

Minutes of a meeting of the Plaquemines Parish Council, held in the Belle Chasse Council Building Chambers, 333 F. Edward Hebert Blvd., Bldg. 203, Belle Chasse, Louisiana on Thursday, June 9, 2022, at 4:38 p.m., pursuant to notice to all members with a quorum present as follows:

PRESENT: Council Member Mark Cognevich, Chairman
Council Member John L. Barthelemy, Jr.
Council Member W. Beau Black
Council Member Corey Arbourgh
Council Member Stuart J. Guey
Council Member Benedict Rousselle
Council Member Trudy Newberry
Council Member Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr.
Council Member Richie Blink

Kim M. Toups, Council Secretary

The Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance were dispensed with.

President Lepine and Charter Directors Todd Eppley and Scott Rousselle were present representing the Administration.

The following items were deferred:

- Agenda Item 9d, “A Resolution conditionally approving the plan of Resubdivision of a portion of Tract 5-E Section B of Belle Chasse Plantation into Cypress Park Subdivision, Phase 2C; Phase 2C containing Lots 241 through 285, all without cost to the Plaquemines Parish Government or the Parish of Plaquemines; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”;
- Agenda Item 9f, “An Ordinance to amend the Five Year Capital Improvements Plan, Drainage-Empire Boat Harbors Project; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto” was offered by Council Member Cognevich and seconded by Council Member LaFrance. A discussion was held and then the matter was deferred;
- Agenda Item 9j, “A Resolution establishing the policy for Plaquemines Parish Government in regard to mandatory terms to be included in all parish contracts for professional and other services and all contracts that extend beyond a single fiscal year; establishing the policy for the Plaquemines Parish Government in regard to submitting all signed contracts to the Council Secretary within two weeks of the document being executed; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”;
- Agenda Item 11c, “District 8 update”;
- Agenda Item 11d, “District 1 update”;
- Agenda Item 11f, “District 5 update”, Item No. 4; and
- Agenda Item 11h, “Discussion about safety issues with Taco Bell and Popeyes”

The following items were withdrawn:

- Agenda Item 9b, “A Resolution acknowledging climate change as a threat to both Plaquemines Parish residents, culture and economic interests; expressing the Plaquemines Parish Council’s intent to take measures to enhance community resilience to hurricanes and storms through the support of coastal restoration and hazard risk mitigation programs; expressing the Plaquemines Parish Council’s support and incentivizing the development of solar, wind and other alternative energy projects as part of the Parish’s broader economic development plans; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”; and
- Agenda Item 9i, “A Resolution authorizing partial settlement of Plaquemines Parish Government v. Mapp Construction, LLC, ABC Insurance Company, Travelers Casualty & Surety Company, Sizeler, Thompson, Brown Architects Project Design Group, LLC and XYZ Insurance Company, matter number 025//61-741(B); and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”.

There being no matters under Agenda Item 2, “Executive Session”; therefore, Council Member Cognevich moved to Agenda Item 3, “Proclamations”. Without objection, so ordered.

On motion of Council Member Guey, with an unanimous second, and all members present voting “YES”, a Proclamation declaring June 9, 2022, as “Doris Barrios LeBouef Day” in the Parish of Plaquemines was adopted by a vote of 9-0.

On motion of Council Member LaFrance, with an unanimous second, and all members present voting “YES”, a Proclamation declaring June 10, 2022, as “Winnie Ancar Day” in the Parish of Plaquemines was adopted by a vote of 9-0.

A recess was taken from 5:33 p.m. to 5:46 p.m.

Council Member Cognevich advanced to Agenda Item 11a, “Resolutions wherein suspension is being sought”. Without objection, so ordered.

Council Member Cognevich offered a Motion to Suspend the Rules to add an item to today’s agenda for consideration entitled, “A Resolution requesting the Governor to veto Senate Bill No. 241 from the 2022 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”. The motion was seconded by Council Member Blink and on roll call, all members present voting “YES”, except Council Member Black who was “ABSENT”, the motion was adopted by a vote of 8-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-152

On motion of Council Member Cognevich, seconded by Council Member Newberry, and on roll call all members present and voting “YES”, except Council Member Black who was “ABSENT”, the following Resolution was adopted:

A Resolution requesting the Governor to veto Senate Bill No. 241 from the 2022 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 241 of the 2022 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, as originally filed was not objectionable to the Plaquemines Parish Government; and

WHEREAS, amendments were placed Senate Bill No. 241 by the House; and

WHEREAS, the Senate, on a unanimous vote, rejected the House amendments, and Senate Bill No. 241 was placed in conference committee on June 2, 2022; and

WHEREAS, in the last minutes of the last day of the session, the House and Senate adopted a conference committee report on Senate Bill No. 241 which report removed the House amendments but added new language to Senate Bill No. 241 that represent a dramatic and troubling change in the intent and purposes of the original bill; and

WHEREAS, as amended by the conference committee, Senate Bill No. 241 creates a new means for a taxpayer to seek a refund of ad valorem taxes paid for up to three years upon a minimal showing that the taxpayer claims it mistakenly overstated the value of its own property; and

WHEREAS, further, the conference committee amendments would have the new refund provisions apply, retroactively, to matters already adjudicated by the LA Tax Commission; and

WHEREAS, the amendments appear to be an effort to reverse a recent ruling by the LA Tax Commission in the matter of *In re: Refund of Taxes Paid in Error from Pecten Midstream, LLC (Tax Years 2018, 2019, 2020)* and direct the action on the pending appeal of that ruling; and

WHEREAS, the Pecten Midstream, LLC refund request includes \$3M previously paid to ad valorem taxing bodies in Plaquemines Parish, including the Plaquemines Parish Government; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 241, as amended by the conference committee, will likely have the effect of reversing the *Pecten Midstream* decision and resulting in a \$3M refund to Pecten Midstream, LLC by the ad valorem taxing bodies in Plaquemines Parish this fiscal year; and

NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT Governor John Bel Edwards is urged and requested to veto Senate Bill No. 241 of the 2022 Regular Session of the Legislature due to the immediate negative impact on Plaquemines Parish, the manner in which the offensive provisions were added to the bill in the final minutes of the Legislative Session, without substantive debate, and because the legislation intervenes into a pending matter on appeal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT a copy of this Resolution be promptly provided to Governor John Bel Edwards.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL, that a copy of this Resolution be promptly provided to the Plaquemines Parish Legislative Delegation, including Sen. Gary, Carter, Sen. Patrick Connick, Sen. Sharon Hewitt, Rep. Mack Cormier and Rep. Ray Garofalo.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT a copy of this Resolution be promptly provided to the Plaquemines Parish School Board, the Plaquemines Parish Sheriff and the Police Jury Association of Louisiana, and those entities are urged to join the Plaquemines Parish Council in this veto request.

Council Member Cognevich advanced to Agenda Item 9c.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-70

The following Ordinance was offered by Council Member Cognevich who moved its adoption:

An Ordinance to amend the 2022 General Fund, Revenue Budget and Operating Expenditure Budget, Coastal Zone Management Department; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, \$1,900,000 was budgeted for the GOMESA Funds in 2022 and \$2,174,816.76 was collected; and

WHEREAS, upon review of the 2022 Operating Expenditure Budget, an amendment to the Coastal Zone Management Department is necessary; and the 2022 Revenue Budget;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

The 2022 Revenue Budget is amended as follows:

Fund: 001 General Fund			
Dept/Div: 000-0000 Revenue Budget			
Object	Description	Inc/ Dec	Amendment
427.717	GOMESA Revenue Sharing	Inc	274,810

SECTION 2

The 2022 General Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, Coastal Zone Management Department, is amended as follows:

Fund: 001 General Fund			
Dept/Div: 772-4600 Coastal Zone Management Department			
Object	Description	Inc/ Dec	Amendment
528.130	Maintenance – Boats	Inc	10,000
532.001	Prof Services General	Inc	14,810
565.005	Equipment – Heavy	Inc	250,000

SECTION 3

The Secretary of this Council is hereby authorized and directed to immediately certify and release this Ordinance and that Parish employees and officials are authorized to carry out the purposes of this Ordinance, both without further reading and approval by the Plaquemines Parish Council.

WHEREUPON, in open session the above Ordinance was read and considered section by section and as a whole.

Council Member Blink seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

The foregoing Ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Council Members John L. Barthelemy, Jr., Corey Arbourgh, Stuart J. Guey, Benedict Rousselle, Trudy Newberry, Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr., Richie Blink and Mark Cognevich

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: Council Member W. Beau Black (ABSTAINED)

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 9th day of June, 2022.

Council Member Barthelemy left the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

Council Member Cognevich advanced to Agenda Item 7c, “Rann Sok Tasty Crème Donuts, New Commercial Business in a School Zone, 8921 Highway 23, Belle Chasse, Louisiana”. Without objection, so ordered. Council Member Guey offered the matter for discussion only. The item was seconded by Council Member Arbourgh, a discussion was held and then the matter was deferred until the July 14, 2022, meeting.

Council Member Cognevich moved to Agenda Item 4, “Status Report by the Parish President”. Without objection, so ordered. President Lepine stated there was nothing to report under this item, as well as Agenda Item 4a, “Update by Charter Directors”.

There were no matters to address under Agenda Item 5, “Bids and Advertisements”. Therefore, Council Member Cognevich moved to Agenda Item 6, “Beer and Liquor Licenses”. Without objection, so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-153

On motion of Council Member LaFrance, seconded by Council Member Blink, and on roll all members present and voting “YES”, except Council Members Barthelemy and Guey who were “ABSENT”, the following Resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT a special event/temporary beer/alcohol license was issued to Benita Stephens for the Plaquemines Parish Juneteenth Festival to be held on June 18, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. at 25108 Diamond Road, Port Sulphur, LA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT a special event/temporary alcohol/beer license was issued to Stan Johnson for the First Class Gentlemen Social Aid & Pleasure Club, L.L.C. for their Juneteenth event to be held on June 18, 2022, from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. at 25108 Diamond Road, Port Sulphur, LA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the Secretary of this Council is hereby authorized and directed to immediately certify and release this Resolution and that Parish officials and employees are authorized to carry out the purposes of this Resolution, both without further reading and approval by the Plaquemines Parish Council.

Council Member Cognevich moved to Agenda Item 7, Building Permits”. Without objection, so ordered.

There were no construction permits under Item 7a.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-154

On motion of Council Member LaFrance, seconded by Council Member Cognevich, and on roll call all members present voting “YES”, except Council Members Barthelemy and Guey who were “ABSENT”, the following resolution was adopted:

A Resolution approving the issuance of a special permit to Eric Savoie, for the placement of a temporary food trailer on property located in a FP (Flood Plain) Zoning District at 17517 Highway 23, Myrtle Grove, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2022-569, dated June 1, 2022.

WHEREAS Eric Savoie applied to the Plaquemines Parish Department of Permits, Planning and Zoning (Application No. 2022-569, dated June 1, 2022) for the placement of a temporary food trailer at 17517 Highway 23, Myrtle Grove, Louisiana;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby approves the issuance of a special permit to Eric Savoie for the placement of a temporary food trailer on property located in a FP (Flood Plain) Zoning District at 17517 Highway 23, Myrtle Grove, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2022-569, dated June 1, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the Secretary of this Council is hereby authorized and directed to immediately certify and release this Resolution and that Parish officials and employees are authorized to carry out the purposes of this Resolution, both without further reading and approval by the Plaquemines Parish Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-155

On motion of Council Member Newberry, seconded by Council Member Rousselle, and on roll call all members present voting “YES”, except Council Members Barthelemy and Black who were “ABSENT”, the following resolution was adopted:

A Resolution approving a conditional approval for a new RV park for 12 spaces to Victor Scorsone for the operation of a new trailer park (Cedar Grove RV Park) located in an MH (Mobil Home) Zoning District at 11189 Highway 23, Belle Chasse, Louisiana all in accordance with Application No. 2022-448, dated April 20, 2022.

WHEREAS, to Victor Scorsone, applied to the Plaquemines Parish Department of Permits, Planning and Zoning (Application No 2022-448, dated April 20, 2022, for a conditional approval for a new RV park for 12 spaces for the operation of a new RV park (Cedar Grove RV Park) located at 11189 Highway 23, Belle Chasse, Louisiana;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby approves the issuance for a conditional approval for a new RV park for 12 spaces for the operation of a new RV park to Victor Scorsone for the operation of a new RV trailer park (Cedar Grove RV Park) located in MH (Mobil Home) Zoning District Zoning District at 11189 Highway 23, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2022-448, dated April 20, 2022.

Council Member Cognevich moved to Agenda Item 8, "Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions". Without objection, so ordered. The following legislation was introduced:

1. A Resolution appointing _____ as the Assistant Secretary of the Plaquemines Parish Council; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER COGNEVICH
2. An Ordinance to amend the 2022 General Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, Recreation Facilities and Services Department; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER COGNEVICH
3. An Ordinance to amend the 2022 Road Maintenance Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, Road Maintenance Public Right of Way Department; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER COGNEVICH
4. An Ordinance to grant temporary easement to the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA), for vegetative plantings on Grand Prairie Levee District lands; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER BARTHELEMY
5. A Resolution approving the request for a Conditional Use by FunFit Properties, LLC, to renovate/remodel a section of building for a child care/day care facility in an I-1 (Industrial Park) Zoning District, located on Lot 9A, of the Woodland Industrial Park Subdivision, Square 1, 1510 Woodland Highway, Belle Chasse, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2022-497, dated May 13, 2022. COUNCIL MEMBER BLACK
6. A Resolution to approve Cooperative Agreement LAGov No. 2000655606 with the State of Louisiana, Department of Natural Resources for the "Plaquemines Parish Local Coastal Program Implementation", to authorize the execution of said agreement by the Parish President; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER BLINK
7. An Ordinance to amend and amended to readopt Section IV of Ordinance No. 142, the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, as amended, and the "Comprehensive Zoning District Map" therein adopted by reference and which is paraphed thereto, with reference to Application No. 2022-496, dated May 10, 2022. COUNCIL MEMBER BLINK
8. An Ordinance declaring the second floor of the "Popich Building" located at 8056 Highway 23, Belle Chasse, LA 70037, as surplus property; authorizing the Parish President to lease the same in accordance with the law; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER ROUSSELLE
9. An Ordinance to amend and amended to readopt Section IV of Ordinance No. 142, the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, as amended, and the "Comprehensive Zoning District Map" therein adopted by reference and which is paraphed thereto, with reference to Application No. 2022-495, dated May 5, 2022. COUNCIL MEMBER LAFRANCE
10. A Resolution approving the request for a Conditional Use to Vertex Refining Myrtle

Grove, LLC, for a refining, processing and storage of oily water facility in a FP (Flood Plain) Zoning District, located on a certain tract of land designated as the southern portion of parcel number 1621209, East Ravenna Road, Alliance, Plaquemines, Parish, Louisiana, Section 5, Township 16 South, Range 25 East, all in accordance with Application No. 2022-494, dated May 10, 2022. COUNCIL MEMBER LAFRANCE

Council Member Cognevich moved to Agenda Item 9, "Ordinances and Resolutions on Second Reading and Final Passage". Without objection, so ordered.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-71

The following Ordinance was offered by Council Member Cognevich who moved its adoption:

An Ordinance approving a plan of resubdivision of a portion of Sections 1 and 2, T21S, R31E, Venice, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, into Lots ST-1 and ST-2, Sections 1 and 2, T21S, R31E, Venice, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, as shown on the plans and plat of survey by R.W. Krebs, dated November 19, 2021, the owner having fulfilled all the requirements of the Subdivision and Resubdivision Ordinance of the Parish of Plaquemines, without cost to the Plaquemines Parish Government or the Parish of Plaquemines; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, Joan Strohmeyer is the owner of the property situated in Sections 1 & 2, T21S, R31E, Venice, in the Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana, as more fully shown on the plan and plat of resubdivision by R.W. Krebs, dated November 19, 2021, a print whereof is annexed hereto and made part hereof; and

WHEREAS, Joan Strohmeyer, as the owner of said property, have proposed the resubdivision of a portion of Sections 1 and 2, T21S, R31E, Venice, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana into Lots ST-1 and ST-2, Sections 1 and 2, Venice, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, as more fully shown on said plan; and

WHEREAS, all streets, utilities, drainage structures and other improvements shown on the aforementioned map of survey are in place; and

WHEREAS, the owner/ Developer understands that he and subsequent owners of the property is responsible for the cost, installation, maintenance or improvements of the sewerage and water infrastructure to connect to the public utilities shown on the aforementioned map; and

WHEREAS, the owner/Developer understands that he and subsequent owners of the property will be responsible for the maintenance of future and all existing non-dedicated streets, roads, right of ways, utilities, drainage and structures and other improvements shown on the aforementioned plan and plat of survey are in place; and

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Parish Government accepts no responsibility or liability for the construction, maintenance or improvements of any future or now existing non-dedicated streets, roads, right of ways, utilities, drainage structure and other improvements that may be shown on the aforementioned plan and plat of survey; and

WHEREAS, the owner/Developer and subsequent owners of the property shall be responsible for the construction and maintenance of future and all existing non-dedicated streets, roads, rights of ways, utilities, drainage structures and other improvements that may be shown on the aforementioned plan and plat of survey;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

The aforesaid Map of Resubdivision of a portion of Sections 1 and 2, T21S, R21E, located in Sections 1 & 2, T21S, R31E, Venice, in the Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana into Lots ST-1 and ST-2, Sections 1 and 2, T21S, R31E, Venice, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, as shown

on the resubdivision plan and plat of survey by R.W. Krebs, dated November 19, 2021, a print whereof is annexed hereto and made a part hereof, is hereby approved, and that the approval of the Parish President, Directors and all appropriate Parish Department Heads of the aforesaid plan and plat of survey be ratified.

SECTION 2

The Parish President be and is hereby authorized to appear before a Notary Public and execute the approved aforesaid plan or resubdivision of owner as depicted on plan and plat of survey by R.W. Krebs, dated November 19, 2021, for the Parish of Plaquemines and the Plaquemines Parish Government, and to execute any and all acts and documents necessary and proper in the premises to give full force and effect to aforesaid Ordinance.

SECTION 3

The Plaquemines Parish Government accepts no responsibility or liability for construction, maintenance or improvements of any future or now existing non-dedicated streets, roads, right of ways, utilities, drainage structures and other improvements that may or may not be shown on the aforementioned plan and plat of survey or later developed.

SECTION 4

The Council Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to immediately certify and release this Ordinance and that Parish employees and officials are authorized to carry out the purposes of this Ordinance, both without further reading and approval by the Plaquemines Parish Council.

WHEREUPON, in open session the above Ordinance was read and considered section by section and as a whole.

Council Member Rousselle seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

The foregoing Ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Council Members W. Beau Black, Corey Arbourgh, Stuart J. Guey, Benedict Rousselle, Trudy Newberry, Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr., Richie Blink and Mark Cognevich

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Member John L. Barthelemy, Jr.

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 9th day of June, 2022.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-72

The following Ordinance was offered by Council Member LaFrance who moved its adoption:

An Ordinance to amend Chapter 21 of Parish Code of Ordinances to increase the annual fees for trailer and recreational vehicle parks; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, Plaquemines Parish Government does not collect enough fees to properly monitor trailer and recreational vehicle parks; and

WHEREAS, Plaquemines Parish Government recently adopted a one hundred dollar (\$100.00) annual fee per site for temporary recreational vehicle parks and sites and desires to adopt the same for trailer and recreational vehicle parks;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

Subsection (c) of Section 21-115 of the Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended, and as amended, reenacted to read as follows:

“(c) An annual fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per space shall be paid to Plaquemines Parish Government and collected by the Permits, Planning, and Zoning Department. Annual fees must be submitted with the original or renewal application.”

SECTION 2

Subsection (c) of Section 21-136 of the Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended, and as amended, reenacted to read as follows:

“(c) An annual fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per site shall be paid to Plaquemines Parish Government and collected by the Permits, Planning, and Zoning Department. Annual fees must be submitted with the original or renewal application.”

SECTION 3

The Secretary of this Council is hereby authorized and directed to immediately certify and release this Ordinance and that Parish employees and officials are authorized to carry out the purposes of this Ordinance, both without further reading and approval by the Plaquemines Parish Council.

WHEREUPON, in open session the above Ordinance was read and considered section by section and as a whole.

Council Member Cognevich seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

The foregoing Ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Council Members W. Beau Black, Corey Arbourgh, Stuart J. Guey, Benedict Rousselle, Trudy Newberry, Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr., Richie Blink and Mark Cognevich

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Member John L. Barthelemy, Jr.

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 9th day of June, 2022.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-73

The following Ordinance was offered by Council Member Cognevich who moved its adoption:

An Ordinance to amend the 2022 Manpower Structure; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, after a review of the manpower needs of the Finance Department, it has been recommended to create and fund one full-time Senior Accountant II position, at an annual salary of \$44,258, plus benefits;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

The 2022 Manpower Structure is amended by creating and funding one full-time Senior Accountant II position in the Finance Department, at an annual salary of \$44,258, plus benefits.

SECTION 2

The Secretary of this Council is hereby authorized and directed to immediately certify and release this Ordinance and that Parish employees and officials are authorized to carry out the purposes of this Ordinance, both without further reading and approval by the Plaquemines Parish Council.

WHEREUPON, in open session the above Ordinance was read and considered section by section and as a whole.

Council Member Guey seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

The foregoing Ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Council Members Corey Arbourgh, Stuart J. Guey, Benedict Rousselle, Trudy Newberry, Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr., Richie Blink and Mark Cognevich

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Member John L. Barthelemy, Jr. and W. Beau Black

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 9th day of June, 2022.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-74

The following Ordinance was offered by Council Member Cognevich who moved its adoption:

An Ordinance to amend 2022 General Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, Legal Services Department; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers made a claim against Plaquemines Parish Government for alleged damage made by the M/V Plaquemines Pride to the canal-end southeast guide-wall at the Harvey Lock in Harvey, LA; and

WHEREAS, the claim for damages was reviewed by the Legal Department and found to be a valid claim; and

WHEREAS, an amendment to the 2022 General Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, Legal Services Department is requested;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

The 2022 General Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, Legal Services Department, is amended by appropriating \$3,254 from the General Fund Unreserved/Undesignated Fund Balance as follows:

Fund: 001 General Fund			
Dept/Div: 430-2180 Legal Services Department			
Object	Description	Inc/Dec	Amendment
552.001	Judgments & Damages - General	Inc	3,254

SECTION 2

It hereby authorizes the Parish President to do all things necessary and proper to settle and pay the U.S. Army Corp. of Engineers' asserted claim made in a letter dated April 20, 2022, for \$3,254.

SECTION 3

The Secretary of this Council is hereby authorized and directed to immediately certify and release this Ordinance and that Parish employees and officials are authorized to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance, both without further reading and approval by the Plaquemines Parish Council.

WHEREUPON, in open session the above Ordinance was read and considered section by section and as a whole.

Council Member Rousselle seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

The foregoing Ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Council Members Corey Arbourgh, Stuart J. Guey, Benedict Rousselle, Trudy Newberry, Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr., Richie Blink and Mark Cognevich

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Member John L. Barthelemy, Jr. and W. Beau Black

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 9th day of June, 2022.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-75

The following Ordinance was offered by Council Member Cognevich who moved its adoption:

An Ordinance to amend the Five Year Capital Improvements Plan, Repairs-Pointe-a-la-Hache Pump Station Project; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, a review of the Five Year Capital Improvements Plan was performed and an amendment is necessary;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

The Five Year Capital Improvements Plan is amended by appropriating \$500,000 to the Repairs-Pointe-a-la-Hache Pump Station Project from the Construction-New Courthouse Project; funding year, 2022.

SECTION 2

The Secretary of this Council is hereby authorized and directed to immediately certify and release this Ordinance and that Parish employees and officials are authorized to carry out the purposes of this Ordinance, both without further reading and approval by the Plaquemines Parish Council.

WHEREUPON, in open session the above Ordinance was read and considered section by section and as a whole.

Council Member Rousselle seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

The foregoing Ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Council Members W. Beau Black, Corey Arbourgh, Stuart J. Guey, Benedict Rousselle, Trudy Newberry, Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr., Richie Blink and Mark Cognevich

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Member John L. Barthelemy, Jr.

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 9th day of June, 2022.

Council Member Cognevich moved to Agenda Item 10, "Approval of the Minutes". Without objection, so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-156

On motion of Council Member Arbourgh, seconded by Council Member LaFrance and on roll call all members present and voting "YES", except Council Member Barthelemy who was "ABSENT", the following Resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby approves the minutes of the May 26, 2022, regular meeting as recorded by the Secretary of this Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the Secretary of this Council is hereby authorized and directed to immediately certify and release this Resolution and that Parish employees and officials are authorized to carry out the purposes of this Resolution, both without further reading and approval by the Plaquemines Parish Council.

Council Member Cognevich moved to Agenda Item 11, "New Business". Without objection, so ordered.

Under Agenda Item 11b, "District 9 update", Council Member Cognevich addressed the following topics:

- Baseball field at Rex Field: Council Member Cognevich asked Director Todd Eppley if they have ordered the bases and he was told by Mr. Eppley that he was unable to get with Tony Henry to find out, but he will get with him;
- Ken Dugas and Hwy. 23: Council Member Cognevich informed Ken Dugas that he spoke to Nelson with DOTD a few times about Hwy. 23 and Clifford Lane in regard to the shoulder falling in. The State came to look at the issue and now they are saying it is the Parish's problem. A discussion was then held about the State's responsibility versus the Parish's to fix problems on the Highway. Mr. Dugas said that if it's a sewer problem, it is on the Parish to make the repairs and if it is a drainage issue, it could go either way. He said there are several locations that they feel is the State's responsibility. Council Member Blink said the last time this happened in Nairn it took six months to fix. Council Member Cognevich said he brought DOTD to every problem spot and he was told the State would not fix some of problem areas. Mr. Dugas said that most of the problems on Hwy. 23 below the bridge are drainage issues. Council Member Cognevich said the State is saying they are not doing any drainage work on the side of the road; however, he said it is time to tell them they have to come fix their road. Council Member Newberry inquired as to if Council Member Cognevich has spoken to our State Representative and he said he has spoken to Mack Cormier and Pat Connick. He further stated that they are the ones who have gotten other problems fixed; and
- Signs: Mr. Ken Dugas informed Council Member Cognevich that they only have five open sign requests for his district. However, Council Member Cognevich said he had a list of 25 and only 4 of the 25 have been done. Mr. Dugas stated that he does not have all of those requests and asked for Council Member Cognevich, and any other Council Members who need signs, to send their lists to his office. Ken Dugas then asked for the Council to remember he only has five full time staff members and only one is assigned to signs. This employee is also filling in for the Contract Administrator and is the Engineering Dept Secretary.

Under Agenda Item 11e, “District 7 Update”, Council Member LaFrance addressed the following matters:

- Council Member LaFrance asked Director Scott Rousselle when he will be able to get the ditches sprayed in Port Sulphur. Scott Rousselle said they will work on it. Council Member LaFrance then asked for a truck with a tank on it for himself and his Assistant to go out and spray the ditches. Again, Scott Rousselle said they will work on it;
- Discussion on the Port Sulphur Water Plant: Council Member LaFrance asked where they are with the evaluation of the plans for the Port Sulphur Water Plant. Director Todd Eppley said that it is the design process and the timeline for this process is 8-10 weeks; however, he will try to push them to get something sooner. He further stated, that once they get something back on the design, they can go out for bid. Director Eppley informed the Council that Inframark is working on the inside of the water plant on the mechanical side of the project to get water in the plant;
- Council Member LaFrance asked how the Administration was coming with the Port Sulphur Government Building’s new air conditioner. Todd Eppley said the company needed new measurements and they have already come to the building to take the measurements. He was told that they should have a quote tomorrow;
- Council Member Rousselle, as follow up to Port Sulphur water plant discussion above, said that the Administration has been giving a timeframe of 8-10 weeks for a while now and asked if there is a problem. Mr. Eppley replied that there is no problem that he knows about. Council Member Rousselle said that under a State of Emergency, this could have already been done. He said there is a facility down the road which has to have tens of thousands of dollars’ worth of water delivered to their facility each day. There was then a discussion about the water for Venture Global; and
- Council Member LaFrance asked if it was possible for him to meet with Director Eppley and Ken Dugas to work on RFPs to get travel trailers in Diamond Park. Mr. Dugas said to contact the Administration and set that meeting up. Council Member Rousselle said we have been talking about this for 6-8 months now and asked if FEMA was moving into Diamond Park. He was told by Director Eppley that FEMA found a private site that they liked and they could get trailers quickly into that site.

Under Agenda Item 11f, “District 5 update”, Council Member Rousselle addressed the following items:

- Status of upgrades to the Belle Chasse Water Plant and Intake: Todd Eppley said that it is under EDA review and they have until June 18th to finish. As soon as it comes back from EDA, we can put it out for bid;
- Status and update of pump stations prior to hurricane season: Council Member Rousselle said that we are at 67% capacity and then asked Scott Rousselle for updates on the pumps. Mr. Rousselle said they are working on getting quotes for some pumps and that takes time. Council Member Cognevich asked where they are with the Duvic pump and he was told by Scott Rousselle that they are almost done. They are changing the buckets and pipes, as well as waiting on hoses. As soon as they are done with the repairs, they are rolling it over. Scott Rousselle also stated that East Pointe-a-la-Hache has one motor going and they need a welder from Solid Waste to go the bottom and patch it up;
- Status of the Latter & Blum contract and the marketing of Parish property: Council Member Rousselle stated that there was a Real Estate Committee meeting held this morning and then he turned over the floor to Council Member Cognevich who was at the meeting. Council Member Cognevich stated that they met with Mr. Richard from Latter & Blum and discussions were held about properties the Parish owns. They spoke about leasing the second floor of the Popich Building and the Council having to determine what Parish property will be deemed as surplus property.

Council Member Cognevich moved to Agenda Item 11i, “Update by the 4H Agent for the Parish, Derrick Landrum”. Mr. Landrum provided an update on the programs and club meetings at schools in Plaquemines Parish. He said they have fun outings, STEM meetings and camp. He also said 4H provides wellness education, an Aquatic Education clinic and a program called Ag Magic on the River.

Council Member Cognevich moved to Agenda Item 11g, “District 6 update”: Council Member Newberry asked if anything new came up with the Oakville Pump Station and the PLC. Scott

Rousselle said they are still waiting for it to come in and if that doesn't work, they will need a totally new one.

Council Member Arbourgh took this time to thank the Administration for sweeping the lilies out of Barriere Canal and asked if they do the same in the drainage canal behind D'Olivier Subdivision.

Council Member Cognevich thanked the Administration for sending him the lawnmower.

There being no further business to come before this Council, on motion Council Member Black, seconded by Council Member Arbourgh, and on roll call all members present voting "YES" except Council Member Barthelemy who was "ABSENT", the meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary

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