

Minutes of a meeting of the Plaquemines Parish Council, held in the Belle Chasse Council Building Chambers, 333 F. Edward Hebert Blvd., Bldg. 203, Belle Chasse, Louisiana on Thursday, March 10, 2022, at 4:02 p.m., pursuant to notice to all members with a quorum present as follows:

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

Kim M. Toups, Council Secretary

ABSENT: Council Member Benedict Rousselle
Council Member Mark Cognevich, Chairman

The Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance were dispensed with.

President Lepine was not in attendance; however, Charter Directors Crystal Taylor, Todd Eppley and Scott Rousselle were present representing the Administration.

The following items were deferred:

- 9a(1), “An Ordinance creating a temporary moratorium on new residential subdivisions, residential re-subdivisions and new zoning classification changes for residential development for six or more lots for the areas from Jesuit Bend to the boundaries between Plaquemines, Jefferson and Orleans Parishes for a period of twelve months; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”;
- 9b, “An Ordinance to amend the 2022 General Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, Flood Control-General Department; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto” -- Purchase of excavator;
- 9c, “An Ordinance to amend the 2022 General Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, Flood Control-General Department; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto” - Purchase of bulldozer;
- 9d, “An Ordinance to amend the 2022 Manpower Structure; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.”;
- 9e, “An Ordinance to amend the 2022 General Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, Legal Judgments Department, for final judgment settlements of outstanding legal settlement cases; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”;
- 9h, “A Resolution giving preliminary approval to the issuance of not to exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) of Hurricane Recovery Revenue Notes of the Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana, and providing for other matters in connection therewith”;
- 11b, “District 9 update”;
- 11c, “District 8 update”;
- 11e, “District 7 update”;
- 11f, “District 5 update”;
- 11g, “District 6 update”;
- 11h, “Status of the Latter & Blum contract and the marketing of Parish property”;
- 11j, “Discussion of renovations in Building 800 – 911 Center”;
- 11k, “Update on the Archer Study”; and
- 11l, “Update on the status of the Archer Study”.

The following items were withdrawn:

- Agenda Item 11d, “District 1 update items 1) Status of progress of culverts on the back levee from Phoenix to Bohemia and 2) Status of the Davant Air Conditioner” were withdrawn because both matters have been addressed by the Administration; and
- Agenda Item 11L, “Discussion regarding redistricting”.

There being no matters under Agenda Item 2, "Executive Session", Council Member Blink moved to Agenda Item 3, "Proclamations", Without objection, so ordered.

On motion of Council Member Guey, with a unanimous second, and all members present voting "YES", except Council Members Rousselle and Cognevich who were "ABSENT", the Proclamation declaring March 10, 2022, as "Joseph (Joey) Andrew Stifflemire Day" in the Parish of Plaquemines was adopted by a vote of 7-0.

There being no report under Agenda Item 4, "Status Report by the Parish President", Council Member Blink moved to Agenda Item 4b, "Update by Charter Directors". Without objection, so ordered. There was no report by the Directors other than what was emailed to Council Members. However, Council Member Newberry told Director Crystal Taylor that she appreciated the report sent out on Mosquito Control and her assistant will put something out on her District 6 page. She then asked if March 18th was the definite date people will start seeing the trucks on the road. Director Taylor said the trucks were ready early and the residents will see action next week

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

RESOLUTION NO. 22-64

On motion of Council Member Guey, seconded by Council Member Arbourgh, and on roll all members present and voting "YES", except Council Members Rousselle and Cognevich who were "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: MM CS Services Store 551, 9144 Hwy. 23, Belle Chasse, LA 70037, Table 1, Class B-Package Liquor; Who Dat Bar, 17059 Hwy. 15, Davant, LA 70046, Table 2, Class A-Retail Liquor; Asahi Sushi Bar, 102 Woodland Hwy., Suite 7 and 8, Belle Chasse, LA, 70037, Table 1 & 2, Class A-Retail Outlet & 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 Blink moved to Agenda Item 7, Building Permits". Without objection, so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-65

On motion of Council Member Barthelemy, seconded by Council Member Blink, and on roll call all members present and voting "YES", except for Council Member Black who "ABSTAINED", and Council Member Rousselle and Cognevich 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 is hereby approved: Whitney Oil & Gas, LLC, Application No. 2022-190, dated February 22, 2022, wheel-wash, install pile clusters, drill the GIB Location S (Castor) Well, and install well protection structure and two 4-inch flowlines, Garden Island Bay 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.

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

1. An Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of a donation for the Libraries Department and to amend the Library Services Fund, 2022 Operating Revenue and Expenditure Budgets, Libraries-General Department; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER COGNEVICH
2. An Ordinance to enact Chapter 19, Article I, Section 19-3 to provide for the standards of maintenance on certain private roads; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER BARTHELEMY
3. A Resolution authorizing and directing the Parish President to provide a list of all contractors hired by Plaquemines Parish Government to handle Hurricane Ida debris removal, a description of the work that was done and the amount they were paid; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER BARTHELEMY
4. A Resolution authorizing and directing the Parish President to provide a list of all Parish employees who worked for Hurricane Ida and were paid beyond the normal 40 hours per week, which may be reimbursed by FEMA, the number of hours worked and a description of the work done; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER BARTHELEMY
5. A Resolution authorizing and directing the Parish President to provide a list of all contractors hired by the State of Louisiana to handle Hurricane Ida debris removal in Plaquemines Parish, a description of the work that was done and the amount they were paid; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER BARTHELEMY
6. A Resolution granting conditional approval for a plan of subdivision of Tracts A and B-2, Sections 2 and 73, T14S, R24E, Southeastern District of Louisiana, West of the Mississippi River, Belle Chasse, Parish of Plaquemines into Lots 1 through 54 Square A, Lots 1 through 30 Square B, Lots 1 through 24 Square C, Barriere Estates, and the dedication of George Boulevard, Numa Street, Alvin Street, and Alvin Circle, and dedication of drainage servitudes and dedication sewer servitude, Belle Chasse, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, as shown on the plans and plat of survey Dufrene Surveying & Engineering, Inc., dated June 1, 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; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER BLACK
7. 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 BLACK
8. A Resolution urging the State of Louisiana, through the Department of Transportation and Development to allocate a portion of available infrastructure funding to raising a portion of Louisiana Highway 23; and to provide for other matters. COUNCIL MEMBER NEWBERRY
9. An Ordinance declaring a temporary housing need exists pursuant to Subsection 6 of Section XII of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of Plaquemines Parish; enacting rules, regulations and fees thereof; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER LAFRANCE
10. An Ordinance to amend the 2022 Operating Revenue and Expenditure Budgets; to accept a donation from the Empire South Pass Tarpon Rodeo; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER BLINK

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

ORDINANCE NO. 22-26

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

An Ordinance to establish divided precincts within Plaquemines Parish and to adopt a redistricting plan for the Plaquemines Parish Council; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Parish Council is elected from nine single member districts in accordance with the Charter for Local Self-Government of Plaquemines Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Parish Council determined that its districts were malapportioned, after considering the 2020 Federal Decennial Census and new district lines needed to be crafted; and

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Parish Council, is unable to create a redistricting plan using the whole precincts submitted to the United States Bureau of the Census and, in accordance with LRS 18:532.1(D)(2), will need to divide several precincts into two or more precincts, which divisions shall be by a visible feature which is a census tabulation boundary, in order to accomplish redistricting;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

- A. The Plaquemines Parish Council hereby divides and creates new precincts to be used in its redistricting plan to be first implemented for all purposes related to the regularly scheduled elections for the Plaquemines Parish Council, and otherwise, in the Fall of 2022.
- B. Precinct 2-2 is hereby divided to create Precincts **2-2** and **2-2A**. Precinct **2-2A** is described as follows: Begin at the intersection of Woodland Hwy. and LA Hwy. 23, which is also the precinct boundary between Precincts 2-2 and 3-1, then proceed northwesterly along the southernmost lane of LA Hwy. 23 (and the precinct boundary) to the intersection with a fence line located north of Saxony Crt., then northeasterly along the fence line to the intersection with Industry Canal, then southeasterly along the Canal to the intersection with Woodland Hwy., then southerly along Woodland Hwy. to the point of beginning. The remainder of the original Precinct **2-2** is redesignated as Precinct **2-2**.
- C. Precinct 3-1 is hereby divided to create Precincts **3-1** and **3-1A**. Precinct **3-1A** is described as follows: Begin at the intersection of Vogt Dr. and State Rte. 23, then proceed easterly and southerly along State Rte. 23, which is also the boundary between Precincts 3-1 and 4-1, then westerly and southerly and westerly and southerly along said boundary to the intersection of the boundaries of Precincts 3-1, 4-1 and 4-2, then westerly, then southerly, then westerly, then northerly to the intersection with an unnamed canal, which is the boundary between Precincts 3-1 and 4-2, then northwesterly along the canal to the intersection with the extension of a powerline running between Downing Crt. and Tinsley Dr., then northerly along the powerline to the intersection with Demandre St., then southeasterly along Demandre St. to the intersection with Oak Tree Rd., then northerly along Oak Tree Rd., which becomes W. 3rd St., then northerly along W. 3rd St. to the intersection with Hodge Ave., then westerly along Hodge Ave. to the intersection with Vogt Dr., then northerly along Vogt Dr. to the point of beginning. The remainder of the original Precinct 3-1 is redesignated as Precinct 3-1.

- D. Precinct **4-1** is divided to create Precincts **4-1** and **4-1A**. Precinct **4-1A** is described as follows: Begin at the intersection of Main St. and Ave. J, then northerly along Main St. to the intersection with Oak Rd., then easterly along Oak Rd. to the intersection with E. 3rd St., then southerly along E. 3rd St. to the intersection with Ave. J, then easterly along Ave. J to the point of beginning. The remainder of Precinct **4-1** is redesignated as Precinct **4-1**.
- E. Precinct **4-2** is divided to create Precincts **4-2** and **4-2A**. Precinct **4-2A** is described as follows: Begin at the intersection of the boundary between Precincts 6-1 and 4-2 and the Mississippi River, then proceed northerly along the Mississippi River to the intersection with the boundary between Precincts 4-1 and 4-2, then easterly and southerly along the boundary to the intersection with Apricot St., then easterly along Apricot St. to the intersection with a powerline, then southerly along the powerline to the intersection with Russell Dr., then easterly along Russell Dr., which is the boundary between Precincts 4-2 and 6-1, to the point of beginning. The remainder of Precinct **4-2** is redesignated as Precinct **4-2**.
- F. Precinct **5-2** is divided to create Precincts **5-2**, **5-2A** and **5-2B**. Precinct **5-2A** is described as that portion of the Precinct 5-2 lying south of the ship channel off of the intercoastal waterway, bounded on the east by the intercoastal waterway and on the west by Jefferson Parish. Precinct 5-2B is described as follows: Begin at the intersection of the southern bank of Barrier Canal and Good News Ave., then proceed, southerly along Good News Ave. to the intersection with I St., then northerly along I St. to the intersection with the boundary between Precincts 2-2 and 5-2, then northwesterly along the boundary to the intersection with Barrier Canal, then southwestly along Barrier Canal to the point of beginning. The remainder of Precinct **5-2** is redesignated as Precinct **5-2**.
- G. Precinct **6-1** is divided to create Precincts **6-1** and **6-1A**. Precinct 6-1A is described as follows: Begin at the intersection of Intrepid Dr. and Yorktown Lane, then proceed northeasterly along Yorktown Lane which is the boundary between Precincts 6-1 and 4-2, continuing along such boundary southeasterly, then southerly along Enterprise St., then continuing along the boundary as it becomes Rue Perez, then continuing along the boundary as it becomes Russell Dr., then continuing easterly along the boundary to the Mississippi River, then proceeding southerly along the boundary to the intersection of the Mississippi River and Sewer Plant Rd., then westerly along Sewer Plant Rd. to the intersection of the boundary between precincts 5-1 and 6-1, then northerly along the boundary, then westerly along the boundary, then southerly along the boundary, then easterly along the boundary, the northwesterly along the boundary, the westerly along the boundary, then northwesterly along the boundary, the northerly along the boundary as it becomes Rinard Ave., then northerly along the boundary, then easterly along the boundary, then northerly along the boundary as it becomes Midway Dr., then becomes Intrepid Drive, then northwesterly along Intrepid Dr. to the point of beginning. The remainder of Precinct **6-1** is redesignated as Precinct **6-1**.
- H. Precinct **7-1** is divided to create Precincts **7-1** and **7-1A**. Precinct **7-1A** is described as follows: Begin at the intersection of the boundary between Precincts 7-1, 6-2 and the Mississippi River, then proceed westerly along the boundary between Precincts 7-1 and 6-2 to the intersection with the boundary between Precincts 7-1 and 8-1, then easterly, then southerly along that boundary to the intersection of the boundaries of Precincts 7-1, 8-1 and 8-2, then proceed southerly along the boundary between Precincts 7-1 and 8-2 to the intersection with Oaks Bayou, then easterly along the northern bank of Oaks Bayou to the intersection with Lake Laurier, then along the northern bank, then eastern bank of Lake Laurier to the intersection with Wilkinson Bayou, then southerly along the eastern bank of Wilkinson Bayou to the intersection with Hermitage Bayou, then northerly along the eastern bank of Wilkinson Bayou to the intersection with Hermitage Rd., then northerly along Hermitage Rd. to the intersection with State Rte. 23, then northerly along State Rte. 23 to the intersection with W. Ravenna Rd., then easterly along W. Ravenna Rd. to the intersection with the Mississippi River, then northerly along the Mississippi River to the point of beginning. The remainder of Precinct **7-1** is redesignated as Precinct **7-1**.

- I. Precinct **8-2** is divided to create Precincts **8-2** and **8-2A**. Precinct **8-2A** is described as follows: Begin at the intersection of Hingle Ln. and Hwy. 11, then southerly along Hwy. 11 to the intersection with Doullut Canal, then westerly along Doullut Canal to the intersection with State Rte. 23, then northerly along State Rte. 23 to the intersection with Hingle Ln., then easterly along Hingle Ln. to the point of beginning. The remainder of Precinct **8-2** is redesignated as Precinct **8-2**.
- J. The precincts created hereby shall be utilized for all purposes related to the elections to be held in the Parish of Plaquemines in the Fall of 2022 and thereafter, until changed .

SECTION 2

The redistricting plan entitled Plaquemines Plan 2022 V2, as described below and more specifically depicted in the shape files and block equivalency files submitted to the Louisiana Secretary of State, be and is hereby adopted and such plan shall be utilized for the regularly scheduled elections in the Fall of 2022 for the Plaquemines Parish Council, in accordance with Louisiana law.

DISTRICT 1

District 1 consists of the entirety of precincts **1-1, 1-2, 1-3 and 6-1A**.

DISTRICT 2

District 2 consists of the entirety of precincts **2-1, 2-2A and 4-1A**.

DISTRICT 3

District 3 consists of the entirety of precincts **3-1 and 5-2B**.

DISTRICT 4

District 4 consists of the entirety of precincts **3-1A, 4-1 and 4-2A**.

DISTRICT 5

District 5 consists of the entirety of precinct **2-2 and 5-2**.

DISTRICT 6

District 6 consists of the entirety of precincts **4-2, 5-1, 5-2A and 6-1**.

DISTRICT 7

District 7 consists of the entirety of precincts **6-2, 7-1A and 8-1**.

DISTRICT 8

District 8 consists of the entirety of precincts **7-1, 7-2 and 8-2**.

DISTRICT 9

District 9 consists of the entirety of precincts **8-2A, 8-3, 9-1 and 9-2**.

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 Arbourgh seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

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

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

Newberry

NAYS: Council Members John L. Barthelemy, Jr., Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr. and Richie Blink

ABSENT: Council Member Benedict Rousselle and Mark Cognevich

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance FAILED on this the 10th day of February, 2022.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-27

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

An Ordinance to amend the Five-Year Capital Improvements Plan, Restore Act-Eastbank Landbridge Project; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, on July 6, 2012, the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act was signed into law, which established the Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund in the U.S. Treasury Department; and

WHEREAS, Plaquemines Parish has been allocated additional funding in the amount of \$600,000 from the U.S. Department of Treasury, Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, amending the Five-Year Capital Improvements Plan by appropriating \$600,000 to the Restore Act-Eastbank Landbridge Project, funding provided by the U.S. Department of Treasury, is requested;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

The Five-Year Capital Improvements Plan is amended by appropriating \$600,000 to the Restore Act-Eastbank Landbridge Project, funding source U.S. Department of Treasury; funding year, 2022.

SECTION 2

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

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

Council Member 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., W. Beau Black, Corey Arbourgh, Stuart J. Guey, Trudy Newberry, Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr., and Richie Blink

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Members Benedict Rousselle and Mark Cognevich

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 10th day of March, 2022.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-28

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

An Ordinance to amend the 2022 Road Maintenance Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, Road Maintenance Public Right of Way Department; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, the Road Maintenance Public Right of Way Department is in need of additional equipment to maintain grass cutting throughout the Parish; and

WHEREAS, Plaquemines Parish Government has received quotes in the amount of \$252,433.16 for four John Deere 5115M tractors and \$107,660.52 for four John Deere FC15R Flex Wing Rotary Cutters; and

WHEREAS, upon review of the 2022 Operating Expenditure Budget, an amendment to the Road Maintenance Public Right of Way Department is necessary;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

The 2022 Road Maintenance Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, Road Maintenance Public Right of Way Department, is amended by appropriating \$360,100 from the Fund Balance Designated for BP Settlement as follows:

| Fund: 003 Road Maint Fund | | | |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Dept/Div: 780-4678 Rd Maint Public Right of Way Dept | | | |
| Object | Description | Inc/ Dec | Amendment |
| 565.020 | Equipment Tractors & Mowers | Inc | 360,100 |
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SECTION 2

The John Deer 5155M tractor shall be purchased.

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 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., W. Beau Black, Corey Arbourgh, Stuart J. Guey, Trudy Newberry, Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr., and Richie Blink

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Members Benedict Rousselle and Mark Cognevich

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 10th day of March, 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-66

On motion of Council Member Blink, seconded by Council Member Arbourgh and on roll call, all members present voting “YES”, except Council Members Rousselle and Cognevich who were “ABSENT”, 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.

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Parish Code of Ordinances, Section 17.5-51, allows for the Parish Council, pursuant to LA Revised Statue 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.; and

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 26, 2022, 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.

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 Newberry offered changes and filled in the blank for 9j.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-29

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

An Ordinance to amend the Five Year Capital Improvements Plan, Oakville to Lareussite Back Levee Project; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, additional funding is required for the Oakville to LaReussite Back Levee Project for inspections and acquisitions; 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 \$300,000 to the Oakville to Lareussite Back Levee Project from the Drainage-Jesuit Bend Project; funding year, 2022.

SECTION 2

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

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

Council Member Arbourgh seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

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

YEAS: Council Members John L. Barthelemy, Jr., W. Beau Black, Corey Arbourgh, Stuart J. Guey, Trudy Newberry, Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr., and Richie Blink

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Members Benedict Rousselle and Mark Cognevich

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 10th day of March, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 22-67

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby approves the minutes of the February 24, 2022, regular meeting as recorded by the Secretary of this Council.

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

Council Member Blink moved to Agenda Item 11, “New Business”. Without objection, so ordered.

There were no matters under Item 11a, “Resolutions wherein suspension is being sought”.

Under Agenda Item 11i, “Discussion and update on Ordinance No. 19-92, adopted August 8, 2019, authorizing the President to remove the Empire Shipyard sheet pile wall; and Resolution No. 19-158, adopted May 23, 2019, authorizing the President to institute a public notification system to notify the public of closures and openings of the flood gates in the Parish”, Council Member Blink, in regard to a notification system for the opening and closing of the flood gates, stated new equipment has been installed on the floodgates and asked when a notification system would be in place. Mr. John Helmers said that the CORPS installed a new system, as well as a new SCADA system and he could put a link to the CORP website on the Parish website. Council Member Blink said he wanted a very simple system, such as a red and green light to indicate when the floodgates in the Parish were open and closed. Mr. Helmers said he would get a quote and let Council Member Blink know how much a program would cost. In regard to the sheet pile wall, Council Member Blink explained that the Ordinance has been in place since 2019 and no action was taken so he called around and got some companies to come look, but didn’t tell anyone to take action. Mr. Helmers said he couldn’t speak on the matter and he had to defer to the President. Council Member Blink said they just want to see action and the Administration could help the people out to make the Parish look better.

Under Agenda Item 11m, “Discussion regarding Diamond Park”, Council Member Newberry just wanted to bring this up for discussion again. There were emails awhile back and Director Rousselle went to look at the property to check it out for a man-camp. Director Todd Eppley said if the Parish declares it surplus property, then the Administration could go out for lease to put a man-camp on it. He also stated that after the last Council Meeting he suggested a Real Estate Committee, but no one responded so he then urged the Council again to consider putting together a committee.

Council Member Blink reverted back to Agenda Item 8, “Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions”. Without objection, so ordered.

11. A Resolution establishing a Real Estate Committee; and to provide for other matters.
COUNCIL MEMBER BLINK

There being no further business to come before this Council, on motion Council Member Black, seconded by Council Member Arbourgh, and on roll call all members present voting “YES” except Council Members Guey, Rousselle and Cognevich who were “ABSENT”, the meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary

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