

Minutes of a meeting of the Plaquemines Parish Council, held in the Pointe-a-la-Hache Council Chambers, 18055 Hwy. 15, Pointe-a-la-Hache, Louisiana on Thursday, February 23, 2023, at 4:19 p.m., pursuant to notice to all members with a quorum present as follows:

PRESENT: Council Member Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr., Chairman
Council Member Tyronne Edwards
Council Member Brian Champagne
Council Member Chris Schulz
Council Member Stuart J. Guey
Council Member Patricia McCarty
Council Member Ronnie Newsom
Council Member Mitch Jurisich
Council Member Mark Cognevich

Kim M. Toups, Secretary

The Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance were dispensed with.

President Keith Hinkley and Charter Director Jeff DiMarco were present representing the Administration.

The following items were deferred:

- 7b, “River Oaks West, LLC, Conditional Approval for Permanent RV Park, 26296 Highway 23, Port Sulphur, Louisiana”;
- 9d, “An Ordinance to amend the 2023 Waterworks & Sewerage Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, Waterworks & Sewerage Operations Department; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”; and
- 11c, “District 7 update”.

The following items were withdrawn.

- Agenda Item 7c, “Kirk Prest, Trailer Park Renewal, 38920 Highway 23, Boothville, Louisiana”;
- 9b, “An Ordinance to amend the Five-Year Capital Improvements Plan, New Construction- Woodlawn Fire Station Project; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”;
- 9c, “An Ordinance prohibiting the sale of imported shrimp in the Parish of Plaquemines”;
- 11a(1), “A Resolution requesting a local bill be filed on behalf of the Plaquemines Parish Council in the 2023 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature relative to the governance of the Plaquemines Parish Tourist Commission; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”; and
- 11a(2), “A Resolution requesting a local bill be filed on behalf of the Plaquemines Parish Council in the 2023 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature relative to the governance of the Plaquemines Parish Tourist Commission; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto” was offered and seconded for discussion only. A discussion was held and then the item was withdrawn.

There being no matters under “Executive Session” and “Proclamations”, Council Member LaFrance moved to Agenda Item 4, “Status Report by the Parish President”. Without objection, so ordered. President Hinkley stated the following:

- Things are ongoing with the Administration and the Directors are moving in a positive direction;
- He received a call about the Diamond Park Mardi Gras and the Administration kind of dropped the ball with this. In the future there will be better communication between the parties; and
- President Hinkley said that he went to Port Sulphur to work in his office in the Government Building but, the keys did not work. Therefore, he met with Council Member Jurisich and discussed some issues. He further stated that he looks forward to visiting with each Council Member.

Council Member LaFrance moved to Agenda Item 4a, "Update by Charter Directors". Without objection, so ordered. The following was addressed by the Directors and the Council:

- Council Member Newsom asked if the Administration was getting positive feedback from the residents and if there is a schedule for the mosquito trucks to spray. He asked that if there is not a schedule to create one and put it on the website; and
- Council Member Edwards discussed the issues in the Davant Center and stressed that the pool has serious issues. He hopes that at some point things can start getting fixed. President Hinkley and Jeff DiMarco identified some things that can start getting fixed. Director DiMarco is also working on bids to fix the roof and then, they can move forward with other repairs.

There being no matters under Agenda Item 5, "Bids and Advertisements", Council Member LaFrance moved to Agenda Item 6, "Beer and Liquor Licenses". Without objection, so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-53

On motion of Council Member Jurisich, seconded by Council Member Champagne, and on roll call, all members present and voting "YES", the following Resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the following application for permit to engage in the sale of liquor and/or beer only in the Parish of Plaquemines for the year 2023 are hereby approved: Guilbeau's d/b/a Guilbeau, INC , 28564 Highway 23 Port Sulphur, LA 70083, Table 2, Class B-Package Liquor; Guilbeau's .Deli d/b/a Guilbeau's Deli, LLC, 28564 Highway 23 Port Sulphur, LA 70083, Table 2, Class A-Retail Liquor; Rotolo's Belle Chasse, LLC d/b/a Rotolo's , 102 Woodland Highway Belle Chasse, LA 70037, Table 2, Class A- Retail Liquor.

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 LaFrance moved to Agenda Item 7a, "Construction Permits". Without objection, so ordered.

Agenda Items 7a(1) and 7a(2) were taken *en globo*:

RESOLUTION NO. 23-54

On motion of Council Member Jurisich, seconded by Council Member Newsome, and on roll call all members present and voting "YES", except Council Member Cognevich who "ABSTAINED", the following Resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the following application for construction permits in the Parish of Plaquemines are hereby approved: Shell Pipeline Company, LP, Application No. 2022-344, Install bulkhead and plugs along the existing Nairn to Norco 20-inch pipeline, North of the SOCOLA Canal; Harvest Midstream, Application No. 2023-35, Install 6-inch pipeline, Lake Washington Field.

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. 23-55

On motion of Council Member LaFrance, seconded by Council Member Guey, and on roll call all members present and voting "YES", the following Resolution was offered for adoption:

A Resolution approving the issuance of a Business Occupancy only permit to BOLSU Holdings, LLC to open a construction worker parking lot located in a FP (Flood Plain) Zoning District at 21182 Highway 23, Pointe Celeste, Louisiana all in accordance with Application No. 2023-504, dated February 6, 2023; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, BOLSU Holdings, LLC applied to the Plaquemines Parish Department of Permits, Planning and Zoning (Application No. 2023-504, dated February 6, 2023) for a Business Occupancy permit to open a construction worker parking lot located at 21182 Highway 23, Pointe Celeste, Louisiana;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it approves the issuance of a special Business Occupancy only permit to BOLSU Holdings, LLC to open a construction worker parking lot located in a FP (Flood Plain) Zoning District at 21182 Highway 23, Pointe Celeste, Louisiana all in accordance with Application No. 2023-504, dated February 6, 2023.

Agenda Items 11e through 11h were taken *en globo*:

RESOLUTION NO.23-56

On motion of Council Member Cognevich, seconded by Council Member Jurisich, and on roll call all members present voting “YES”, the following resolution was adopted:

A Resolution approving the renewal of a trailer park permit to Maurice Wescovich, Jr., for the operation of an existing trailer park (AMW77, LLC) located in an A-2 (Rural & Agricultural) Zoning District on Riverside Lane, Boothville, Louisiana all in accordance with Application No. 2022-1075, dated November 18, 2022.

WHEREAS, Maurice Wescovich, Jr., applied to the Plaquemines Parish Department of Permits, Planning and Zoning (Application No 2022-1075, dated November 18, 2022) for the renewal of a trailer park permit for an existing trailer park (AMW77, LLC) located on Riverside Lane, Boothville, Louisiana;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL that it hereby approves the renewal of a trailer park to Maurice Wescovich, Jr., for an existing trailer park (AMW77, LLC) located in A-2 (Rural & Agricultural) Zoning District Zoning District on Riverside Lane, Boothville, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2022-1075, dated November 18, 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 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. 23-57

On motion of Council Member Cognevich, seconded by Council Member Jurisich, and on roll call all members present voting “YES”, the following resolution was adopted:

A Resolution approving the renewal of a trailer park permit to Jim Boyd for the operation of an existing trailer park (Jim’s RV Park) located in a MH (Mobile Home) Zoning District on Shadow Lane, Boothville, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2022-1076, dated November 22, 2022.

WHEREAS, Jim Boyd, applied to the Plaquemines Parish Department of Permits, Planning and Zoning (Application No. 2022-1076, dated November 22, 2022) for the renewal of a trailer park permit for the operation of an existing trailer park (Jim’s RV Park) located on Shadow Lane, Boothville, Louisiana;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL that it hereby approves the issuance of a renewal of a trailer park permit to Jim Boyd for the operation of an existing trailer park (Jim’s RV Park) located in a MH (Mobile Home) Zoning District on Shadow Lane, Boothville, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2022-1076, dated November 22, 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 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. 23-58

On motion of Council Member Cognevich, seconded by Council Member Jurisich, and on roll call all members present voting “YES”, the following resolution was adopted:

A Resolution approving the renewal of a trailer park permit to Gloria Bonvillian for the operation of an existing trailer park (Kimberly’s Kourt, LLC) located in a MH (Mobile Home) Zoning District on Kimberly Kourt, Triumph, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2022-1077, dated November 21, 2022.

WHEREAS, Gloria Bonvillian applied to the Plaquemines Parish Department of Permits, Planning and Zoning (Application No. 2022-1077, dated November 21, 2022) for the renewal of a trailer park permit for the operation of an existing trailer park (Kimberly’s Kourt, LLC) located on Kimberly Kourt, Triumph, Louisiana;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL that it hereby approves the issuance of a trailer park renewal permit to Gloria Bonvillian for the operation of an existing trailer park (Kimberly’s Kourt, LLC) located in a MH (Mobile Home) Zoning District on Kimberly Kourt, Triumph, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2022-1077, dated November 21, 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 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. 23-59

On motion of Council Member Cognevich, seconded by Council Member Jurisich, and on roll call all members present voting “YES”, the following resolution was adopted:

A Resolution approving the renewal of a trailer park permit to Todd Harvey for the operation of an existing trailer park (Harvey Properties, LLC) located in a MH (Mobile Home) Zoning District on Sooner Lane, Venice, Louisiana all in accordance with Application No. 2022-1079, dated December 6, 2022.

WHEREAS, Todd Harvey applied to the Plaquemines Parish Department of Permits, Planning and Zoning (Application No. 2022-1079, dated December 6, 2022) for the renewal of a trailer park permit for the operation of an existing trailer park (Harvey Properties, LLC) located on Sooner Lane, Venice, Louisiana;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL that it hereby approves the issuance for the renewal of a trailer park permit to Todd Harvey for the operation of an existing trailer park (Harvey Properties, LLC) located in a MH (Mobile Home) Zoning District on Sooner Lane, Venice, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No2022-1079, dated December 6, 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 employees and officials are authorized to carry out the purposes of this Resolution, both without further reading and approval by the Plaquemines Parish Council.

Agenda Items 7i through 7l were taken *en globo*:

RESOLUTION NO. 23-60

On motion of Council Member Schulz, seconded by Council Member Guey, and on roll call all members present voting “YES”, the following resolution was adopted:

A Resolution approving the issuance of a special permit to Wholesale Fireworks, Kurt Cavalier, for the installation of a fireworks stand renewal for 2023 on property located in a C-2 (General Commercial) Zoning District at 7614 Highway 23, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2023-119, dated January 13, 2023.

WHEREAS, Wholesale Fireworks, Kurt Cavalier, applied to the Plaquemines Parish Department of Permits, Planning & Zoning (Application No. 2023-119, dated January 13, 2023) for a permit to install a fireworks stand renewal for 2023 on property located at 7614 Highway 23, Belle Chasse, Louisiana;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL that it hereby approves the issuance of a special permit to Wholesale Fireworks, Kurt Cavalier, for the installation of a fireworks stand renewal for 2023 on property located in a C-2 (General Commercial) Zoning District at 7614 Highway 23, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2023-119, dated January 13, 2023.

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. 23-61

On motion of Council Member Schulz, seconded by Council Member Guey, and on roll call all members present voting “YES”, the following resolution was adopted:

A Resolution approving the renewal of a fireworks stand permit to Duck’s Fireworks, Inc., Donald Durr, for the installation of a fireworks stand (renewal for 2023) on property located in an I-2 (Light Industrial) Zoning District at 7010 Highway 23, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2023-116, dated January 18, 2023.

WHEREAS, Duck’s Fireworks, Inc., Donald Durr, applied to the Plaquemines Parish Department of Permits (Application No. 2023-116, dated January 18, 2023) for a permit to install a fireworks stand (renewal for 2023) on property located at 7010 Highway 23, Belle Chasse, Louisiana;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL that it hereby approves the issuance of a fireworks stand renewal permit to Duck's Fireworks, Inc., Donald Durr, for the installation of a fireworks stand (renewal for 2023) on property located in an I-2 (Light Industrial) Zoning District at 7010 Highway 23, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2023-116, dated January 18, 2023.

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. 23-62

On motion of Council Member Schulz, seconded by Council Member Guey, and on roll call all members present voting "YES", the following resolution was adopted:

A Resolution approving the renewal of a fireworks stand permit to Duck's Fireworks, Inc., Donald Durr, for the installation of a Fireworks Stand (renewal for 2023) on property located in a C-2 (General Commercial) Zoning District at 9127 Highway 23, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2023-117, dated January 18, 2023.

WHEREAS, Duck's Fireworks, Inc., Donald Durr, applied to the Plaquemines Parish Department of Permits, Application No. 2023-117, dated January 18, 2023, for a permit to install a Fireworks Stand (renewal for 2023) on property located at 9127 Highway 23, Belle Chasse, Louisiana;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL that it hereby approves the issuance of a fireworks stand permit to Duck's Fireworks, Inc., Donald Durr, for the installation of a Fireworks Stand (renewal for 2023) on property located in a C-2 (General Commercial) Zoning District at 9127 Highway 23, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2023-117, dated January 18, 2023.

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. 23-63

On motion of Council Member Schulz, seconded by Council Member Guey, and on roll call all members present voting "YES", the following resolution was adopted:

A Resolution approving the renewal of a fireworks stand permit to Duck's Fireworks, Inc., Donald Durr, for the installation of a fireworks stand (renewal for 2023) on property located in a C-2 (General Commercial) Zoning District at 9590 Highway 23, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2023-118, dated January 18, 2023.

WHEREAS, Duck's Fireworks, Inc., Donald Durr, applied to the Plaquemines Parish Department of Permits, Application No. 2023-118, dated January 18, 2023, for a permit to install a fireworks stand (renewal for 2023) on property located at 9590 Highway 23, Belle Chasse, Louisiana;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL that it hereby approves the issuance of a special permit to Duck's Fireworks, Inc., Donald Durr, for the installation of a fireworks stand (renewal for 2023) on property located in C-2 (General Commercial) Zoning District at 9590 Highway 23, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2023-118, dated January 18, 2023.

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

1. An Ordinance to amend and as amended readopt Ordinance No. 22-64 Section 2 Subsection 5. Paragraph 7. Subparagraph a. to limit the number recreational vehicle sites for temporary recreational vehicle parks to thirty (30) or less per parcel of property. COUNCIL MEMBER LAFRANCE
2. An Ordinance to amend and as amended readopt Section 21-136 of Chapter 21 of the Parish Code of Ordinances by enacting Subsection (g) which shall provide for the maximum number of recreational unit sites for recreational vehicle parks and campgrounds to thirty (30) per parcel or lot record of property. COUNCIL MEMBER LAFRANCE
3. An Ordinance prohibiting the sale of imported shrimp in the Parish of Plaquemines; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER LAFRANCE
4. An Ordinance to amend the 2023 Manpower Structure and Operating Expenditure Budget; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER LAFRANCE
5. An Ordinance to amend the 2023 Manpower Structure; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER LAFRANCE
6. An Ordinance approving a plan of resubdivision of the property of Galliano Marine Service, LLC, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, as shown on a map by GIS Engineering, LLC entitled "Galliano Marine Service, LLC Resubdivision-survey plat showing a resubdivision of Lots 9 and Lot 10 of Pointe Celeste Farms, into Lot 9A, belonging to Galliano Marine Service, LLC located in Section 19, T17S, R26E, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana dated November 3, 2022, 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 with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER LAFRANCE
7. An Ordinance to amend the 2023 Manpower Structure and Operating Expenditure Budget; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER JURISICH
8. An Ordinance to amend, and as amended readopt, the Plaquemines Parish Code of Ordinances, Section 2-17, "Rules for Transaction of Business Before the Council", Chapter 1, "Meetings of the Plaquemines Parish Council"; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER JURISICH
9. An Ordinance to amend the 2023 General Fund and Road Maintenance Fund, Operating Expenditure Budgets, Flood Control-General Department, Recreation Facilities & Services Department and Road Maintenance Public Right of Way Department; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER NEWSOM

10. A Resolution urging the Plaquemines Parish Tourist Commission to provide better public access to budgets and meeting materials and to provide bi-monthly updates to the Plaquemines Parish Council, and to provide for related matters. COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTY
11. An Ordinance to authorize and direct the Parish President or his designee to place “Stop Signs” and/or “No Parking Signs” at several locations on Planters Canal Road, Mildred Street, Railroad Street and Burmaster Street, Belle Chasse, Louisiana; to establish a penalty for the violation thereof; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTY
12. An Ordinance to amend the 2023 Firefighting Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, Fire Fighting-General Department; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULZ
13. 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. COUNCIL MEMBER CHAMPAGNE
14. An Ordinance to amend the 2023 General Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, Engineering & Public Works Department; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER CHAMPAGNE

Council Member LaFrance moved to Agenda Item 9, “Ordinances and Resolutions on second reading and final passage”. Without objection, so ordered.

There were no matters under “Ordinances and Public Hearings pursuant to Article 6, Section 6.01 E of the Plaquemines Parish Charter”.

Council Member LaFrance advanced to Agenda Item 9e.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-64

On motion of Council Member Champagne, seconded by Council Member Schulz, and on roll call all members present and voting “YES”, the following Resolution was adopted:

A Resolution authorizing the Parish President, or his designee, to do all things necessary and proper to negotiate, execute, perfect, and enforce a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Plaquemines Social Aid and Pleasure Club; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

DIGEST: This Resolution is done annually wherein the Plaquemines Social Aid and Pleasure Club as a non-profit organization asking for assistance from PPG for their “1” Sack Challenge Crawfish Cook-Off. The assistance will consist of use of the Belle Chasse Government Complex Festival Grounds located at 333 F. Edward Hebert from April 17th to 23th, 2023; use of electrical, water and sewerage and trash collection, including thirty-five (35) trash cans for the festival grounds and the facility; access to parish assets to promote the festival (highway notification signs); use of five (5) 20 x 20 tents and a PA communications system for entertainment tent; use of one (1) generator (Contracting Party to pay fuel), one (1) light tower, and one (1) ATV unit; and one (1) Mustang bobcat with forks, and two (2) passenger golf carts; and use of Parish employees to assist in the set-up of the festival maintenance during the festival and take-down after the festival. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Parish Code of Ordinances Section 17.5-51 allows for the Parish Council pursuant to LA Revised Statute 33:3001 to appropriate funds at the sole discretion of the Parish Council when certain requirements are met, one being a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement setting the guidelines for the operation of said fair or festival; and

WHEREAS, a Cooperative Endeavor Agreements needs to be signed between the parties to protect the legitimate interests of both Plaquemines Parish Government and this non-profit organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Parish Council finds that it is in the best interest of Plaquemines Parish Government to have valid a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Plaquemines Parish Government and the non-profit organization known as Plaquemines Social Aid and Pleasure Club;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby authorizes the Parish President, or his designee, to negotiate, execute, perfect, and enforce Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Plaquemines Parish Government and the Plaquemines Social Aid and Pleasure Club for the use by this non-profit organizations of the festival grounds at the Plaquemines Parish Government Complex at 333 F. Edward Hebert in Belle Chasse, Louisiana and to meet the eligibility requirements listed in the Plaquemines Parish Code of Ordinances Section 17.5-51.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby authorizes the support of and participation in appropriation of the following from the Plaquemines Parish Government to the Plaquemines Social Aid and Pleasure Club for the purposes of their festival:

1. Use of the Belle Chasse Government Complex Festival Grounds located at 333 F. Edward Hebert from April 17th to 23rd, 2023; and
2. Use of electrical, water and sewerage and trash collection, including thirty-five (35) trash cans for the festival grounds and the facility; and
3. Access to parish assets to promote the festival (highway notification signs); and
4. Use of five (5) 20 x 20 tents and a PA communications system for entertainment tent; and
5. Use of one (1) generator (Contracting Party to pay fuel), one (1) light tower, and one (1) ATV unit; and one (1) Mustang bobcat with forks, and two (2) passenger golf carts; and
6. Use of Parish employees to assist in the set-up of the festival maintenance during the festival and take-down after the festival.

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. 23-65

On motion of Council Member Champagne seconded by Council Member McCarty, and on roll call all members present and voting “YES”, the following Resolution was adopted:

A Resolution authorizing the Parish President, or his designee, to do all things necessary and proper to negotiate, execute, perfect, and enforce a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Plaquemines Parish Heritage and Seafood Festival; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

DIGEST: This Resolution is done annually wherein the Plaquemines Heritage and Seafood Festival, as a non-profit organization, is asking for assistance from PPG for their Heritage and Seafood Festival The assistance will consist of use of the Belle Chasse Government Complex Festival Grounds located at 333 F. Edward Hebert from April 24th to May 2nd, 2023; use of

electrical, water and sewerage and trash collection, including thirty-five (35) trash cans for the festival grounds and the facility; access to parish assets to promote the festival (highway notification signs); use of five (5) 20 x 20 tents and a PA communications system for entertainment tent; use of one (1) generator (Contracting Party to pay fuel), one (1) light tower, and one (1) ATV unit; and one (1) Mustang bobcat with forks, and two (2) passenger golf carts; and use of Parish employees to assist in the set-up of the festival maintenance during the festival and take-down after the festival. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Parish Code of Ordinances Section 17.5-51 allows for the Parish Council pursuant to LA Revised Statute 33:3001 to appropriate funds at the sole discretion of the Parish Council when certain requirements are met, one being a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement setting the guidelines for the operation of said fair or festival; and

WHEREAS, Cooperative Endeavor Agreements needs to be signed between the parties to protect the legitimate interests of both Plaquemines Parish Government and this non-profit organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Parish Council finds that it is in the best interest of Plaquemines Parish Government to have valid a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Plaquemines Parish Government and the non-profit organization known as Plaquemines Parish Heritage and Seafood Festival;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby authorizes the Parish President, or his designee, to negotiate, execute, perfect, and enforce Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Plaquemines Parish Government and the Plaquemines Parish Heritage and Seafood Festival for the use by this non-profit organizations of the festival grounds at the Plaquemines Parish Government Complex at 333 F. Edward Hebert in Belle Chasse, Louisiana and to meet the eligibility requirements listed in the Plaquemines Parish Code of Ordinances Section 17.5-51.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby authorizes the support of and participation in appropriation of the following from the Plaquemines Parish Government to the Plaquemines Parish Heritage and Seafood Festival for the purposes of their festival:

1. Use of the Belle Chasse Government Complex Festival Grounds located at 333 F. Edward Hebert from April 24th to May 2nd, 2023; and
2. Use of electrical, water and sewerage and trash collection, including thirty-five (35) trash cans for the festival grounds and the facility; and
3. Access to parish assets to promote the festival (highway notification signs); and
4. Use of five (5) 20 x 20 tents and a PA communications system for entertainment tent; and
5. Use of one (1) generator (Contracting Party to pay fuel), one (1) light tower, and one (1) ATV unit; and one (1) Mustang bobcat with forks, and two (2) passenger golf carts; and
6. Use of Parish employees to assist in the set-up of the festival maintenance during the festival and take-down after the festival.

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 LaFrance advanced to Agenda Item 9h which was offered with changes by

Council Member Cognevich.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-66

On motion of Council Member Cognevich, seconded by Council Member Jurisich, and on roll call all members present and voting "YES", the following Resolution was adopted:

A Resolution authorizing the Parish President, or his designee, to do all things necessary and proper to negotiate, execute, perfect, and enforce a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Croatian American Society; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

DIGEST: This Resolution is one that is done annually wherein the Croatian American Society as a non-profit organization asking for assistance from PPG for their Culture & Food Experience festival. The assistance will consist of use of two (2) Community Action public transport buses; use of four (4) lighting towers and use of two (2) electrical breaker boxes. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Parish Code of Ordinances, Section 17.5-51, allows for the Parish Council, pursuant to LA Revised Statute 33:3001, to appropriate funds at the sole discretion of the Parish Council when certain requirements are met, one being a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement setting the guidelines for the operation of said fair or festival; and

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement needs to be signed between the parties to protect the legitimate interests of both Plaquemines Parish Government and this non-profit organization; and

WHEREAS, the Parish Council finds that it is in the best interest of Plaquemines Parish Government to have a valid Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Plaquemines Parish Government and the non-profit organization known as Croatian American Society; and

WHEREAS, the Croatian American Society will hold their annual Croatian American Culture & Food Experience on Saturday, March 26, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby authorizes the Parish President, or his designee, to negotiate, execute, perfect, and enforce the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Plaquemines Parish Government and the Croatian American Society for the use by this non-profit organization for their Croatian American Culture & Food Experience being held on March 18, 2023, and to meet the eligibility requirements listed in the Plaquemines Parish Code of Ordinances, Section 17.5-51.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby authorizes the support of and participation in appropriation of the following from the Plaquemines Parish Government to the Croatian American Society for the purposes of their festival, the Croatian American Culture & Food Experience:

1. Use of two (2) Community Action public transport buses; and
2. Use of four (4) lighting towers; and
3. Use of two (2) electrical breaker boxes.
4. Use of one (1) 20 x 20 foot tent

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 LaFrance reverted back to Item 9g.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-21

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

An Ordinance to amend and as amended to readopt the Plaquemines Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Section 2-17, *Rules for Transaction of Business Before the Council*, Rules 18(a), 18(b), Rule 19.1(a)(9); and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

Digest—An Ordinance to amend the Council Rules of Procedure to comply with the Louisiana Open Meetings Law as it relates to public comment period. The law states that public comment must take place before the governing body takes any action. Action is defined as board discussion or resulting motions on the item so once the item is offered and receives a second the public comment period for that agenda item begins. This is not a question and answer period but a time to hear public comment on the subject before Council discussion commences. The intent of the law is that public comments should inform and direct the Council’s decision. Included in the body of this resolution are guidelines for informing the public of the agenda items and their intent by posting on the Parish website. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, Louisiana Open Meetings Law dictates that a public comment period is allowed at any point in the meeting prior to action on an agenda item upon which a vote is to be taken; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent for the Council to comply with this Law in order for said body to hear public comment prior to any discussion on the agenda item; and

WHEREAS, the intent of the law is for public comment to inform and direct the Council’s decisions; and

WHEREAS, efforts to establish protocol to ensure the public has access to information that can formulate informed public comment must be in place; and

WHEREAS, both the draft and final agendas will include not only the preamble, but also a digest for each ordinance and resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

The Plaquemines Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Section 2-17, *Rules for Transaction of Business Before the Council*, Rule 18(a) is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Any person shall be entitled to a reasonable hearing on any proposed ordinance or resolution. Public Comment shall take place after the preamble of each piece of legislation is read and before the floor is open to the council members to take action.”

SECTION 2

The Plaquemines Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Section 2-17, *Rules for Transaction of Business Before the Council*, Rule 18(b) is hereby amended to read as follows:

“The person recognized shall speak only on the subject being discussed and shall use proper and respectable language. Any person who after having been called to order again varies from the subject being discussed shall be required to take his/her seat and shall not be permitted to speak further. No person shall

speaking more than once on any proposed ordinance or resolution except as provided in Rule 11, [and] each speaker shall be limited to five (5) minutes; however, the time allotted may be extended by a majority vote of the council members present and voting.”

SECTION 3

The Plaquemines Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Section 2-17, *Rules for Transaction of Business Before the Council*, Rule 19.1 (a)(9) is hereby amended to read as follows:

“(9) Ordinances and resolutions on second reading and final passage will now also contain digests of the legislation on the agenda”.

SECTION 4

The Plaquemines Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter , Section 2-17, *Rules for Transaction of Business Before the Council*, Rule 2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Rule 2. Notice and agendas for all said meetings shall be given in accordance with the applicable provisions of chapter I of title 42 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes as they now exist or may hereafter be amended. Draft and final agendas shall include not only the preamble, but also the digest for each piece of legislation. Draft agendas will be posted on the Parish website on the Friday before the regularly scheduled Council meeting and final agendas will be posted on the Parish website on no later than 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.”

SECTION 5

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 Schulz seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

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

YEAS: Council Members Tyrone Edwards, Brian Champagne, Chris Schulz, Stuart J. Guey, Patricia McCarty, Ronnie Newsom, Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr., Mitch Jurisich and Mark Cognevich

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 23rd day of February, 2023.

Council Member Cognevich offered 9i with changes.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-67

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

A Resolution to appoint a replacement member and two new members to the Plaquemines Parish Tourist Commission Board; and otherwise to provide with

respect thereto.

DIGEST: This Resolution is to appoint that is appointing two new members to the Plaquemines Parish Tourism and one replacement member for Mitch Jurisich who resigned once he became a Council Member. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, the State Legislature has created a Tourism Commission for Plaquemines Parish in LSA-R.S. 33:4574(B)(40); and

WHEREAS, as there is no local or special law enacted by the State Legislature for the makeup of the governing board for the commission, LSA-R.S. 33:4574(f) requires the Parish Council to appoint seven (7) persons to the governing board from the lists of nominees submitted to the Council by private, non-profit groups that have an interest in one or more aspects of the tourism industry; and

WHEREAS, LSA-R.S. 33:4574(f)(b)(ii) sets the term of office for each director at three (3) years;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby appoints Justine A. DeMolle as Director of the Plaquemines Parish Tourist Commission to serve a three year term replacing Mitch Jurisich.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby appoints Rosemary J. White and Charlotte Morris Buras, as new Directors of the Plaquemines Parish Tourist Commission to serve a three year term.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT in accordance with the provisions of LSA-R.S. 33:4574(f)(b)(ii), the term of office for the board member named above shall run from the date of adoption of this Resolution to December 31, 2025, or until each member's successor in office is duly appointed and commissioned in accordance with law.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-68

On motion of Council Member Cognevich, seconded by Council Member Jurisich, and on roll call all members present and voting "YES", the following Resolution was adopted:

A Resolution authorizing the execution with a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement by and between Plaquemines Parish Government and the Plaquemines Parish Tourism Commission related to the maintenance, repair and operation of Fort Jackson; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, Fort Jackson is a historic masonry fort located 40 miles (64 km) up river from the mouth of the Mississippi River in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Fort Jackson is a National Historic Landmark. It was damaged by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and its condition is threatened; and

WHEREAS, Fort Jackson is owned by Plaquemines Parish Government; and

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Parish Tourism Commission has as its mission to foster tourism in Plaquemines Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Parish Tourism Commission receives revenue from the hotel/motel tax already being collected in Plaquemines Parish on the rental of sleeping rooms, cottages or cabins; and

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Parish Tourism Commission has revenues to facilitate the maintenance, repair and operation of Fort Jackson; and

WHEREAS, the maintenance, repair and operation of Fort Jackson will benefit tourism and overall economic activity in Plaquemines Parish;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the Parish President is directed to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement by and between Plaquemines Parish Government and Plaquemines Parish Tourism Commission to allow for the Plaquemines Parish Tourism Commission to maintain, repair and operate Fort Jackson.

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 Champagne asked to revert back to Agenda Item 6, "Beer and Liquor License". Without objection, so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-69

On motion of Council Member Champagne, seconded by Council Member Schulz, and on roll call, all members present and voting "YES", the following Resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the following special events/temporary beer & alcohol permits are hereby approved: 1 Sack Challenge Crawfish Cook-Off to be held on April 22, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at 333 F. Edward Hebert Blvd., Belle Chasse, LA 70037; Plaquemines Parish Heritage & Seafood Festival to be held on April 28, 2023 starting at 6:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. and April 29th & 30th, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at 333 F. Edward Hebert Blvd., Belle Chasse, 70037.

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

Council Member LaFrance reverted back to Agenda Item 8, "Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions". Without objection, so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-70

On motion of Council Member Cognevich, seconded by Council Member Edwards, and on roll call all members present and voting "YES", the following Resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby approves the minutes of the minutes of the February 9, 2023, 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 LaFrance moved to Agenda Item 11, "New Business". Without objection, so ordered.

Under Agenda Item 11a, “Resolutions wherein suspension is being sought”, Council Member Jurisich offered the following:

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Council Member Jurisich offered a Motion to Suspend the Rules to add an item to the agenda for consideration at today’s meeting titled, “A Resolution appointing an interim Constable for Justice of the Peace Ward 7, Parish of Plaquemines and calling a special election to fill the vacancy in the office of Constable for Justice of the Peace Ward 7, Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana, and other matters in connection therewith; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”. The motion was seconded by Council Member Edwards and on roll call, all members preset voting “YES”, the motion was adopted by a vote of 9-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-71

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

A Resolution appointing an interim Constable for Justice of the Peace Ward 7, Parish of Plaquemines and calling a special election to fill the vacancy in the office of Constable for Justice of the Peace Ward 7, Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana, and other matters in connection therewith; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, Paul Barrois submitted his resignation to the Secretary of State as Constable of Justice of the Peace Ward 7, Plaquemines Parish, on February 8, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State’s Office sent documentation regarding Mr. Barrois’ resignation to the Council Secretary’s Office on February 14, 2023; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with LRS 18:602, the Plaquemines Parish Council, as the governing authority of Plaquemines Parish, is required to appoint an interim Constable and call a special election to fill the remainder of the remaining term, which term is set to expire on December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the next available special election to fill the unexpired term for the office of Constable of Justice of the Peace Ward 7, Plaquemines Parish is October 14, 2023 (Gubernatorial Primary) and November 18, 2023 (Gubernatorial General), in the event no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast in the Gubernatorial Primary;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT David LeBlanc is hereby appointed as the Constable of Justice of the Peace Ward 7, Plaquemines Parish, to fill the vacancy in said office and to serve until the winner of the special election takes office to fill the remainder of the term, set to expire on December 31, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT The Plaquemines Parish Council hereby calls a special election on October 14, 2023 (Gubernatorial Primary) and November 18, 2023 (Gubernatorial General) to fill the unexpired term of the office of Constable of Justice of the Peace Ward 7, Plaquemines Parish.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT a copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and the Registrar of Voters of Plaquemines Parish in order that they may take the necessary actions in response to this Resolution.

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.

Under Agenda Item 11b, “District 9 update”, Council Member Cognevich received an update from the Administration on the Port Sulphur Water Plant wherein he was told the advertisement for bids was sent to the newspaper and it is set to run for 28 days beginning Tuesday, March 28, 2023. In regard to Hwy. 11, a report was provided stating that the Administration will have to identify the problems and put the project out to bid. President Hinkley is having a meeting with Dr. Green this weekend. It was then asked by the Council why we needed to hire a consultant and it was said that it is a big job and the Engineering Department would need help. Council Member Cognevich then said he spoke to Billy Wichers about Tidewater Road at the Targa plant and they are still complaining. They will have to go out there and fill it with concrete.

Under Agenda Item 11d, “District 8 update”, Council Member Jurisich held a discussion with Council Members about the possibility of changing the day and time of the Council meetings.

There being no further business to come before this Council, on motion Council Member Cognevich, seconded by Council Member Edwards, and on roll call all members present voting “YES”, the meeting adjourned at 5:59 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.