2. Powers

Section 2.01. General powers.

The City of Bossier City shall have and may exercise all the powers, rights, privileges and immunities which are now, or may hereafter be, or could be conferred upon municipalities by the constitution and laws of the state; all powers, rights, privileges and immunities heretofore conferred on the City by any special act and not inconsistent with this plan of government; and all other powers pertinent to the government of a City the exercise of which is not expressly prohibited by the constitution of the state and which, in the opinion of the City Council, are necessary or desirable to promote the general welfare of the City and the safety, health, peace, good order, comfort, convenience and morals of its inhabitants, as fully and completely as though such powers were specifically enumerated in this plan of government, and no enumeration of particular powers in this plan of government shall be taken to be exclusive but shall be held to be in addition to the general grant of power.

Section 2.02. Financial powers.

Without limiting the powers granted in this charter, the City shall have the following nonexclusive powers:

To secure revenues, monies and credits of such nature and amount in such matters as is not prohibited by the constitution and laws of the state.

To expend revenues, monies and credits for any municipal or public purpose and as may be necessary, requisite or proper for the management of its affairs, except as may be allocated by law to some specific purpose.

Section 2.03. Powers relating to public works, utilities and properties acquisitions.

In addition to the powers granted by other sections of this plan of government, the City shall have the following powers:

To acquire, accept or expropriate property and property rights and to hold, manage, control, sell, grant, lease or donate such property or property rights in any manner for any purpose not prohibited by the constitution or laws and as may be necessary, requisite or proper.

To provide for, maintain, operate, dispose of or abandon such public works, public utilities and recreational use properties as may be necessary, requisite or proper.

Section 2.04. Powers relating to the preservation of the public peace, safety, health and welfare.

In addition to the powers granted by other sections of this plan of government, the City shall have the power:

To make all necessary ordinances and regulations to protect the public safety, health and welfare.

To make all necessary ordinances and regulations to protect and maintain both public and private property.

To take all actions necessary, requisite, or proper to protect life and property in the event of an emergency.

To provide and maintain the necessary manpower and equipment to implement such ordinances and regulations.

Section 2.05. Enforcement powers.

The City shall have power to:

Provide suitable penalties for the violation of any of the criminal or regulatory ordinances which it is authorized to enact under this plan of government.

To require licenses or permits whenever such requirement will facilitate the enforcement of any regulatory ordinance or any law enacted under the provisions of this plan of government.

To abate nuisances and to establish minimum standards for new and existing structures and properties within the City, and to provide for the enforcement thereof, pursuant to due process of law.

Chapter 3. City Council

Section 3.01. Composition, qualifications and election.

The City Council shall consist of seven (7) members elected as follows:

Five (5) members shall be elected from City Council districts by the qualified electors in each City Council district; and

Two (2) members shall be elected-at-large by all the qualified electors of the City. The Council members elected at large shall be designated as Councilmember-at-Large, Division A and Councilmember-at-Large, Division B.

(b) Members of the City Council shall be eligible for re-election.

City Council members shall be qualified electors of the City.

The two (2) members of the City Council elected at-large, at the time for qualifying for office, shall reside within the incorporated boundaries of the City and shall designate the one division of the two Council at-Large divisions for which they will be a candidate. The five (5) City Council members elected by districts shall, at the time set for qualifying for office, reside within the district from which elected. City Council members shall continue to actually reside in the City, and where applicable, in their respective districts during the term of office.

Members of the City Council shall hold no other elected or appointed public office.

Elections shall be held in accordance with the election laws of the state. Elected City Council members shall take office July 1 in the year of their election. The term of office for City Council members shall be four (4) years.

Section 3.02. City Council districts.

Five (5) City Council districts shall be defined in accordance with Section 3.03 of this Charter.

Two (2) City Council at-large districts shall consist of the boundaries of the City. One at-large district shall be designated as "At-Large District A" and one shall be designated as "At-Large District B".

Section 3.03. Changes in district boundaries.

Any ordinance annexing new areas to the City shall prescribe the City Council district or districts in which said area shall be included.

At least one (1) year prior to the first primary election for City Council members following each federal census, the City Council shall, by ordinance, alter, change, or rearrange

the five (5) City Council districts so that each City Council district shall contain, as near as can be determined, the same number of people.

Section 3.04. Vacancies and forfeiture of office.

Vacancies. The office of a City Council member shall become vacant upon death, resignation from office (in any manner authorized by law) or forfeiture of office.

Forfeiture of office. A City Council member shall forfeit their office if they:

Lack, at any time during their term of office, any qualification for the office prescribed by this charter or state law.

Pleads guilty to a felony offense or is found guilty of a felony offense by a jury or a court of competent jurisdiction.

Any vacancy arising in the office of a City Council member shall be filled by a qualified candidate within ten (10) days after the occurrence of such vacancy by majority vote of the remaining members of the City Council. The term of the individual elected to fill the vacancy shall be determined as follows. In the event that the unexpired portion of the term is not longer than twelve (12) months after the occurrence of such vacancy, the individual shall serve for the remaining period of the term. If more than twelve (12) months remain in the unexpired portion of such term, the individual elected by the

City Council shall serve until such time as an individual is elected to serve in the vacated City Council position for the remainder of the term. Said election shall be in accordance with the general election laws of the State of Louisiana and held at the next regularly scheduled election.

Section 3.05. Removal of elective officers.

In addition to any other methods provided by law for the removal of elective officers, the holder of any of the above elective offices may be removed, at any time, by the electors of the City in the manner provided for the recall of elective officers of municipalities by the constitution and laws of the state. Any qualified elector of the City shall have the right to enforce forfeiture under Section 3.04 by petition to district court.

Section 3.06. Compensation.

City Council members shall be paid a salary as set by an ordinance. Any ordinance increasing the salary or granting any other monetary compensation shall be passed by an affirmative vote of at least five (5) members of the City Council, and shall not be effective until the date of commencement of the terms of City Council members elected at the next regular election, and shall have been passed at least one (1) year prior to that election.

Upon approval of the City Council, members of the City Council may be reimbursed by the City for actual and reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. Reimbursement shall be contingent upon presentation of properly documented receipts for expenditures.

Section 3.07. General powers and duties.

All powers of the City shall be vested in the City Council, except as otherwise provided by law or this charter, and the City Council shall provide for the exercise thereof, and for the performance of all duties and obligations imposed on the City by law.

Section 3.08. Prohibitions.

No City Council member shall be employed by the City of Bossier City, during the term for which they are elected to the City Council.

Neither the City Council nor any of its members shall, in any manner, dictate the appointment or removal of any City employee whom the Mayor or any of his subordinates are empowered to appoint, except as provided elsewhere in this charter.

Except for the purpose of inquiries, and investigations under Section 3.09, and for the purpose of gathering information, the City Council or its members shall deal with City employees who are subject to the direction and supervision of the Mayor, solely through the Mayor. Neither the City Council nor its members shall give orders to any employee, either publicly or privately.

Any citizen of Bossier City, including City employees, may bring suit in a court of proper jurisdiction against the Mayor or any City Council member for violations of provisions of this section.

Section 3.09. Investigations.

The City Council or any committee thereof, when authorized by City Council resolution, may make investigations into the affairs of the City and into the conduct of any City department, division, section, office or agency. For this purpose, they may subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, take testimony and require the production of evidence. Any person who fails, or refuses, to cooperate in an investigation may be subject to a monetary penalty not to exceed five hundred (\$500.00) dollars.

Section 3.10. Independent audit.

Each year the City Council shall designate a certified public accountant, or firm of certified public accountants, who shall audit the receipts, books and accounts of every agency and department of the City which collects or disburses public funds. Such audit shall be conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and government auditing standards as applicable. Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and completed within one hundred eighty (180) days after the end of the fiscal year. Copies of the audit shall be on file for public inspection in the office of the Mayor and office of the City Council Clerk.

Section 3.11. Official journal.

The official journal shall be selected by the City Council in a manner consistent with State law.

Section 3.12. City Council Clerk.

The City Council shall nominate and by majority vote elect a City Council Clerk and may appoint deputy clerks as deemed necessary by the City Council. These shall be an unclassified employees whose terms will run concurrent with the election of City Council members. The City Council Clerk shall be certified by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks or the Louisiana Municipal Clerk's Association. An affirmative vote of at least five (5) members of the City Council is required to terminate the employment of the City Council Clerk. The City Council Clerk shall give notice of City Council meetings to its members and the public, keep the journal of its proceedings, be official secretary to the City Council and perform such other duties as are assigned to the position by this charter or by the City Council. The City Council Clerk shall maintain the same regular office hours as other City employees.

Section 3.13. City Council meetings and rules.

The City Council shall meet regularly (at least twice per month) at such times and places as the City Council may prescribe by resolution. Special meetings may be held on the call of the president pro tem of the City Council or four (4) or more members of the City Council, and upon no less than twelve (12) hours' notice to each member. To meet a public emergency affecting life, health, property or public safety, the City Council may meet upon the call of the president pro tem of the City Council, or four (4) or more members, at whatever notice it shall be feasible to give. Except for executive sessions or as otherwise allowed by state law, all meetings shall be open to the public.

The City Council shall determine its own rules and order of business and shall provide for keeping a record of its proceedings. This record shall be a public record. The City Council shall no later than September 1st of each year, adopt, by resolution, rules for the organization of the city council and providing rules for the council and decorum in council meetings. The rules may be amended as needed and shall comply with state law regarding open meetings.

All City Council members shall take an oath of office before entering upon the duties of their office. The oath may be administered by any person qualified by law to do so.

At the first regular meeting of a newly elected City Council and annually thereafter, a president pro tem shall be elected from among the City Council membership for a one-year term of office. The president pro tem shall preside over the City Council meetings.

Voting shall be by an electronic voting machine and shall be recorded in the journal. A majority of the City Council membership shall constitute a quorum. Less than a quorum may compel the attendance of absent members in the manner and subject to the penalties prescribed by the rules of the City Council.

No action of the City Council shall be valid or binding unless adopted by the affirmative vote of a majority of the City Council membership.

Section 3.14. Procedure for passing ordinances; exceptions.

Ordinances shall be introduced in typewritten or printed form and, except in case of codification of ordinances and the annual budget, ordinances shall be confined to a single subject that shall be clearly expressed in the title. Ordinances may be introduced at any regular meeting of the City Council or at a special meeting, if the subject thereof has been included in the notice of such meeting. The title of each ordinance shall be included in the minutes of the meeting. Every ordinance shall remain on file in final form for public inspection with the City Council Clerk at least five (5) days before its final adoption by the City Council. Notice of the introduction of ordinances must be published at least once in the official journal of the City at least five (5) days before final adoption. If, during that period, any person files with the City Council Clerk an objection to the ordinance in writing, stating in general the reason for objecting, or if they appear in person during the period to object, the City Council shall grant them the right to be heard before the final adoption of the ordinance.

Zoning ordinances are excepted from paragraph (a) of this section. Zoning ordinances shall be introduced in typewritten form and shall be confined to a single subject, which shall be clearly expressed in the title. Zoning ordinances may be introduced and adopted at any regular meeting of the City Council or at a special meeting, if the subject thereof has been included in the notice of such meeting and provided at least one public hearing by the Metropolitan Planning Commission or the City Council has been held in accordance with law. If a public hearing has been held before the Metropolitan Planning Commission, an aggrieved party may request that another public hearing be held before the City Council. This request for a public hearing shall be made in writing to the City Council Clerk within five (5) days excluding legal holidays days of the decision of the Metropolitan Planning Commission. If no formal request for hearing before the City Council is made, as provided herein, then the zoning ordinance may be introduced and adopted by the City Council without any further hearing thereon. If proper request is made for a public hearing before the City Council, a public hearing shall be held before the City Council after notice to the party, or parties who requested the hearing and after advertisement as otherwise provided by law.

Section 3.15. Procedure for passing resolutions.

All resolutions shall be introduced in typewritten form and shall be confined to a single subject, which shall be clearly expressed in the title. Resolutions may be introduced and adopted at any regular meeting of the City Council or at a special meeting, if the subject thereof has been included in the notice of such meeting.

Section 3.16. Emergency ordinances.

An emergency ordinance, which shall be for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, shall contain a specific statement of the emergency claimed and shall be passed by not less than five (5) affirmative votes. Such an ordinance may be adopted without regard to restrictions of Section 3.14 and shall take effect at such time as provided for in the ordinance. The Mayor shall have no power to veto an emergency ordinance.

Section 3.17. Publication of ordinance.

Every ordinance passed by the City Council shall be published in the official journal of the City. No ordinance passed by the City Council, with the exception of emergency ordinances as provided herein, shall be effective before ten (10) days from the date of its adoption.

Section 3.18. Protest.

If, during the ten (10) days following adoption of any ordinance passed by the City Council, a petition is filed with the City Council Clerk protesting the passage of the ordinance and signed by electors equal to or greater in number than thirty-three (33) percent of the entire vote cast for all candidates for Mayor in the last contested election, the ordinance shall be thereupon suspended from operation and effect and shall be subject to reconsideration by the City Council. If the ordinance is not vetoed or repealed

within thirty (30) days of such filing with the City Council Clerk, the City Council shall submit it to the vote of the electors of the City, either at the next regular election or at a special election called for that purpose. The ordinance shall become operative, if a majority of the votes cast are in favor thereof.

Section 3.19. Publication of minutes.

The City Council shall keep a journal of its proceedings in which the minutes of each meeting shall be recorded. The minutes of each City Council meeting, whether regular or special, shall be published in the official journal not later than fifteen (15) days after the meeting. All ordinances, except codifications of ordinances, shall be printed in full in the minutes of the meeting at which they are adopted. Ordinances codifying all ordinances, or any class of ordinances, shall be published in such manner as the City Council shall direct. It shall be the duty of the City Council Clerk to maintain a register of ordinances in which all ordinances shall be recorded in full and which shall be adequately indexed.

Section 3.20. Action requiring an ordinance.

In addition to the other acts required by law or by specific provision of this charter to be done by ordinance, those acts of the City Council listed below shall be by ordinance. Acts other than those listed below may be accomplished by ordinance or resolution, as recommended by the City Attorney, upon concurrence by a majority of the City Council.

Adopt or amend an administrative code.

Provide a fine or other penalty or establish a rule or regulation for violation of which a fine or other penalty is imposed.

Levy taxes or assessments.

Appropriate funds and/or adopt a budget for the City.

Grant, renew, or extend a franchise.

Provide for raising revenue.

Regulate the rate, or other charges, for service by the City, including any utility.

Authorize the borrowing of money.

Incur debt in any manner.

Abandon property owned by the City.

Convey or lease, or authorize the conveyance or lease, of any lands or property of the City.

Acquire real property on behalf of the City.

Adopt or modify the official map, platting or subdivision controls, or regulations or the zoning plan.

Adopt, without substantive amendment, ordinances proposed under the initiative power.

Amend or repeal any ordinance previously adopted.

Authorize any contract or formal agreement on behalf of the City (except intergovernmental agreements with a term no longer than two years and that do not obligate the City to any expenditure of funds and except agreements by the Purchasing Agent pursuant to Section 16.03.2).

Propose any amendments to this charter as provided in Section 22.01 (a).

Establish a Charter Review Commission as provided in Section 22.02.

Direct expropriation and quick take actions.

Declare surplus and dispose of property with a current net book value of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars or greater.

Chapter 4. Mayor

Section 4.01. Election

The Mayor shall be elected according to the laws of the state, serve a term of four (4) years, and be eligible for re-election. The term of office shall begin on July 1 of the year in which they were elected.

Section 4.02. Executive authority.

The Mayor shall be the chief executive officer of the City. All executive and administrative authority shall be exercised by and through the Mayor except as set forth in this charter.

Section 4.03. Qualifications.

The Mayor shall be a qualified elector of the City and shall have resided continuously for one (1) year immediately preceding the date of the general election in an area which, at the time set for qualifying for office, is within the incorporated boundaries of the City. The Mayor shall continue to actually reside in the City and shall hold no other elective or appointive public office or salaried employment except that of notary public or as a member of the National Guard, or Reserve component of the State of Louisiana.

Section 4.04. Compensation.

The initial annual salary of the Mayor shall be as established by ordinance, and be payable in equal bi-weekly installments. Any ordinance increasing the Mayor's salary, or granting any other monetary compensation, shall be passed by an affirmative vote of at least five (5) members of the City Council. Approved increases shall not be effective until the date of commencement of the terms of City Council members elected at the next regular election and shall have been passed at least one (1) year prior to that election.

Section 4.05. Vacancies, forfeiture of office, and Absence.

Vacancies. The office of Mayor shall become vacant upon death, resignation from office (in any manner authorized by law) or forfeiture of office of the Mayor.

Forfeiture of office. The Mayor shall forfeit their office if they:

Lack, at any time during their term of office, any qualification for the office prescribed by this charter or state law; or

Pleads guilty to a felony offense or is found guilty of a felony offense by a jury or a court of competent jurisdiction.

(c) In the event of a vacancy in the position of the Mayor, a special meeting shall be called within three (3) days and shall appoint the president pro tem of the City Council as Mayor who shall assume the duties of Mayor until the position is filled as provided by law. When the president pro tem assumes the duties of the Mayor, they shall lose their vote in matters before the City Council. When the president pro tem assumes the duties of Mayor, they shall be compensated at the same salary as the Mayor but shall not be eligible for payment of the salary of a member of the City Council.

During the temporary absence of the Mayor (less than thirty (30) days) the Mayor may designate the Chief Administrative Officer as their representative by a letter filed with the City Council Clerk. If the Mayor is absent for a period in excess of 90 consecutive days, the City Council shall determine if a vacancy exists in the office of the Mayor. The declaration of a vacancy must be sustained by a vote in the affirmative by at least five (5) members of the City Council.

Section 4.06. Powers and duties of the Mayor.

The Mayor shall be the executive officer of the City. The Mayor shall have the following powers and duties:

The Mayor shall have the right to be present at all meetings of the City Council, or in the Mayor's absence, to be represented by the Mayor's designee. The Mayor shall have the right to speak at any time on any issue but shall not have the power to vote at any City Council meeting.

The Mayor shall have the power to veto any ordinance passed by the City Council. Such veto must be filed, in writing, with the City Council Clerk within ten (10) days from the date of adoption of such ordinance. The City Council Clerk shall notify all members of the City Council, in writing, of the filing of a veto. The City Council may override Mayor's veto if at least five (5) members of the City Council vote in favor of the ordinance. A vote to override the veto of the Mayor must be taken within thirty (30) days from the filing of the written veto with the City Council Clerk.

The Mayor shall have the authority to appoint, suspend, or remove any City employee as provided for by, or under, this charter or other law except as otherwise provided by law, this charter, civil service or other personnel rules adopted pursuant to this charter. The Mayor may authorize any appointed City employee, who is subject to the Mayor's direction and supervision, to exercise these powers with respect to subordinates in their respective department, division, branch, section, office, or agency.

The Mayor shall direct and supervise the administration of all departments, divisions, branches, sections, offices and agencies of the City, except as otherwise provided by this charter or by law.

The Mayor shall ensure the enforcement and faithful execution of all laws, provisions of this charter, and acts of the City Council, subject to enforcement by the Mayor, or employees subject to the Mayor's direction or supervision.

The Mayor shall prepare and submit to the City Council the annual budget and five (5) year capital program.

The Mayor shall submit to the City Council and make available to the public an annual report detailing the finances and administrative activities of each department of the City at the end of each fiscal year.

The Mayor shall make such other reports as the City Council may reasonably request to enable the City Council to function.

The Mayor shall keep the City Council fully advised of the financial condition and future needs of the City and make such recommendations to the City Council concerning the affairs of the City.

The Mayor shall perform such other duties as are specified in this charter or as may be required by the City Council.

The Mayor may call special City Council meetings upon no less than twelve (12) hours' notice to each member to meet a public emergency affecting life, health, property or public safety. The City Council shall meet upon the call of the Mayor at whatever notice it shall be feasible to give.

The Mayor may delegate authority for operation and management of all, or some, City departments and all resources therein, with the exception of the City Attorney.

The Mayor shall select and nominate, for City Council confirmation by majority vote, the following key City employees (unless the services are provided by contract): Director of Finance; Director of Public Works; Director of Public Utilities; Chief Administrative Officer; City Attorney; City Engineer; Director, Parks and Recreation Division; Director, Fleet Services Division; Director of Building Maintenance; Director, Human Resources Division; Executive Director of the Civic Center; Director, Arena Division, Director, Information Technology, Project Coordinator or any other appointed position approved by the City Council. All employees nominated by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council shall serve terms coinciding with that of the Mayor who nominated them.

The Mayor shall appoint the Police Chief and the Fire Chief and such appointments shall not require City Council confirmation.

Chapter 5. Initiative and Referendum

Section 5.01. Initiating ordinance; Referendum for amendment or repeal.

Any proposed ordinance may be submitted to the City Council by petition signed by

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electors equal in number to thirty-three (33) percent of the votes cast for all candidates for Mayor at the last preceding contested general election. Where the petition contains a request that the ordinance be submitted to a vote of the people, if not passed without veto by the City Council, the City Council shall either pass without veto the ordinance without alteration within thirty (30) days after attachment of the certificate of the registrar of voters to the petition; or forthwith after the registrar of voters has attached his/her certificate to the petition, the City Council shall call an election to be held within ninety (90) days thereafter. At the special or general City election, the ordinance shall be submitted without alteration to the vote of the electors of the City. When voting upon the ordinance, the ballots used shall contain these words: "For the ordinance" (stating the nature of the proposed ordinance); "Against the ordinance" (stating the nature of the proposed ordinance). The ordinance shall become operative if a majority of the votes are in favor of it. The Mayor shall have no power to veto an ordinance so passed.

Section 5.02. Initiative ordinance proposed by City Council.

The City Council may by majority vote propose an ordinance to be submitted to a vote of the people. The proposed ordinance shall provide that it shall only become operative if a majority of the votes of the people are cast in favor thereof and shall first be introduced by the City Council in accordance with the regular procedure for passing ordinances as provided by this charter. Within ninety (90) days of such passage, the City Council shall call an election to be held in accordance with the provisions as provided for by state law. The ordinance shall become operative if a majority of the votes cast are in favor of it. The Mayor shall have no power to veto an ordinance so passed.

Section 5.03. Repeal of initiative ordinance.

An ordinance proposed by petition or adopted by a vote of the people can be repealed or amended only by a vote of the people. The City Council, pursuant to its own resolution or petitioned to do so, shall submit a proposition for the repeal or amendment of the ordinance by special election in the same manner and form provided in Section 5.02. If the proposition to repeal or amend the ordinance receives a majority of the votes cast upon submission at the special election, the ordinance is repealed or amended accordingly.

Section 5.04. Submission of more than one ordinance at the same election.

Any number of proposed ordinances may be voted upon at the same election. There shall not be more than one special election in any period of six (6) months for the purpose of voting for the adoption, repeal or amendment of ordinances.

Section 5.05. Publication or ordinances to be voted upon.

Whenever any proposition is required by this plan of government to be submitted to the voters of the City at an election, except a proposition for the amendment of this plan of government, the City Council Clerk shall cause the ordinance or resolution, as the case may be, to be published in the official journal, such publication to be not more than forty-five (45) or less than fifteen (15) days before submission of such proposition to be voted upon. All elections at which propositions are submitted shall be conducted in the manner provided by the laws of the state.

Chapter 6. Budgets.

Section 6.01. Fiscal Year.

The fiscal year of the City shall begin on the first (1st) day of January and end on the thirty-first (31st) day of December following, or as may be established by ordinance.

Section 6.02. Budgets.

There shall be adopted not later than the seventh (7th) day of December in each year the following budgets controlling the financial operation of the City during the ensuing fiscal year:

A general fund budget including receipts from all sources not covered by other budgets and estimated expenditures to be made from such receipts.

Separate special revenue fund budgets including estimated receipts from each special levy authorized in accordance with law and from each other source of revenue allocated by law to a specific purpose and estimated expenditures to be made therefrom.

Separate Enterprise Fund budget including estimated receipts from providing goods and services to the public, and estimated expenses to provide the goods and services to be made therefrom.

Separate Capital Fund budgets including estimated receipts and expenditures.

A capital plan as hereinafter provided.

Section 6.03. Estimate of receipts and expenditures.

Annually, at such time as the Mayor shall determine, it shall be the duty of the head of each department and each agency supported wholly or partly by City funds, including the City Court and City Marshal's Office, to file with the Mayor, or the designated Director of Finance, estimates of the expenditures proposed to be made by their respective department or agencies during the ensuing fiscal year by authority of the general fund, any special fund, Enterprise Capital, as the case may be. Such estimates shall be in detail, itemized by organizational units and by the character and object of expenditures. It shall be the duty of the Mayor, or at the designation of the mayor, the Director of Finance, to prepare estimates of receipts for each budget for the ensuing fiscal year, itemized by sources, (estimates of the surplus or deficit at the end of the current fiscal year in the general fund and each other fund for which a separate budget is required), estimates of expenditures for debt retirement, interest and transfers to sinking funds, and estimates of other necessary expenditures for the ensuing fiscal year not included in the estimates of the several departments and agencies. It shall further be the Mayor's duty, or the designated Director of Finance, to compile all the estimated receipts and expenditures referred to in this section, for each budget, establish the relation of total estimated receipts to total estimated expenditures for each budget, and after such conferences as may be deemed necessary with the heads of department and other agencies affected thereby, to bring such compiled estimates before the City Council for action thereon.

Section 6.04. Responsibilities of the City Council on introduction, publication, hearing on and adoption of budget ordinances.

Not later than the fifteenth (15th) day of November, the City Council shall determine the estimated receipts and expenditures on which it will base the budget ordinances for the ensuing fiscal year, provided that the City Council shall not increase any receipt as estimated by the Mayor or decrease the estimate of the expenditure required for debt service; and provided, further, that in no event shall the total estimated expenditures for any budget exceed the total estimated funds available for the ensuing fiscal year.

The compiled estimates for each budget, as finally determined, shall thereupon be filed in the office of the Director of Finance and City Council Clerk and shall be open to public inspection during every business day until the budgets are finally adopted. Immediately following the final determination of estimated receipts and expenditures to be included therein, the Director of Finance as directed by the Mayor shall prepare and introduce in the City Council a separate ordinance for each budget, as listed in Section 6.02, making appropriation for the ensuing fiscal year. In these budget ordinances, receipts shall be itemized by sources and expenditures by organization units and by the principal objects of expenditure, to wit: salaries and wages, capital outlays, operating expenses and other expenses. Such ordinances shall, as promptly as possible after introduction, be published once in the official journal, together with a notice of the time and place, not less than five (5) days after such publication, at which the City Council will hold a public hearing on said ordinances. After the conclusion of the public hearing thereon and before the seventh (7th) day of December, the City Council shall finally adopt a budget ordinance for each budget as listed in Section 6.02, with or without amendment, provided that the estimated receipts shall not be increased or the estimated expenditures for debt retirement, interest and sinking fund transfers shall not be decreased; and provided, further, that the total of estimated expenditures in any budget shall not exceed the total estimated receipts therein, taking into account any estimated accumulated surplus or deficit.

Section 6.05. Budget Reports and Amendments.

After the adoption of the ordinances provided for in Section 6.02, Budgets, the Mayor shall submit to the City Council, after the close of each month, a report that compares budgeted-to-actual monthly expenditures, year-to-date expenditures by fund. If during the course of reviewing these reports, the City Council observes a budget variance, the City Council may ask the Mayor to provide an explanation. The Mayor shall provide an explanation. In the case of a proposed budget amendment, a determination must be made in writing to show that sufficient funds are available to accommodate the proposed amendment. If at any time during the fiscal year the Mayor shall ascertain that changes in estimated receipts and/or expenditures in any budget ordinance will cause a deficit, the Mayor or the Mayor's designee shall prepare an ordinance amending said budget. The amendment(s) shall reflect the reduced/increased receipts and/or reduced expenditures necessary to prevent the incurring of said deficit. The budget amendment(s) shall take into consideration any estimated fund surplus and any legally available transfers from other funds to the fund being amended.

Section 6.06. Additional appropriations and budget amendments.

The Director of Finance may approve budget transfers at the fund level except for those line items related to employee salary, benefits, or insurance shall not be available for transfer without amending the budget by ordinance.

Additional appropriations must be made by amending the respective budgets by ordinance. The Mayor or City Council may propose budget amendments at any time, provided that there are sufficient unencumbered and unappropriated surpluses or fund balances from which such transfers and appropriations can be legally made

Section 6.07. Appropriations to lapse at close of fiscal year.

Any portion of any appropriation, except an appropriation for a capital improvement, remaining unexpended and unencumbered at the close of the fiscal year, shall lapse. Appropriations for capital improvements shall not lapse until the purpose for which the appropriation was made shall have been accomplished or abandoned, provided that any project shall be deemed to have been abandoned, if three (3) fiscal years have elapsed without any expenditure from or encumbrance of the appropriation.

Section 6.08. Certification of funds, penalty for violation.

No payments shall be made and no obligation incurred against any appropriation unless the Mayor shall first certify that there is sufficient unexpended and unencumbered balance in such appropriation to meet the same. Every expenditure or obligation authorized or incurred in violation of the provisions of this plan of government shall be void. Every payment made in violation of the provisions of this plan of government shall be deemed illegal and every officer or employee who shall knowingly authorize or make such payment or take part therein, and every person who shall knowingly receive such payment or any part thereof, shall be liable to the City for the full amount so paid or received. If any employee or appointed employee of the City knowingly incurs any obligation, authorizes or makes any expenditure in violation of the provisions of this plan of government, or takes part therein, such action shall be cause for termination of employment.

Section 6.09. Capital Plan.

The City Council shall consider and adopt the five (5) year capital plan within the first sixty (60) days of each fiscal year. The capital plan shall contain a program of capital improvement projects for the current fiscal year and the succeeding four (4) years. It shall include estimates of the cost of each such improvement project and proposals as to the means of financing the same. The adoption of the capital plan shall not be an appropriation of any of the sums mentioned therein, but as a declaration of City intent as to the character and relative importance of capital improvements and the order in which they should be made.

Section 6.10. Responsibilities of administration on introduction, publication, hearing on, adoption, line-item veto and adoption of budget ordinance.

The Director of Finance, as directed by the Mayor, shall, not later than the fifteenth (15th) day of October, determine the estimated receipts and expenditures on which the budget ordinances shall be based for the ensuing fiscal year, and provided that, in no event shall the total estimated expenditures for any budget exceed the total estimated receipts for such budget, taking into account any estimated accumulated surplus or deficit. The compiled estimates for each budget shall be filed in the office of the Director of Finance and the City Council Clerk and shall be open to public inspection.

The Director of Finance as directed by the Mayor shall, not later than the fifteenth (15th) day of October, prepare for and introduce to the City Council a separate ordinance for each budget listed in Section 6.02 making appropriation for the ensuing fiscal year. In

these budget ordinances, receipts shall be itemized by sources and expenditures by organization units and by the principal objects of expenditure, to wit: salaries and wages, capital outlays, operating and other expenses. The City Council shall hold a public hearing on said ordinances no later than the fifteenth (15th) of November. A notice shall be published stating the proposed budgets are available for public inspection and that a public hearing on the proposed budgets shall be held. Such notice shall include the date, time, and place of the public hearing and the notice shall be published no less than ten (10) calendar days prior to the date of the public hearing.

After the conclusion of the public hearing thereon and before the seventh (7th) of December, the City Council shall finally adopt the budget ordinance for each budget as listed in Section 6.02 (hereinafter referred to as "Budget Ordinances"), with or without amendment; provided that the estimated receipts shall not be increased nor the estimated expenditures for debt retirement, interest and sinking fund decreased, and provided, further, that the total of estimated expenditures in no budget shall exceed the total estimated receipts therein, taking into consideration any estimated accumulated surplus or deficit.

The Mayor shall have the power to veto, by line item, any item or items appearing in the Budget Ordinances. This action by the Mayor shall be in writing, stating reasons for the veto, and shall be filed with the City Council Clerk within ten (10) days of the adoption of the tentative budget, but no later than December seventeenth (17th). This action by the Mayor shall be subject to the same budgetary requirements set out in the above section.

The Budget Ordinances, as submitted by the Mayor and amended by the City Council shall be deemed adopted unless veto action is taken by the Mayor in accordance with the above paragraph. The City Council shall have ten (10) days, following any veto action, and not later than December twenty-seventh (27th), to override the veto or vetoes. The City Council shall have the power to override the veto of the Mayor if at least five (5) members of the City Council vote in favor thereof, subject to the budgetary limitations set out in the above section.

The Budget Ordinances, as submitted by the Mayor, amended and/or passed by the City Council, subject to the veto power of the Mayor, and subsequent City Council action in overriding this veto action in accordance with this section, shall be deemed approved no later than December twentieth twenty-seventh (27th).

Chapter 7. Department of Public Affairs

Section 7.01. Organization

There shall be a Department of Public Affairs, which shall consist of the Mayor, the Chief Administrative Officer and Project Coordinator. This department may also have, a Public Information Officer and other such functions or activities as the Mayor deems necessary.

Section 7.02. Mayor.

The Mayor shall be the head of the Department of Public Affairs.

The Mayor shall nominate individuals for boards, commissions, and committees in accordance with current existing directives governing such appointments and the City Council shall confirm approved individuals. The Mayor shall establish policy and management regulations consistent with this plan of government and the ordinances of the City, prescribing the duties and responsibilities of all employees of the City.

It shall further be the duty of the Mayor to study the needs and requirements of the City and report to the City Council recommendations for action upon any matter, which the Mayor deems necessary. To accomplish this, the Mayor shall have access to the books and records of all departments and agencies of the City. It shall be the duty of all employees to supply information in their possession concerning the affairs of the City as the Mayor may request. It shall be the further duty of the Mayor, or in the Mayor's absence or vacancy in the office, the acting Mayor, to sign on behalf of the City contracts and other official documents.

Section 7.03. Chief Administrative Officer.

The Mayor shall nominate for confirmation by the City Council a Chief Administrative Officer. This shall be an unclassified employee position. The Chief Administrative Officer will serve as executive and administrative assistant to the Mayor, performing such duties as assigned by the Mayor.

Section 7.03.1 Arena Division

The City's multi-purpose arena is functionally assigned to the Department of Public Affairs. It may be managed by a private management firm recommended by the Mayor and Council. The general manager of the contracted management firm shall report to and coordinate with the Chief Administrative Officer to resolve issues and obtain decisions applicable to arena operations, maintenance, and management. The general manager will report on arena status to the Chief Administrative Officer and/or in accordance with contractual requirements and when requested by the Mayor, City Council, or Chief Administrative Officer.

Section 7.04. Project Coordinator

The Mayor shall nominate for confirmation by the City Council a Project Coordinator. This shall be an unclassified employee position. The Project Coordinator shall be responsible for the planning, coordination, and management of special projects, as assigned by the Mayor. The position shall be responsible for coordination and implementation, general administration, and project management of all assigned projects.

Chapter 8. Legal Department

Section 8.01. Organization

This Department shall provide legal guidance to the Mayor, City Council and all departments of City government. It shall furnish the City Council, and/or any member thereof, or any board or commission established by this plan of government or by ordinance, a written opinion on any question of law involving their official powers and duties. At the request of any member of the City Council or the Mayor this department shall prepare ordinances and resolutions for consideration by that body and shall inform the Mayor of such requested actions prior to City Council meetings. A review and recommendations shall be made on all bonds, deeds, leases, agreements, contracts or other instruments to which the City is a party or in which it has an interest. This department shall also be responsible for representing or supervising representation of the City in all litigation including the prosecution of ordinance violations in the City Court. The City Attorney, within the budget, shall be responsible for hiring the legal staff and support personnel necessary to facilitate the duties of this department. The Legal Department shall also be responsible for acquiring and monitoring any outside legal assistance the City may require.

Section 8.02. City Attorney

The City Attorney shall be responsible for and the head of the legal department. The Mayor shall nominate for confirmation by the City Council a City Attorney. This shall be an unclassified full-time employee position. This shall be an attorney-at-law and shall have actively practiced law in the State of Louisiana for not less than five (5) years immediately preceding confirmation.

Section 8.03. Assistant City Attorney

The City Attorney may hire Assistant City Attorney(s) to assist in the operation of the department, as the budget will allow. Assistant City Attorney(s) shall have actively practiced law in the State of Louisiana. The Assistant City Attorney(s) shall assist the City Attorney in all duties of the Legal Department. This shall include the representation of the City in all litigation including the prosecution of ordinance violations in the City Court. In the absence of the City Attorney a designated Assistant City Attorney shall assume the responsibilities of the department.

Section 8.04. Risk Management Division

The City Attorney may hire a Risk Manager who shall be the head of this division. This shall be an unclassified employee position. The Risk Manager shall be responsible for the City's liability and workers' compensation insurance programs. They shall have responsibility for maintaining the City safety program and ensuring that proper employee training is conducted pertaining to same. They shall be responsible for resolving employee complaints pertaining to unsafe conditions in the City workplace and citizen complaints concerning unsafe conditions in the City.

Chapter 9. Engineering Department

Section 9.01. Organization

Responsibilities of the Engineering Department shall include, but not be limited to: the review and approval of plans for City infrastructure; preparation of plans and specifications for selected City projects and preliminary negotiation for engineering and architectural services. It shall be the responsibility of the City Engineer, within the department budget, to create, staff, modify, dissolve, and supervise divisions, branches and positions within the department, as necessary. These divisions may consist of, but not be limited to, Infrastructure Construction Inspection; Geographic Information Systems, Traffic Engineering and Permits and Inspection. The City Engineer may also hire Assistant City Engineer(s) and support personnel to assist in the operation of the department.

Section 9.02. City Engineer

The Mayor shall nominate for confirmation by the City Council a City Engineer. This shall be an unclassified employee position. The City Engineer shall be a college graduate with a Bachelor's or Graduate Degree in Engineering. They must also be a licensed engineer in the State of Louisiana. The City Engineer shall be the Flood Plain Administrator and implement provisions of the City's flood damage prevention ordinance. In the absence of a City Engineer, the City may, by ordinance, contract for professional engineering services or may retain additional engineers on a contract basis to assist the Engineering Department.

Section 9.03 Assistant City Engineer

The Assistant City Engineer shall be a college graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering. This shall be an unclassified position. A designated Assistant City Engineer may, at the discretion of the City Engineer, function as the head of the Permits and Inspection Division and/or all other divisions of the Engineering Department in the absence of the City Engineer. In the absence of an Assistant City Engineer, the City may, by ordinance, contract for professional engineering services or may retain additional engineers on a contract basis to assist the Engineering Department.

Section 9.04. Infrastructure Construction Inspection Division

The City Engineer may designate a Chief Inspector who shall be the head of this division. The division shall include, but not be limited to, inspectors experienced and qualified to inspect City water, sewer, streets, and drainage infrastructure projects.

Section 9.05. Geographic Information System Division

The City Engineer may designate a Geographic Information System (GIS) specialist who shall be head of this division. The GIS division shall be responsible for, but not limited to, creating and maintaining City electronic maps.

Section 9.06. Traffic Engineering Division

The City Engineer may designate a Traffic Superintendent who shall be responsible for, but not limited to, all traffic control devices along public streets; conducting studies to determine traffic volumes, speed, effectiveness of signals and other factors influencing vehicle traffic. They are also responsible for traffic signs and signals, street lighting oversight and coordination with utility company service providers.

Chapter 10. Department of Building Maintenance

Section 10.01. Organization

The Mayor shall establish a Department of Building Maintenance with the approval of the City Council. This department shall be responsible for, but not limited to, in-house repair, renovation and maintenance of City owned buildings and other approved facilities. The division shall also be responsible for assigned groundskeeping. Recommendations shall be made to the Mayor concerning projects to be considered for accomplishment by contractors.

Section 10.02. Director of Building Maintenance

The Mayor shall nominate for confirmation by the City Council a Director of Building Maintenance. This shall be an unclassified employee position. The Director of Building Maintenance shall have the training or experience necessary to oversee the maintenance of all City owned buildings and other approved facilities. It shall be the responsibility of the Director of Building Maintenance, within the department budget, to create, staff, modify, dissolve, and supervise divisions, branches and/or positions within the department, as necessary. In the absence of a Director of Building Maintenance, the City may, by ordinance, contract for such services.

Chapter 11. Department of Parks and Recreation

Section 11.01. Organization

The Department of Parks and Recreation shall be responsible for the supervision, acquisitions, planning, design, construction and maintenance of recreation facilities and services. The department shall develop immediate and long-range plans to meet the recreational needs of all ages; prepare a budget and direct expenditures of department funds, while maintaining records of such.

The Department of Parks and Recreation may be divided into three divisions: 1) Administrative 2) Maintenance and 3) Recreation. It shall be the responsibility of the Director of Parks and Recreation, within the department budget, to create, modify, staff, dissolve, and supervise divisions and branches within the department, as necessary.

Section 11.02. Director of Parks and Recreation

The Mayor shall nominate for confirmation by the City Council a Director of Parks and Recreation. This shall be an unclassified employee position. The Director shall be a college graduate with a Bachelor's Degree or shall have the experience necessary to manage the operations of the department. The Director of Parks and Recreation shall be responsible for and the head of the Department of Parks and Recreation. They shall serve as recreation consultant to the community. In the absence of a Director of Parks and Recreation, the City may, by ordinance, contract for such services.

Section 11.03. Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation

The Director of Parks and Recreation may hire an Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation. This shall be an unclassified employee position. The Assistant Director will assist the Director in part or all duties of the department, including but not limited to, the supervision and coordination of the activities of the three divisions. In the absence of the Director, the Assistant Director may assume the duties of the Director.

Section 11.04. Administrative Division

The Director may designate a Personnel and Financial Administrator who shall serve as head of this division. The division administrator shall have the responsibility for, but not be limited to, administrative, clerical, budget, computer, communication and information technology.

Section 11.05. Maintenance Division

The Director may designate a Maintenance Administrator who shall serve as head of this division. The division administrator shall have the responsibility of, but not be limited to, planning, scheduling and supervising maintenance and repair work on parks and other recreational facilities and equipment.

Section 11.06. Recreation Division

The Director may designate a Recreation Administrator who shall serve as head of this division. The division administrator shall have responsibility for, but not be limited to, planning and implementation of recreation programs and supervision of recreation facilities and their personnel.

Chapter 12. Department of Fleet Services

Section 12.01 .Organization

The Department of Fleet Services shall maintain and equip the central garage facility as directed by the Mayor and shall coordinate its use with others charged with fleet maintenance responsibilities. The equipment for which the department shall be responsible to maintain shall include all, or any part of, vehicles and equipment owned by the City as well as the Alternative Fuel Stations. When approved by the Mayor, responsibility for maintenance of special use vehicles and equipment may be delegated to the directors of the Police and Fire Departments.

Section 12.02 .Director of Fleet Services

The Mayor may nominate for confirmation by the City Council a Director of Fleet Services. This position shall be an unclassified position. The Director of Fleet Services shall have experience in automotive and equipment maintenance and service. The Director shall head the fleet services department. It shall be the responsibility of the Director of Fleet Services, within the department budget, to create, modify, staff, dissolve, and supervise divisions and branches within the department, as necessary. The Director may establish the divisions, branches and supervisory positions listed below. In the absence of a Director of Fleet Services, the City may, by ordinance, contract for such services.

Section 12.03. Administrative Division

The Administrative Division may employ individuals qualified to perform data entry and administrative functions of the central garage to include, but not limited to, the following: job order administration; maintenance scheduling and personnel records.

Section 12.04. Maintenance Division

The Director may hire a Maintenance Division Supervisor. The Maintenance Division may employ qualified automotive maintenance technicians to fill authorized positions for which funds are appropriated to the central garage.

Section 12.05. Small Engines and Miscellaneous Equipment Division

The Small Engines and Miscellaneous Equipment division may employ technicians qualified to maintain miscellaneous equipment items to include, but not limited to, lawn mowers, trimmers, lift station and other pumps, and other equipment items.

Chapter 13. Department of Community Development

Section 13.01. Organization

The Department of Community Development shall be responsible for the application and administration of the Community Development Block Grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), or other state or federal agency grants, for the purpose of, but not limited to, public infrastructure, facilities, utilities, services, economic development and housing rehabilitation to benefit low moderate to low-income persons and areas within the City. The department shall also be the office of primary responsibility for fair housing within the City and the Director shall be the fair housing officer for the City.

Section 13.02. Director of Community Development

The Mayor may nominate for confirmation by the City Council a Director of Community Development. This shall be an unclassified employee position. The Director shall be a college graduate with a Bachelor's Degree and have a minimum of three (3) years related work experience. It shall be the responsibility of the Director of Community Development, within the department budget, to create, modify, staff, dissolve, and supervise divisions and branches within the department, as necessary. The Director of Community Development may create the following divisions: Administrative; Housing and Construction; Economic Development; Services; Grant Writing; and Environmental Review of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development programs. In the absence of a Director of Community Development, the City may, by ordinance, contract for such services.

Section 13.03. Administrative Division

The Director of Community Development may designate a Federal Aid Coordinator who shall be the head of this division. The division shall include, but not be limited to, workers experienced and qualified to carry out the administrative activities of the division. The division shall be responsible for the general administration, grant administration and record keeping of the division. It shall be responsible for the administration of HUD grants and any other grants received through the grant-writing division and project monitoring for compliance with HUD and other federal and state requirements.

Section 13.04. Housing and Construction Division

The Director of Community Development may designate a Rehabilitation Specialist who shall be the head of this division. This division shall be responsible for, but not limited to, inspection of properties, preparation of plans, specifications and construction estimates of projects funded by HUD or other federal or state grants administered by the Community Development Department. These are primarily for housing rehabilitation and emergency housing rehabilitation programs.

Section 13.05. Economic Development Division

The Director of Community Development may designate an Economic Development Specialist who shall be head of this division. This division shall be responsible for, but not limited to, planning for and implementing the economic activities that are a part of the Community Development Block Grant program, and other federal and state economic development grants and programs.

Section 13.06. Services Division

The Director of Community Development may designate a Services Specialist who shall be the head of this division. The Services Division shall be responsible for, but not limited to, administration and monitoring of public service sub-grants. City public service activities and coordination with area public service organizations and public service providers.

Section 13.07. Grants Writing Division

The Director of Community Development may designate a Grant Writer who shall be the head of this division. This division shall be responsible for, but not limited to, preparation of grant applications for the City. The division shall search and apply for grant funds from HUD and other federal and state agencies that can benefit the City and for which the City is eligible. This division will consult with the City departments and/or divisions that are the intended recipients of the funds in preparing the grant package.

Section 13.08. Environmental Review Division

The Director of Community Development may designate an Environmental Review Specialist who shall be the head of this division. This division shall be responsible for, but not limited to, conducting or coordination of the performance of, the environmental review required for all projects administered by this division and, at the discretion of the Mayor, other City projects requiring environmental review.

Chapter 14. Civic Center

Section 14.01. Organization

The Civic Center Department shall be responsible for the booking/scheduling of events in the Civic Center, all clerical functions to include issuance of contracts and invoices pertaining to civic center use; maintain the master schedule of events; receipt of all fees and deposit of same. The department shall be responsible for the appearance, maintenance, and functionality of the Civic Center and its equipment.

Section 14.02. Executive Director

The Mayor shall nominate for confirmation by the City Council an Executive Director of the Civic Center. This shall be an unclassified employee position. It shall be the responsibility of the Executive Director, within the department budget, to create, modify, staff, dissolve, and supervise divisions and branches within the department, as necessary. The Executive Director's responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following: hiring and supervision of all Civic Center operations which include administrative and operations; and for the overall operation of the community center and other designated City-owned buildings. In the absence of an Executive Director of the Civic Center, the City may, by ordinance, contract for such services.

Section 14.03. Administrative Division

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The Executive Director may designate a Booking Manager who shall be the head of this division. The responsibilities of personnel assigned to this division shall include, but not be limited to, booking/scheduling events in the Civic Center; all clerical functions to include issuance of contracts and invoices pertaining to Civic Center use; maintain the master schedule of events; receipt of all fees and deposits of same; receptionist; and maintenance of personnel records and annual and sick leave files.

Section 14.04. Operations Division

The Executive Director may designate an Operations Supervisor who shall be the head of this division. Responsibilities of the Operations Supervisor assigned to this division shall include, but not be limited to the following functions: work directly with clients, promoters, and decorators to support the events; prepares work schedule for event coordinators; safety training; enforcement and accident prevention; purchasing of equipment and supplies; and coordination of building and grounds maintenance.

Section 14.05. Catering Division

The Executive Director may designate a Catering/Concession Supervisor who shall be head of this division. Responsibilities of the Catering/Concession Supervisor shall include, but not be limited to the following functions: work directly with clients and their caterers to support events; issue work schedules for part-time employees to assist with catering/concession requirements; purchase supplies for concession stand and maintain inventory of same; operation of the concession stand; and maintain kitchen, concession stand and kitchen and concession stand equipment to ensure that all code regulations are met.

Chapter 15. Department of Human Resources

Section 15.01. Operations

It shall be the responsibility of the Department of Human Resources to ensure that the operations and management of the City's human resources, excluding those of the Police and Fire Departments, are in accordance with this charter, its policies, applicable ordinances, state and federal laws, and/or directives pertaining thereto. The Department of Human Resources shall also be responsible the incoming and outgoing of City mail.

Section 15.02. Human Resource Policy

The City of Bossier City shall, to the extent and in a manner not inconsistent with Federal and State law, adopt a comprehensive personnel policy, which shall be set forth by ordinances, resolutions, rules and regulations. Such personnel policy shall provide a modern and comprehensive system of personnel administration for the City.

This Policy is to reinforce and strengthen the City's commitment to equal opportunity in all matters relating to employment and its continuing pledge to comply with all laws and regulatory authority governing employment practices. Moreover, this policy is intended to provide direction and support for what the City expects of its employees in this important area.

A safe, drug and discrimination-free work place with fair treatment are the fundamental rights of all City employees. Our employment practices must be in legal compliance and should be the foundation for a work place that encourages all employees to contribute to their fullest potential.

Section 15.03. Human Resource Policy Guidelines

It shall be the policy of the City of Bossier City to maintain a discrimination-free environment at all work locations and commit to the practice of hiring and advancing the most qualified people without regard to race, color, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, religion, citizenship, age, veteran status, or disability. This practice shall extend to all terms and conditions of employment.

Specific positions shall be grouped into classes and each class shall include those positions sufficiently similar to duties and responsibilities so that similar requirements as to training, knowledge, skill and the same rates of compensation are applicable thereto.

All appointments and promotions to positions in the classified service of the City and all measures for the control and regulation of employment in such positions and separation therefrom, shall be on the sole basis of merit and fitness.

Fair and equitable pay shall be provided with due consideration of both the employees and the taxpayers and with observance of the principle of equal pay for equal work, and suitable differences in pay for different work.

Section 15.04. Human Resources Director

The Mayor shall nominate for confirmation by the City Council a Director of Human Resources. This shall be an unclassified employee position. The Director shall be a college graduate with a Bachelor's Degree or higher.

The Director shall be head of and responsible for operations and management of the City's Department of Human Resources, excluding those of the Police and Fire Departments. It shall be the responsibility of the Director of Human Resources, within the department budget, to create, modify, staff, dissolve, and supervise divisions and branches within the department, as necessary. In the absence of a Director of Human Resources, the City may, by ordinance, contract for such services.

Section 15.05. Benefits Administration Division

The Human Resources Director shall hire a Personnel Specialist/Benefits Administrator who shall be the head of this division. The Benefits Administrator shall be responsible for, but not limited to, ensuring that the various benefits programs of the City such as major medical/hospitalization, dental, life, accidental death and dismemberment, and other elective programs are efficiently administered.

Section 15.06. Records Maintenance Division

The Human Resources Director shall hire a Personnel Specialist who shall be the head of this division. The Personnel Specialist shall be responsible for the maintenance of current employees' records and disposition of records of former employees.

Section 15.07. Personnel Board

There shall be a Personnel Board. It shall consist of five (5) members. The terms of the board members (other than the initial term) shall be for three (3) years. Board members shall be appointed by the City Council or elected by and from classified employees as outlined below. Initial terms of appointment by the City Council will be staggered to provide for overlapping terms.

Appointing and electing authority of board members:

- One (1) member, who shall be a resident of Bossier City, shall be appointed by the City Council.
- Two (2) members, who shall be residents of Bossier City, and shall be appointed by the Mayor.
- Two (2) members, who have been elected by and from the City classified employees, excluding fire and police employees, shall be appointed. This election shall be by secret ballot of the City's classified employees.

Duties of the Personnel Board

It shall be the duty of the Personnel Board to meet a minimum of two (2) times per year even if no appeals have been made; to adopt procedures and upon request, to hear appeals from classified employees. The Board shall receive evidence and hear witnesses to determine facts involving employment and promotions. It shall also ensure that such actions are consistent with provisions in this section and any ordinances, resolutions, rules, regulations, or policies adopted pursuant thereto.

Upon hearing and determination of appeals, the Personnel Board may affirm, modify, or reverse the actions of the City with respect to any classified employment or promotions.

Aggrieved classified parties may appeal the ruling of the board within thirty (30) days by petition to the district court.

The Personnel Board may, upon its own motion or upon request by the City Council, or any member thereof, investigate matters relating to employees and advise the City Council as to its findings and recommendations.

Chapter 16. Department of Finance

Section 16.01. Organization.

There shall be a Department of Finance. The Department of Finance shall have a Director of Finance. The Department of Finance may consist of but not be limited to the following divisions: Accounting, Tax, Water Billing, and Purchasing. These divisions and any other divisions that may be added shall be under the administrative control of the Director of Finance. The department may include such other functions and employees as recommended by the Mayor and/or the Director of Finance if within the department's budget.

Section 16.02. Director of Finance

The Mayor shall nominate, for confirmation by the City Council, a Director of Finance. This shall be an unclassified position. The Director of Finance shall have responsibility for the financial affairs of the City. The Director, when a vacancy occurs, shall be a college graduate with a Bachelor's Degree or higher in Accounting or comparable area of study and be a CPA, and have a minimum three (3) years Accounting experience. It shall be the responsibility of the Director of Finance, within the department budget, to create, modify, staff, dissolve, and supervise divisions and branches within the department, as necessary. They shall:

Collect and have custody of all monies of the City from whatever source.

Prepare the operating and capital budgets as directed by the Mayor.

Maintain a record of indebtedness and have charge of the payment of principal and interest on such indebtedness.

Ascertain that funds are available for payment of all contracts, purchase orders and any other documents that incur financial obligation for the City, and that such documents are in accordance with established procedures.

Disburse all funds from the City treasury.

Develop and administer a uniform central accounting system for all City departments and divisions using generally accepted accounting principles and Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), where applicable.

Prepare a monthly statement of revenues and expenditures to show the financial condition of the City.

Oversee procurement of all equipment, materials, supplies and services required by the City, under a central purchasing system, for all departments, divisions, sections, offices and agencies in accordance with applicable state law, City Council policy, and administrative requirements.

Maintain an inventory of all City property, real and personal.

Invest all idle city funds as permitted by law including by outside management.

Provide general administrative services.

Be responsible for, in coordination with the Director of Public Utilities, the Department of Public Utilities' billing and collections, general accounts and annual statements, disposition of utilities earnings, and recommending appropriate utility rates.

Perform such other actions as may be directed by the Mayor.

Section 16.03. Purchasing Agent

The Purchasing Division shall be under the direction of the Director of Finance who may employ a Purchasing Agent. The Purchasing Agent shall be an unclassified employee and shall manage the division pursuant to the provisions of this plan of government and such rules and regulations as the City Council may establish by ordinance, purchase for use of the City all supplies, equipment and contractual services, including insurance and surety bonds in accordance with National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP)

standards and state laws. The Purchasing Agent shall have the following additional duties:

To supervise the operation of storerooms and warehouses as may be established in accordance with the rules, regulations, and directions of the City Council.

To transfer, in accordance with Louisiana law, to or between departments and agencies of the City, or to sell or scrap supplies, materials and equipment determined, after consultation with the head of the department concerned, to be surplus, obsolete, or unusable.

To perform other duties as may be prescribed by ordinance or assigned to them by the Director of Finance and the Mayor.

Section 16.03.1. Competitive bidding

Before making a purchase or public works contract, the Purchasing Agent shall give opportunity for competitive bidding as prescribed by purchasing policies and procedures not in conflict with applicable laws of the state codified in the Code of Ordinances for the City of Bossier City. All purchases made by the Purchasing Agent shall be on the basis of competitive bids after such public notice as may be prescribed by state law and all purchases shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. A record of all bids, showing the name of the bidder and the amount of the bid, and indicating in each case the successful bidder, together with the original of all sealed bids and other documents pertaining to the award of contracts, shall be preserved in accordance with state law and generally accepted accounting practices.

Section 16.03.2. Appropriated funds availability

All purchases made and contracts entered into by the Purchasing Agent shall be pursuant to a requisition approved by the head of the department or their designee whose appropriation is being charged. No purchase order made, or contract entered into by the Purchasing Agent, shall be valid unless there is an unexpended and unencumbered balance in the appropriation and allotment applicable thereto. Nothing herein, however, shall prevent the Purchasing Agent from making purchases for a stores revolving fund which the City Council is hereby authorized to establish, and from making sales from the stores to the several departments subject to the same provisions as related to other purchases.

Section 16.04. Accounting Division

The Accounting Division shall be under the direction of the Director of Finance who may employ a Comptroller to oversee the division. They shall be an unclassified employee and shall administer the financial operations of the City using the most recent standards mandated by Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) or any other state or federal organization/agency which governs governmental accounting principles.

The Accounting Division shall coordinate the maintenance of an accurate system of accounting for all property received and all property issued by Purchasing, in accordance with accepted principles for property and inventory control, and to maintain records of such inventory of all property belonging to the City, as may be required by the Mayor or the City Council.

Section 16.05. Tax Division

The Tax Division shall be under the direction of the Director of Finance who may employ a Tax Administrator to oversee the division. They shall be an unclassified employee and shall be responsible for collecting sales and use taxes, property taxes, occupational license taxes, liquor licenses and hotel/motel taxes in accordance with all intergovernmental agreements and applicable laws.

Section 16.06. Water Billing Division

The Water Billing Division shall be under the direction of the Director of Finance who may employ a Water Billing Administrator to oversee the division. They shall be an unclassified employee and shall be responsible for collection of all water, sewer, solid waste disposal, and emergency medical service monthly fees and charges for services on water bills in accordance with all applicable laws.

Chapter 17. Police Department

Section 17.01. Organization.

In the interest of public safety, there shall be a Police Department. The department shall have the divisions listed herein by functional area, and such other divisions that may have a direct relationship to public safety as may be recommended by the Mayor and confirmed by an ordinance adopted by the City Council.

Section 17.02. Police Department.

The head of the Police Department shall be the Police Chief who shall be appointed by the Mayor in accordance with state law.

The Police Chief shall direct and be responsible for the prevention of crime, law enforcement, maintenance of peace and order of the City, and shall assist the courts and other law enforcement officials (as directed by appropriate authority and as resources permit).

No person shall exercise police authority in the City except regularly constituted law enforcement officers of the City, parish, federal or state government.

The department shall include, but is not limited to, the following divisions: Administrative Services; Criminal Investigations; Special Investigations; Uniformed Services; Training and Community Services; Detention Facility; and Animal Services. These divisions, and those that may be added, shall be under the administrative control of the Police Chief who shall appoint an officer to supervise each division.

The department may include such other functions and employees only when recommended by the Mayor and confirmed by an ordinance adopted by the City Council.

Section 17.03. Administrative Services Division.

The Administrative Services Division shall be under the direction of the Police Chief. The Police Chief may designate the Deputy Police Chief to direct this division. Officers and other personnel within the division shall perform, but are not limited to, accomplishment of the following functions: planning and research; personnel; purchasing; budget and payroll; internal affairs; and public information. Area coordinators, when assigned by the Police Chief, may be within this division.

Section 17.04. Criminal Investigation Division.

The Criminal Investigation Division shall operate under the direction of a qualified individual appointed by the Police Chief. They shall be responsible for follow-up and clearing of cases which require additional investigation. Personnel assigned to this division are specialists and investigate specific felony and misdemeanor criminal incidents. This division shall normally include, but is not limited to, accomplishment of the following functions: investigations of crimes against property, against persons, violent crimes, juvenile crime issues, and domestic violence; white collar crimes; and crime scenes/ identifications.

Section 17.05. Special Investigation Division.

The Special Investigation Division shall operate under the direction of a qualified individual appointed by the Police Chief. They shall be responsible for investigating and arresting persons criminally involved in narcotics and vice activity. The division is responsible for, but is not limited to, accomplishment of the following functions: narcotics; street crime interdiction; and vice.

Section 17.06. Uniformed Services Division.

The Uniformed Services Division shall operate under the direction of a qualified individual appointed by the Police Chief. They shall be responsible for maintaining the twenty-four (24) hour police presence within the City. This division shall normally be the first responder and provide police enforcement and services. The division is responsible for, but not limited to, accomplishment of the following functions: patrol; motorcycle/traffic; communications; hit and run incidents; and reserve personnel.

Section 17.07. Training and Community Services Division.

The Training and Community Service Division shall operate under the direction of a qualified individual appointed by the Police Chief. They shall be responsible for, but is not limited to, performing the following functions: continuous in-service training of police department personnel, and providing community services and programs that assist the department in providing law enforcement and public safety within and for the City.

Section 17.08. Detention Division.

The Detention Division shall be operated under the direction of a qualified individual appointed by the Police Chief. They shall maintain and operate a twenty-four (24) hours per day detention facility. This facility will provide temporary detention for individuals who are arrested and charged with felony offenses and misdemeanors. This division shall also perform such other functions as assigned by the division supervisor or Police Chief.

Section 17.09. Information Technology Division

The Information Technology Division shall be operated under the direction of a qualified individual appointed by the Police Chief. They shall be responsible for, but are not limited to, accomplishing the following functions: implementing and maintaining all computer applications and Information Technology for the police department and other related duties as directed by the Police Chief, in coordination with Department of Information Technology and approval of the Director of the Department of Information Technology.

Section 17.10. Animal Services Division.

The Animal Services Division shall be operated under the direction of a qualified individual appointed by the Police Chief. The person appointed by the Police Chief shall assist Animal Services with the issuance of citations for violations of law regarding animals and shall also perform such other functions as assigned by the Police Chief, including the hiring of certain unclassified civilian (non-police) personnel to include a Supervisor of Animal Services and other staff provide for the daily operations of the Animal Services Division. The Animal Services Division shall be responsible for enforcement of animal, fowl, and reptile ordinances and directives, and shall operate and maintain the animal services facility. It shall not be required that any of the person appointed by the Police Chief to operate within the Animal Services Division be employees subject to police civil service.

Chapter 18. Fire Department

Section 18.01. Organization.

In the interest of public safety there shall be a Fire Department. The department shall have the divisions listed herein by functional area, and such other divisions that may have a direct relationship to public safety as may be recommended by the Mayor and confirmed by an ordinance adopted by the City Council.

Section 18.02. Fire Department.

The head of the Fire Department shall be the Fire Chief who shall be appointed by the Mayor in accordance with state law.

The department shall include, but is not limited to, the following divisions: Administrative; Communications; Emergency Medical Service; Fire Prevention; Fire Training; Hazardous Materials and Special Operations; Maintenance; Operations; Internal Affairs Division; and Information Technology Division.

These divisions, and any other that may be added, shall be under the administrative control of the Fire Chief.

(a) The Fire Department may include such other functions and employees as recommended by the Mayor and confirmed by ordinance adopted by the City Council.

Section 18.03. Administrative Division.

The Administrative Division shall operate under the direction of a qualified individual appointed by the Fire Chief. They shall be responsible for, but is not limited to, accomplishment of the following functions: planning and research; personnel; purchasing; budget; payroll; and public information.

Section 18.04. Communications Division.

The Communications Division shall operate under the direction of a qualified individual appointed by the Fire Chief. They shall develop and maintain standard operating procedures for department communications including, but not limited to, the following: alarm room; computer aided dispatch system; National Fire Incident Reporting System; telephones; and other computer systems. The Communications Division Supervisor shall be responsible for insuring alarm room personnel are properly trained.

Section 18.05. Emergency Medical Service Division.

The Emergency Medical Services Division (EMS) shall operate under the direction of a qualified individual appointed by the Fire Chief. They shall: develop medical protocols; establish division policies, goals, and objectives; evaluate medical services; and maintain division records. This division shall also be responsible for all EMS related functions performed by Fire Department personnel, and for other duties as directed by the Fire Chief.

Section 18.06. Fire Prevention Division.

The Fire Prevention Division shall operate under the direction of a qualified individual appointed by the Fire Chief. They shall be responsible for, but is not limited to, accomplishment of the following functions: fire investigations; compliance inspections; public education; hazardous devices; and other related functions as directed by the Fire Chief.

Section 18.07. Fire Training Division.

The Fire Training Division shall be operated under the direction of a qualified individual appointed by the Fire Chief. They shall be responsible for, but is not limited to, accomplishment of the following functions: planning, organizing, and conducting fire training operations; assembling required material and training aids; evaluation of training program effectiveness; maintaining training records; and other related functions directed by the Fire Chief.

Section 18.08. Hazardous Materials and Special Operations Division.

The Hazardous Materials and Special Operations Division shall operate under the direction of a qualified individual appointed by the Fire Chief. They shall be responsible for, but is not limited to, accomplishment of the following functions: division administration; response to all Fire Department calls for assistance in identifying hazardous materials or involving technical rescues; planning for and directing department emergency operations involving hazardous materials or technical rescues; providing assistance in development of training related to hazardous materials or technical rescues; and other related functions directed by the Fire Chief.

Section 18.09. Maintenance Division.

The Maintenance Division shall operate under the direction of a qualified individual appointed by the Fire Chief. They shall be a master mechanic and shall be responsible for, but is not limited to, accomplishment of the following functions: preventive and repair maintenance of all vehicles and equipment assigned to the department; performing service tests on department pumper vehicles and ladder trucks; and other related functions directed by the Fire Chief.

Section 18.10. Operations Division.

The Operations Division shall operate under the direction of a qualified individual appointed by the Fire Chief. The division shall be responsible for being first responder to fire and department related incidents. These incidents include, but are not limited to, structure fires; grass fires; vehicle accidents; water vacuuming services; natural disasters; technical rescues; hazardous materials incidents; water rescue; and emergency medical service response.

Section 18.11. Internal Affairs Division

The Internal Affairs Division shall be operated under the direction of a qualified individual appointed by the Fire Chief. They shall be responsible for, but is not limited to: accomplishing the following functions: internal investigation; personnel affairs; commendations/awards; liaison for Employee Assistance Program; grants and other related duties as directed by the Fire Chief.

Section 18.12. Information Technology Division

They shall be responsible for, but are not limited to, accomplishing the following functions: implementing and maintaining all computer applications and Information Technology for the fire department and other related duties as directed by the Fire Chief, in coordination with Department of Information Technology and approval of the Director of the Department of Information Technology.

Section 18.13. Permits and Inspection Division.

The Fire Chief may designate an individual highly qualified and experienced in the Life all types of applicable permits and codes, including, but not limited to the National Fire Protection Association Life & Safety Code to be the Director of Permits. This shall be an unclassified employee position. The Director of Permits may hire necessary inspectors if within his/her budget. These inspectors shall be unclassified employees. It shall be their responsibility to inspect buildings, plumbing, electrical and mechanical systems. This division shall operate in accordance with ordinances and other management directives applicable to their respective inspection function.

Chapter 19. Department of Public Works

Section 19.01. Organization

The department shall consist of a Director of Public Works and such superintendents and other employees as the Mayor and/or the Director may recommend. The department may be comprised of, but not limited to, the following divisions: Streets and Drainage; Solid Waste; and Mosquito Control.

Section 19.02. Director of Public Works

The Mayor shall nominate for confirmation by the Council a Director of Public Works. This shall be an unclassified position. The Director of Public Works shall be a college graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in an Engineering field or associated field of study; have a minimum of five (5) year's related work experience, three (3) of which were administrative or supervisory. The Director shall be responsible for streets and drainage within the City, functions of the assigned divisions, and such other responsibilities as may be assigned by ordinance. It shall be the responsibility of the Director of Public Works, within the department budget, to create, modify, staff, dissolve, and supervise divisions and branches within the department, as necessary.

Section 19.03. Streets and Maintenance Division

The Streets and Maintenance Division is critical for the accomplishment of highly visible and time sensitive services to the citizens and shall be under the direction of the Director of Public Works. The Director may hire at their discretion, an employee of the City to supervise this division. The division shall be responsible for, but not limited to, maintenance and repair of City streets, including alleys and sidewalks, and drainage systems. The division shall also be responsible for herbicide applications as well as street sweeping and mowing of designated public areas.

Section 19.04. Solid Waste Division

The City may, by ordinance, contract for solid waste collection. In the absence of a contract for solid waste collection. The Director may hire, if within the department budget, a supervisor to oversee the Solid Waste Division. This division shall be responsible for, but not limited to, oversight of contracted services and City employees performing solid waste collection, recycling collection and processing, litter collection, and other duties as assigned by the Director.

Section 19.05. Mosquito Control Division

The Director of Public Works may, if within his/her budget, hire a Supervisor of Mosquito Control. The division shall be responsible for control of mosquito and other insects as designated by the Director of Public Works.

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Chapter 20. Department of Public Utilities

Section 20.01. Organization

The Department of Public Utilities shall consist of a Director and such superintendents and other employees as the Mayor and/or the Director may recommend. The department may be comprised of, but not limited to, the following divisions: Water Treatment; Wastewater Treatment; Lift Stations; Environmental Affairs; Water Main and Sewer Main Maintenance; and Water Billing. These divisions, and any others that may be added shall be under the administrative control of the Director of Public Utilities.

Section 20.02. Director of Public Utilities

The Mayor shall nominate for confirmation by the City Council a Director of Public Utilities. This shall be an unclassified position. The Director of Public Utilities shall be a college graduate with a Bachelor's degree in Engineering or associated field. The Director shall be responsible for the maintenance and operation of the City's water and sewer systems, including electrical maintenance of the Public Utilities facilities, and for the performance of such other duties as may be assigned by ordinance. It shall also be the responsibility of the Director of Public Utilities, within the department budget, to create, modify, staff, dissolve, and supervise divisions and branches within the department, as necessary. In the absence of a Director of Public Utilities, the City may, by ordinance, contract for professional engineering services and may retain additional personnel on a contract basis to assist the department.

Section 20.03. Lift Station Division

The Director of Public Utilities may hire, if within the department budget, a Superintendent to supervise the Lift Station Division. The Superintendent shall be certified in accordance with applicable state law. The division shall manage the daily operation of lift stations, and is responsible for, but not limited to, pump station maintenance, property upkeep, and electrical installations and repairs.

Section 20.04. Wastewater Treatment Division

The Director of Public Utilities may hire, if within the department budget, a Superintendent to supervise the Wastewater Treatment Division. The Superintendent shall be certified in accordance with applicable state law and shall be responsible for the daily operation of all City wastewater treatment plants. This shall include, but is not limited to, treating non-potable water (wastewater) and maintaining federal, state, and local permit compliance standards. The Superintendent shall supervise plant operators, maintenance and utility workers, and laboratory employees.

Section 20.05. Environmental Affairs Division

The Director of Public Utilities may hire, if within the department budget, a Superintendent to supervise the Environmental Affairs Division. The Superintendent shall be certified in accordance with applicable state law. The Superintendent shall be responsible for, but not limited to, compliance with rules, regulations, and other applicable directives from the United States Environmental Protection Agency and Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality. These directives include, but are not limited to, monitoring by sampling, testing, and site visits to permitted and non-permitted industries which discharge wastewater into the City's sanitary sewer system, and storm water to the storm water collection system.

Section 20.06. Water and Sewer Maintenance Division

The Director of Public Utilities may hire, if within the department budget, a Superintendent, certified in accordance with applicable state law, to supervise the Water and Sewer Maintenance Division. The division is responsible for, but not limited to, maintaining all City water and sewer mains, and repairs or replacement of all water meters and

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fire hydrants.

Section 20.07. Water Treatment Division

The Director of Public Utilities may hire, if within the department budget, a Superintendent to supervise the Water Treatment Division. The Superintendent shall be certified in accordance with applicable state law. The division shall be responsible for, but not limited to, the operation and maintenance of all water treatment plants, raw water and high service pumping stations, elevated water storage towers, and water reservoirs. The division shall also be responsible for ensuring compliance with applicable federal, state, and local directives pertaining to potable water and providing potable water to the City and communities served by the City.

Section 20.08. Management of Water and Sewerage Systems

It is the intent of this plan of government that the water and sewerage systems shall be managed together as nearly as possible as a single self-supporting fund. The water and sewerage budgets, at the discretion of the Director of Finance, may make a one-time supplement of revenue using general fund dollars subject to all of the following conditions:

Prior to utilizing any general fund supplement, the Director of Finance shall provide thirty (30) days written notice to the Mayor and the City Council of the intent to supplement revenue with general fund dollars. The notice shall also include a recommendation that the City Council authorize and fund by Ordinance a water rate study;

The amount of any general fund supplement shall not exceed fifteen percent (15%) of the current year projected fund revenue; and

No such general fund supplement shall be utilized more than once per fiscal years and no such general fund supplement shall be utilized in successive years.

Hereinafter in this section is referred to as the "Utility." For this purpose, the following procedures are prescribed:

Billing and collecting.

All customer accounts and other records necessary in the collection of charges for the sale of water, sewerage, and other services shall be a responsibility of the Department of Finance.

General accounts and annual statement.

The Director of Finance shall keep the general accounts of the utility in accordance with accepted principles of public utility accounting. Expenditures shall be authorized in the same manner as expenditures by other departments. Immediately after the close of each fiscal year the director shall prepare and submit to the City Council the following statements:

A profit and loss statement in accordance with accepted principles of public utility accounting.

A balance sheet showing assets and liabilities as of the beginning and close of such fiscal year.

A statement of receipts and expenditures for such fiscal year showing:

Receipts from sales to customers.

Receipts from miscellaneous sources. Total receipts, the sum of items (a) and (b).

Expenses of operation and maintenance.

Interest payable during the year on utility indebtedness as defined in Subsection (2) above.

Principal payments on such indebtedness.

Depreciation estimated in accordance with standard practices of public utility valuation, less the amount of principal payments on such indebtedness.

Total expenses, items (d), (e), (f) and (g).

Excess receipts over expense or excess of expenses over receipts, the difference between item (c) and (h).

Disposition of utility earning.

A sum equal to items (e) and (f) of subsection (3) above, i.e., debt service requirements on Utility Revenue bonded indebtedness, shall be paid annually from the water and sewerage fund to the bond and interest sinking fund. A sum never to be less than 5% of annual water and sewer revenues shall be paid into water and sewer contingency funds from which the City Council may make appropriations on recommendation of the Director of Finance only for renewals, replacements, extensions and any other capital improvement requirements of the Utility. Retained earnings may, upon recommendation of the Director of Finance, be appropriated for renewals, replacements, extensions and any other capital improvement requirements of the Utility. In preparing the Utility budget, the Director of Finance shall estimate the amount to be appropriated from the water and sewerage fund and from the bond and interest sinking fund, provided that no increase in water and sewer rates shall be made except as provided in subsection (E) below.

Utility capital improvements.

Renewals, replacements, extensions and any other capital improvement requirements of the Utility shall be paid from Utility system funds, the issuance of Utility Revenue Bonds, loans from lawful sources, state and federal grants and subject to City Council approval, in an annual amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 from other City capital improvement funds.

Fixing rates. In order to ensure that water rates are appropriate and sufficient to provide for the cost of operations and maintenance of the Utility and in order to maintain compliance with all regulatory requirements and maintain rates that are reasonable and responsible as well as affordable for the customers, the City Council shall, no less than every three (3) years, authorize and fund a rate study to be completed by an outside and independent provider of such rate studies.

Upon the recommendation of the Director of Finance and Director of Public Utilities, the City Council shall, by ordinance, adjust the rates to be charged for water and sewer treatment which need not be uniform for all consumers but shall be the same for each class of consumers, based upon the amount of water consumed during the billing period, and may be higher in the case of the consumers outside the City limits. If the annual receipts of the utility, as shown in item (c) of subsection (C)(3) above, are less than its annual expense as shown in item (h) of subsection (C)(3) above, the Director of Finance may recommend to the City Council and the City Council may adopt a schedule of rates which will produce annual receipts equal to annual expense. If for any two (2) fiscal years the average annual receipts of the Utility, as shown in item (c) of subsection (C)(3) above, are less than its average annual expense, as shown in item (h) of subsection (C)(3) above, it shall be the duty of the Director of Finance to recommend and of the City Council to adopt a schedule of rates which in their judgment will produce receipts equal to expenses.

Chapter 21. Department of Information Technology

Section 21.01. Organization

The Department of Information Technology shall consist of a Director and such other employees as the Mayor and/or the Director may recommend. The department may be comprised of divisions at the discretion of the Director and any divisions shall be under the administrative control of the Director of Information Technology.

Section 21.02. Director of Information Technology

The Mayor shall nominate for confirmation by the City Council a Director of Information Technology. This shall be an unclassified position. The Director of Information Technology shall be a college graduate with a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science, Information Technology or related field; or High School Diploma and five years related experience and/or training in Information Technology; or equivalent combination of education and experience. The Director shall be responsible for overseeing the maintenance and operation of the City's telephone, computer, technology, and network systems and shall be responsible for the implementation, operation and maintenance of all computers, hardware and software, and communication and electronic equipment. It shall also be the responsibility of the Director of Information Technology, within the department budget, to create, modify, staff, dissolve, and supervise divisions and branches within their department, as necessary. In the absence of a Director of Information Technology, the City may, by ordinance, contract for services and may retain additional personnel on a contract basis to assist the department. The Director of Information Technology shall direct and be responsible for the following duties:

Direct and coordinate development and production activities of computerized management Information Technology Department by performing duties personally or through Information Technology staff;

Provide leadership, vision, and management to the Information Technology Department;

Manage recruiting, hiring, and training of the Information Technology staff and recommend and oversee education and training of all city employees regarding cybersecurity and threat identification and avoidance;

Oversee the development, design, and implementation of new applications and changes to existing computer systems and software packages;

Prepare an annual department budget including scheduling expenditures and prepare a capital budget;

Maintain the integrity and continual operation and security of the City's networks including wireless networks and telephone and radio systems, ensure the continual functioning of mission critical operations, and develop and oversee cybersecurity and threat identification and avoidance and schedule a comprehensive review of all the city's technology, including, but not limited to, the computer, network, telephone, and radio systems at intervals of not less than every three years;

Consult with department heads to analyze technology needs for department information and functional operations, to determine scope and priorities of projects, and to discuss system capacity and equipment acquisitions;

Recommend and develop plans for systems development and operations, hardware and software purchases, budget, and staffing;

Develop, maintain, and test disaster recovery plans;

Coordinate with the Information Technology Divisions of the Police Department and the Fire Department to implement and maintain all computer applications and Information Technology for the police department and the fire department; and

Other action as may be directed by the Mayor or Chief Administrative Officer.

Chapter 22 Amendments to the City Charter

How proposed.

Amendments to the Charter may be proposed as follows:

By the City Council in the form of an ordinance adopted by no less than five (5) votes (2/3 majority) of the full membership of the City Council and then submitted to the electors of the City in an election as herein provided;

By the appointment of a citizens Charter Review Commission as established herein with any recommended amendments or any revised Charter to be submitted to the electors of the City in an election as herein provided; or

By petition of electors of the City as outlined in Section 5.01, signed, examined, amended and certified.

Section 22.02. Appointment of a Charter Review Commission.

Amendments or proposed changes to the Charter may be through a citizens Charter

Review Commission. The City Council may, by Ordinance passed by an affirmative vote of at least four (4) members of the City Council, establish a Charter Review Commission. The commission shall be comprised of qualified electors appointed by the Mayor and City Council as provided herein. The ordinance establishing a Charter Review Commission need not list the names of those to be appointed to serve. This commission shall consist of nine (9) appointed persons who shall be registered voters and residents of the City of Bossier City for a minimum of one (1) year immediately prior to the date of appointment.

Neither the Mayor nor any member of the City Council shall be eligible for appointment as commissioners during their term in office. Members of the commission shall be selected for appointment as prescribed below. The Chief Administrative Officer (or their designee) and City Attorney (or their designee) shall be ex-officio, non-voting members of the commission.

Each City Council member shall appoint one person to serve on the commission and the person appointed shall have continuously resided in the same district as the City Council member for a minimum of one (1) year immediately prior to the date of appointment.

The Mayor shall appoint two people to serve on the commission.

All commissioners shall be approved by ordinance, and by a simple majority vote of City Council members. If a City Council member or Mayor's nominee is not approved, the City Council member, or Mayor, shall seek another nominee for City Council consideration.

No later than thirty (30) days following final passage of an Ordinance to establish a Charter Review Commission, the Charter Review Commission will be presented a draft of suggested charter changes jointly drafted by the Mayor and City Council members. The draft of suggested changes shall represent a coordinated recommendation of the Mayor and City Council, but will indicate, if applicable, areas of disagreement. The commission shall develop proposed amendments as soon as feasible, but no later than fifteen (15) months after the date of final adoption of the Ordinance calling for the Charter Commission.

Section 22.03. Minimum Frequency of Charter Review Commission

Beginning in the year 2030, a Charter Review Commission shall be created when necessary but no less than once every ten (10) years in the same year as the decennial census is conducted by the United States government.

Section 22.04. Form of revised Charter or amendments.

Each amendment, however proposed, may include more than one section of the Charter, provided that it relates to a single subject that must be clearly expressed in the title. Each section amended shall be set forth in full as it will stand after the proposed amendment. There shall be appended to the proposed amendment a statement of its nature not to exceed one hundred and fifty (150) words. Unrelated charter amendments shall be submitted to the voters as separate questions. In the alternative, the Charter Commission may present to the City Council a revised Charter that will be advertised as a whole and presented to the electors of the city as one ballot item.

Section 22.05. Submission of proposed Charter or amendments.

The City Council shall submit any amendment or amendments or any revised Charter as recommended by a Charter Review Commission or if by petition after the receipt of the registrar's certificate of sufficiency of the petition, the city council shall submit the proposed amendment without alteration to the electors of the City at the first available election.

Section 22.06. Publication of proposed Charter or amendments.

Unless and until otherwise provided by ordinance, it shall be the duty of the City Council Clerk to cause to be published the full text of the proposed Charter or each proposed amendment and the statement of the nature thereof appended thereto, twice in the official journal, the first publication to be not less than thirty (30) days and the second publication not less than five (5) days before the date of the election at which such amendment is to be submitted.

Section 22.07. Form of ballot.

If amendments to the existing Charter are proposed, then the ballot language used at such elections shall contain these words: "For the charter amendment" (stating the title thereof and the nature of the proposed amendment as appended to the same); "Against the charter amendment" (stating the title thereof and the nature of the proposed amendment as appended to the same). If a revised Charter is proposed, then the ballot language used at such elections shall contain the words "For the revised Charter" (stating the date(s) and location of the publication of the revised Charter); "Against the revised charter" (stating the date(s) and location of the publication of the revised Charter).

Section 22.08. Result of the election.

If a majority of the votes cast on any proposed Charter or amendment shall be in favor thereof it shall be adopted and the charter shall be amended accordingly as of the date of such election unless the proposed amendment provides for a later date; provided, however, that if two (2) or more proposed amendments are submitted at the same election, the terms of which conflict with one another, and each receives a majority of votes cast thereon, that amendment shall be deemed adopted which receives the largest number of votes.

January 15th, 2025
January 22nd, 2025
January 29th, 2025
February 5th, 2025
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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

NOTICE is hereby given that the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 10, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of Bossier City Hall, 620 Benton Road, Bossier City, Louisiana, for the purpose of considering the following amendments to Ordinance 133 of 2018 of the City of Bossier City and Ordinance 4705 of 2018 of the Parish Code of Bossier Parish:

A Public Hearing for the following:
The application of Laith Almadrahi, L&A Convenience INC., requesting a Conditional Use Approval for the sale of high and low content alcohol for off premise consumption at a convenience store, located at 4970 Barksdale Blvd. Suite 500 and 600, Bossier City, Louisiana. (City Council district 1) (Police Jury district 12)

The application of Matt Peterson, Estacada Interests for Kristie Sheffield, for a Zoning Amendment to change the zoning classification of a certain tract of land being 1.227 acres, more or less, from R-LD (Residential Low Density) to B-3 (General Business), located at 1819 Airline Drive, Bossier City, Louisiana for a proposed (Murphy) convenience store with fuel sales. (Located at the southwest intersection of Old Minden Road and Airline Drive) (City Council District 3) (Police Jury District 9) more fully described as follows:

A certain piece, parcel or tract of land including all improvements, rights, ways, and privileges located in Section 27, Township 18 North, Range 13 West, Northwestern Land District, Bossier City, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:
Commencing at the intersection of the southern right of way of Old Minden Road (LA Hwy 72) and the eastern right of way of Jacquelyn Street, being marked by a found LDOT aluminum cap, being the POINT OF COMMENCEMENT;

From the POINT OF COMMENCEMENT, proceed along the southern right of way line of Old Minden Road, North 73 degrees 07 minutes 00 seconds East a distance of 478.02 feet to a set 1/2" iron rod, and also being the POINT OF BEGINNING;

From the POINT OF BEGINNING, continue along the southern right of way line of Old Minden Road, North 73 degrees 07 minutes 00 seconds East a distance of 78.19 feet to a found 5/8" iron rod;

Thence continue along the southern right of way line of Old Minden Road, North 73 degrees 07 minutes 00 seconds East a distance of 197.97 feet to a found "X" in concrete located on the western right of way of Airline Drive (LA Hwy 3105);

Thence proceed along the western right of way line of Airline Drive along an arc of a curve having a radius of 25.00 feet, arc length of 16.11 feet, bearing a chord of South 33 degrees 06 minutes 43 seconds East, 15.83 feet to a found "X" in concrete;

Thence proceed along the western right of way line of Airline Drive, South 15 degrees 19 minutes 45 seconds East a distance of 177.03 feet to a found "Punch Hole" in concrete;

Thence proceed South 73 degrees 07 minutes 26 seconds West a distance of 275.53 feet along the northern line of Coleman Park Subdivision to a point being monumented by a set 1/2" iron rod located North 16 degrees 57 minutes 36 seconds West a distance of 5.00 feet from said point;

Thence proceed North 16 degrees 57 minutes 36 seconds West a distance of 192.13 feet back to the POINT OF BEGINNING;
The above described tract contains 1.227 acres more or less

The application of Wesley Miller, Ram Engineering LLC for Murphy Oil USA, Inc., requesting a Conditional Use Approval for placement of a 44.13'x 65.17' modular building, located at 1819 Airline Drive, Bossier City, Louisiana for a proposed convenience store with fuel sales. (Located at the southwest intersection of Old Minden Road and Airline Drive) (City Council District 3)(Police Jury District 9).

The application of JD Land Development LLC, for a Preliminary Plat, Marlana Park Subdivision Unit 2, being 7.322 acres more or less, located in Section 14, Township 18 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, Louisiana. (City Council District 5) (Police Jury District 7)

The application of Yellow Rose Land Development LLC, for a Preliminary Plat, Canes Landing Subdivision Unit No.5, being 18.017 acres more or less, located in Section 34, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, Louisiana. (Located northwest of Wemple Road) (Police Jury District 6)

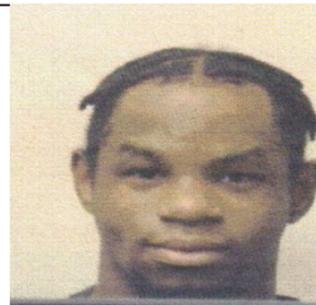
The application of LP Development LLC, for a Preliminary Plat, Edgewater Pass Unit No.1 Phase 3, being 5.543 acres more or less, located in Section 22, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, Louisiana. (southeast corner of Marlana street and St. Lucy Street) (Police Jury District 5)

The application of E & L Development requesting a Planned Unit Development, being 9.24 acres, more or less, The Ascent on 80 Phase 2, located at 4654 Highway 80, also located in Section 14, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, Louisiana. (southwest of Wafer Road) (Police Jury District 2)

Adopt a Resolution to enforce and implement participation in open meetings in accordance with Act 393 of 2023 as amended by L.A. R.S. 42:17.2.1.

Michelle Wallace, Chairperson
Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission

January 29, 2025
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SEX OFFENDER NOTIFICATION

I, Mason Curtis Roberson have been convicted of Indecent Behavior with Juveniles

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Age: 25
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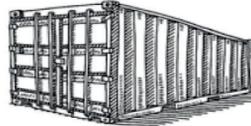
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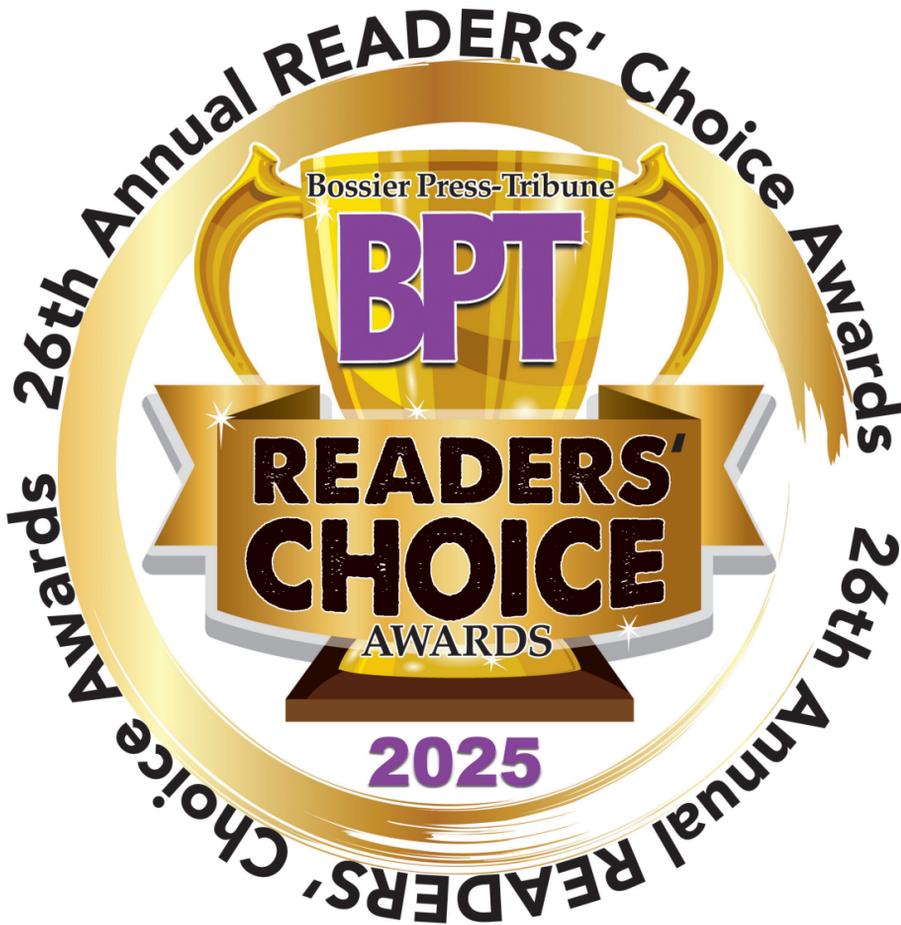


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