

ORDINANCE NO. O-###-2020

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF GRAND COTEAU, THE TOWN OF SUNSET, THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON, THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS, AND THE PARISH OF ST. LANDRY IN SUPPORT OF THE I-49 MIDWAY CORRIDOR PROJECT

BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Opelousas City Council, that:

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Economic and Industrial Development District (“SLED”) determined a need for a unified vision of the I-49 Midway Corridor (“Corridor”) Segments I, II, III, and the interactions therein with Segment IV (Washington, Opelousas, Sunset, Grand Coteau, and Carencro);

WHEREAS, the Acadiana Planning Commission, Inc. (“APC”) entered into a Planning Services Agreement with the SLED in order to perform research, inventory, grant development, organization, and implementation relating to the vision for the Corridor;

WHEREAS, the Planning Services provided by the APC rely heavily upon the engagement, collaboration, and support of property owners, residents, and businesses in the Corridor;

WHEREAS, the Planning Services further necessitate the cooperation of the municipalities within the Corridor project boundaries;

WHEREAS, the City of Opelousas and the Town of Grand Coteau, the Town of Sunset, the Town of Washington, and the Parish of St. Landry, desire to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement for the purposes of collaborating on a vision for the I-49 Midway Corridor Project; and

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 14(C) of the 1974 Constitution of the State of Louisiana and La. R.S. 33:1324, *et seq.* provide that, for a public purpose, public entities, parishes, municipalities, and political subdivisions may engage in and make cooperative endeavor agreements/intergovernmental agreements between themselves for specific purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the City of Opelousas City Council, that:

SECTION 1: All of the aforescribed “Whereas” clauses are adopted as part of this ordinance.

SECTION 5: The City of Opelousas City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor, or his designee, to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests, etc., which may be necessary for the purposes of the aforementioned agreement.

SECTION 6: All ordinances or resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 7: This ordinance shall become effective upon signature of the Mayor, the elapse of ten (10) days after receipt by Mayor without signature or veto, or upon an override of a veto, whichever occurs first.