

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
CITY OF MORGAN CITY  
NOVEMBER 28, 2023

The Mayor and City Council of Morgan City, Louisiana, met at 6:00 pm (local time) in regular session, this date, in the City Court Building, Highway 182 East, Morgan City, Louisiana.

There were present: Honorable Lee Dragna, Mayor; and Council Members Ron Bias, Steve Domangue, Tim Hymel, Mark Stephens and Louis J. Tamporello, Jr.

Absent: None

Also present were Mr. Charlie Solar, Jr., Chief Administrative Officer and Mr. Paul Landry, City Attorney.

The invocation was given by Deacon Matthew Glover.

There was no Positive Image recipient for the month of November.

Mrs. Bonnie Knobloch with the Basin Brew Fest requested permission to hold the annual festival on Saturday, April 13, 2024 (copy on file). She also asked permission to use the area under the US 90 Bridge in case of inclement weather. A motion to approve the request was made by Mr. Domangue, seconded by Mr. Stephens, and voted unanimously in favor.

Ms. Sarah Herrera said that the council had previously approved December 16, 2023 as the date for the Christmas Parade. She asked that the parade be moved to Friday, December 15, 2023 to allow for the Police Department Christmas party that was already scheduled for Saturday evening. A motion to hold the Christmas parade on December 15, 2023 was made by Pastor Bias, seconded by Mr. Hymel, and voted unanimously in favor.

In the matter of the Mayor's update, Mayor Dragna stated that Chief Cockerham had given him a writeup from Captain Patrick Haller regarding a recent call that the Fire Department was dispatched to. Captain John MacDougall said that Captain Patrick Haller, Captain Curley Dupuis, Operator Dale Crouch and Operator Justin Rogers had all been part of a call that required CPR until Acadian Ambulance service arrived on the scene. After fifteen minutes of continuous CPR, the patients pulse returned. The patient was then transported by AirMed conscious and alert. He stated that the training was beginning to pay off for residents of the city. Mayor Dragna and the council wanted Chief MacDougall to thank the Fire Department employees for all they do for the citizens.

Mayor Dragna stated that the Christmas Festival the previous Saturday had a phenomenal turnout and thanked all who were involved in making it a success. He said that it had exceeded all his expectations and he wanted to expand a bit for next year.

The minutes of the October 24, 2023 meeting were submitted. There being no corrections, additions, or deletions, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Pastor Bias, seconded by Mr. Tamporello, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mrs. Deborah Garber, Finance Director, submitted the following financial statement for the period ending October 31, 2023.

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MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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DATE: November 28, 2023  
TO: Mayor and Council  
FROM: Deborah Garber  
RE: Comments related to summary of revenues and expenses compared to budget for the period ended October 31, 2023.

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Attached is a summary that compares our actual revenues and expenses to our operational budget for our major funds subject to budgetary control for the period ending October 31, 2023. The following comments are related thereto:

General and Ancillary Funds: The actual total revenues are over budget by \$691,134. A few of the main overages are as follows:

Sales taxes	218,000
Occupational licenses	125,000
Fines	175,000
Lake End Park/Parkway	126,800

Operating expenses are below budget by \$762,967. The net loss of \$4,853,415 is a favorable variance of \$1,454,101 compared to the budget.

Utility Fund: Revenues are increasingly under budget by \$3,244,605. However, the operational expenses are also under budget \$2,624,013 with the cost of purchased power under budget \$2,268,800. The net income of \$4,917,918 creates an unfavorable budget variance in the amount of \$620,592. Approximately \$200,000 better than last month.

Sanitation and Sewer Fund: The operating revenues are \$150,214 under budget, with total operating expenses under budget \$262,482. The net loss of \$462,494 leaves another favorable budget variance of \$112,268

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Deborah Garber  
Deborah Garber  
Finance Director

CITY OF MORGAN CITY  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT  
Actual Revenues and Expenses Compared to Budget  
Period Ended October 31, 2023

	OCTOBER 2023	OCTOBER 2023	
GENERAL AND ANCILLARY FUNDS	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
<b>REVENUES</b>			
General Fund	5,953,178	5,475,969	477,209
Recreation Fund	89,878	52,569	37,309
Library Fund	13,462	11,673	1,789
Auditorium Fund	84,405	45,365	39,040
Lake End Park Fund	842,069	715,264	126,805
Cemetery			
Fund	138,794	125,002	13,792
State Prisoner Fund	167,328	172,138	(4,810)
Total Revenues	6,982,992	6,300,840	691,134
<b>EXPENSES-OPERATIONAL</b>			
General Fund	9,383,463	9,790,805	(407,342)
Recreation Fund	505,489	530,102	(24,613)
Library Fund	76,923	101,866	(24,943)
Auditorium Fund	400,579	425,503	(24,924)
Lake End Park Fund	721,436	887,010	(165,574)
Cemetery			
Fund	205,639	242,149	(36,510)
State Prisoner Fund	542,878	621,939	(79,061)
Total Expenses	11,836,407	12,599,374	(762,967)
Net Excess(Deficit)	(4,853,415)	(6,298,534)	1,454,101
<b>TRANSFERS</b>			
Transfers from Funds	3,792,930	3,628,333	164,597
Transfers to Funds	0	0	0
Net Transfers	3,792,930	3,628,333	164,597
EXCESS NET OF TRANSFERS	(1,060,485)	(2,670,201)	1,609,716
<b>UTILITY FUND</b>			
Total	20,422,779	23,667,384	(3,244,605)

Revenues			
Total Expenditures	15,504,861	18,128,874	(2,624,013)
Net Excess(Deficit)	4,917,918	5,538,510	(620,592)
Net Transfers and non-oper.	(2,705,304)	(2,860,854)	155,550
Excess net of transfers	2,212,614	2,677,656	(465,042)
SANITATION AND SEWER FUND			
Total			
Revenues	2,613,309	2,763,523	(150,214)
Total			
Expenses	3,075,803	3,338,285	(262,482)
Net Excess(Deficit)	(462,494)	(574,762)	112,268
Net Transfers/non-operating expenses	530,486	533,103	(2,617)
Excess net of transfers and non-operating	67,992	(41,659)	109,651

A motion to accept the financial statement was made by Mr. Tamporello, seconded by Mr. Domangue, and voted unanimously in favor.

The next matter on the agenda was the redistricting update. Mr. Josh Manning with South Central Planning said that all maps and information had been given to the Mayor and Council and a decision needed to be made as to what option they wanted to proceed with. The process needed to be completed by July 1, 2024 for the Secretary of State to have all documents completed in time for the upcoming election. Mayor Dragna asked if all councilmen agreed with the same choice. All Councilmen stated that they agreed with Alternative One. A motion was made by Pastor Bias to have South Central Planning move forward with Alternative One, seconded by Mr. Domangue, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mayor Dragna said the the election results needed to be canvassed; whereupon,

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Stephens and seconded by Mr. Domangue:

RESOLUTION NO. R: 23-46

A resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held in the City of Morgan City, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, October 14, 2023, to vote upon the adoption of an amendment to the Home Rule Charter of the City of Morgan City.

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

SECTION 1. Canvass. This Governing Authority does now proceed in open and public session to examine the official tabulations of votes cast at the special election held in the City of Morgan City, State of Louisiana, on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023 (the "Election"), to vote upon the adoption of an amendment to the Home Rule Charter of the City of Morgan City pursuant to the following proposition (the "Proposition"):

PROPOSITION  
(CHARTER AMENDMENT)

Shall Section 2-01(a) of the Home Rule Charter for the City of Morgan City be amended to read as follows:

(a) The legislative power of the city government shall be vested in a council consisting of five (5) members elected from single-member districts for four-year terms.

This Governing Authority does further proceed to examine and canvass the returns of the Election thereof.

SECTION 2. Election Results. According to the official certified tabulation of votes cast at said Election, there was a total of 1,927 votes cast IN FAVOR OF Proposition and a total of 636 votes cast AGAINST Proposition, resulting in a majority of 1,291 votes cast IN FAVOR OF Proposition. The Proposition was therefore duly CARRIED by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the Election.

SECTION 3. Promulgation of Election Result. The results of said election shall be promulgated by publication in the manner provided by law, after receipt from the Secretary of State's office of the actual costs of the election, as required by §18:1292 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended.

SECTION 4. Declaration. The foregoing results of the Election are hereby declared by this Governing Authority and shall be published as required by law.

SECTION 5. Procès Verbal. A Procès Verbal of the canvass of the returns of the Election shall be made and a certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who shall record the same in his office; another certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Recorder of Mortgages in and for the Parish of St. Mary, who shall record the same in the Mortgage Records of said Parish; and another copy thereof shall be retained in the archives of this Governing Authority.

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

YEAS: Stephens, Domangue, Bias, Hymel, Tamporello

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 28<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Clerk

/s/ Lee Dragna  
Mayor

PROCÈS VERBAL OF THE CANVASS OF THE VOTES CAST AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN THE CITY OF MORGAN CITY, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023.

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED that on Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., at its regular meeting place, the City Court Building, 7261 Hwy. 182 East, Morgan City, the Morgan City Council (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, State of Louisiana (the "City"), and being the authority ordering the special election held therein on Saturday, October 14, 2023, with a quorum of the Governing Authority present and did, in open and public session, examine the official certified tabulations of votes cast at the said election, and did examine and canvass the returns of the said election, there having been submitted at said election the following proposition, to wit:

PROPOSITION  
(CHARTER AMENDMENT)

Shall Section 2-01(a) of the Home Rule Charter for the City of Morgan City be amended to read as follows:

(a) The legislative power of the city government shall be vested in a council consisting of five (5) members elected from single-member districts for four-year terms?

There was found by said count and canvass that there was a total of 1,927 votes cast IN FAVOR OF Proposition and a total of 636 votes cast AGAINST Proposition, as hereinabove set forth, and it was further found and determined that there was a majority of 1,291 votes cast IN FAVOR OF Proposition as hereinabove set forth.

Therefore, the Governing Authority did declare and proclaim and does hereby declare and proclaim in open and public session that the Proposition as hereinabove set forth was duly CARRIED by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the said special election held in the City on Saturday, October 14, 2023.

Results by precinct are available from the Clerk of this Governing Authority during regular business hours or via the Louisiana Secretary of State's website ([voterportal.sos.la.gov](http://voterportal.sos.la.gov)).

Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part of this Procès Verbal is a copy of the Notice of Special Election and proof of publication thereof.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Morgan City, Louisiana, on this, the 28<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.

ATTEST:

/s/ Lee Dragna  
Mayor

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Clerk

EXHIBIT "A"

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Morgan City Council (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, State of Louisiana (the "City"), on April 25, 2023, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the City on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023, 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 proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION  
(CHARTER AMENDMENT)

Shall Section 2-01(a) of the Home Rule Charter for the City of Morgan City be amended to read as follows:

(a) The legislative power of the city government shall be vested in a council consisting of five (5) members elected from single-member districts for four-year terms?

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:

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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 \$2,100.

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, the City Court Building, 7261 Hwy. 182 East, Morgan City, Louisiana, on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2023, at SIX O'CLOCK (6:00) 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.

The next matter on the agenda was the Notice of Intent to Issue \$7,000,000 in Utility Revenue Bonds. Mr. Brennan Black, bond counsel with Foley & Judell, said that the City could borrow up to \$7,000,000 and that amount would be eligible for 49% forgiveness with a cap of \$3,000,000, and a notice of intention was required; whereupon,

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Hymel and seconded by Pastor Bias:

RESOLUTION NO R: 23-47

A resolution declaring the intention of the City of Morgan City, State of Louisiana, to issue Taxable Utilities Revenue Bonds in an amount not to exceed Seven Million Dollars (\$7,000,000), and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, the City of Morgan City, State of Louisiana (the "Issuer"), now owns and operates a combined utility system comprised of the electric light and power plants and systems, the drinking water plants and systems, and the natural gas transmission and distribution plants and systems (collectively, the "System") as a single revenue-producing work of public improvement; and

WHEREAS, the Morgan City Council (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Issuer, proposes that bonds be issued by the Issuer for the purpose of paying a portion of the costs of constructing and acquiring improvements, extensions, and replacements to the drinking water component of the System, including equipment and fixtures therefor, a work of public improvement for the Issuer (the "Project"), in the manner prescribed by and under the authority of Part II of Chapter 4 of Subtitle II of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority (the "Act"), to be payable solely from the income and revenues derived or to be derived from the operation of the System, after provision has been made for payment therefrom of all reasonable and necessary expenses of operating and maintaining the System (the "Net Revenues"); and

WHEREAS, the Governing Authority now desires to give notice of its intention pursuant to the Act to issue not exceeding \$7,000,000 of Utilities Revenue Bonds of the Issuer (the "Bonds"), to (i) pay a portion of the costs of the Project and (ii) pay the costs of issuance of the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Issuer has no outstanding bonds or other obligations of any kind or nature payable from or enjoying a lien on the Net Revenues, except its outstanding Utilities Revenue Bonds, Series 2009B (the "Outstanding Parity Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, it is expressly provided that the System excludes the City's sewer system;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan City Council, acting as the governing authority of the Issuer, that:

Intent to Issue Revenue Bonds. Pursuant to and in compliance with the provisions of the Act, this Governing Authority does hereby declare its intention to issue not exceeding Seven Million Dollars (\$7,000,000) of Taxable Utilities Revenue Bonds (the "Bonds") of the Issuer, in one or more series, the proceeds of which will be used to (i) pay a portion of the costs of the Project and (ii) pay the costs of issuance of the Bonds.

The Bonds shall be limited and special revenue bonds of the Issuer, shall be secured by and payable in principal and interest, equally with the Outstanding Parity Bonds, solely from the Net Revenues. The Bonds shall not be a charge on the other income and revenues of the Issuer, nor shall they constitute an indebtedness or pledge of the general credit of the Issuer. The Bonds shall be of such series, bear such date or dates, mature at such time or times (not to exceed 30 years from their date of issuance), bear interest at such rate or rates not exceeding 2.45% per annum, be in such denomination or denominations, be in fully registered form, carry such registration privileges, be payable in such medium of payment and at such place or places, be subject to such terms of prepayment and be entitled to such priorities on the income and revenues of the System as the Governing Authority may provide by ordinance(s) adopted at the time of issuance of the Bonds.

The Issuer will, in such ordinance(s), enter into such covenants with the future owner or owners of the Bonds as to the management and operation of the System, the imposition

and collection of rates and charges for the services rendered thereby, the disposition of such fees and revenues, the issuance of future bonds and the creation of future liens and encumbrances against the System and the revenues therefrom, the carrying of insurance on the System and the disposition of the proceeds of insurance, the keeping of books and records, and other pertinent matters as may be deemed proper by this Governing Authority to assure the marketability of the Bonds, consistent with the provisions of the Act and other applicable laws and regulations. Such ordinance(s) will also include remedies in case of default, provision for the issuance of parity bonds, and such additional covenants, agreements and provisions as are judged advisable or necessary by the Issuer for the security of the owners of the Bonds, including sinking funds and reserves for the payment of principal and interest on the Bonds and an adequate depreciation fund for those repairs, extensions and improvements to the System as may be necessary to assure adequate and efficient service to the public, all as provided by the Act.

Sale of Bonds. The Bonds are expected to be sold at a private sale to the Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund of the State of Louisiana and may be issued and sold in installments as needed, all as provided for in the Act.

Public Hearing. This Governing Authority will meet in open and public session, on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at six o'clock (6:00) p.m., at the City Court Building, 7261 Hwy. 182 East, Morgan City, Louisiana 70380, or at an earlier or later regular or special meeting of the Governing Authority to be determined by the Governing Authority, in consultation with bond counsel and duly advertised in the manner provided by law, to hear any objections to the proposed issuance of the Bonds; provided, however, if at such hearing a petition or petitions duly signed by the electors of the Issuer in an aggregate number not less than five percent (5%) of the number of the electors of the Issuer voting in the last election held in the Issuer object to the issuance of the Bonds, then the Bonds shall not be issued until approved by a vote of a majority of the qualified electors of the Issuer who vote at a special election held for that purpose in the manner provided by law. Any such petition shall be accompanied by a certificate of the St. Mary Parish Registrar of Voters certifying that the signers of the petition are registered electors of the Issuer and the number of signers amounts to not less than five percent (5%) of the registered voters that voted in the last election held in the Issuer, all as provided by the Act.

Notice of Intention. The Clerk of the Council is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to publish an appropriate notice of the intention of the Issuer to issue the Bonds in accordance with the provisions of this resolution and the Act. Such notice of intention shall be published in four (4) consecutive weekly issues of the official journal of the Issuer, and shall be substantially in the form attached as Exhibit A hereto, with any such changes as may be necessary upon the advice of bond counsel.

State Bond Commission. Application is hereby made to the State Bond Commission, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, for approval of the Bonds as described above. A certified copy of this resolution shall be submitted to the State Bond Commission, together with a request for prompt consideration and approval of this application.

By virtue of the Issuer's application for, acceptance and utilization of the benefits of the Louisiana State Bond Commission's approval(s) resolved and set forth herein, it resolves that the Issuer understands and agrees that such approval(s) are expressly conditioned upon, and it further resolves that it understands, agrees and binds itself, its successors and assigns, to full and continuing compliance with the "State Bond Commission Policy on Approval of Proposed Use of Swaps, or other forms of Derivative Products Hedges, Etc.", adopted by the State Bond Commission on July 20, 2006, as to the borrowing(s) and other matter(s) subject to the approval(s), including subsequent application and approval under said Policy of the implementation or use of any swap(s) or other product(s) or enhancement(s) covered thereby.

Employment of Bond Counsel. This Governing Authority finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of special counsel in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, and accordingly, Foley & Judell, L.L.P., of New Orleans, Louisiana, as Bond Counsel, is hereby employed to do and perform work of a traditional legal nature as bond counsel with respect to the issuance and sale of said Bonds. Said Bond Counsel shall prepare and submit to this Governing Authority for adoption all of the proceedings incidental to the authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of such Bonds, shall counsel and advise this Governing Authority as to the issuance and sale thereof and shall furnish its opinions covering the legality of the issuance of the Bonds. The fee of Bond Counsel for each series of bonds shall be fixed at a sum not exceeding the fee allowed by the Attorney General's fee guidelines for such bond counsel work and based on the amount of said Bonds actually

issued, sold, delivered and paid for, plus "out-of-pocket" expenses, said fees to be contingent upon the issuance, sale and delivery of said Bonds. The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute, and this Governing Authority hereby agrees to and accepts the terms of, the engagement letter of Bond Counsel appended hereto as Exhibit B. A certified copy of this resolution shall be submitted to the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana for his written approval of said employment and of the fees herein designated, and the Director of Finance is hereby empowered and directed to provide for payment of the work herein specified upon completion thereof and under the conditions herein enumerated without further approval of this Governing Authority.

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

YEAS: Louis Tamporello, Tim Hymel, Ron Bias, Steve Domangue, Mark Stephens

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 28<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Clerk of the Council

/s/ Lee Dragna  
Mayor

#### **EXHIBIT A**

### **NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE NOT EXCEEDING \$7,000,000 OF TAXABLE UTILITIES REVENUE BONDS OF THE CITY OF MORGAN CITY, STATE OF LOUISIANA**

As provided by a resolution adopted by the Morgan City Council (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, State of Louisiana (the "City"), on November 28, 2023, the City HEREBY DECLARES ITS INTENTION to issue up to Seven Million Dollars (\$7,000,000) of Taxable Utilities Revenue Bonds (the "Bonds") for the purpose of paying a portion of the costs of constructing and acquiring improvements, extensions, and replacements to the drinking water component of the City's combined utility system comprised of the electric light and power plants and systems, the drinking water plants and systems, and the natural gas transmission and distribution plants and systems (collectively, the "System").

The Bonds shall be limited and special revenue bonds of the City and shall be secured by and payable, equally with the City's outstanding Utilities Revenue Bonds, Series 2009B, solely from the income and revenues derived or to be derived from the operation of the System, after provision has been made for payment therefrom of all reasonable and necessary expenses of operating and maintaining the System. The Bonds will not be a charge on the other income and revenues of the City, nor shall they constitute an indebtedness or pledge of the general credit of the City. The Bonds will be issued pursuant to Part II of Chapter 4 of Subtitle II of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority (the "Act").

The Bonds will be issued in one or more series as authorized by ordinance(s) adopted by the Governing Authority, will mature not later than 30 years from their date of issuance, will bear interest at rates not more than 2.45% per annum, and will be subject to prepayment anytime without penalty.

As provided by the Act, all of the other details of the Bonds will be set forth in the ordinance(s) authorizing their issuance, including the following: covenants relating to the management and operation of the System, the imposition and collection of rates and charges from the System's customers, the expenditure of such rates and charges, the issuance of future bonds and the creation of future liens and encumbrances against the System and all other pertinent matters as may be necessary to the authorization and issuance of the Bonds.

The Bonds are expected to be sold at a private sale, as provided for in the Act, to the Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund of the State of Louisiana, and the Bonds will also be approved by the State Bond Commission prior to their delivery.

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Governing Authority will meet in open and public session on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at six o'clock (6:00) p.m., at the City Court



Building, 7261 Hwy. 182 East, Morgan City, Louisiana 70380, to hear any objections to the proposed issuance of the Bonds. If at such hearing a petition duly signed by electors of the City in a number not less than five percent (5%) of the number of such electors voting in the last election held in the City object to the issuance of the Bonds, then the Bonds shall not be issued until approved at an election held for that purpose. Any such petition must be accompanied by a certificate of the St. Mary Parish Registrar of Voters certifying that the signers of the petition(s) are registered electors of the City and the number of signers amounts to not less than five percent (5%) of the registered voters that voted in the last election held in the City, all as provided by the Act.

CITY OF MORGAN CITY, STATE OF  
LOUISIANA

**EXHIBIT B**

## ENGAGEMENT LETTER

November 28, 2023

Hon. Lee Dragna, Mayor  
City of Morgan City  
Morgan City, Louisiana

Re: Proposed Taxable Utilities Revenue  
Bonds of the City of Morgan City, State  
of Louisiana

Dear Mayor Dragna:

The purpose of this engagement letter is to set forth certain matters concerning the role we will serve and the legal services we will provide as bond counsel to the City of Morgan City, State of Louisiana (the "Issuer") in connection with the issuance of the captioned bonds (the "Bonds"). We understand that the Bonds will be issued for the purpose (the "Project") described in the resolution adopted by the Morgan City Council (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Issuer, on November 28, 2023.

As bond counsel, we will prepare and submit to the Governing Authority for adoption all of the legal proceedings required for the authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds and provide advice of a traditional legal nature as to the issuance and sale of the Bonds. Our job is principally to render certain opinions to the Issuer regarding the validity of the Bonds under applicable Louisiana law and other matters as may be applicable. The bond opinion will be based on facts and law existing as of its date. In rendering such opinion, we will rely upon the certified proceedings and other certifications of public officials and other persons furnished to our firm without undertaking to verify the same by independent investigation, and we will assume continuing compliance by the Issuer with applicable laws and other resolutions relating to the Bonds. During the course of this engagement, we will rely upon the staff of the Issuer and the members of the Governing Authority to provide us with complete and timely information on all developments pertaining to any aspect of the Bonds.

In our engagement as bond counsel, we will:

- Confer with members of the working group, including you and other officials of the Issuer, relating to the Project and review legal issues relating to the structure of the Bond issue;
- Prepare the Issuing Bond Ordinance and all related financing documents (collectively, the "Bond Documents");
- Attend meetings of the Governing Authority at which the Bond Documents are adopted;
- Prepare the application for approval of the issuance of the Bonds by the State Bond Commission and attend the State Bond Commission meeting at which such approval will be considered;
- Prepare the closing index and various closing certificates and supervise the execution of certain closing documents by the various parties thereto;

- Prepare the Bonds and supervise their execution and authentication;
- Prepare complete transcripts of record covering the issuance of the Bonds and furnishing the transcripts to various parties in connection therewith; and
- Submit applicable post-closing reports to the State Bond Commission.

Our fee as bond counsel is based upon the terms, structure, size and schedule of the financing, the services provided, and the responsibilities assumed; however, our fee will not exceed that permitted by guidelines set forth by the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana and is subject to his approval. Our fee as bond counsel is a "contingent fee," meaning you are required to pay for our legal services only in the event the Bonds are actually sold and delivered. Other vendors or members of the working group may charge additional fees or costs for their services, which may not be contingent upon a successful delivery.

We will continue to serve as bond counsel until the delivery of the Bonds; however, the Issuer and our firm each have the right to terminate this engagement at any time after providing reasonable advanced written notice, subject to the applicable rules of professional responsibility. Upon conclusion or termination of our representation of the Issuer, papers and property furnished by the Issuer will be returned promptly upon request.

Please note that we are not municipal advisors, and we do not render financial advice or other financial services to the Issuer; however, in the course of providing traditional legal services, we may provide factual information to the Issuer that is not specifically tailored to the Bonds or that does not rise to the level of a recommendation concerning a course of action. We will, however, analyze and advise the Issuer regarding the legal ramifications of the structure, timing, terms and other provisions of the Bonds, as these functions are essential to developing a plan of finance.

Applicable ethical rules in Louisiana prohibit us from undertaking this representation if we represent another party that is directly adverse to the Issuer or if there is a significant risk that other considerations will materially limit our representation of the Issuer. We understand that the Bonds are to be sold to the Revolving Loan Fund (the "Fund") operated by the Louisiana Department of Health (the "Department"). Our firm is currently engaged by the Department as its counsel in connection with loans made by the Fund; therefore, we are obligated by Louisiana Rules of Professional Conduct to consult with you and obtain your written consent and waiver of any conflict of interest to provide the requested services as bond counsel to the Issuer.

The nature of our assignments is such that we do not believe our engagement will adversely impact any existing professional relationship with the Issuer or the Department. Loans made by the Fund have defined terms and conditions that are either set by the Department or required by applicable federal or state law, rule or regulation. Our role as Department counsel will be limited to ensuring compliance with the Fund's programmatic requirements, and our role as bond counsel to the Issuer, as set forth above, will be limited to ensuring the Bonds are valid and binding obligations, issued in accordance with those federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations applicable to the Issuer. We believe the interests of the Department and the Issuer are currently aligned, which minimizes the risk we will be asked to favor either party; nonetheless, to ensure we do not violate our ethical obligations, we affirm that we will not advocate on behalf of either party. Be advised that if a legal dispute arises between the Issuer and the Department, our firm cannot and will not represent either party in any litigation. We understand you will be represented by your general counsel during this process as well.

As you are further aware, our firm represents the State of Louisiana and many other political subdivisions, including others in St. Mary Parish. At this time, we do not believe any other current or past engagement of our firm adversely affects our ability to represent the Issuer as provided in this letter; however, we invite you to discuss any concerns you have with us.

In the interest of facilitating our services to you, we may (i) send documents, information or data electronically or via the Internet or (ii) store electronic documents or data via computer software applications hosted remotely or utilize cloud-based storage. Confidential electronic documents or data of the Issuer may be transmitted or stored using these methods. We may use third party service providers to store or transmit these documents or data. In using these electronic communication and storage methods, we employ reasonable efforts to keep such communications, documents and data secure in accordance with our obligations under

applicable laws, regulations, and professional standards; however, the Issuer recognizes and accepts that we have no control over the unauthorized interception or breach of any communications, documents or data once it has been transmitted or if it has been subject to unauthorized access while stored, notwithstanding all reasonable security measures employed by us or by our third party service providers. By acceptance of this letter, the Issuer consents to our use of these electronic devices and applications and submission of confidential client information to or through third party service providers during this engagement.

If this letter is acceptable to the Issuer, please so indicate by executing below and returning a copy to us, retaining an original for your files. By signing this letter, you acknowledge that you have read and understand the foregoing, and on behalf of the Issuer, expressly waive any conflict of interest that may exist and consent to Foley & Judell, L.L.P.'s provision of the services described herein. Your execution of this letter is a representation that such execution has been duly authorized and that this waiver is knowingly made, valid and enforceable.

We appreciate the opportunity to serve the Issuer and look forward to working with you.

FOLEY & JUDELL, L.L.P.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Brennan K. Black, Partner

Accepted and Approved:  
CITY OF MORGAN CITY, LOUISIANA

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Lee Dragna  
Title: Mayor  
Date: November 28, 2023

Mayor Dragna said that the jail had an old camera system that needed to be declared surplus; whereupon,

Mr. Domangue offered the following Resolution, who moved for its adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. R: 23-48

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, that the item shown below are hereby declared surplus and no longer needed:

1. Jail Camera System, 4 monitors, cameras, miscellaneous cords, adapters, remotes and mice.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, etc., that said items be sold either by auction or by receiving bids.

Mr. Tamporello seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Domangue, Tamporello, Bias, Hymel, Stephens  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

The Resolution was therefore declared approved and adopted this 28<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.

/s/ Lee Dragna  
Lee Dragna, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

The first reading of the 2023 Amended Budget Ordinance was opened. No definitive action was necessary.

The first reading of the Urban Camping Ordinance was opened. Mayor Dragna stated that the City had no laws on the books for the Police Department or other employees to enforce. The Police Chief had asked that something be put into place. He stated that this ordinance was modeled after one from the City of Broussard. He said it would also establish closing times for the parks when they were not being used for an event. No definitive action was necessary.

The public hearing for the Sign and Billboard Regulation Ordinance was opened. No one appeared for or against said ordinance; whereupon,

This ordinance was introduced with a first reading on October 24, 2023. Published by title on October 27, 2023.

Pastor Bias offered the following ordinance, who moved for its adoption.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-13

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REENACTING CHAPTER 126, ZONING, ARTICLE V – SIGN AND BILLBOARD REGULATIONS, SEC. 126-157. GENERAL RESTRICTIONS

SECTION 1

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, Louisiana, that Section 126-157 of Chapter 126 Zoning, Article V is hereby amended and re-enacted, said section to read as follows:

Chapter 126  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Zoning  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Article V – Sign and Billboard Regulations  
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Sec. 126-157. General Restrictions  
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(6) Temporary signs:

a. Temporary signs indicating an event of public interest, such as a state or local fair, a cattle or horse show, etc., may be erected with size restrictions limited to the district in which the temporary signs are located.

b. All temporary signs shall be permitted in all zoned districts. In districts zoned residential and business, such signs shall not exceed 48 inches by 48 inches and shall not be displayed earlier than 90 days prior to the date of the event made subject of the temporary sign. All such signs shall be removed within 48 hours after they are no longer valid and shall be exempt from permit fees and deposit requirements.

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SECTION 2

Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase be declared unconstitutional or repealed for any reason, the remainder of the ordinance shall not be affected hereby. That all laws or parts of laws in conflict with this ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed. This ordinance shall take effect immediately after its passage within the time prescribed by law.

Mr. Tamporello seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Bias, Tamporello, Domangue, Hymel, Stephens  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

Certified approved and adopted this 28<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.

Delivered to Mayor Dragna at 1:30 pm, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.

/s/ Debbie Harrington

Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Approved this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.

/s/ Lee Dragna  
Lee Dragna, Mayor

Received from Mayor at 2:00 pm on November 30, 2023.

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Published: December 6, 2023

The public hearing for the Service Charges for Garbage pickup and Collection Ordinance was opened. No one appeared for or against the ordinance; whereupon,

This ordinance was introduced with a first reading on October 24, 2023. Published by title on October 27, 2023.

Mr. Domangue offered the following ordinance, who moved for its adoption.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-14

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MORGAN CITY AMENDING AND REENACTING SECTION 90-40, SERVICE CHARGES FOR PICKUP AND COLLECTION OF CHAPTER 90, SOLID WASTE, ARTICLE II, PICKUP AND COLLECTION, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MORGAN CITY.

SECTION 1

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, Louisiana, that Section 90-40 of the code of ordinances be amended and reenacted as follows:

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**Sec. 90-40. - Service charges for pickup and collection.**

(a) Monthly charges for pickup and collection of solid waste shall be due and payable by the owner, manager, agent or occupant and shall be billed by the city on the monthly utility bill.

- (1) Commercial (residential size can), per month (per can) \$3.00 + Contractor Cost
- (2) Residential, per month (per can) \$3.00 + Contractor Cost
- (3) Housing authority, per month (per can) \$3.00 + Contractor Cost

Price Adjustment – if the rate per sanitation provider increases, the City will adjust their price accordingly. Whereas the provider increases their wholesale rate by \$1.00 per can, the City will increase their price by \$1.00.

(b) Annually the charges for pickup and collection of solid waste can be adjusted using the most recent CPI as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics Table 1. Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U).

SECTION 2

Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase be declared unconstitutional or repealed for any reason, the remainder of the ordinance shall not be affected hereby. That all laws or parts of laws in conflict with this ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed. This ordinance shall take effect immediately after its passage within the time prescribed by law.

Mr. Stephens seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES:	Domangue, Stephens, Bias, Hymel, Tamporello
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None

Certified approved and adopted this 28<sup>th</sup> day of November 28, 2023.

Delivered to Mayor Dragna at 1:30 pm, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Approved this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.

/s/ Lee Dragna  
Lee Dragna, Mayor

Received from Mayor Dragna at 2:00 pm, on November 30, 2023.

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Published: December 6, 2023

The public hearing for the Directional Boring Ordinance was opened. No one appeared for or against the ordinance; whereupon,

This ordinance was introduced with a first reading on October 24, 2023. Published by title on October 27, 2023.

Mr. Stephens offered the following ordinance, who moved for its adoption.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-15

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MORGAN CITY ENACTING SECTION 110-2. DIRECTIONAL BORING AND TRENCHING PERMITS TO CHAPTER 110. UTILITIES, ARTICLE I – IN GENERAL TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MORGAN CITY

SECTION 1

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, Louisiana, that Chapter 110 of the code of ordinances be enacted as follows:

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Chapter 110 – Utilities  
Article I. In General  
Section 110-2. Directional Boring and Trenching Permits

1: *Purpose and Intent*

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish regulations and procedures for the installation of underground utilities, including pipe, wire, and cable installation within the City right-of-way, and infrastructure within the city limits of Morgan City, LA using directional boring techniques or open trenching. The ordinance seeks to ensure the safe, efficient, and organized installation of such utilities while minimizing disruption to public rights-of-way and existing infrastructure. This includes but is not limited to fiber cables, PVC, P.E., etc.

2: *Definitions*

*Directional Boring:* A method of underground utility installation that involves drilling a horizontal hole beneath the ground surface without disturbing the ground above, typically using a guided drilling rig.

*Permittee:* The actual owner of the utility line to be placed in the directional bore. The "Permittee" is responsible for applying for and obtaining any permits necessary to conduct directional boring within the city limits.

*Right of Way:* The area of land typically used for public infrastructure, such as roads, sidewalks, and utility corridors, owned by the City of Morgan City.

3: *Permit Requirements*

(a) *Permit Application:* Prior to conducting any directional boring activities within the city limits, the owner of the utility line, "Permittee", must submit a permit application to the City of Morgan City Planning and Zoning Department. The application shall include, but is not limited to, the following information:

- (1) Proposed project location, including streets, sidewalks, and public rights-of-way affected.
- (2) Detailed project plans, including the proposed route of the bore, depth, size, and type of utility to be installed.
- (3) Timeline for project completion.
- (4) Contact information for the "Permittee", and any contractors involved in the project.

(b) *State/Federal Permit:* Any individual, company, or entity seeking to engage in boring activities along state or federal lands, highways, or other roadways within the

jurisdiction of the City of Morgan City, regardless of possessing a valid state or federal issued permit for such activities, shall also be required to obtain a separate boring permit from the City of Morgan City. The City Boring Permit shall be obtained in addition to any permits or authorizations issued by relevant state agencies. The issuance of a state/federal highway permit shall not exempt the permit holder from the obligation to secure a City Boring Permit as specified herein.

Prior to commencing any boring activities on federal land within the City of Morgan City, the permit holder shall be responsible for promptly notifying and liaising with the appropriate federal personnel, agencies, or departments, as required by federal regulations. The permit holder shall also provide proof of such notification to the City of Morgan City as part of the application process for the City Boring Permit.

The application process for the City Boring Permit involving federal land shall include, but not be limited to, providing documentation of federal notification and coordination efforts, along with any other information deemed necessary by the City of Morgan City to assess the potential impact of the boring activities on local infrastructure, traffic, and safety.

- (c) *Maximum Bore Length:* A maximum of 1500 feet per directional bore is allowed per permit. *Maximum Permits per Organization:* No utility or their subsidiary shall hold more than five (5) permits at a time.
- (d) *Review and Approval:* The City of Morgan City Planning and Zoning Department, Gas Department Superintendent, Utility Director, and Public Works Director shall review the permit application for compliance with all relevant city ordinances, regulations, and safety standards. Approval of the permit shall be granted upon successful review of the permit application, subject to any necessary conditions or modifications.
- (e) *Fees:* A non-refundable permit fee shall be paid at the time of application submission. There will be a \$750.00 base fee for the permit. Fees may vary based on the scope and impact of the directional boring project.
- (f) *Updated Approved Plans:* The "Permittee" shall adhere to the project plans that were approved. Any modifications or changes to the approved plans must be submitted for review to the parties who approved the initial application for approval before implementation.
- (g) *On-Site Representative:* The Planning and Zoning Department or its designated representatives must be present on-site during directional boring operations, in accordance with the City of Morgan City's Gas Distribution Integrity Management Plan (DIMP). The City of Morgan City designated representative maintains the right to shut down a job in the event of emergency, or unforeseen conflict at no expense to itself.

#### 4: Construction Standards and Best Practices

- (a) *Environmental Protection:* The "Permittee" shall take all necessary measures to prevent soil erosion, sedimentation, and contamination during and after the directional boring process. Proper disposal of refuse is the responsibility of the contractor.
- (b) *Traffic Management:* The "Permittee" shall develop a traffic management plan to minimize disruption to vehicular and pedestrian traffic during directional boring operations. The plan shall be submitted to and approved by the Planning and Zoning Department prior to commencement of work.
- (c) *Public Notification:* The "Permittee" shall provide advance notice to affected residents and businesses in the vicinity of the directional boring project, informing them of the nature, duration, and potential impacts of the work. The "Permittee" may be required to provide proof to the City that notification has gone out to affected residents.
- (d) *Minimum Clearance:* When crossing or running along any city utility, the new utility must maintain a vertical and horizontal distance of a minimum of three (3) feet.
- (e) *Potholing/Daylighting:* When crossing any city utility, the existing utilities must be exposed to ensure clearance and placement of new utility being bored.
- (f) *Boring:* Boring can only take place on City of Morgan City business days during the hours of 7:00A.M. and 4:00P.M. (local time). The boring head must be out of the ground at the end of the business day.
- (g) *Safety:* All boring pits, vault installation, or anything associated with the excavation activity, must be secured, to prevent injury.
- (h) *Requirements:* Before any bore can begin the "Permittee", or their representative must have a copy of the signed approved plans.

5: *Responsibilities*

Repairs: Any damages that are made to existing City infrastructure or private property are the responsibility of the "Permittee".

6: *Scheduling and Notice Requirements*

Scheduling and Coordination: The "Permittee" must schedule the directional boring activities with the City of Morgan City Planning and Zoning Department and Gas Department Superintendent. A minimum of two (2) days' notice must be given. Due to personnel being required on site during the boring, only one boring rig at any time will be allowed. The "Permittee" must also provide all required notifications and information as stipulated by the regulations of the "811 Call Before You Dig" program. Information can be found at the Louisiana One-Call website, or by calling 811.

7: *Future Utility Relocation*

Notice of Relocation: The City of Morgan City may require, by written notice, that the owner of the utility line relocate the line at their own cost if the utility needs to be relocated due to city infrastructure projects or other justifiable reasons.

8: *Utility Vaults and Upkeep*

Utility Vaults: Any utility vaults required for the installation of underground utilities shall be the responsibility of the utility owner, or their subsidy. This responsibility includes the upkeep, maintenance, and repair of the utility vaults, including but not limited to, cement replacement when located within sidewalks.

9: *Enforcement and Penalties*

Inspections: The Planning and Zoning Department or its designated representatives shall conduct inspections throughout the directional boring process to ensure compliance with the terms of the permit and this ordinance.

Non-compliance and Penalties: Failure to obtain a permit or adhere to the provisions of this ordinance may result in penalties, fines, and/or revocation of the permit.

10: *Severability.*

Should any section, clause, paragraph, provision, or part of this ordinance for any reason be held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, this act shall not affect the validity of any other section, clause, paragraph, provision, or part of this ordinance. All provisions of this ordinance shall be considered separate provisions, and completely severable from all other portions.

SECTION 2

Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase be declared unconstitutional or repealed for any reason, the remainder of the ordinance shall not be affected hereby. That all laws or parts of laws in conflict with this ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed. This ordinance shall take effect immediately after its passage within the time prescribed by law.

Pastor Bias seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Stephens, Bias, Domangue, Hymel, Tamporello  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

Certified approved and adopted this 28<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.

Delivered to Mayor Dragna at 1:30 pm, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Approved this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.

/s/ Lee Dragna  
Lee Dragna, Mayor

Received from Mayor at 2:00 pm on November 30, 2023.

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington, Clerk



Published: December 6, 2023

The public hearing for the 2024 Budget was the next matter on the agenda. No one appeared for or against said ordinance; whereupon,

This Ordinance introduced with first reading on September 26, 2023 and a second reading on October 24, 2023. Published by title on September 29, 2023 and October 27, 2023.

Mr. Tamporello offered the following Ordinance, who moved for its adoption.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-16

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF MORGAN CITY, LOUISIANA ADOPTING AN OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024.

SECTION 1

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council, the governing authority of the City of Morgan City, Louisiana, that:

Section 1

The attached detailed estimate of revenues as reflected in the consolidated statement, the supporting line item budget, and other such fiscal exhibits and information as required by the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act are ready for approval and adoption to serve as the Budget of Revenues for the City for the Fiscal Year January 1 to December 31, 2024.

Section 2

The attached detailed statement of expenditures as reflected in the consolidated statement, the supporting line item budget and other such fiscal exhibits and information as required by the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act are ready for approval and adoption to serve as the Budget of Expenditures for the City for Fiscal Year January 1 to December 31, 2024.

Section 3

The adoption of the Budget of Expenditures as reflected in the attached line item budget containing account object of expenditure classifications shall be declared to be the appropriation of the amounts set therein as established in each budget classification by object of expenditure.

Section 4

The amounts appropriated for all accounts shall not exceed the amounts fixed therefore in the Budget of Expenditures; however, nothing contained in this section shall be construed to prohibit the governing authority from amending or making an appropriation to and for a contingent fund to be used in cases of emergency.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, etc., that the budget for fiscal year January 1 to December 31, 2024, as attached hereto and made a part hereof be and the same is hereby approved.

Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase be declared unconstitutional or repealed for any reason, the remainder of the ordinance shall not be affected hereby. That all laws or parts of laws in conflict with this ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed. This ordinance shall take effect immediately after its passage within the time prescribed by law.

Mr. Hymel seconded the motion.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Tamporello, Hymel, Bias, Domangue, Stephens  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

Certified approved and adopted this 28<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.

Delivered to Mayor Dragna at 1:30 PM, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Approved this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.

/s/ Lee Dragna  
Lee Dragna, Mayor

Received from Mayor Dragna at 2:00 PM on November 30, 2023.

/s/ Debbie Harrington  
Debbie Harrington, Clerk

Published: December 6, 2023

**CITY OF MORGAN CITY  
CONSOLIDATED BUDGET  
DECEMBER 31, 2024**

	ORIGINAL BUDGET 2023	AMENDED BUDGET 2023	PROJECTED ACTUAL 2023	PROPOSED BUDGET 2024	2024 BUDGET						Percentage change from PY Inc (Dec)	
					GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	DEBT SERVICE	UTILITY SYSTEM	INTERNAL SERVICE		FIDUCIARY TRUST
<b>REVENUES:</b>												
Taxes	8,713,041	8,838,285	10,012,295	10,907,223	5,940,306	4,966,917		-				9%
Licenses and permits	856,500	856,500	981,535	978,500	973,000				5,500			0%
Charges for services	1,405,470	1,405,470	1,438,880	1,385,600	64,000	1,321,600						-4%
Intergovernmental	7,828,985	7,837,998	3,952,011	18,037,554	981,600	187,700	16,868,254		-			356%
Fines and forfeits	267,750	337,276	560,038	467,500	457,500	10,000						-17%
Special assessments	25,000	25,000	62,000	25,000			25,000					
Utility operations	30,431,649	30,654,610	27,098,018	27,696,488					27,696,488			2%
Utility interest earned	2,500	2,500	70,875	50,000					50,000			-29%
Internal Service revenues	2,425,000	2,425,000	1,655,000	2,000,000						2,000,000		21%
-	-	-	-	-								
Miscellaneous	603,392	853,394	1,145,215	824,835	315,500	329,330	10,000	-	80,000	40,005	50,000	-28%
Total Revenues	52,559,287	53,236,033	46,975,867	62,372,700	8,731,906	6,815,547	16,903,254	-	27,831,988	2,040,005	50,000	33%
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>												
General government	3,258,352	3,275,352	3,673,999	3,661,495	3,661,495			-				0%
Public safety												
Police	4,600,846	4,605,645	4,897,084	4,803,949	4,088,086	715,863						-2%
Fire	2,779,264	2,779,264	3,011,159	2,907,189	2,865,091	42,098						-3%

Public Works	2,153,830	2,124,264	1,719,087	2,256,321	1,555,734	630,587	70,000				31%	
Recreation/Culture/Pub Pro	2,821,820	2,821,210	2,621,309	3,054,085	130,751	2,873,334				50,000	17%	
Emergency Assistance	-	-	3,733	-		-					-100%	
Sanitation and sewer	4,425,623	4,425,623	3,890,432	4,489,925		-			4,489,925		15%	
Utility operations	21,397,557	21,392,557	18,857,492	21,026,970					21,026,970		12%	
Internal services operations	2,062,247	2,062,247	1,679,589	1,850,000						1,850,000	10%	
Capital outlay	5,522,799	6,933,670	1,601,504	17,876,000	126,000	850,000	16,900,000	-		-	1016%	
Debt service-												
Principal retirement	-	-	-	-							0%	
Interest and fiscal	47,098	47,098	47,656	47,098	5,000	42,098					-1%	
Enterprise interest & fiscal	110,561	110,561	114,339	117,860					117,860		3%	
Total Expenditures	49,179,997	50,577,491	42,117,383	62,090,892	12,432,157	5,153,980	16,970,000	-	25,634,755	1,850,000	50,000	47%

**CITY OF MORGAN CITY  
CONSOLIDATED BUDGET  
DECEMBER 31, 2024**

	ORIGINAL BUDGET 2023	AMENDED BUDGET 2023	PROJECTED ACTUAL 2023	PROPOSED BUDGET 2024	2024 BUDGET						Percentage change from PY Inc (Dec)	
					GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	DEBT SERVICE	ENTERPRISE FUNDS	INTERNAL SERVICE		FIDUCIARY TRUST
Excess (deficiency)	3,379,290	2,658,542	4,858,485	281,808	(3,700,252)	1,661,567	(66,746)	-	2,197,233	190,005	-	
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>												
Proceeds from debt												0%
Insurance Proceeds												0%
Operating transfers in	7,827,078	8,129,578	7,042,416	6,635,500	3,462,500	1,623,000	50,000	-	1,500,000	-	-	-6%
Operating transfers out	(7,827,078)	(8,129,578)	(7,042,416)	(6,635,500)	(1,348,000)	(1,657,500)	-	-	(3,630,000)	-	-	-6%
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	-	(0)	-	2,114,500	(34,500)	50,000	-	(2,130,000)	-	-	
Excess (deficiency)	3,379,290	2,658,542	4,858,485	281,808	(1,585,752)	1,627,067	(16,746)	-	67,233	190,005	-	
Fund balances/retained earnings, beginning	27,211,792	27,211,792	27,211,792	31,981,799	2,450,150	7,475,998	522,355	-	19,960,310	1,054,356	518,630	
Fund balance/retained earnings, ending	30,591,082	29,870,334	32,070,277	32,263,606	864,398	9,103,065	505,609	-	20,027,543	1,244,361	518,630	

Mayor Dragna said the 2024 Class “A” and “B” Liquor License Renewals were the next matter on the agenda. A motion to approve the renewals was made by Pastor Bias, seconded by Mr. Hymel. The vote thereon was as follows: Yeas: Bias, Hymel, Stephens, Tamporello, Nays: None, and Abstain: Domangue.

The Class “A” Liquor and Beer application for AJ’s Second Street Pub was the next matter on the agenda. A motion to approve the application was made by Mr. Hymel, seconded by Mr. Stephens, and voted unanimously in favor.

The Class “B” Liquor and Beer application for Family Dollar Store was next. A motion to approve the application was made by Mr. Tamporello, seconded by Mr. Stephens, and voted unanimously in favor.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Pastor Bias, seconded by Mr. Hymel and voted unanimously in favor.

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Debbie Harrington  
Clerk  
Adv. Dec. 13, 2023

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Lee Dragna  
Mayor