

Minutes of a meeting of the Plaquemines Parish Council held in the Pointe-a-la-Hache Courthouse Council Chambers, 18055 Highway 15, Pointe-a-la-Hache, Louisiana on Thursday, June 23, 2022, at 3:33 p.m., pursuant to notice to all members with a quorum present as follows:

PRESENT: Council Member Richie Blink, Vice-Chairman
Council Member John L. Barthelemy, Jr.
Council Member W. Beau Black
Council Member Corey Arbourgh
Council Member Benedict Rousselle
Council Member Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr.

Kim M. Toups, Council Secretary

ABSENT: Council Member Stuart J. Guey
Council Member Trudy Newberry
Council Member Mark Cognevich, Chairman

The Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance were dispensed with.

Charter Directors Todd Eppley, Crystal Taylor and Scott Rousselle were present representing the Administration.

The following items were deferred:

- Agenda Item 7b, “Rann Sok Tasty Crème Donuts, New Commercial Business in a School Zone, 8921 Highway 23, Belle Chasse, Louisiana”;
- Agenda Item 7f, “Kyle Fleming, New Modular in a flood plain zoning district, 21038 Hwy 23, Point Celeste, Louisiana”;
- Agenda Item 9b, “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 9c, “An Ordinance to amend the Five Year Capital Improvements Plan, Drainage-Empire Boat Harbors Project; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”;
- Agenda Item 9e, “A Resolution appointing _____ as the Assistant Secretary of the Plaquemines Parish Council; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”;
- Agenda Item 9k, “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”;
- Agenda Item 11b, “District 9 update”;
- Agenda Item 11c, “District 8 update”;
- Agenda Item 11g, “District 6 update”; and
- Agenda Item 11h, “Discussion about safety issues with Taco Bell and Popeyes”.

The following items were withdrawn:

- Agenda Item 9a(2), “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”;
- Agenda Item 9d, “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”; and
- Agenda Item 9i, “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”.

At the request of Council Member Barthelemy, Council Member Blink advanced to Agenda Item

11i, “Presentation about the operating of the Davant Swimming Pool”. Without objection, so ordered. Chief Clarence Brocks addressed the Council and presented a \$2,000 check from Stolthaven to use for the Davant Swimming Pool. Council Member Barthelemy thanked Stolthaven for the donation, Plaquemines Parish employees and many others who helped to clean the pool and clear all the grass out of the area.

Council Member Blink moved to Agenda Item 2, “Executive Session”. Without objection, so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-158

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL, AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT, HARBOR & TERMINAL DISTRICT THAT it hereby resolves itself into Executive Session at 3:48 p.m. for the purpose of hearing a report and recommendations and strategy advice for the management of litigation from its attorney concerning: Executive Session pursuant to LRS 42:17 (A)(2) and (10) to receive attorney-client privileged information related to Civil Service Rule interpretations and prospective litigation-Attorney Rennie Buras, II.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL, AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT, HARBOR & TERMINAL DISTRICT THAT it hereby came out of Executive Session at 4:15 p.m. with no final or binding action taken.

There being no matters under Agenda Item 3, “Proclamations” and nothing to report under Agenda Item 4, “Status Report by the Parish President”, Council Member Blink moved to Agenda Item 4a, “Update by Charter Directors”. Without objection, so ordered. There were no updates provided by the Directors; however, the following topics were addressed by the Council:

- Council Member Barthelemy asked John Helmers about the project fixing culverts under the back levee and he was told that the work is in progress;
- Council Member LaFrance asked Mr. Helmers if he knew anything about contractors on the southern end of Parish installing fiber optics to help with the internet? John Helmers said AT&T is upgrading their facilities throughout the Parish and it may be their contractors. Helmers will ask Ken Dugas about this matter;
- Council Member LaFrance asked Director Scott Rousselle when the ditches would be sprayed and Rousselle stated he sent emails to his department to start working on it; and
- Council Member Barthelemy asked for more tractors to be sent to the Eastbank. Scott Rousselle said that it will not be until after January that the ones on order will be coming in. Council Member Barthelemy also asked for the grader to be sent to the Eastbank and Director Rousselle said he will work on it being brought over.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 22-159

On motion of Council Member Barthelemy, seconded by Council Member Blink, and on roll all members present and voting “YES”, except Council Members Guey, Newberry and Cognevich 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 Jeff Edgecombe for the Empire South Pass Tarpon Rodeo to be held from August 4, 2022, until August 6, 2022, at 317 Rose Marie Drive, Buras, LA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT a special event temporary alcohol/beer license was issued to Danielle Parker for the DTR Summer Fest to be held on July 23, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. at Davant Park, 15535 Hwy. 15, Davant, 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 Blink moved to Agenda Item 7, Building Permits”. Without objection, so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-160

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the following application for construction permit in the Parish of Plaquemines is hereby approved: Chevron Oronite Company, LLC, Application No. 2022-517, dated May 12, 2022, install helical pile to support foundations for a new deaerator support structure.

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.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-161

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

A Resolution approving the issuance of a special permit to Amanda Lott (Lott’s Fireworks) for the installation of a fireworks stand renewal for 2022 on property located in a C-2 (General Commercial) Zoning District at 9263 Highway 23, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2022-610 dated June 14, 2022.

WHEREAS, Amanda Lott (Lott’s Fireworks) applied to the Plaquemines Parish Department of Permits, Application No. 2022-610 dated June 14, 2022, for a permit to install a fireworks stand renewal for 2022 on property located at 9263 Highway 23, Belle Chasse, Louisiana;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby approves the issuance of a special permit to Amanda Lott (Lott’s Fireworks) for the installation of a fireworks stand renewal for 2022 on property located in a C-2 (General Commercial) Zoning District at 9263 Highway 23, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2022-610 dated June 14, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT 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.

Items 7d and 7e were taken *en globo*:

RESOLUTION NO. 22-162

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

A Resolution approving the issuance of a special permit to Shane Cantu, for the placement of a temporary RV camper trailer on property located in a FP (Flood Plain) Zoning District at 17509-A Highway 23, Myrtle Grove, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2022-602, dated June 2, 2022.

WHEREAS, Shane Cantu applied to the Plaquemines Parish Department of Permits, Planning and Zoning (Application No. 2022-602, dated June 2, 2022) for the placement of a temporary RV camper trailer at 17509-A Highway 23, Myrtle Grove, Louisiana;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby approves the issuance of a special permit to Shane Cantu for the placement of a temporary RV camper trailer on property located in a FP (Flood Plain) Zoning District at 17509-A Highway 23, Myrtle Grove, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2022-602, dated June 2, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-163

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

A Resolution approving the issuance of a special permit to Joshua & Kristy Wooten, for the placement of a temporary RV camper trailer on property located in a FP (Flood Plain) Zoning District at 17509-B Highway 23, Myrtle Grove, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2022-615, dated June 14, 2022.

WHEREAS Joshua & Kristy Wooten applied to the Plaquemines Parish Department of Permits, Planning and Zoning (Application No. 2022-615, dated June 14, 2022) for the placement of a temporary RV camper trailer at 17509-B 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 Joshua & Kristy Wooten for the placement of a temporary RV camper trailer on property located in a FP (Flood Plain) Zoning District at 17509-B Highway 23, Myrtle Grove, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2022-615, dated June 14, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT 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 Blink moved to Agenda Item 8, “Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions”. Without objection, so ordered. The following legislation was introduced:

1. An Ordinance to levy millages on the 2022 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by Plaquemines Parish Government; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER COGNEVICH
2. An Ordinance to amend the 2022 Manpower Structure; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER COGNEVICH
3. An Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of a donation for the Homeland Security/Emergency Preparedness Department and to amend the General Fund, 2022 Operating Revenue and Expenditure Budgets, Homeland Security/Emergency Preparedness Department; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER COGNEVICH
4. An Ordinance to make technical corrections to Ordinance No. 22-62; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER COGNEVICH
5. A Resolution requesting authorization by the Plaquemines Parish School Board to use the Belle Chasse High School Auditorium to show a documentary film entitled, "Iron Sharpened Iron" on July 26, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER LAFRANCE
6. An Ordinance to amend and as amended readopt Section 7-23 of the Parish Code of Ordinances; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER LAFRANCE
7. An Ordinance to grant the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers a right of entry for disposal of dredged material on Grand Prairie Levee District lands; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER BARTHELEMY

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

ORDINANCE NO. 22-78

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

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.

WHEREAS, the CPRA has requested Plaquemines Parish Government (PPG), on behalf of the Grand Prairie Levee District, to grant it a temporary easement, servitude and right-of-way to plant California bulrush plants on lands in Plaquemines Parish belonging to Grand Prairie Levee District located in Bay Denesse area in Sections 28, 29 and 33 T19S, R17E pursuant to the terms of a Temporary Easement, Servitude and Right-of-Way Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the vegetative plantings is being done by CPRA for integrated coastal protection purposes as defined in La. R. S..49:214.2(11) as part of the Coastwide Vegetative Plantings Project LA-0039 that is publicly funded and at no cost to PPG; and

WHEREAS, the term of the Agreement shall be for 20 years unless released before that period by CPRA; and

WHEREAS, the areas covered by the CPRA plantings project is shown in the exhibits attached to the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the scope of work is further described in Exhibit B attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, PPG's legal department has reviewed and approves PPG's grant of this easement

for the plantings project to CPRA, on behalf of the Grand Prairie Levee District;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

PPG, acting through its President, be authorized and directed to execute the Temporary Easement, Servitude and Right-of-Way Agreement on behalf of the Grand Prairie Levee District.

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 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., W. Beau Black, Corey Arbourgh, Benedict Rousselle, Carlton M. LaFrance and Richie Blink

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Members Stuart J. Guey, Trudy Newberry and Mark Cognevich

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 23rd day of June, 2022.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-79

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

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.

WHEREAS, a proposed Map Change was filed by Walker Solis Lands, LLC, (Application No. 2022-495, dated May 5, 2022) to consider Map Change; and

WHEREAS, after a public hearing was held on June 7, 2022, providing all interested parties and the public with an opportunity to be heard regarding the proposed Map Change, and the advertisement required by law was made in the Plaquemines Gazette, the official journal of the Parish of Plaquemines; and

WHEREAS, at a meeting held on June 7, 2022, the Plaquemines Parish Development Board favorably adopted Resolution No. 22-08, dated June 7, 2022 recommending the Map Change as proposed by filed Walker Solis Lands, LLC, (Application No. 2022-495, dated May 5, 2022) to consider the Map Change from A-2 (Rural or Agricultural) Zoning District to MH (Mobile Home) Zoning District;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

Subsection 2 of Section IV of Ordinance No. 142, the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, as amended, and the “Comprehensive Zoning District Maps” therein adopted by reference and which is paraphrased thereto, are hereby amended and as amended readopted so that the following described properties are hereby rezoned from A-2 (Rural or Agricultural) Zoning District to MH (Mobile Home) Zoning District:

A CERTAIN PORTION OF GROUNDS, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon and all of the rights, ways, privileges, servitudes, appurtenances and advantages thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, situated in the Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana, in Section 6, Township 18, South, Range 27 East, described as follows:

LOT S1, Manuel Walker Solis Division - 132' Front On Port Sulphur River Road X 970' X 131.2' X 980'.

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 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., W. Beau Black, Corey Arbourgh, Benedict Rousselle, Carlton M. LaFrance and Richie Blink

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Members Stuart J. Guey, Trudy Newberry and Mark Cognevich

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 23rd day of June, 2022.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-80

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

The 2022 General Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, Recreation Facilities and Services Department, is amended as follows:

Fund: 001 General Fund

Dept/Div: 640-4060 Recreation Facilities & Services Dept			
Object	Description	Inc/ Dec	Amendment
510.010	Salaries & Wages Overtime	Inc	10,000
548.105	Fuel Gasoline	Dec	(10,000)

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 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 Arbourgh 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., W. Beau Black, Corey Arbourgh, Benedict Rousselle, Carlton M. LaFrance and Richie Blink

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Members Stuart J. Guey, Trudy Newberry and Mark Cognevich

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 23rd day of June, 2022.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-81

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

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.

WHEREAS, an amendment to the 2022 Road Maintenance Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, Road Maintenance Public Right of Way Department is requested;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

The 2022 Road Maintenance Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, Road Maintenance Public Right of Way Department, is amended as follows:

Fund: 003 Road Maintenance Fund			
Dept/Div: 780-4678 Rd Maint Public Right of Way Dept			
Object	Description	Inc/ Dec	Amendment
510.005	Salaries & Wages Regular	Dec	(8,000)
565.020	Equip Tractors & Mowers	Inc	8,000

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 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 Arbourgh 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., W. Beau Black, Corey Arbourgh, Benedict Rousselle, Carlton M. LaFrance and Richie Blink

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Members Stuart J. Guey, Trudy Newberry and Mark Cognevich

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 23rd day of June, 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-164

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

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.

WHEREAS, FunFit Properties, LLC applied to the Plaquemines Parish Development Board (Application No. 2022-497, dated May 13, 2022) 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, describe as follows:

A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND, situated in and being a part of Sections 21 & 22, Township 14 South, Range 25 East, West of the Mississippi River, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, being parts of original Lots 8 and 9 and designated as Lot 9A Square 1 of Woodland Industrial Park and being more fully described as follows:

Lot 9A, SQ 1, Woodland Industrial Park - 37.85' Front On Woodland Highway X 94.58' X 294.16' X 305.74' X 132.29'.

WHEREAS, a proposed Conditional Use Petition was filed FunFit Properties, LLC (Application No. 2022-497, dated May 13, 2022) to consider the Conditional Use; and

WHEREAS, after a public hearing was held on June 7, 2022, providing all interested parties and the public with an opportunity to be heard regarding the proposed Conditional Use, and the advertisement required by law was made in the Plaquemines Gazette, the official journal of the Parish of Plaquemines; and

WHEREAS, at a meeting held on June 7, 2022, the Plaquemines Parish Development Board adopted a resolution favorably recommending the Conditional Use Petition as proposed by filed 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; and

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Parish Development Board made the recommendation to approve as per Resolution No. 22-10, dated June 7, 2022;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the following petition for Conditional Use in the Parish of Plaquemines is hereby approved, the requested Conditional Use Petition 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.

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.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-82

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

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.

WHEREAS, the Parish acquired 8056 Hwy. 23 Belle Chasse, LA 70037, for governmental purposes; and

WHEREAS, the second floor of the Popich Building has been vacant for some time and is not being used for governmental purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to declare said property surplus and lease it in accordance with the law;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

The second floor of the “Popich Building” located at 8056 Hwy. 23 Belle Chasse, LA 70037, is hereby declared surplus property, and the Parish President is authorized to the lease the same in accordance with the law.

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 Barthelemy 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., W. Beau Black, Corey Arbourgh, Benedict Rousselle, Carlton M. LaFrance and Richie Blink

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Members Stuart J. Guey, Trudy Newberry and Mark Cognevich

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 23rd day of June, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 22-165

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby approves the minutes of the June 9, 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 Blink moved to Agenda Item 11, "New Business". Without objection, so ordered.

Under Agenda Item 11a, "Resolutions wherein suspension is being sought":

11a(1):

On motion of Council Member Blink, seconded by Council Member Rousselle, a Motion to Suspend the Rules to Add an Item to the for consideration at today's meeting. The resolution is entitled as, "A Resolution ordering that a special election to fill the position of Constable Ward 5 be called and held during the Gubernatorial Election in the Fall of 2023, with the primary election date set for October 14, 2023, the general election date set for November 18, 2023, and qualifying dates set for August 8, 2023, through August 10, 2023; appointing Catherine C. Bourgeois to fill the position of Constable Ward 5 in Plaquemines Parish, State of Louisiana until a special election can be held to fill the vacancy; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto". Upon roll call, all members present voting "YES", except Council Members Guey, Newberry and Cognevich who were "ABSENT", the motion was adopted by a vote of 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-166

On motion of Council Member Blink, seconded by Council Member Rousselle, and on roll call all members present and voting "YES", except Council Members Guey, Newberry and Cognevich who were "ABSENT", the following Resolution was adopted:

A Resolution ordering that a special election to fill the position of Constable Ward 5 be called and held during the Gubernatorial Election in the Fall of 2023, with the primary election date set for October 14, 2023, the general election date set for November 18, 2023, and qualifying dates set for August 8, 2023, through August 10, 2023; appointing Catherine C. Bourgeois to fill the position of Constable Ward 5 in Plaquemines Parish, State of Louisiana until a special election can be held to fill the vacancy; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, Plaquemines Parish Government has been notified by the Secretary of State that a vacancy exists for the position of Constable Ward 5, Plaquemines Parish, State of Louisiana due to the resignation of Marla Cooper; and

WHEREAS, an election must be ordered and called to fill the unexpired term of office exceeding one year; and

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Parish Council, the governing authority of Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, is given the authority and responsibility under the provisions of La. R.S. 18:602 to appoint a person to fill the vacancy who meets the qualifications of the office and call a special election to fill vacancies;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby orders that a special election be called and held during the Gubernatorial Election in the Fall of 2023, with the primary election date set for October 14, 2023, the general election date set for November 18, 2023, and qualifying dates set for August 8, 2023, through August 10, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT Catherine C. Bourgeois is hereby appointed to fill the vacancy of the Constable Ward 5 position in Plaquemines Parish, State of Louisiana until a special election can be held to fill the vacancy.

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

11a(2):

On motion of Council Member Blink, with a unanimous second, a Motion to Suspend the Rules to Add an Item to the for consideration at today's meeting. The resolution is entitled as, "A Resolution authorizing the initiation and conducting of litigation on behalf of Plaquemines Parish Government against the Civil Service Department for Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana to resolve conflicts of interpretation arising over the application of Civil Service Rule VI to job applicants; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto". Upon roll call, all members present voting "YES", except Council Members Guey, Newberry and Cognevich who were "ABSENT", the motion was adopted by a vote of 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-167

On motion of Council Member Blink, with an unanimous second, and on roll call all members present and voting "YES", except Council Members Guey, Newberry and Cognevich who were "ABSENT", the following Resolution was adopted:

A Resolution authorizing the initiation and conducting of litigation on behalf of Plaquemines Parish Government against the Civil Service Department for Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana to resolve conflicts of interpretation arising over the application of Civil Service Rule VI to job applicants; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, Plaquemines Parish Government believes that the Civil Service Director is misapplying Rule VI to persons seeking employment with Plaquemines Parish Government; and

WHEREAS, Plaquemines Parish Government is harmed by the misapplication of said Rule by diminishing the number of viable candidates it has to choose from;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby authorizes the initiation and conducting of litigation on behalf of Plaquemines Parish Government against the Civil Service Department for Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana to resolve conflicts of interpretation arising over the application of Civil Service Rule VI to job applicants.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the President of Plaquemines Parish be and is hereby authorized to execute any and all acts and documents necessary and proper to give full force and effect to this Resolution; and

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

Although not listed on the agenda, a third suspension was offered due to a deadline from the Secretary of State's Office.

On motion of Council Member Blink, seconded by Council Member Rousselle, a Motion to Suspend the Rules to Add an Item to the for consideration at today's meeting. The resolution is entitled as, "A Resolution expressing the intent of the Plaquemines Parish Council in regard to Ordinance 22-62; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto". Upon roll call, all members present voting "YES", except Council Members Guey, Newberry and Cognevich who were "ABSENT", the motion was adopted by a vote of 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-168

On Motion of Council Member Blink, seconded by Council Member Rousselle, and on a roll call all members present voting "YES", except Council members Cognevich, Guey, and Newberry who were "ABSENT", the following Resolution was adopted:

A Resolution expressing the intent of the Plaquemines Parish Council in regard to Ordinance 22-62; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, Ordinance 22-62 was intended as the merger of precincts created in Ordinance 22-22 which adopted the redistricting plan for the Plaquemines Parish Council;

WHEREAS, Ordinance 22-62 errantly uses the terms "consolidation" in lieu of the term "geographically merge";

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL, that the intent of Ordinance 22-62 was to effect the geographic merger of the stated precincts and an ordinance will be subsequently adopted to make the technical change to the wording thereof;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL, that a copy of this Resolution by promptly provided to the Louisiana Secretary of State.

Under Agenda Item 11d, "District 1 update", Council Member Barthelemy addressed the following topics:

- The possibility of a flood gate being constructed near the railroad track. Director Todd Eppley's response was that there is no funding for the gate which is estimated to cost \$1.5 million;
- The status of back levee from Caernarvon to White Ditch since Hurricane Ida;
- Updates on all East Bank pump stations and discussion of the Administration's contingency plan for the upcoming Hurricane Season;
- A discussion about the sediment from Mardi Gras Pass making bayous and canals impassible to fishermen and impacting their income wherein John Helmers said there is no good news on this issue. However, the Administration is still seeking funding;
- There was a discussion regarding the Eastbank Recreation Program: and
- In regard to the Pointe-a-la-Hache Marina, John Helmers said there is approximately \$733,000 in damages from Hurricane Ida and the permitting process is in progress for the dredging.

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

- In regard to the status of the Port Sulphur Water Plant, Director Todd Eppley said we are still about 6-8 weeks from receiving the preliminary design;
- John Helmers said that dredging for Suzie Bayou is about to go out for bid;
- John Helmers informed Council Member LaFrance that it is AT&T putting in fiber in areas of the southern end of the Parish; and
- Council Member LaFrance expressed his concern about the possibility of saltwater backing up into the river which could knock out the Boothville Water Plant and Mr. Eppley agreed that could be a problem.

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

- Belle Chasse Water Plant and Intake: Director Todd Eppley said that they have not received approval from the EDA and we should have gotten that by now. He contacted them several times and received no response; however, he will continue to follow up;
- In regard to the status and update of pump stations prior to hurricane season, Director Scott Rousselle said we are basically in the same situation as what was reported at the last meeting. Mr. Rousselle did say that Belle Chasse II was started up and hopefully it will be working in about a week. They are working on pump numbers 2 and 4 in the Wilkinson Pump Station and final inspection for Magnolia is set for July 8th. Council Member Rousselle suggested that the Parish try to hire some part-time pump operators and to leave the advertisements up until all the positions are filled. Council Member Blink stated that after the last hurricane volunteers were willing help with the pumps; and
- Relative to the Status of the Latter & Blum, Council Member Rousselle asked if the Administration intends to renew the contract and Mr. Rennie Buras said the Administration has not discussed it but, he will speak with President Lepine.

There being no further business to come before this Council, on motion Council Member LaFrance, seconded by Council Member Arbourgh, and on roll call all members present voting “YES” except Council Members Guey, Newberry and Cognevich who was “ABSENT”, the meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary

For a full transcript of discussions and presentations, a video of this meeting is available for viewing on the Parish website www.plaqueminesparish.com or on YouTube.