

PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATCHITOCHE PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH OF NATCHITOCHE, STATE OF LOUISIANA
TAKEN A SPECIAL MEETING HELD, MONDAY,
June 13, 2016
5:00 p.m.

The Natchitoches Parish Council met in regular and legal session in the Council Board Room of the Natchitoches Parish Courthouse, on Monday, June 13, 2016 for a special meeting of Natchitoches Parish Council meeting at five(5:00) o'clock p.m. and for the Natchitoches Parish Council Meeting.

The Parish of Natchitoches was then convened as the governing authority by Chairman Russell Rachal who stated that the Parish was ready for the transaction of business.

The invocation was given by Councilman Pastor Doug de Graffernied and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Russell Rachal.

After the roll call there were present Councilmen Russell Rachal and Rodney Bedgood, Doug de Graffernied, and Chris Paige.

Absent: Patsy Ward-Hoover

Chairman Rachal then asked for visitors at this time. There were none.

Chairman Rachal stated the next item on the agenda was for Council to Consider adoption of a resolution creating Sales Tax District No. 1 of the Parish of Natchitoches containing all of the territory within the present boundaries of the Parish less and except all of the territory within the present corporate boundaries of the municipality of the Town of Campti.

On motion by Councilman Bedgood, duly seconded by Councilman de Graffernied that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in special and legal session convened, does hereby adopt of a resolution creating Sales Tax District No. 1 of the Parish of Natchitoches containing all of the territory within the present boundaries of the Parish less and except all of the territory within the present corporate boundaries of the municipality of the Town of Campti.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

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| Ayes: | Councilman Bedgood |
| Ayes: | Councilman de Graffernied |
| Nayes: | Councilman Paige |
| Ayes: | Councilman Rachal |
| Absent: | Councilwoman Hoover |

Motion Passed

Chairman Rachal stated the next item on the agenda was for Council to consider adoption of a resolution creating Sales Tax District No. 2 of the Parish of Natchitoches containing all of the territory within the present boundaries of the Parish less and except all of the territories within the present corporate boundaries of the municipalities of the City of Natchitoches and the Town of Campti.

On motion by Councilman de Graffernied, duly seconded by Councilman Rodney Bedgood that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in special and legal session convened, does hereby adopt of a resolution creating Sales Tax District No. 2 of the Parish of Natchitoches containing all of the territory within the present boundaries of the Parish less and except all of the territory within the present corporate boundaries of the municipality of the Town of Campti.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman de Graffernied
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Nayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman Rachal
Absent: Councilwoman Hoover

Motion Passed

Chairman Rachal stated the next item on the agenda was for Council adoption of a resolution calling for a special election on November 8, 2016, to levy and collect for a period of ten (10) years a sales tax of one-half percent (1/2%) in Sales Tax District No.1 of the Parish of Natchitoches.

At this time Councilman Bedgood wanted to know exactly what they were voting on, because at the last meeting he agreed to what was presented but according to this agenda items the wording is totally different from what the Council had agreed upon. Councilman Bedgood stated he wasn't for or his people in his District wasn't for using this tax money for anyone's salary or raises. He said this Sales Tax money was going to be used strictly for roads and maintenance of the roads.

At this time Parish President Rick Nowlin, stated the Resolution that was being adopted had the exactly wording that will be used on the ballots of the people to vote for. The Parish Clerk read the Resolution and the Parish President read the Proposition in the Resolution that will be used on the ballot. Mr. Nowlin, stated he didn't put all the wording that was in the Resolution on the agenda. Councilman Bedgood stated the agenda should be amended to add all the wording so the people will know exactly what's going on.

On motion by Councilman Bedgood, duly seconded by Councilman de Graffernied that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in special and legal session convened, does hereby amend the agenda to add the correct wording that will be used on the ballots for the agenda items.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Ayes: Councilman de Graffernied
Nayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman Rachal
Absent: Councilwoman Hoover

Motion Passed

The correct wording is as follows:

Shall Sales Tax District No. 1 of the Parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana (the "District") whose boundaries are the Parish of Natchitoches excluding the area within the Town of Campti, be authorized to levy and collect for a period of ten (10) years from and after April 1, 2017, a tax of one-half percent (1/2%)(the "Tax") upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and on sales of services within the District as defined by law, (an estimated \$3,250,000 expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year), with the proceeds thereof (after paying the expenses of collecting and administering the Tax), to be dedicated for construction, improving and maintaining public infrastructure within the District with one-half of such Tax revenues collected within the City of Natchitoches being expended for the construction, improving and maintaining of roads, bridges and drainage systems within the City of Natchitoches and the remainder of the proceeds of the Tax being expended for the construction, improving and maintaining of roads and bridges in the remainder of the District?

Shall Sales Tax District No. 2 of the Parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana (the "District") whose boundaries are the Parish of Natchitoches excluding the areas within the City of Natchitoches and the Town of Campti, be authorized to levy and collect for a period of ten (10) years from and after April 1, 2017, a tax of three-quarter of one percent (.75%) (the "Tax") upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and on sales of services within the District as defined by law, (an estimated \$1,500,000 expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year), with the proceeds thereof (after paying the expenses of collecting and administering the Tax), to be dedicated for constructing, improving and maintaining public roads and bridges in the District?

Chairman Russell Rachal stated the next item on the agenda was to consider the adoption of a resolution calling for a special election on November 8, 2016, to levy and collect for a period of ten (10) years a sales tax of one-half percent (1/2%) in Sales Tax District No. 1 of the Parish of Natchitoches with the amended wording as stated above for District No. 1.

On motion by Councilman Bedgood, duly seconded by Councilman de Graffernied that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in special and legal session convened, does hereby adopt of a resolution calling for a special election on November 8, 2016, to levy and collect for a period of ten (10) years a sales tax of one-half percent (1/2%) in Sales Tax District No. 1 of the Parish of Natchitoches with the amended wording as stated above for District No. 1.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

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| Ayes: | Councilman Bedgood |
| Ayes: | Councilman de Graffernied |
| Nayes: | Councilman Paige |
| Ayes: | Councilman Rachal |
| Absent: | Councilwoman Hoover |

Motion Passed

Chairman Russell Rachal stated the next item on the agenda was to consider adoption of a resolution calling for a special election on November 8, 2016, to levy and collect for a period of ten (10) years a sales tax of three-quarter of one cent percent (0.75%) in Sales Tax District No. 2 of the Parish of Natchitoches with the amended wording as stated above for District No. 2.

On motion by Councilman de Graffernied, duly seconded by Councilman Bedgood that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in special and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution calling for a special election on November 8, 2016, to levy and collect for a period of ten (10) years a sales tax of three-quarter of one cent percent (0.75%) in Sales Tax District No. 2 of the Parish of Natchitoches with the amended wording as stated above for District No. 2.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

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| Ayes: | Councilman de Graffernied |
| Ayes: | Councilman Bedgood |
| Nayes: | Councilman Paige |
| Ayes: | Councilman Rachal |
| Absent: | Councilwoman Hoover |

Motion Passed

Since there were no further business,

On motion by Councilman de Graffernied, duly seconded by Councilman Chris Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in special and legal session convened, does hereby adjourn until the next regular or called meeting of the Natchitoches Parish Council.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

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| Ayes: | Councilman de Graffernied |
| Ayes: | Councilman Paige |
| Absent: | Councilwoman Hoover |
| Ayes: | Councilman Bedgood |
| Ayes: | Councilman Rachal |

Motion Passed

Attest:

Russell Rachal, Chairman

Sheryl Frederick,
Council Clerk