

Minutes of a meeting of the Plaquemines Parish Council, held in the Pointe-a-la-Hache Courthouse Chambers, 18055 Highway 15, Pointe-a-la-Hache, Louisiana on Thursday, February 25, 2021, at 4:05 p.m., pursuant to notice to all members with a quorum present as follows:

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

Kim M. Toups, Secretary

ABSENT: Council Member Stuart J. Guey

The Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance were dispensed with.

President Lepine and Charter Directors Crystal Taylor and Scott Rousselle were present representing the Administration.

The following items were deferred:

- 7a(1), “Woodland Borrow Pits, LLC (North), Application No. 2021-90, dated January 22, 2021, continuation of existing borrow pit operation, Ironton Area”;
- Item 7b, “Cajun Oaks Park, Cory Lott, Trailer Park Renewal, Joy Lane, Belle Chasse, Louisiana” was offered for discussion only by Council Member Rousselle, seconded by Council Member Blink and after the discussion was held the matter was deferred;
- 7c, “Tyler Wilson, New Vending Ice-Machine in an A-2 Zoning District, 14735 Highway 23, Belle Chasse, Louisiana”;
- 9a(3), “An Ordinance amend and as amended, readopt Article IX, Section 13-120 entitled “Mosquito Control Fees Established”; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto” was offered by Council Member Blink, seconded by Council Member Arbourgh and after a discussion was held the item was deferred;
- 9f, “An Ordinance to amend the 2021 General Fund, Manpower Structure and Operating Expenditure Budget, Director of Operations Department; to amend the 2021 General Fund, Manpower and Operating Expenditure Budget Director of Administration Department; to amend the 2021 General Fund, Manpower and Operating Expenditure Budget Director of Public Services Department; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”;
- 9h, “An Ordinance to amend the 2021 Public Health Fund, Operating Revenue and Expenditure Budgets, Mosquito Control-General and Financial Administration Departments; and the 2021 General Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, Financial Administration Department; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”;
- 9o, “A Resolution to establish a one-year moratorium prohibiting the receipt of any permit application and/or the issuance of any permit for the construction, addition or extension of any borrow pit or any other pits or the extraction of dirt, soil, clay, sand, gravel or earth within the boundaries of the Parish of Plaquemines in order to allow the Plaquemines Parish Government time to review, regulate and restrict the operation and construction of said pits or extractions; and further, to establish guidelines, policies and procedures related thereto, and furthermore to ensure that the safety, health and welfare of the people and property of this Parish are protected; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”;
- 10b, “District 9 update-Discussion on baseball quad”;
- 10c, “District 8 update-Discussion of pending work requests in District 8”;
- 10e, “District 7 update”;
- 10f, “District 5 update item A-update and discussion of the Fort Saint Leon Drainage project and Item b-Status of upgrades to the Belle Chasse Water Plant and Intake”; and
 - 10g, “District 6 update”.

Agenda Item 9b, “An Ordinance to amend the 2021 General Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, District Attorney-General and DA Domestic Violence Departments; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto” was offered by Council Member Cognevich. He called for a second four times to no avail; therefore, the item died for lack of a second.

The following items were withdrawn:

- 9q, “An Ordinance proposing amendments to the Charter for Local Self-Government of Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, and providing for other matters in connection therewith”;
- 9u, “An Ordinance creating an additional ferry schedule for the Belle Chasse and Pointe-a-la-Hache ferries; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto” and
- 11h, “District 3 update”- Item 1-Discussion and update on 2020 Census; Item 2-Discussion regarding Council and Administration’s responsibilities; Item 3-Discussion regarding re-districting; Item 4-Discussion on possibility of re-structuring due to the above listed items; Item 5-Update informing the public on the procedures of Solid Waste and debris pickup and Item 6- Public Discussion on the proposal to amend the Charter for Local Self Government Plaquemines Parish, LA from nine (9) council members representing nine (9) single member districts to seven (7) council members representing five (5) single member districts and two (2) at-Large (parish wide) member districts, with residency requirements for each; other matters pertaining thereto; and submittal of the same to a parish-wide vote to be held on April 24, 2021”.

There being no matters under Agenda Item 2, “Executive Session” or Agenda Item 3, “Proclamation”, Council Member Cognevich moved to Agenda Item 4, “Status Report by the Parish President”. Without objection, so ordered. The following was reported by President Lepine:

- COVID UPDATE: Confirmed Positive Cases-1682 (+30 from 2/17); Probably Positive Cases-2295 (+62 from 2/17); Positivity Rate-5.9% (+1.8% from 2/17) ; and Death total- 24 including 1 probable (1 since 2/17);
- VACCINE UPDATE: This week the following locations will receive vaccines for the general public: Delta Drugs, Plaquemines Primary Care and Plaquemines Medical Center. Some of these vaccine deliveries are still delayed from the winter weather last week. They are hoping to receive last week’s orders by today. The Plaquemines Parish Health Department is currently administering second dose vaccines to first responders this week. This was scheduled to take place last week but due to the weather the vaccine wasn’t sent until today;
- NEWLY ELIGIBLE FOR VACCINE ON FEBRUARY 24TH: Teachers and support staff working on-site in K-12, daycares, non-emergency medical transportation, all pregnant persons and persons over 55 with one of more health conditions set out by the CDC;
- HURRICANE ZETA RECOVERY: Deadline to register for individual assistance is March 15, 2021. A total of 805 residents have applied. 804 households have applied for DSNAP with 636 being approved;
- This past weekend teams across the SW region Creole Classic gymnastic tournament and the Recreation Department did a great job; and
- President Lepine handed out a report on all pump stations. The Superintendent over pump stations will be at the next meeting to give a report.

Questions and comments were made by Council Members as follows:

- Council Member Newberry asked questions regarding the COVID plan and what needed to be done by the Parish when events were held on Parish property. President Lepine explained that documents needed to be signed off by the Health Department and the State Fire Marshall’s office for events held inside and outside. He further stated that the Parish’s COVID plan was approved and that they adhere to State guidelines; and
- Council Member Barthelemy said that he appreciated the Pump Station report and asked that the Administration come to the next meeting with a price tag for all improvements needed.

Council Member Cognevich moved to Agenda Item 4, “Update by Charter Directors”. Without objection so ordered. Questions were asked about the below topics:

- When would the Mosquito Control Trucks be out to spray? Director Taylor replied beginning March 1st;
- In regard to the Port Sulphur Library Ribbon Cutting, Council Member LaFrance asked that in the area of the three trees the one in the middle be cut down before the Ribbon Cutting. Director Taylor said the tree would be removed;

- Council Member LaFrance asked for an update on the Southern end's Garbage truck which has been out of service for over a year. Director Rousselle said due to COVID and the shutdown of warehouses it has taken a while. He spoke with the repair shop a couple of weeks ago and he was told it should be finished soon;
- A discussion was held regarding flagging light poles which had lights in need of repair and a request for the PPSO on night time patrol could possibly help out. Director Rousselle said he would speak with the Sheriff;
- Council Member Barthelemy asked if Director Rousselle would direct the trash crew that works on the Southern end to head over to the East bank when their usual route was finished. Mr. Rousselle said he would;
- A discussion was held regarding trash and debris and the need for improvement on the pick-up and litter abatement. It was said that that the Sheriff moved personnel to go out and cite people who were littering and dumping trash. President Lepine said they are trying to address this issue; however, they have lost employees and are down from 21-13. He further stated that the Administration will work on a plan and pass it by the Council; and
- Council Member Rousselle asked for a status on the new Compactor site off of Walker Road. President Lepine said they were moving on this matter but the issue is putting the cash up out front. The cash flow is the problem but he will revisit this matter .

Council Member Cognevich moved to Agenda Item 5, "Bids and Advertisements". Without objection, so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-46

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

A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of bids for furnishing Drainage Pipe for a period of one year for Parish Wide use.

WHEREAS, after due advertisement bids were received on January 28, 2020, for furnishing Drainage Pipe for Parish Wide use: Quality Sitework Materials, 2250 Richland Street, Kenner, LA 70062; Coastal Culvert & Supply, P.O. Box 1145, Eunice, LA 70535; KEDCO, 76397 Hwy 1077, Folsom, LA 70437; and Coburn's Supply, 1849 Commercial Drive, Harvey, LA 70058; all bids on file in the Parish Purchasing Agent's Office and made a part hereof by reference to; and

WHEREAS, Brenda Stanifer, Parish Purchasing Agent, recommends the acceptance of the overall low bid of Coburn's Supply; and the Council concurred in said recommendation;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT IT hereby authorizes its Parish Purchasing Agent to issue purchase orders to Coburn's Supply, 1849 Commercial Drive, Harvey, LA 70058, for furnishing Drainage Pipe for Parish Wide use, all in accordance with bids submitted by said vendor on February 2, 2021, on file in the Parish Purchasing Agent's Office.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT Kirk Lepine, Parish President, be and hereby authorized for and on behalf of the Plaquemines Parish Government to enter into a contractual agreement with Coburn's Supply, for furnishing Drainage Pipe for Parish Wide use, beginning February 11, 2021 and ending February 10, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT IT hereby authorizes its Parish Fiscal Officers to issue check in payment of material, upon approval of invoices by Brenda L. Stanifer, Parish Purchasing Agent.

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

Council Member Cognevich moved to Agenda Item 6, “Beer and Liquor Licenses”. Without objection, so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-47

On motion of Council Member Cognevich, seconded by Council Member Black, and on roll all members present and voting “YES”, except Council Member Guey who was “ABSENT”, 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 2021 is hereby approved: El Paso Belle Chasse, Inc., “El Paso Mexican Grill”, 8617 Highway 23, Belle Chasse, 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 Cognevich moved to Agenda Item 7, “Building Permits”. Without objection, so ordered. Agenda Items 7a(2) and 7a(4) were taken *en globo*:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-48

On motion of Council Member Cognevich, seconded by Council Member Blink, and on roll call all members present and voting “YES”, except Council Member Rousselle who voted “NO” and Council Member Guey who was “ABSENT”, the following Resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the following applications for construction permits in the Parish of Plaquemines are hereby approved: The Louisiana Fruit Company, Application No. 2021-133, dated February 3, 2021, dredge a portion of Tiger Pass and Canal #1 to allow for safe navigation, Venice Port Complex, Venice Area; Traylor-Massman Joint Venture, Application No. 2020-365, dated May 21, 2020, install permanent sheet pile walls and cofferdams at bent locations 12 and 13 on flood side of levees flanking the Gulf Intercoastal Waterway for scour protection. Permanent sheet pile cofferdams will also be installed at bent locations 11, 14 and 15 on the protected side of the levees, Belle Chasse.

BE IT 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. 21-49

On motion of Council Member Blink, seconded by Council Member Arbourgh, and on roll call all members present and voting “YES”, except Council Members Black and Cognevich who “ABSTAINED” and Council Member Guey who was “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 are hereby approved: Harvest Midstream, Application No. 2021-154, dated February 9, 2021, install 8-inch pipeline via horizontal directional drilling (HDD), Southwest Pass Area.

BE IT 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 7d through 7m were taken *en globo*:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-50

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

A Resolution approving the renewal of a trailer park permit to PHI, Inc. for the operation of an existing trailer park (PHI, Inc.) located in a MH (Mobile Home) Zoning District on Ernie’s Lane, Boothville, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2020-944, dated December 10, 2020.

WHEREAS, PHI, Inc., applied to the Plaquemines Parish Department of Permits, Planning and Zoning (Application No. 2020-944, dated December 10, 2020) for the renewal of a trailer park permit for the operation of an existing trailer park (PHI, Inc.) located on Ernie’s Lane, Boothville, 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 for the operation of an existing trailer park (PHI, Inc.) located in an MH (Mobile Home) Zoning District on Ernie’s Lane, Boothville, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2020-944, dated December 10, 2020.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-51

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

A Resolution approving the renewal of a trailer park permit to Ellzey Properties, LLC for the operation of an existing trailer park (Ellzey Properties, LLC) located in a MH (Mobile Home) Zoning District on Sooner Lane, Venice, Louisiana all in accordance with Application No. 2020-945, dated December 10, 2020.

WHEREAS, Ellzey Properties, LLC, applied to the Plaquemines Parish Department of Permits, Planning and Zoning (Application No. 2020-945, dated December 10, 2020) for the renewal of a trailer park permit for the operation of an existing trailer park (Ellzey 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 Ellzey Properties, LLC, for the operation of an existing trailer park (Ellzey Properties, LLC) located in a MH (Mobile Home) Zoning District on Sooner Lane, Venice, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2020-945, dated December 10, 2020.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-52

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

A Resolution approving the renewal of a trailer park permit to Sigfredo Properties, LLC, for the operation of an existing trailer park (Soriano Estates) located in an A-2 (Rural or Agricultural) Zoning District on R.P. Lane, Triumph Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2020-946, dated December 9, 2021.

WHEREAS, Sigfredo Properties, LLC, applied to the Plaquemines Parish Department of Permits, Planning and Zoning (Application No 2020-946, dated December 9, 2021) for the renewal of a trailer park permit for the operation of an existing trailer park (Soriano Estates) located on R.P. Lane, Triumph, Louisiana;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby approves the issuance for a renewal of a trailer park permit to Sigfredo Properties, LLC for the operation of an existing trailer park (Soriano Estates) located in A-2 (Rural or Agricultural) Zoning District on R.P. Lane, Triumph, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No 2020-946, dated December 9, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-53

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

A Resolution approving the renewal of a trailer park permit to Todd Goodman for the operation of an existing trailer park (Goodman’s Trailer Park) located in an A-2 (Rural or Agricultural) Zoning District on Goodman Lane, Boothville, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2021-13 dated December 29, 2020.

WHEREAS, Todd Goodman applied to the Plaquemines Parish Department of Permits, Planning and Zoning (Application No. 2021-13 dated December 29, 2020) for the renewal of a trailer park permit for the operation of an existing trailer park (Goodman’s Trailer Park) located on Goodman Lane, Boothville, 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 Goodman for the operation of an existing trailer park (Goodman’s Trailer Park) located in an A-2 (Rural or Agricultural) Zoning District on Goodman Lane, Boothville, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2021-13 dated December 29, 2020.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-54

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

A Resolution approving the renewal of a trailer park permit to Van Tran, for an existing trailer park (Minh-Nguyen Trailer Park) located in an I-1 (Industrial Park) Zoning District on Elizabeth Lane, Empire, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2020-943, dated December 7, 2020.

WHEREAS, Van Tran, applied to the Plaquemines Parish Department of Permits, Planning and Zoning (Application No 2020-943, dated December 7, 2020) for the renewal of a trailer park permit for the operation of an existing trailer park (Minh-Nguyen Trailer Park) located on Elizabeth Lane, Empire, 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 Van Tran for the operation of an existing trailer park (Minh-Nguyen Trailer Park) located in I-1 (Industrial Park) Zoning District on Elizabeth Lane, Empire, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2020-943, dated December 7, 2020.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 21-55

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

A Resolution approving the renewal of a trailer park permit to Gary Falcon for the operation of an existing trailer park (Falcon Crest Trailer Park #2) located in an A-2 (Rural or Agricultural) Zoning District on Falcon Crest Lane, Triumph, Louisiana all in accordance with Application No. 2021-14, dated January 7, 2021.

WHEREAS, Gary Falcon applied to the Plaquemines Parish Department of Permits, Planning and Zoning (Application No 2021-14, dated January 7, 2021) for the renewal of a trailer park permit for the operation of an existing trailer park (Falcon Crest Trailer Park #2) located on Falcon Crest Lane, Triumph, Louisiana;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT IT hereby approves the issuance of a trailer park permit to Gary Falcon for the operation of an existing trailer park (Falcon Crest Trailer Park #2) located in an A-2 (Rural or Agricultural) Zoning District on Falcon Crest Lane, Triumph, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2021-14, dated January 7, 2021.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 21-56

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

A Resolution approving the renewal of a trailer park permit to Brent Roy, for the operation of an existing trailer park (Venice Charters Unlimited LLC) located in an A-2 (Rural or Agricultural) Zoning District on Emmett’s Lane, Boothville, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2021-16, dated December 29, 2020.

WHEREAS, Brent Roy, applied to the Plaquemines Parish Department of Permits, Planning and Zoning (Application No. 2021-16, dated December 29, 2020) for the renewal of a trailer park permit for the operation of an existing trailer park, (Venice Charters Unlimited LLC) formally known as Emmett Trailer Park #2, located on Emmett’s Lane, Boothville, 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 Brent Roy for the operation of an existing trailer park, (Venice Charters Unlimited LLC) located in A-2 (Rural or Agricultural) Zoning District on Emmett’s Lane, Boothville, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2021-16, dated December 29, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the Secretary of this Council is hereby authorized and directed to immediately certify and release

this Resolution and that Parish officials and employees are authorized to carry out the purposes of this Resolution, both without further reading and approval by the Plaquemines Parish Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-57

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

A Resolution approving the renewal of a trailer park permit to Angie Majorie for the operation of an existing trailer park (Delta Dragon RV Park, LLC) located in a MH (Mobile Home) Zoning District on Finnegan Lane, Venice, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2021-19, dated December 29, 2020.

WHEREAS, Angie Majorie applied to the Plaquemines Parish Department of Permits, Planning and Zoning (Application No. 2021-19, dated December 29, 2020) for the renewal of a trailer park permit for the operation of an existing trailer park (Delta Dragon RV Park, LLC) located on Finnegan 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 Angie Majorie for the operation of an existing trailer park (Delta Dragon RV Park, LLC) located in a MH (Mobile Home) Zoning District on Finnegan Lane, Venice, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2021-19, dated December 29, 2020.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 21-58

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

A Resolution approving the renewal of a trailer park permit to Live Oak Belle Chasse, MHP, LLC for the operation of existing trailer park (Live Oak Belle Chasse) located in an A-2 (Rural or Agriculture) Zoning District on 11797 Highway 23, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2021-28, dated December 17, 2020.

WHEREAS, to Live Oak Belle Chasse, MHP, LLC applied to the Plaquemines Parish Department of Permits, Planning and Zoning (Application No. 2021-28, dated December 17, 2020) for the renewal of a trailer park permit for the operation of an existing trailer park (Live Oak Belle Chasse) located at 11797 Highway 23, Belle Chasse, 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 Live Oak Belle Chasse, MHP, LLC for the operation of an existing trailer park (Live Oak Belle Chasse) located in an A-2 (Rural or Agriculture) Zoning District at 11797 Highway 23, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2021-28, dated December 17, 2020.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 21-59

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

A Resolution approving the renewal of a trailer park permit to Thomas Gorman, for the operation of an existing trailer park, (Southern Oaks Mobile Home Community, Inc.) located in a MH (Mobile Home) Zoning District on the 300 block of East Third Street, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2021-31, dated January 8, 2021.

WHEREAS, Thomas Gorman applied to the Plaquemines Parish Department of Permits, Planning and Zoning (Application No. 2021-31, dated January 8, 2021) for the renewal of a trailer park permit for the operation of an existing trailer park (Southern Oaks Mobile Home Community, Inc.) located on the 300 block of East Third Street, Belle Chasse, Louisiana;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT IT hereby approves the issuance of a trailer park renewal permit to Thomas Gorman for the operation of an existing trailer park (Southern Oaks Mobile Home Community, Inc.) located in a MH (Mobile Home) Zoning District on the 300 block of East Third Street, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2021-31, dated January 8, 2021.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 21-60

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

A Resolution approving the issuance of a Business Occupancy certificate to Big Mama’s Catering to open a restaurant and catering business located in an A-2 (Rural or Agricultural) Zoning District at 29558 Highway 23, Homeplace, Louisiana all in accordance with Application No. 2021-453, dated February 2, 2021.

WHEREAS, Big Mama’s Catering applied to the Plaquemines Parish Department of Permits, Planning and Zoning (Application No. 2021-453, dated February 2, 2021) for a Business Occupancy certificate to open restaurant and catering business located at 29558 Highway 23, Homeplace, Louisiana;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT IT hereby approves the issuance of a special Business Occupancy certificate to Big Mama’s Catering to open a restaurant and catering business located in an A-2 (Rural or Agricultural) Zoning District at 29558 Highway 23, Homeplace, Louisiana all in accordance with Application No. 2021-453, dated February 2, 2021.

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

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

1. A Resolution giving supplemental approval to the issuance of not to exceed Seventy-Five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000) aggregate principal amount of Revenue Refunding Bonds of the Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana, for the purpose of adding additional or alternative security to the proposed bonds and providing for other matters in connection therewith. COUNCIL MEMBER COGNEVICH
2. An Ordinance to amend the 2021 General Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, Civil Service Department; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER COGNEVICH
3. A Resolution authorizing and directing Parish President Kirk Lepine to execute a contract for professional services with Latter & Blum Holding, LLC for real estate broker services and other related services to Plaquemines Parish Government. COUNCIL MEMBER COGNEVICH
4. An Ordinance approving a plan of resubdivision of the property of Blaine Sheets, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, as shown on the resubdivision of Two Undesignated Lots into Lots S-1 and S-2, Venice, Louisiana, plan and plat of survey by McKay & Associates, LLC, dated November 18, 2020, the owner having fulfilled all the requirements of the Subdivision and Resubdivision Ordinance of the Parish of Plaquemines, without cost to the Plaquemines Parish Government or the Parish of Plaquemines; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER COGNEVICH
5. An Ordinance approving a plan of resubdivision of Greenwood Plantation, Bertrandville, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, into Lots H1 and H2, Greenwood Plantation, Bertrandville, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, as shown on the plans and plat of survey by Dufrene Surveying & Engineering, Inc., dated July 22, 2009, revised February 11, 2021, the owner having fulfilled all the requirements of the Subdivision and Resubdivision Ordinance of the Parish of Plaquemines, without cost to the Plaquemines Parish Government or the Parish of Plaquemines; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER BARTHELEMY
6. A Resolution relative to the use of Parish own and/or operated dock space to ensure the Parish is being appropriately compensated; and to provide for related matters. COUNCIL MEMBER BARTHELEMY
7. An Ordinance approving a plan of re-subdivision of the property of The Parks of Plaquemines, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, as shown on the map of the Parks of Plaquemines, Phase 3A being a re-subdivision of a portion of Tract 3-D-2, Section B of Belle Chasse Plantation into Lots 78V through 96V, Lots 193 through 203, and Lot 226 and Lots 229 through 233 Home Owners Association Tract 9H and Streets by Bryant Hammett and Associates, certified by Hugh McCurdy III, PLS, dated February 10, 2020, the owner having fulfilled all the requirements of the Subdivision and Re-subdivision Ordinance of the Parish of Plaquemines without cost to the Plaquemines Parish Government or the Parish of Plaquemines; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER BLACK
8. An Ordinance approving a plan of re-subdivision of the property of The Parks of Plaquemines, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, as shown on the map of the Parks of Plaquemines Phases 3D being a re-subdivision of a portion of Tract 3-D-2, Section B of Belle Chasse Plantation into Lots 172A through 177A, Lots 178 through 192, and Lots 234 through 248 Home Owners Association Tract 11H and Streets by Bryant Hammett and Associates, certified by Hugh McCurdy III, PLS, dated February 10, 2020, the owner having fulfilled all the requirements of the Subdivision and Re-subdivision Ordinance of the Parish of Plaquemines without cost to the Plaquemines Parish Government or the Parish of Plaquemines; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER BLACK

9. An Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of a donation for the Libraries Department and to amend the Library Services Fund, 2021 Operating Revenue and Expenditure Budgets, Libraries-General Department; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER LAFRANCE

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

ORDINANCE NO. 21-16

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

An Ordinance approving a plan of resubdivision of an undesignated portion of ground located in Section 35, T20S, R30E, Southeastern Land District of Louisiana, West of the Mississippi River, Boothville, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, into Lots JJ1, JJ2, JJ3 and JJ4, Section 35, T20S, R30E, Southeastern Land District of Louisiana, West of the Mississippi River, Boothville, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, as shown on the resubdivision plan and plat of survey by Dufrene Surveying & Engineering, Inc., dated November 12, 2020, revised January 21, 2021, the owner having fulfilled all the requirements of the Subdivision and Resubdivision Ordinance of the Parish of Plaquemines, without cost to the Plaquemines Parish Government or the Parish of Plaquemines; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, David Jason Bain and Jay B. Furr, Jr. are the owners of the property situated in Section 35, T20S, R30E, Southeastern Land District of Louisiana, West of the Mississippi River, Boothville, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, as more fully shown on the plan of resubdivision by Dufrene Surveying & Engineering, Inc., dated November 12, 2020, revised January 21, 2021, a print whereof is annexed hereto and made part hereof; and

WHEREAS, David Jason Bain and Jay B. Furr, Jr., as the owners of said property, have proposed the resubdivision of an undesignated portion of ground located in Section 35, T20S, R30E, Southeastern Land District of Louisiana, into Lots JJ1, JJ2, JJ3 and JJ4, Section 35, T20S, R30E, Southeastern Land District of Louisiana, West of the Mississippi River, Boothville, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana as more fully shown on said plan; and,

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

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

The aforesaid Map of Resubdivision of an undesignated portion of ground located in Section 35, T20S, R30E, Southeastern Land District of Louisiana, West of the Mississippi River, Boothville, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, into Lots JJ1, JJ2, JJ3 and JJ4, Section 35, T20S, R30E, Southeastern Land District of Louisiana, West of the Mississippi River, Boothville, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, as shown on the resubdivision plan and plat of survey by Dufrene Surveying & Engineering, Inc., dated November 12, 2020, revised January 21, 2021, a print whereof is annexed hereto and made a part hereof, is hereby approved, and that the approval of the Parish President, Directors and all appropriate Parish Department Heads of the aforesaid plan and plat of survey be ratified.

SECTION 2

The Parish President be and is hereby authorized to appear before a Notary Public, and execute the approved aforesaid plan or resubdivision of owner as depicted on plan and plat of survey by Dufrene Surveying & Engineering, Inc., dated November 12, 2020, revised January 21, 2021, for the Parish of Plaquemines and the Plaquemines Parish Government, and to execute any and all acts and documents necessary and proper in the premises to give full force and effect to aforesaid Ordinance.

SECTION 3

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

SECTION 4

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

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

Council Member Blink seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Members W. Beau Black and Stuart J. Guey

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 25th day of February 2021.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-17

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

An Ordinance approving a plan of resubdivision of the property of Empire Waterfront, LLC, located in Dollut Subdivision, Section 9, Township 20 South, Range 28 East, Southern Land District of Louisiana, West of the Mississippi

River in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, as shown on a Map of Resubdivision of Lots 11 and 12 into Lots 11A, 11B, 12A, and 12B, Property of Empire Waterfront, LLC, by Tildon H Dufrene, Jr., P.L.S., of Dufrene Surveying and Engineering, Inc., dated October 17, 2020, revised January 5, 2021, the owner having fulfilled all of 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.

WHEREAS, Empire Waterfront, LLC, is the owner of the property located in Dollut Subdivision, Section 9, Township 20 South, Range 28 East, Southeastern Land District of Louisiana, West of the Mississippi River in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, as shown on Map of Resubdivision of Lots 11 and 12 into Lots 11A, 11B, 12A and 12B, Property of Empire Waterfront, LLC, by Tildon H. Dufrene, Jr., P.L.S., of Dufrene Surveying and Engineering, Inc., dated October 17, 2020, revised January 5, 2021, a copy which is annexed hereto and made part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the property descriptions of the property of Empire Waterfront, LLC are attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and

WHEREAS, Empire Waterfront, LLC, as owner of said property, has proposed the resubdivision of Lots 11 and 12 into Lots 11A, 11B, 12A, and 12B, all as more fully shown on said survey; and

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

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

The aforesaid Map of Resubdivision of the property of Empire Waterfront, LLC, located in Dollut Subdivision, Section 9, Township 20 South, Range 28 East, Southern Land District of Louisiana, West of the Mississippi River in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, as shown on a Map of Resubdivision of Lots 11 and 12 into Lots 11A, 11B, 12A, and 12B, Property of Empire Waterfront, LLC, by Tildon H Dufrene, Jr., P.L.S., of Dufrene Surveying and Engineering, Inc., dated October 17, 2020, revised January 5, 2021 , a print whereof is annexed hereto and made a part hereof, is hereby approved, and that the approval of the Parish President, Directors and all appropriate Parish Department Heads of the aforesaid plan and plat of survey be ratified.

SECTION 2

The Parish President be and is hereby authorized to appear before a Notary Public, and execute the approved aforesaid plan or resubdivision of owner as depicted on plan and plat of survey by Tildon H Dufrene, Jr., P.L.S., dated October 17, 2020, revised January 5, 2021, for the Parish of Plaquemines and the Plaquemines Parish Government, and to execute any and all acts and documents necessary and proper in the premises to give full force and effect to aforesaid Ordinance.

SECTION 3

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

SECTION 4

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

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

Council Member Cognevich seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Members W. Beau Black and Stuart J. Guey

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 25th day of February 2021.

Council Member Cognevich offered with changes to the contract to Agenda Item 9c.

R E S O L U T I O N N O . 2 1 - 6 1

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

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Parish President, Kirk Lepine, to execute a contract for services with Strategic Demographics, LLC, for reapportionment/redistricting services; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, the 2020 Federal Decennial Census is ongoing, as mandated by the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the results of the 2020 Federal Decennial Census will be available in the early part of 2021; and

WHEREAS, by law, the Plaquemines Parish Council is required, upon receipt of the data from each Federal Decennial Census, to review its plan of single member election districts and make changes thereto to ensure that each district is as equal in population as is practicable and adheres to the Constitutional principle of one-person-one vote, to the federal Voting Rights Act, and to applicable Louisiana law, a process generally referred to as reapportionment/redistricting; and

WHEREAS, meeting the obligations in regard to reapportionment/redistricting creates the need to engage a consultant experienced in that process; and

WHEREAS, the principle and agents of Strategic Demographics, LLC have decades of experience in reapportionment/redistricting and can provide the assistance needed by the Plaquemines Parish Council in this regard;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby authorizes and directs Parish President, Kirk Lepine, to enter into the Contract for Services, as attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

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 offered Agenda Item 9d with changes to the resolution and contract.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-62

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

A Resolution authorizing the Parish President, or his designee, to sign, execute, and enforce the attached Lease Agreement between the Plaquemines Parish Port, Harbor & Terminal District and Plaquemines Parish Government.

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Parish Council, in consultation with the Administration, has determined that space is available for leasing at the Plaquemines Parish Government building, located at 8056 Highway 23, Belle Chasse, and Louisiana;

WHEREAS, Plaquemines Parish Port, Harbor, & Terminal District has need of rental space for the housing of its administrative offices; and

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL, that the Parish President, or his designee, is hereby authorized to do all things necessary and proper to sign, execute, and enforce the attached Lease Agreement memorializing the lease of building space within the structure designated as the Popich Building having a municipal address of 8056 Highway 23, Belle Chasse, Louisiana between the Plaquemines Parish Port, Harbor & Terminal District and Plaquemines Parish Government.

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 Barthelemy offered a substitute to Agenda Item 9e.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-18

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

An Ordinance to amend the Five Year Capital Improvements Plan, Potable Water System Project and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, the US Corps of Engineers and the State of Louisiana have decided to deepen the channel of the Mississippi River to a minimum depth of 55 feet which will have an impact on the Plaquemines Parish potable water system; and

WHEREAS, Plaquemines Parish Government will need to document impacts and request that the United States Corps of engineers and the State of Louisiana fund the improvements necessary to improve the Parish's water system to account for these impacts; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

The Five Year Capital Improvements Plan is amended by appropriating \$30,000 to the Potable Water System Project from the Waterworks & Sewerage Fund Unreserved/Undesignated Fund Balance; funding year, 2021.

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 LaFrance 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., Benedict Rousselle, Trudy Newberry, Carlton M. LaFrance, Richie Blink and Mark Cognevich

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Members W. Beau Black, Corey Arbourgh and Stuart J. Guey

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 25th day of February 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-63

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

A Resolution granting conditional approval for a plan of subdivision of Mark and Michelle Taillon, Tract S-1-C-2, Julius G. Foster Partition, Belle Chasse, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana into Tracts S-2-A through S-2-D, Julius G. Foster Partition, Belle Chasse, Plaquemines Parish Louisiana, as shown on map of subdivision by John E. Bonneau & Associates, Inc., A Lowe Company, dated October 22, 2020, without cost to Plaquemines Parish Government or the Parish of Plaquemines.

WHEREAS, Mark and Michelle Taillon, is the owner of the property as shown on map of subdivision, by John E. Bonneau & Associates, Inc., A Lowe Company, dated October 22, 2020, herein attached; and

WHEREAS, Mark and Michelle Taillon as owner of the property, plans to subdivide said property into 4 tracts shown as Tract S-1-C-2 into Tracts S-2-A through S-2-D, Julius G. Foster Partition as shown on map of subdivision by John E. Bonneau & Associates, Inc., A Lowe Company, dated October 22, 2020, a copy of which is on file in the Permits, Planning & Zoning Department of Parish of Plaquemines; and

WHEREAS, the design of all public utilities, services and facilities to be provided in the subdivision according to said plan have been approved by all Department Superintendents or Boards charged with the responsibility of maintaining and inspecting said public utilities, services and facilities;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the above described plan of subdivision of the property of Mark and Michelle Taillon, Tract S-1-C-2, Julius G. Foster Partition, Belle Chasse, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana into Tracts S-2-A through S-2-D, Julius G. Foster Partition, Belle Chasse, Plaquemines Parish Louisiana, as shown on map of subdivision by John E. Bonneau & Associates, Inc., A Lowe Company, dated October 22, 2020, a copy of which is annexed hereto and made a part hereof, be conditionally approved, and the approval of all appropriate Parish Department Heads of the above described plan of subdivision be ratified.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT conditional approval of the plan shall be authority for the owners of the subdivision only to proceed with construction and installation of the improvements and work in order to comply with the requirements of the Ordinance No. 96-41, as amended, Plaquemines Parish Subdivision Ordinance, and shall not authorized said owners to sell any lots in the proposed subdivision.

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. 21-19

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

An Ordinance to amend the 2021 Operating Revenue and Expenditure Budgets, Financial Administration Department; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, after a review of the 2021 Operating Revenue and Expenditure Budgets, amendments are necessary;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

The 2021 Operating Revenue and Expenditure Budgets are amended as follows:

001 General Fund

515-2500 Financial Adm 581.119 Transfer to Fire Fighting Dec (368,550)

119 Firefighting Fund

515-2500 Financial Adm 480.001 Transfer from Gen Fund Dec (368,550)

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., Benedict Rousselle, Trudy Newberry, Carlton M. LaFrance, Richie Blink and Mark Cognevich

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Members Beau Black, Corey Arbourgh and Stuart J. Guey

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 25th day of February 2021.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-20

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

An Ordinance to amend the 2021 General Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, Registrar of Voters Department; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, upon review the of the 2021 Operating Expenditure Budget, an amendment to the 2021 General Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, Registrar of Voters Department is necessary;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

The 2021 General Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget. Registrar of Voters Department, is amended as follows:

Fund: 001 General Fund			
Dept/Div: 576-2880 Registrar of Voters Department			
Object	Description	Inc/ Dec	Amendment
510.005	Salaries & Wages-Regular	Dec	(2,510)
551.405	Employee Training	Inc	2,510

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., Corey Arbourgh, Benedict Rousselle, Trudy Newberry, Carlton M. LaFrance, Richie Blink and Mark Cognevich

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Members W. Beau Black and Stuart J. Guey

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 25th day of February 2021.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-21

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

An Ordinance to amend the 2021 General Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, Council-General Department; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, upon review the of the 2021 Operating Expenditure Budget, an amendment to the 2021 General Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, Council-General Department is necessary;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

The 2021, Operating Expenditure Budget is amended by appropriating \$16,000 from the General Fund Unreserved/Undesignated Fund Balance as follows:

Fund: 001 General Fund			
Dept/Div: 210-2000 Council General			
Object	Description	Inc/ Dec	Amendment
532.001	Professional Services	Inc	16,000

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 purposes of this Ordinance, both without further reading and approval by the Plaquemines Parish Council.

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

Council Member Rousselle seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Members W. Beau Black and Stuart J. Guey

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 25th day of February 2021.

Council Member Cognevich filled in the blanks in Agenda Item 91 and offered it with changes.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-22

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

An Ordinance authorizing the Parish President to do all things necessary and proper to sell Tract E-1 located on El Dorado Street Buras, LA 70041 to 181 Eldorado, LLC for the appraised value of \$25,000.00 and charge the buyer other reasonable expenses related thereto; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, the Parish has fee simple ownership of Tract E-1 located on El Dorado Street Buras, Louisiana 70041; and

WHEREAS, the Parish Council declared Tract E-1 surplus by Ordinance 20-108, adopted November 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Parish received an appraisal (Exhibit A) establishing a market value of \$25,000.00 of Tract E-1 located on El Dorado Street Buras, LA 7004; and

WHEREAS, the Parish desires to place Tract E-1 back in commerce;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

It hereby authorizes the Parish President to do all things necessary and proper to sell Tract E-1 located on El Dorado Street Buras, LA 70041 to 181 Eldorado, LLC for the appraised value of \$25,000.00 and charge the buyer other expenses related thereto. Tract E-1 located on El Dorado Street Buras, LA 70041 is described as a certain tract or parcel of land, situated in Township 20 South, Range 29 East, Section 22, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, in the unincorporated town of Buras, and being more fully described as follows:

Commencing at the intersection of the northerly or riverside right of way line of State Highway 23 with the westerly or upper line of Eldorado Street, having a 1983 Louisiana South Zone Coordinate of X=3,859,512.20 feet and Y=310,496.75 feet, thence North 33 degrees 02 minutes 42 seconds East, along the upper line of Eldorado Street, 410.67 feet to the northeasterly corner of Tract E-2 and the POINT OF BEGINNING:

Thence North 56 degrees 23 minutes 27 seconds West, along the line between Tracts E-1 and E-2, 92.00 feet to the easterly or lower line of the property of Myrtle B. Stipelcovich;

Thence North 33 degrees 02 minutes 42 seconds East, along the lower line of the property of Myrtle B. Stipelcovich, 560.57 feet to the intersection with the southerly line of the property of Joseph B. Michel;

Thence South 56 degrees 57 minutes 18 seconds East, along the southerly line of the property of Joseph B. Michel, 92.00 feet to the intersection with the westerly or upper line of Eldorado Street;

Thence South 33 degrees 02 minutes 42 seconds West, along the upper line of Eldorado Street, 561.47 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Plaquemines Parish Government reserves any and all interests it has to all mineral rights as required by Article 4, Section 4.01, A. (2) of the Charter For Local Self-Government Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

SECTION 2

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

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

Council Member Rousselle seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Members W. Beau Black and Stuart J. Guey

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 25th day of February 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-64

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

A Resolution authorizing The Plaquemines Parish Government, acting through its Parish President, Kirk Lepine ("PPG") and Venice Energy Services Company, L.L.C. ("Targa") to enter into a Right of Entry agreement relating to Parish Land for the

purpose of depositing dredged material; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, Targa Midstream Services LLC (“TMS”), as operator of Targa, has been authorized to conduct maintenance dredging operations on its property located in Venice, Louisiana pursuant to Coastal Use Permit and United States Army Corps of Engineers Permit as and through the Buras Levee District (collectively the “Permits”); and

WHEREAS, PPG is the owner of certain immovable property located in Venice, Louisiana and in close proximity to the location of the maintenance dredging operations authorized by the Permits; and

WHEREAS, the Permits authorize TMS, as operator of Targa, to deposit dredged material on a portion of PPG’s property (the “PPG Property”); and

WHEREAS, Targa now desires to obtain PPG’s authorization and consent to allow Targa (including its operator, employees, representatives, contractors, agents, and invitees) to access the PPG Property to continue depositing material dredged pursuant to the Permits; and

WHEREAS, PPG now desires to authorize and consent to TMS, as operator of Targa, depositing material dredged pursuant to the Permits on the PPG Property in consideration of Targa providing the indemnifications and assumptions as set forth in this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, all particulars for the Right of Entry agreement as proposed by the parties is attached hereto as “Exhibit A”;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT we respectfully request that PPG, through its President Kirk Lepine, enter into a Right of Entry agreement, allowing and Venice Energy Services Company, L.L.C. (“Targa”) through its operator TMS, to deposit dredged material on Plaquemines Parish owned land in Venice, LA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the Parish President, Kirk Lepine be and is hereby authorized to execute any and all acts and documents necessary and proper in the premises to give full force and effect to the Right of Entry form attached hereto as “Exhibit A”.

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.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-65

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

A Resolution authorizing the Parish President to protect Plaquemines Parish Government’s interest and to pursue any and all damages and other penalties under law owed to the Parish as a result of the acts and/or omissions of various pharmaceutical manufacturers/companies, wholesale pharmaceutical distributors, and any other parties deemed liable by the Parish Attorney, including joining any pending or future litigation related to opioid production and/or distribution.

WHEREAS, the Legal Department has informed the Parish President and the Parish Council of the ongoing legal issues related to damages suffered as a result of the production and distribution of opioids in this area, as well as neighboring parishes, including all attendant issues; and

WHEREAS, the Parish Council has already authorized the Parish Attorney to participate in the

Purdue Pharma L.P., et al., bankruptcy action, currently with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, Case #19-23649; and

WHEREAS, those defendants, and others that have not sought bankruptcy protection, are liable for all damages Plaquemines Parish has suffered due to the Opioid Crisis; and

WHEREAS, a civil court filing, within the 25th Judicial District Court, Parish of Plaquemines, is necessary in order to safeguard the right for Plaquemines Parish Government to hold all parties responsible; and

WHEREAS, the Parish Attorney seeks to name multiple parties in the lawsuit, including but not limited to Purdue, Cephalon, Endo, Mallinckrodt, Actavis, Jansenn, Mckesson, Cardinal, AmerisourceBergen, CVS Rx Services, Inc., Rite-Aid Corporation, Walgreens, and Walmart, in addition any other parties that the Parish Attorney discovers may be responsible for this crisis; and

WHEREAS, authority to file suit within the 25th J.D.C. of the State of Louisiana or any other court of competent jurisdiction is now sought;
NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the Parish President or his designee is hereby authorized to protect Plaquemines Parish Government's interest and to pursue any and all damages and other penalties under law owed to the Parish as a result of the acts and/or omissions of various pharmaceutical manufacturers/companies, wholesale pharmaceutical distributors, and any other parties deemed liable by the Parish Attorney, including filing and joining any new, pending or future litigation related to opioid production and/or distribution. Any compromise or settlement of claims or litigation resulting from this Resolution shall be approved by the Plaquemines Parish 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 filled in the blanks for Agenda Item 9p.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-66

On motion of Council Member LaFrance, seconded by Council Member Barthelemy, and on roll call all members present voting "YES", except Council Member Arbourgh who voted "NO" and Council Members Black and Guey who were "ABSENT", the following resolution was adopted:

A Resolution re-instating the Borrow Pit Advisory Committee created via Resolution No. 17-58; to appoint the membership of said Committee; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, it is the desire of this Council to re-instate the Borrow Pit Advisory Committee created in 2017; and

WHEREAS, the mission of said Committee is to provide non-binding advice regarding the Plaquemines Parish Code of Ordinance Section V, Chapter 18, relative to borrow pits;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it re-instates the Borrow Pit Advisory Committee created via Resolution No. 17-58.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT in accordance with Resolution No. 17-58, the below listed members shall be appointed until at such

time the Parish Council, by majority vote, determines the Borrow Pit Advisory Committee is no longer needed or until the member is replaced by the entity which made his/her appointment.

- 1-Council Member Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr.
- 2-Council Member John L. Barthelemy, Jr.
- 3-Council Member Mark Cognevich
- 4-Council Member Benedict Rousselle
- 5-Will Wilcox
- 6-Donald Vallee
- 7-Assistant Parish Attorney Jacque Touzet

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the purpose of Borrow Pit Advisory Committee shall be to provide non-binding advice regarding Article V, Chapter 18 of the Plaquemines Parish Code of Ordinances and to make non-binding recommendations to the Plaquemines Parish Council with regard to amendments thereto.

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 Barthelemy offered Agenda Item 9r with changes.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-23

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

An Ordinance to amend the 2021 Manpower Structure and Operating Expenditure Budget, Ferries-General Department, and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, after a review of the manpower needs of the Ferry Department, it has been recommended to fund one Ferry Captain III position at an annual salary of \$49,958 plus benefits; fund one Chief Ferry Engineer position at an annual salary of \$47,108 plus benefits; and to fund two Deckhand positions at an annual salary of \$22,882 plus benefits, each position; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the 2021 Operating Expenditure Budget, Ferries-General Department;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

The 2021 Manpower Structure, is amended by funding one Ferry Captain III position at an annual salary of \$49,958 plus benefits; fund one Chief Ferry Engineer position at an annual salary of \$47,108 plus benefits; and to fund two Deckhand positions at an annual salary of \$22,882 plus benefits, each position, in the Ferry Department.

SECTION 2

The 2021 General Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, Ferries-General Department is amended by appropriating \$124,780 from the General Fund Unreserved/Undesignated Fund Balance and \$100,000 from the Fund Balance Designated for Emergencies, as follows:

Fund: 001 General Fund			
Dept/Div: 735-4370 Ferries-General Department			
Object	Description	Inc/Dec	Amendment

510.005	Salaries & Wages-Regular	Inc	120,850
515.005	FICA Taxes	Inc	1,750
516.105	Retirement	Inc	14,800
517.005	Group Insurance Health	Inc	56,320
523.105	Utilities Electricity	Inc	21,900
523.305	Utilities Water/Sewer/Refuse (Pub Util)	Inc	1,530
527.640	Rentals/Leases Uniforms	Inc	5,770
527.810	Rentals/Leases – Copier Machines	Inc	1,860

SECTION 3

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

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

Council Member Blink seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

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

YEAS: Council Members John L. Barthelemy, Jr., Carlton M. LaFrance, Richie Blink and Mark Cognevich

NAYS: Council Members Corey Arbourgh, Benedict Rousselle and Trudy Newberry

ABSENT: Council Member Stuart J. Guey

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

And the Ordinance FAILED on this the 25th day of February 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-67

On motion of Council Member Barthelemy, seconded by Council Member LaFrance, and on roll call all members present voting “YES”, except Council Members Black, Arbourgh and Blink who voted “NO” and Council Member Guey who was “ABSENT”, the following resolution was adopted:

A Resolution relative to the formulation and proposal of the 2022 Operating Budget; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, Plaquemines Parish, uniquely, derives funding related to mineral royalties; and

WHEREAS, the monies derived are generally referred to as the Road Royalty Fund; and

WHEREAS, for a period of years in the past the monies in the Road Royalty Fund were used to fully fund the Plaquemines Parish Ferry Department, a permissible expenditure of those mineral royal funds; and

WHEREAS, over time, the Road Royalty Fund proceeds have been spread to other uses by embedding those revenues in the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, over time, the funding to the Ferry Department has been constrained by diminishing funds in the General Fund, resulting in the reduction of services provided by the Plaquemines Parish Ferry Department;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the policy of Plaquemines Parish Government shall be to utilize the Road Royalty Fund to fully fund the Plaquemines Parish Ferry Department at a level that allows for the full operation of both of the ferries.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the Plaquemines Parish President is hereby directed to provide in the proposed 2022 Operating Budget submitted to the Council that the revenues of the Road Royalty Fund are dedicated to the Plaquemines Parish Ferry Department to the extent necessary to provide for the full operation of both ferries.

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 Barthelemy offered Agenda Item 9t with changes.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-68

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

A Resolution requesting a local bill be filed on behalf of the Plaquemines Parish Council in the 2021 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature relative to the Ward 4 Justice of the Peace Court in Plaquemines Parish, and to provide for related matters.

WHEREAS, the close of qualifying for the offices of Justice of the Peace and Constable, Ward 4 of Plaquemines Parish was January 24, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Parish Council received notice from the Louisiana Secretary of State that no person qualified for either the office of Justice of the Peace or Constable, Ward 4 of Plaquemines Parish, leaving those offices vacant; and

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Parish Council has been informed by the Plaquemines Parish Registrar of Voters that there are no qualified electors residing in Ward 4 of Plaquemines Parish; and

WHEREAS, as such, there are no persons eligible to be appointed to either the office of Justice of the Peace or Constable, Ward 4 of Plaquemines Parish; and

WHEREAS, as there are no qualified electors residing in the existing Ward 4 of Plaquemines Parish, Ward 4 should be merged into the geographic territory of Ward 3 of Plaquemines Parish; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to LA Constitutional Article V, Section 20, only the Legislature can alter or merge justice of the peace courts and thus the territorial jurisdiction and election districts for the Justice of the Peace and Constable; and

WHEREAS, the merger of the Ward 4 Justice of the Peace Court of Plaquemines Parish into the Ward 3 Justice of the Peace Court of Plaquemines Parish and to dissolve the Ward 4 Justice of the Peace Court is in the best interest of Plaquemines Parish;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the Plaquemines Parish Council hereby formally requests Rep. Mack Cormier file such local bill to accomplish the merger of the Ward 4 Justice of the Peace Court of Plaquemines Parish into the Ward 3 Justice of the Peace Court of Plaquemines Parish and to dissolve the Ward 4 Justice of the Peace Court, and to provide that the Justice of the Peace and Constable elected in the Regular election held on March 20, 2021, and on April 24, 2021 in the event persons are not elected on March 20, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the Plaquemines Parish Council hereby authorizes and directs the President to pay whatever publication costs are associated with the introduction of a local bill as requested herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the Secretary of the Plaquemines Parish Council to forward same to Rep. Mack Cormier and Rep. Ray Garofalo for their consideration and action.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 21-69

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby approves the minutes of the January 28, 2021, 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 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.

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

There were no matters under 11a, "Resolutions wherein suspension is being sought".

Under agenda item 11d, "District 1 update", Council Member Barthelemy asked for updates on the following: 1) The new Pointe-a-la-Hache and West Pointe-a-la-Hache ferry ramps; 2) The Phoenix to Bohemia levee; 3) The Mississippi River levee on the East Bank and 4) Update on the overlay of the southern part of Highway 15. President Lepine stated that Director Todd Eppley had the report on all

these matters but he was not present at the meeting and he would send an email. Council Member Barthelemy, said Mr. Eppley should have given the report to one of the other Directors. President Lepine said Mr. Eppley had to go get a COVID tests. Due to the lack of information from President and his staff, Council Member Barthelemy withdrew these items.

Council Member Blink then asked for a Motion to Reconsider on the vote of Agenda Item 7a(4). A motion was made by Council Member Blink, seconded by Council Member Cognevich and upon roll call all members present voting "YES", except Council Members Black and Arbourgh who voted "NO" and Council Members Barthelemy, Guey and Rousselle who were "ABSENT", the Motion to Reconsider FAILED by a vote of 4-2.

There being no further business to come before this Council, on motion Council Member LaFrance, seconded by Council Member Cognevich, and on roll call all members present voting "YES" except Council Members Barthelemy, Guey and Rousselle who were "ABSENT", the meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary