

Minutes of a meeting of the Plaquemines Parish Council held in the Pointe-a-la-Hache Courthouse Council Chambers, 18055 Highway 15, Pointe-a-la-Hache, Louisiana on Thursday, March 24, 2022, at 3:40 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 Benedict Rousselle  
Council Member Trudy Newberry  
Council Member Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr.  
Council Member Richie Blink

ABSENT: Council Member Corey Arbourgh  
Council Member Stuart J. Guey

Kim M. Toups, Council Secretary

The Prayer and Pledge were dispensed with.

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

The following items were deferred:

- 5a, “A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of bids for furnishing one or more airboat and trailer for a period of one year for use Parish wide; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”;
- 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” was offered and seconded for discussion only and then deferred;
- 9a(2), “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”;
- 9i, “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”;
- 9k, “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”;
- 9m, “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”;
- 11b, “District 9 update”;
- 11d, “District 1 update-Item 1) ”Discussion of grant money to assist fishermen in Plaquemines Parish” and Item 4) “Discussion on grants by Keilen Williams”;
- 11e, “District 7 update”;
- 11f, “District 5 update”;
- 11j, “Discussion of renovations to Building 800-911 Call Center”;
- 11k, “Update on the Archer Study”.

The following items were withdrawn:

- 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;
- 9h, “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”; and
- 9j, “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”; and
- 11l, “Motion to override the Veto or Ordinance No. 22-17”.

There being no matters for Executive Session, no Proclamations and no report by the President due to his absence, Council Member Cognevich moved to Agenda Item 4b, “Update by Charter Directors”. Without objection, so ordered. Council Member Cognevich said that reports were emailed to all Council Members. He then asked if anyone had any questions. Council Member Newberry asked if the Mosquito trucks sprayed on the 18<sup>th</sup> as was previously stated by Crystal Taylor. Director Taylor said she should have said on the 18<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting. The trucks did not go out on the 18<sup>th</sup> due to the high wind and rain.

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

#### RESOLUTION NO. 22-70

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the following special event/temporary beer and liquor permits were approved: Julie Olsen for the Plaquemines CARE Center Celebrity Waiter Dinner fundraiser from April 27, 2022, from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and April 28, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. at 333 F. Edward Hebert Blvd., Belle Chasse, LA; Scott Morse for the Jesuit Bend Community Easter Gathering on April 10, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Jesuit Bend Park, Belle Chasse, LA; and Louis Thompson for the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Bayou Fishing Rodeo on April 9, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on April 10, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. located at 26080 Hwy. 23, Port Sulphur, LA.

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

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

Agenda Item 7a(1) through 7a(3) were taken *en globo*:

#### RESOLUTION NO. 22-71

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the following application for construction permit in the Parish of Plaquemines is hereby approved: Whitney Oil & Gas, LLC, Application No. 2022-233, dated March 7, 2022, prop-was, install pile clusters, drill the SL 998 Well No. 197, install well head protection structure and one four-inch flowline, South Pass Area Block 11 East Bay; Whitney Oil & Gas, LLC, Application No. 2022-234, dated March 7, 2022, install two 4-inch flowlines, Garden Island Bay Field; Whitney Oil & Gas, LLC, Application No. 2022-235, dated March 7, 2022, install 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.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 22-72

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the following application for construction permit in the Parish of Plaquemines is hereby approved: Smith Tank & Steel, Inc., Application No. 2022-45, dated January 14, 2022, install two API 650 storage tanks to store resin and install foundations, 1610 Engineers Road, Belle Chasse, LA.

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

#### RESOLUTION NO. 22-73

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the following application for construction permit in the Parish of Plaquemines is hereby approved: CHS, Inc., Application No. 2021-421, dated May 6, 2021, install new structures to expand and improve a currently operating CHS facility. Proposed barge receiving dock, six conveyors and storage and bins, ten transfer towers for conveyors, various monopole dolphins, install concrete pile caps and three hundred, fifty-nine pilings on landside and seventy-seven pilings on the rivers side for a new foundation, 434 East Ravena Rd., Belle Chasse, LA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the Secretary of this Council is hereby authorized and directed to immediately certify and release this Resolution and that Parish 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 7b through 7e were taken *en globo*:

#### RESOLUTION NO. 22-74

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

A Resolution approving the renewal of a trailer park permit to Dennis S. Adolph, Jr., for the operation of an existing trailer park (Emmett’s Trailer Park) located in an A-2 (Rural or Agricultural) Zoning District on Yvonne’s Lane, Boothville,

Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2022-146, dated February 7, 2022.

WHEREAS, Dennis S. Adolph, Jr., applied to the Plaquemines Parish Department of Permits, Planning and Zoning (Application No 2022-146, dated February 7, 2022) for the renewal of a trailer park permit for the operation of an existing trailer park (Emmett's Trailer Park) located on Yvonne'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 Dennis S. Adolph, Jr., for the operation of an existing trailer park (Emmett's Trailer Park1) located in A-2 (Rural or Agricultural) Zoning District on Yvonne's Lane, Boothville, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2022-146, dated February 7, 2022.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 22-75

On motion of Council Member Cognevich, seconded by Council Member Barthelemy, and on roll call all members present and voting "YES", except Commissioners Arbourgh 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 #1) located in an a A-2 (Rural or Agricultural) Zoning District on Falcon Loop, Empire, Louisiana all in accordance with Application No. 2022-222, dated February 16, 2022.

WHEREAS, to Gary Falcon applied to the Plaquemines Parish Department of Permits, Planning and Zoning (Application 2022-222, dated February 16, 2022) for the renewal of a trailer park permit for the operation of an existing trailer park (Falcon Crest Trailer Park #1) located on Falcon Loop, Empire, Louisiana;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby approves the issuance of a trailer park permit renewal to Gary Falcon for the operation of an existing trailer park (Falcon Crest Trailer Park #1) located in an A-2 (Rural or Agricultural) Zoning District on Falcon Loop, Empire, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2022-222, dated February 16, 2022.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 22-76

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

A Resolution approving the issuance of a special permit to Cardinal Fireworks for the installation of a fireworks stand renewal for 2022 on property located in a C-2 (General Commercial) Zoning District at 215 Avenue G, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2022-236, dated February 23, 2022.

WHEREAS, Cardinal Fireworks applied to the Plaquemines Parish Department of Permits (Application No. 2022-236, dated February 23, 2022) for a permit to install a fireworks stand for 2022 on property located at 215 Avenue G, Belle Chasse, Louisiana;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby approves the issuance of a special permit to Cardinal Fireworks for the installation of a fireworks stand renewal for 2022 on property located in a C-2 (General Commercial) Zoning District at 215

Avenue G, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2022-236, dated February 23, 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-77

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

A Resolution approving the issuance of a special permit to TLC Novelty, William Hall, for the installation of a fireworks stand renewal for 2022 located in a C-2 (General Commercial) Zoning District at 8480 Highway 23, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2022-209, dated February 23, 2022.

WHEREAS, TLC Novelty, William Hall, applied to the Plaquemines Parish Department of Permits, Planning and Zoning (Application No. 2022-209, dated February 23, 2022) for a permit to install a fireworks stand renewal for 2022 on property located at 8480 Highway 23, Belle Chasse, Louisiana;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby approves the issuance of a special permit to TLC Novelty, William Hall, for the installation of a fireworks stand renewal for 2022 located in a C-2 (General Commercial) Zoning District at 8480 Highway 23, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2022-209, dated February 23, 2022.

Council Member Cognevich advanced to Agenda Item 91.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-78

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

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.

WHEREAS, Hero Lands Acquisition Company, LLC, is the owners of property, situated in Belle Chasse, Tracts A and B-2, Sections 2 and 73, T14S, R34E, Southeastern District of Louisiana, West of the Mississippi River, Belle Chasse, Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana, as more fully shown on the plan and plat of subdivision by Dufrene Surveying & Engineering, Inc., dated June 1, 2021, a print whereof is annexed hereto and made part hereof; and

WHEREAS, Hero Land Acquisition Company, LLC, as the owners of said property, has proposed the subdivision of property designated as 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, Louisiana, 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 more fully shown on said plan; and

WHEREAS, the construction of Barriere Estates is to be performed in three phases (Phase 1, 2, and 3) is conditioned upon the following:

1. That phases 1, 2 and 3 be constructed in accordance with the plan conditionally approved on March 24, 2022, and as approved herein; and
2. That all the infrastructure and improvements to service and accommodated the lots in each phase shall be constructed and completed by the developer in accordance with engineering plans and plan of conditional approval, and inspected by the Parish Department Heads for compliance, prior to the request for final approval; and
3. That each phase will require a separate final plan and Council approval.

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 Heads or Boards charged with the responsibility of maintaining and inspection said public utilities, services and facilities;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL of the Parish of Plaquemines, Louisiana, that the above described plan of resubdivision of property designated as Tract 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, a print whereof is annexed here to and made a part hereof, be conditionally approved, and that the approval of the Parish President, Directors and all appropriate Parish department heads of the aforesaid plan and plat be ratified.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the construction of Barriere Estates shall be performed in three phases as shown on the attached plan of subdivision by Dufrene Surveying & Engineering, Inc., dated June 1, 2021, and is conditioned upon the following:

1. That phases 1, 2 and 3 be constructed in accordance with the plan conditionally approved on March 24, 2022, and as approved herein; and
2. That all the infrastructure and improvements to service and accommodated the lots in each phase shall be constructed and completed by the developer in accordance with engineering plans and plan of conditional approval, and inspected by the Parish Department Heads for compliance, prior to the request for final approval; and
3. That each phase will require a separate final plan and Council approval.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL of the Parish of Plaquemines, Louisiana that the Parish President 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 aforesaid Resolution.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL of the Parish of Plaquemines, Louisiana that conditional approval of the plan shall be authority for the owners of the subdivision only to proceed with construction and installation of 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 authorize 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 employees and officials are authorized to carry out the purposes of this Resolution, both without further reading and approval by the Plaquemines Parish Council.

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

1. An Ordinance to amend the 2022 Manpower Structure and Operating Expenditure Budget; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER COGNEVICH
2. An Ordinance approving an Amendment to an original Servitude Agreement (the "Amendment"), between Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District, and Plaquemines Parish Government (the "Parish"), and authorizing and directing the Parish President to execute the Amendment whereby certain land owned by the Port will be subject to the original servitude all as more fully described in the Amendment, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit A; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER COGNEVICH
3. An Ordinance to amend the Five Year Capital Improvements Plan, Repair-Venice Pump Station Project and the Budmat-Tiger Pass Project; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER COGNEVICH
4. An Ordinance to amend and amended to readopt Section IV of Ordinance No. 142, the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, as amended, and the "Comprehensive Zoning District Map" therein adopted by reference and which is paraphed thereto, with reference to Application No. 2022-489, dated March 2, 2022; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER COGNEVICH
5. An Ordinance approving a plan of re-subdivision of the property Cynthia Melancon, formerly Collins Property, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, as shown on the Map of Resubdivision of a 32' wide portion of ground into PM1 and PM2, Buras, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, by Dufrene Surveying and Engineering, dated December 7, 2021, 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 COGNEVICH
6. A Resolution expressing the Plaquemines Parish Council's support of resuming federal offshore leasing in the Gulf of Mexico; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER COGNEVICH
7. A Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of not to exceed Forty-Five Million Dollars (\$45,000,000) of Revenue Refunding Bonds of the Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana, in one or more series on a tax-exempt or taxable basis; and providing for other matters in connection therewith. COUNCIL MEMBER COGNEVICH
8. A Resolution asking the Louisiana Legislature to oppose any legislation that would eliminate or limit a local governing authority's ability to collect inventory tax; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER BARTHELEMY
9. An Ordinance to accept final offer from La. DOTD to purchase servitude interests of Plaquemines Parish's interests in certain parcels of land for State Project No. H.004791 La. 23: Belle Chasse Bridge and Tunnel for the appraised value of \$1,893,418.00; and otherwise

to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER BLACK

10. An Ordinance enacting Chapter 24 of the Parish Code of Ordinance, entitled “Administrative Procedures and Adjudication of Public Health, Housing, Fire Code, Environmental and Historic District Violations”; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER ARBOURGH
11. An Ordinance establishing the policy for Plaquemines Parish Government in regard to mandatory terms to be included in all parish contracts for professional and other services and all contracts that extend beyond a single fiscal year; establishing the policy for the Plaquemines Parish Government in regard to submitting all signed contracts to the Council Secretary within two weeks of the document being executed; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER ROUSSELLE
12. A Resolution asking the Louisiana Legislature to support a Constitutional Amendment to reallocate severance tax to parishes for the Parish Transportation Funds; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER ROUSSELLE
13. A Resolution asking Congress to delay the implementation of risk rating 2.0/2.1 as it relates to the National Flood Insurance Program; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER ROUSSELLE
14. An Ordinance to amend and amended to readopt Section IV of Ordinance No. 142, the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, as amended, and the “Comprehensive Zoning District Map” therein adopted by reference and which is paraphed thereto, with reference to Application No. 2022-490, dated March 14, 2022; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER NEWBERRY
15. A Resolution directing Federal Policymakers to improve the evacuation routes along the Gulf Coast communities in Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER LAFRANCE
16. A Resolution asking the Louisiana Legislature to support a Constitutional Amendment to provide for local governments input in the Industrial Tax Program; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER BLINK
17. An Ordinance to enact Section VI, Subsection C, Paragraph 2, Subparagraph H of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER BARTHELEMY
18. 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. COUNCIL MEMBER COGNEVICH

At the request of Council Member Barthelemy, Council Member Cognevich moved to Agenda Items 11d, Items 2 & 3. Without objection, so ordered. The following topics were discussed by residents of Braithwaite Park subdivision:

- A temporary ordinance to have a trailer on residents’ property while working on damaged houses from Hurricane Ida. Council Member Barthelemy stated that a ordinance was introduced today for that purpose;
- Discussion of Hurricane protection and funds received from the Federal Government. Todd Eppley stated there was no money from the Federal Government because the Parish would have to pay the costs upfront and hope to be fully reimbursed. The raising of Hwy. 39 was brought to the Regional Planning Commission but he has no update on that issue. Council Member Rousselle said the Administration did not tell him about the request to the RPC and he has not seen it come before the RPC;



- Council Member Rousselle asked if the Administration engaged anyone to try to get some of the Federal Transportation funds President Biden has been talking about. Mr. Eppley said he doesn't know, but he will talk to the PPG grant writer;
- Discussions regarding the Permit department telling residents after Ida that they did not need to get a Parish permit to restore their homes; however, recently residents received a letter from the Permit department stating that they needed to get one now due to FEMA regulations. The residents are upset about the letter and the fact that they now have to pay for a permit. Council Member Barthelemy asked for legislation to be drawn up to waive the permit fees; and
- Residents expressed their concern on the lack of preparation for Hurricane Ida and the areas that flooded which never flooded before on the East Bank.

At the request of Council Member Barthelemy, Council Member Cognevich moved to Agenda Item 11a, "Resolutions wherein suspension is being sought".

Council Member Rousselle offered a Motion for Suspension to add an item to the agenda for consideration at today's meeting, entitled "A Resolution to direct the Administration to waive building permit fees for renovations and reconstruction necessitated by Hurricane Ida; otherwise to provide with respect thereto". The Motion was seconded by Council Member Barthelemy and on roll call, all members present voting "YES", except Council Members Arbourgh and Guey who were "ABSENT", the Motion was adopted by a vote of 7-0.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 22-80

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

A Resolution to direct the Administration to waive building permit fees for renovations and reconstruction necessitated by Hurricane Ida; otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, Hurricane Ida resulted in areas of Plaquemines Parish sustaining damage in which residents had to renovate and reconstruct their homes; and

WHEREAS, the cost of construction permits for those residents attempting to renovate and/or reconstruct their homes are an undue burden on persons who are already struggling financially from the Hurricane; and

WHEREAS, historically, the Parish has provided a waiver of those permit fees for the reconstructions after Hurricane Katrina;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT Plaquemines Parish Government is directed to waive the construction permit fees for those persons who are renovating or reconstructing their homes and businesses to remediate damage arising from Hurricane Ida.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the waiver of permit fees shall be administered by the President, through the Parish Permit Office.

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 9, "Ordinances and Resolutions on second reading and final passage". Without objection, so ordered.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-32

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

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

WHEREAS, after a review of the manpower needs of the Flood Control Department, it has been recommended to fund the Superintendent position and unfund the Supervisor position;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

The 2022 Manpower Structure, is amended by funding the Superintendent position and unfunding the Supervisor position in the Flood Control-General Department.

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: None

NAYS: Council Members Trudy Newberry, Carlton M. LaFrance, Richie Blink and Mark Cognevich

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

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: John L. Barthelemy, Jr.

And the Ordinance FAILED on this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.

Agenda Item 9e was temporarily passed over.

Council Member Cognevich moved to Agenda Item 9f.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-79

The following Resolution was offered by Council Member Cognevich and seconded by Council Member Blink:

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.

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Parish Council (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority for the Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana (the "Issuer"), desires to

incur debt and issue not to exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) of Hurricane Recovery Revenue Notes (the "Notes"), in the manner authorized and provided by Section 1430 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority (the "Act"), for the purpose of paying existing essential functions of the Issuer's operations or expanding such functions to meet disaster-related needs; and

WHEREAS, the Notes shall be secured by and payable from a pledge of all funds or revenues received or to be received by the Issuer to the extent legally available for the payment of debt service on the Notes, provided that no such funds or revenues shall be so included which have been or are in the future legally dedicated and required for purposes inconsistent therewith by the electorate, by the terms of specific grants, by the terms of particular obligations issued or to be issued or by operation of law (such amount being the "Available Funds of the Issuer"); and

WHEREAS, it is expressly provided that the full faith and credit of the Issuer shall not be pledged, and there shall be no obligation on the Issuer to levy or increase taxes or other sources of revenue in order to pay debt service on the Notes or to transfer any funds for the payment of debt service that may result in a violation of any law, ruling, regulation, contract or agreement applicable to the Issuer;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL (the "Governing Authority") THAT, acting as the governing authority for the Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana, that:

**SECTION 1. Preliminary Approval of Revenue Notes.** Preliminary approval is given to the issuance of not exceeding Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) of Hurricane Recovery Revenue Notes of the Issuer, pursuant to the Act, for the purpose of paying for existing essential functions of the Issuer's operations or expanding such functions to meet disaster-related needs, said Notes to be secured by and payable from the Available Funds of the Issuer. The Notes will be issued in one or more series, each of which may be taxable or tax-exempt, shall bear interest at an interest rate not exceeding 5% per annum, and shall mature over a period not exceeding twenty (20) years from the date of issuance. The Notes shall have such additional terms and provisions as may be determined in accordance with Section 4 hereof. It is expressly provided that the Notes may take the form of a promissory note, loan agreement or other instrument and are not required to carry the title "Hurricane Recovery Revenue Note" or other moniker.

**SECTION 2. State Bond Commission.** Application is hereby made to the State Bond Commission, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, for approval of the issuance and sale of the Notes and for consent and authority to proceed with the issuance and sale of the Notes as provided above, and Bond Counsel is directed to make application to the State Bond Commission in accordance with the foregoing on behalf of the Issuer. By virtue of applicant/issuer's application for, acceptance and utilization of the benefits of the Louisiana State Bond Commission's approval(s) resolved and set forth herein, it resolves that it understands and agrees that such approval(s) are expressly conditioned upon, and it further resolves that it understands, agrees and binds itself, its successors and assigns to, full and continuing compliance with the "State Bond Commission Policy on Approval of Proposed Use of Swaps, or other forms of Derivative Products Hedges, Etc.," adopted by the Commission on July 20, 2006, as to the borrowing(s) and other matter(s) subject to the approval(s), including subsequent application and approval under said Policy of the implementation or use of any swap(s) or other product(s) or enhancement(s) covered thereby.

**SECTION 3. Employment of Bond Counsel.** The Issuer finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of special counsel in connection with the issuance of the Notes, and accordingly, Foley & Judell, L.L.P., of New Orleans, Louisiana, as Bond Counsel, is hereby employed to do and perform work of a traditional legal nature as bond counsel with respect to the issuance and sale of said Notes. Said Bond Counsel shall prepare and submit to the Issuer for adoption all of the proceedings incidental to the authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of such Notes, shall counsel and advise the Issuer as to the issuance and sale thereof and shall furnish its opinions covering the legality of the issuance of the Notes. The fee of Bond Counsel for each series of notes shall be fixed at a sum not exceeding the fee allowed by the

Attorney General’s fee guidelines for such bond counsel work in connection with the issuance of such series of revenue notes and based on the amount of said Notes actually issued, sold, delivered and paid for, plus "out-of-pocket" expenses, said fees to be contingent upon the issuance, sale and delivery of said notes. A certified copy of this resolution shall be submitted to the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana for his written approval of said employment and of the fees herein designated, and the Finance Manager of the Parish is hereby empowered and directed to provide for payment of the work herein specified upon completion thereof and under the conditions herein enumerated.

**SECTION 4. Sale of Notes and Execution of Documents.** The authorization contained herein is intended for use in connection with a Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”) Community Disaster Loan for the Issuer. Subject to the approval of Louisiana State Bond Commission, the Parish President is hereby authorized to accept an offer from FEMA and execute any other documents as may be required with respect to said Loan, provided that the sale of the Notes is within the parameters set forth in Section 1 hereof.

The foregoing having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

YEA: Council Members Trudy Newberry, Richie Blink and Mark Cognevich

NAY: Council Members John L. Barthelemy, Jr., Benedict Rousselle and Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr.

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

And the resolution was FAILED on this, the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.

Council Member Cognevich reverted back to 9e and filled in the blank.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-33

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

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.

WHEREAS, \$112,306 is needed for final judgment settlements of outstanding legal settlement cases vs The Parish of Plaquemines; and,

WHEREAS, amending the 2022 General Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, Legal Judgments Department, by appropriating \$112,306 is requested;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

The 2022 General Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, Legal Judgments Department, is amended by appropriating \$112,306 from the BP Fund Balance, as follows:

<b>Fund:</b> 001 General Fund			
<b>Dept/Div:</b> 431-2182 Legal Judgments Department			
<b>Object</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Inc/Dec</b>	<b>Amendment</b>
529.010	Legal Settlements General	Inc	112,306

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 Member John L. Barthelemy, Jr., Benedict Rousselle, Trudy Newberry,  
Carlton M. LaFrance, Richie Blink and Mark Cognevich

NAYS: None

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

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-34

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

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.

WHEREAS, Plaquemines Parish Government has received a donation to be used by the Library Department; and

WHEREAS, amending the Library Services Fund, 2022 Operating Revenue and Expenditure Budgets, Libraries-General Department is requested;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

The Plaquemines Parish Council hereby authorizes acceptance of the following donation for the Library Department:

Brenda Dunlap	\$200
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SECTION 2

The Library Services Fund, 2022 Operating Revenue and Expenditure Budgets, Libraries-General Department is amended as follows:

<p><b>Fund:</b> 006 Library Services Fund</p> <p><b>Dept/Div:</b> 675-4240 Libraries-Gen Department</p>
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<b>Object</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Inc/Dec</b>	<b>Amendment</b>
470.061	Misc Revenue Donations Library	Inc	200
564.210	Reference Public Library Books	Inc	200

### 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., Corey Arbourgh, Stuart J. Guey, 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.

Council Member Newberry offered 9n with changes.

### R E S O L U T I O N N O. 22-81

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

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.

WHEREAS, Louisiana Highway 23 is a vital transportation artery in Plaquemines Parish; and

WHEREAS, during significant weather events, most recently Hurricane Ida, flood waters covered Hwy. 23 making it impassable, effectively cutting off the people and property in the southern end of Plaquemines Parish; and

WHEREAS, when the flood waters recede significant amounts of debris is left behind on Hwy. 23, which further impairs the ability of the Federal, State and Parish rescue and relief personnel to serve the southern end of Plaquemines Parish; and

WHEREAS, raising that portion of Hwy. 23 near LaReussite to avoid the flooding of the roadway during significant weather events; and

WHEREAS, by raising that portion of Hwy. 23 the roadway will more likely remain accessible during and after significant weather events; and

WHEREAS, raising that portion of Hwy. 23 will improve the ability of Federal , State and Parish officials to protect the people in the southern end of Plaquemines Parish and aid in the recovery of those people from the ravages of significant weather events, such as Hurricane Ida; and

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana is on track to receive billions of dollars in federal infrastructure funding; and

WHEREAS, the polder from LaReussite to the Oakville Floodgate, which contains property assessed in excess of \$20 million and is home to Plaquemines Parish’s famous citrus, other fruits, and nursery industries generating in excess of \$10 million dollars in economic activity, would be protected by raising Hwy. 23; and

WHEREAS, that stretch of Hwy. 23 will provide access to Venture Global, the multi-billion dollar liquefied natural gas facility; and

WHEREAS, allocation of a portion of the billions of dollars available to the raising of Hwy. 23 near LaReussite is in the public interest and will likely save lives and property;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT Plaquemines Parish Government urges the State of Louisiana, through the Department of Transportation and Development to allocate funds to raise Louisiana Hwy 23 near LaReussite.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT Plaquemines Parish Government urges the Plaquemines Parish Legislative Delegation to assist in the allocation and appropriation of State funds to raise Louisiana Hwy. 23 near LaReussite.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT this Resolution be forwarded to all of the following:

- Governor John Bel Edwards
- DOTD Sec. Dr. Shawn Wilson
- Representative Mack Cormier, Representative Ray Garofalo, Senator Sharon Hewitt, Senator Patrick Connick, and Senator Gary Carter

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

ORDINANCE NO. 22-35

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

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.

WHEREAS, Plaquemines Parish Government has received a donation to be used by the Empire Boat Harbor and the Recreation Department; and

WHEREAS, amending the 2022 Operating Revenue and Expenditure Budgets is requested;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

The Plaquemines Parish Council hereby authorizes acceptance of the following donation:

Empire South Pass Tarpon Rodeo                      \$5,000

SECTION 2

The 2022 Operating Revenue Budget is amended as follows:

<b>Fund:</b> 448 Boat Harbors & Shipyards Fund			
<b>Dept/Div:</b> 000-0000 Revenues			
<b>Object</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Inc/Dec</b>	<b>Amendment</b>
470.001	Misc Revenue Donations General	Inc	2,500

<b>Fund:</b> 001 General Fund			
<b>Dept/Div:</b> 000-0000 Revenues			
<b>Object</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Inc/Dec</b>	<b>Amendment</b>
470.001	Misc Revenue Donations General	Inc	2,500

SECTION 3

The 2022 Operating Expenditure Budget is amended as follows:

<b>Fund:</b> 448 Boat Harbors & Shipyards Fund			
<b>Dept/Div:</b> 562-2830 Boat Harbor Empire			
<b>Object</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Inc/Dec</b>	<b>Amendment</b>
546.001	Materials General	Inc	2,500

<b>Fund:</b> 001 General Fund			
<b>Dept/Div:</b> 640-4060 Recreation Facilities & Services			
<b>Object</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Inc/Dec</b>	<b>Amendment</b>
546.001	Materials General	Inc	2,500

SECTION 4

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

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

Council Member Cognevich seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

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

YEAS: Council Members John L. Barthelemy, Jr., Corey Arbourgh, Stuart J. Guey, 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.

Council Member Blink offered 9p with changes.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-82

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

A Resolution establishing a Real Estate Committee; and to provide for other matters.

WHEREAS, there are times when a committee is needed to establish what Parish owned real estate should be considered for determination as surplus; and

WHEREAS, the committee should make recommendations to the Council and Administration as to what Parish owned real estate should be declared surplus and disposed of;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT there is hereby created a Real Estate Committee, appointed by the Chairman to advise the Administration as to what real estate should be considered for determination of surplus.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the following are appointed to the Real Estate Committee:

- 1) Council Member Stuart Guey
- 2) Council Member Mark Cognevich
- 3) Council Member John L. Barthelemy, Jr.
- 4) Council Member Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr.

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. 22-83

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby approves the minutes of the minutes of the March 10, 2022, regular meeting as recorded by the Secretary of this Council.

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

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

Under 11c, “District 8 update”:

- 1) Highway 11 repairs: Council Member Blink said that right now the State is striping the highway in the Sunrise, Empire & Port Sulphur areas, while the road resembles a moonscape. He originally said not to bother doing the striping because the residents would rather the potholes be repaired. Council Member Blink then asked if the Administration could say no to the striping and ask DOTD for the highway to be overlaid. Todd Eppley said grant money was used for the striping, so it was free money. Mr. Eppley also said he checked recently and found it would cost about \$1M a mile to overlay Hwy.11. A funding source would need to be found in order to do the job. While on this topic, Council Member Cognevich asked if Scott Rousselle has ordered the blacktop bags and Director Rousselle said they are working on this matter.
- 2) Shipyard Drainage: Council Member Blink said that saltwater has been spaying on the electric motor and asked if repairs will be made. Scott Rousselle said the pumps and the electric motor was repaired a couple of weeks ago.
- 3) Discussion of the inability of Solid Waste to handle debris on Parish Rights of Way: Council Member Blink said Solid Waste has been unable to keep up with the amount of debris all over on the ground. He asked what is happening and was told that by Director Rousselle that Solid Waste is 17 employees short. Scott Rousselle said he asked for the people to work over time, but no one wants to work. Council Member Blink asked for Scott to do some mentorship and to help employees to be as productive as possible. Again, Scott Rousselle stated that they are 17 people short. Council Member Blink then asked for Scott to go down the road to guide the workers. Council Member Cognevich asked if Mr. Rousselle could put a schedule of when and where debris would be picked up on the Parish website stating that residents may wait to the scheduled day to throw the debris out. Director Rousselle said they would try.

Under 11g, “District 6 update”, Council Member Newberry spoke about the Jesuit Bend Easter Parade and gathering to take place on April 10, 2022. The parade will begin on Hwy. 11 and end at Jesuit Bend Park.

Under 11h, “Status of the Latter & Blum contract and marketing of Parish Property”, Council Member Rousselle said that he saw Mr. Richard at the GNO, Inc. lunch and Mr. Richard made a couple of comments to him. Council Member Rousselle said the last year has been a complete waste of time and asked if the Administration has seen anything out of Mr. Richard. Todd Eppley said that the Real Estate Committee was Mr. Richard’s idea. Also, Mr. Richard brought people to tour Port Eads and three parties are interested, but it takes council action to decide which direction to go in. Mr. Richard said he can address the Real Estate Committee to talk about his vision and what direction to go in. Council Member Rousselle told Mr. Richard that legislation was passed about five years ago authorizing the President to market all surplus property and the legislation was then sent to Mr. Richard. Mr. Richard told Council Member Rousselle that the legislation was great, but he has still not taken action. Council Member Rousselle said he also heard some information about a possible tenant for the Popich Building and if repairs to the building need to be made, money can be taken from the BP fund or if the PW money comes in that could be used. Council Member Rousselle stated he thinks we need to move in another direction.

Council Member Newberry left the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Under 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 asked if any further action was taken on sheet wall. Todd Eppley said the job was given to American Safety for \$20,000 and it should be done next week. Council Member Rousselle said that we

had someone to do the job just for scrap value. Todd Eppley said it went out for public bid and Rennie Buras said they did provide a discount for the scrap value. Council Member Blink expressed his frustration that no action had been taken on this matter since 2019, that the wall was still there for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Ann Church and everyone in the area is reminded of Hurricane Katrina every time they see the wall. On the issue of the Public Notification system for the flood gates, Council Member Blink stated that John Helmers isn't here, but he would love to talk to him about the legislation that has been in place since May 2019. He said that Mr. Helmers is head of IT and head of Coastal Zone and he can't get the job done. Council Member Blink asked if they purposely don't do the job to hurt him because its not for him its for the residents. Todd Eppley said he would check with John Helmers.

There being no further business to come before this Council, on motion Council Member LaFrance, seconded by Council Member Blink, and on roll call all members present voting "YES" except Council Members Black, Arbourgh, Guey and Newberry who were "ABSENT", the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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Chairman

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Secretary

For a full transcript of discussions and presentations a video of this meeting is available for viewing on the Parish website [www.plaqueminesparish.com](http://www.plaqueminesparish.com) or on YouTube.