

Minutes of a meeting of the Plaquemines Parish Council, held in the Pointe-a-la-Hache Council Chambers, 18055 Hwy. 15, Pointe-a-la-Hache, Louisiana on Thursday, April 27, 2023, at 4:20 p.m., pursuant to notice to all members with a quorum present as follows:

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

Kim M. Toups, Secretary

The Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance were dispensed with.

President Keith Hinkley and Charter Directors Billy Wichers, Crystal Taylor and Jeff DiMarco were present representing the Administration.

The following items were deferred:

- 9e, “A Resolution giving preliminary approval to the issuance of not to exceed \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars (\$\_\_\_\_\_) of Hurricane Recovery Revenue Notes of the Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana, and providing for other matters in connection therewith”;
- 9f, “An Ordinance to amend the 2023 Public Health Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, Ambulances-General Department; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”;
- 9g, “An Ordinance to amend the 2023 General Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, Recreation-Davant Summer Recreation Program Department; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”;
- 9h, “An Ordinance to amend the Five Year Capital Improvements Plan, Repairs-Pointe ala Hache Telecom Tower Project; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”;
- 9i, “An Ordinance to amend the Five Year Capital Improvements Plan, Repairs-Woodlawn/Braithwaite Fire Stations Project; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”;
- 9k, “An Ordinance to amend the 2023 General Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, Buildings-PS Freeport Department; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”;
- 9n, “An Ordinance to amend the Five Year Capital Improvements Plan, Restore Act-Multiyear Implementation/Administration Plan project; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”; and
- 9p, “A Resolution approving and authorizing Rachele Morel, Comptroller, to execute a Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire to Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”;

The following items were deferred for a fourth time and fell off the agenda:

- 9a(1), “An Ordinance to amend and as amended readopt Ordinance No. 22-64 Section 2 Subsection 5. Paragraph 7. Subparagraph a. to limit the number recreational vehicle sites for temporary recreational vehicle parks to thirty (30) or less per parcel of property”;
- 9a(2), “An Ordinance to amend and as amended readopt Section 21-136 of Chapter 21 of the Parish Code of Ordinances by enacting Subsection (g) which shall provide for the maximum number of recreational unit sites for recreational vehicle parks and campgrounds to thirty (30) per parcel or lot record of property”; and
- 9a(3), “An Ordinance prohibiting the sale of imported shrimp in the Parish of Plaquemines; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”.

The following items were withdrawn:

- 9c, “An Ordinance to amend the 2023 General Fund and Road Maintenance Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, Disaster Preparedness Department and Road Maintenance Public Right of Way Department; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”;

- 9d, “An Ordinance to amend the Five Year Capital Improvements Plan, LRA-Consolidated Government Complex Project; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”; and
- 11c, “District 6 update”.

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

- He is sure that everyone received the Administrative Order with all of our water departments. They were working on obtaining backup generators Emergency Preparedness but, the Administration will back off of that right now because the mandates must be done;
- One of the first contracts for the West PALH Water Plant has been signed for electrical work and Mr. Robert Morgan is starting to clean up and paint the water plant;
- The President had a meeting with Tallgrass and CPRA recently. They getting the process going; however, when dealing with grants for elevation, etc., it is a long process;
- The Empire South Fishing Rodeo made a \$5,000 donation to Parish for the Empire playground and boat harbor;
- The President had a discussion with Eric Skrmetta and he was informed of a Public Service Commission program to replace lighting with LED lights at no cost to the Parish; and
- A pretty good meeting was held with PABI and a good message was sent out to the public and around the State.

The following was then discussed between the Administration and the Council:

- Council Member Edwards explained that he spoke to Manuel Gutierrez with the pump station and Mr. Gutierrez requested that President Hinkley and Council Members visit the EPALH and Belleview Pump Stations;
- Council Member LaFrance said that we need to take a good look at the Ambulance Service and a report should be given about that department. Director Jeff DiMarco said he had a conversation with the manager of the ambulance department and he said the biggest issue is lack of personnel. There are currently 12 vacancies in the department.
- Council Member McCarty said she also spoke to the manager of the ambulance department and his complaint was about the payrate. Council Member McCarty suggested training at Holy Cross.

Council Member LaFrance moved to Agenda Item 4a, “Update by Charter Directors”. Without objection, so ordered. Council Member Edwards thanked the Directors for getting work done on the Eastbank.

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

#### RESOLUTION NO. 23-132

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the following application for permit to engage in the sale of liquor and/or beer only in the Parish of Plaquemines for the year 2023 are hereby approved: Big Drink, LLC d/b/a Sudz Tavern, 106-E Barriere Rd, Belle Chasse, LA 70037, Table 2, Class A Retail Liquor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the following special event/temporary beer & alcohol permit is hereby approved: Rev. Elvoy Mackey for The Powerful Living Ministry Street Revival Spiritual Outreach to be held on June 1, 2023, through June 4, 2023, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Diamond Park, Diamond, LA 70083; Jennifer Sanger for the YMCA of Greater New Orleans Tailgate Cook-Off to be held on November 4, 2023, starting at 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., located at 36342 Highway 11 Buras, LA 70041; Jennifer Sanger for the YMCA of Greater New Orleans BUNCO Fundraiser to be held in September 9, 2023 from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., located at 36342 Highway 11 Buras, LA 70041.

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

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

Items 7a(1) through 7a(4) were taken *en globo*:

RESOLUTION NO. 23-133

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the following applications for construction permits in the Parish of Plaquemines are hereby approved: High Point Gas, Application No. 2023-214, Application Date 3-28-23, Remediation along a 20-inch Main Pass-Franklinton pipeline and 26-Olga-Gate 6 loop pipeline. The use of shallow draft equipment to access the locations to install free span supports, Fort Bayou and Bayou Plaquemines on Eastbank of Mississippi River; Llox, LLC, Application No. 2023-222, Application Date 3-30-23, Drill the Mustang East Prospect "B" All other structures were permitted with Mustang South Prospect "A", Breton Sound Block 24 Eastbank of Mississippi River; Llox, LLC, Application No. 2023-220, Application Date 3-30-23, Drill the Mustang East Prospect "A", install caisson well protector, well separator platform with walkway and 2 4-inch flowlines & 1 2-inch gas lift line, Breton Sound Block 23 & 24 Eastbank of Mississippi River; Shell Pipeline Company, LP, Application No. 2021-595, Application Date 7-12-21, Proposed anomaly repairs on existing 20 inch Delta Crude Nairn to Norco pipeline, East of Bay De La Cheniere Area

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

RESOLUTION NO. 23-134

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

A Resolution approving the issuance of a Business Occupancy only permit to BOLSU Holdings, LLC to open an equipment and construction worker parking lot located in a FP (Flood Plain) Zoning District at 21178 Highway 23, Pointe Celeste, Louisiana all in accordance with Application No. 2023-509, dated April 4, 2023.

WHEREAS, BOLSU Holdings, LLC applied to the Plaquemines Parish Department of Permits, Planning and Zoning (Application No. 2023-509, dated April 4, 2023) for a Business Occupancy permit to open an equipment and construction worker parking lot located at 21182 Highway 23, Pointe Celeste, Louisiana;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby approves the issuance of a special Business Occupancy only permit to BOLSU Holdings, LLC to open an equipment and construction worker parking lot located in a FP (Flood Plain) Zoning District at 21178 Highway 23, Pointe Celeste, Louisiana all in accordance with Application No. 2023-509, dated April 4, 2023.

At the request of Council Member Jurisich, Council Member LaFrance advanced to Agenda Item 11a, "Resolutions wherein suspension is being sought". Without objection, so ordered.

## MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES

On Motion of Council Member Jurisich, seconded by Council Member Schulz, and on roll call, all members present voting “YES”, the following motion was adopted by a vote of 9-0:

A Motion to suspend the rules to add the following Resolution to be added to the agenda for consideration at today’s meeting titled, “A Resolution expressing Plaquemines Parish’s opposition to HB 576 which provides for restrictions and requirements applicable to commercial menhaden catch; to provide for the duties and responsibilities of the Department of Wildlife to provide for coastal exclusion zones, to provide for the taking of menhaden and to prohibit use of certain vessels and equipment in the exclusion zones; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

## RESOLUTION NO. 23-135

On motion of Council Member Jurisich, with a unanimous second, and on roll call, all members present and voting “YES”, the following Resolution was adopted:

“A Resolution expressing Plaquemines Parish’s opposition to HB 576 which provides for restrictions and requirements applicable to commercial menhaden catch; to provide for the duties and responsibilities of the Department of Wildlife to provide for coastal exclusion zones, to provide for the taking of menhaden and to prohibit use of certain vessels and equipment in the exclusion zones; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”.

DIGEST: The menhaden industry is a thriving business in the lower end of Plaquemines Parish generating revenue and providing jobs for the people and the businesses in our community. This bill will restrict their seasonal harvest to levels unsustainable to operate. Also the exclusions zones listed below will ultimately force the industry to shut down and thereby cause devastating effects on our local businesses and people. There is no science that supports the passage of this bill; therefore, we as a Parish need to oppose HB 576 offered by Representative Orgeron. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, the Present Law provides that anyone legally taking menhaden cannot have in their possession more than 5%, by weight, of any species of fish other than menhaden and herring-like species; and

WHEREAS, in light of the 2022 LA Dept Wildlife and Fisheries report titled Assessment of Red Drum *Sciaenops ocellatus* in Louisiana, the spawning stock for redfish has decreased to a point where extra protection is needed and the Legislature feels it is essential to place additional limitations on commercial menhaden fishing, especially during redfish spawning seas; and

WHEREAS, HB 576 retains the present law and provides the total menhaden catch for the purpose of reduction fishing in LA territorial waters can be no more than 266,000 metric tons annually; and

WHEREAS, HB 576 further gives the Secretary of the LA Department of Wildlife and Fisheries the authority to close the harvest within Louisiana territorial waters when the total catch meets 266,000 metric tons; and

WHEREAS, HB 576 also provides that any set occurring once the harvest is closed shall result in reduced harvest in total annual tons in subsequent years. In addition, the LA Department of Wildlife and Fisheries may assess specific fines and penalties to captains and/or companies for annual tonnage violations;

WHEREAS, HB 576 creates an exclusion zone which extends from the coastal boundary between Louisiana and Texas to the coastal boundary between Mississippi and Louisiana extending one half mile seaward from land where the taking of menhaden is prohibited. The proposed Bill further

provides that from August 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup> each year, this exclusion zone shall be extended from one half a mile to one mile; and

WHEREAS, HB 576 prevents the use of vessels and any equipment used for the specific purpose of taking menhaden in the exclusion zone; and

WHEREAS, HB 576 provides for the following special exclusion zones, which are measured independently from the default exclusion zone which apply year round without additional distance added during redfish spawning season:

- 1) From the western edge of Timbalier Island to the eastern edge of Grand Terre, the exclusion zone shall be one mile seaward from land.
- 2) From Caminada Pass to Baratavia Pass, the exclusion zone shall be three miles seaward from land.
- 3) For Breton Sound and Chandeleur Sound, the exclusion zone shall extend one half mile seaward from the double right line as defined in the present law.
- 4) For Chandeleur Islands, the exclusion zone shall extend one half mile seaward in all directions. HB576 law clarifies that the exclusion zone applicable to Chandeleur Islands may not interfere with any federally designated sanctuary, preserve, or protected waters.

WHEREAS, if HB576 is enacted it will negatively affect Plaquemines Parish's largest employer in the southern part of the Parish and our fisherman; and

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT Plaquemines Parish Government strongly opposes HB576 which provides for restrictions and requirements applicable to commercial menhaden catch.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it urges its State Legislative Delegation to vote against HB576 and that this Resolution be forwarded to the Plaquemines Parish State Legislative delegation.

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

#### MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES

On Motion of Council Member LaFrance, seconded by Council Member McCarty, and on roll call, all members present voting "YES", the following motion was adopted by a vote of 9-0:

A Motion to suspend the rules to add the following Resolution to be added to the agenda for consideration at today's meeting titled, "A Resolution authorizing the President of Plaquemines Parish Government to sign a CEA with Louisiana Department of Health for purposes receiving a Public Health Infrastructure Grant; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto".

#### RESOLUTION NO. 23-136

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

A Resolution authorizing the President of Plaquemines Parish Government to sign a CEA with Louisiana Department of Health for purposes receiving a Public Health Infrastructure Grant; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

DIGEST: This Resolution is necessary in order to receive approximately \$1.3 million in Public Health Infrastructure Grant funds from the Louisiana Department of Health.

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has given Louisiana \$45.7 million to bolster public health infrastructure over the next five years; and

WHEREAS, Plaquemines Parish Government is eligible to receive approximately \$1.3 million in Public Health Infrastructure Grant funds from LDH over the next five (5) years;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the Parish President, or his designee, is hereby authorized to negotiate, sign, perfect, and enforce a CEA with the Louisiana Department of Health for the purposes of receiving a Public Health Infrastructure Grant.

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

At the request of Council Member Edwards, Council Member LaFrance moved to Agenda Item 11d, "District 1 update". Without objection, so ordered. Under Item 2, "Fisherman and Concerned Citizens Association Presentation, Mr. Narcisse and Mr. Brock addressed the Council regarding numerous issues of concern to Eastbank residents.

At the request of the Administration, Council Member LaFrance reverted back to Agenda Item 9o. Without objection, so ordered.

Council Member LaFrance offered 9o with changes.

Council Member Newsom offered a Motion for Amendment which was seconded by Council Member Cognevich. The amendment was to remove Section 5, lines 99 to 107 of the resolution. On roll call, all members preset voting "YES", the Amendment was adopted by a vote of 9-0.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 23-137

The following resolution was offered by Council Member LaFrance and seconded by Council Member Schulz:

A resolution giving preliminary approval to the issuance of not to exceed Twelve Million Dollars (\$12,000,000) of Revenue Bonds (DNR Projects) of the Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

Digest: A resolution giving preliminary approval to a low-interest, fixed rate loan to the Parish from the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources to fund pump station rehabilitation. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, the Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana (the "Issuer") is now receiving revenues derived from the levy and collection of a one percent (1%) sales and use tax now being levied and collected by the Issuer (the "Tax"), said tax being authorized by an election held therein on October 29, 1977 (the "Election"); and

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Parish Council (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority for the Issuer, desires to incur debt and issue not to exceed Twelve Million Dollars (\$12,000,000) of Revenue Bonds (DNR Projects) (the "Bonds"), in the manner authorized and provided by Part II of Chapter 4 of Subtitle II of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority (the "Act"), for the purpose of (i) improving drainage pumping stations and making other capital improvements in the Issuer, and (ii) paying the costs of issuance of the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Bonds shall be secured by an irrevocable pledge and dedication of the net avails or proceeds of the Tax (the "Revenues of the Tax"), said Tax now being levied and collected by the Issuer pursuant to Article VI, Section 29 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974 and other constitutional and statutory authority, and in compliance with the Election, subject only to the prior payment of the reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of collecting and administering the Tax; and

WHEREAS, other than the Bonds herein authorized, the Issuer has no outstanding bonds or other obligations of any kind or nature payable from or enjoying a lien on the Tax herein pledged, EXCEPT its outstanding (i) Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2014, (ii) Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2015, and (iii) Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2020 (collectively, the "Outstanding Parity Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, the Issuer desires to make formal application to the State Bond Commission for approval of the issuance of the Bonds;

NOW, THEREFORE:

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

SECTION 1. **Preliminary Approval of Revenue Bonds.** Preliminary approval is given to the issuance of not exceeding Twelve Million Dollars (\$12,000,000) of Revenue Bonds (DNR Projects) of the Issuer, pursuant to the Act, for the purpose of (i) improving drainage pumping stations and making other capital improvements in the Issuer, and (ii) paying the costs of issuance of the Bonds, said Bonds to be secured by an irrevocable pledge and dedication of the Revenues of the Tax as set forth above, subject only to the prior payment of the reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of collecting and administering the Tax. The Bonds may be issued in one or more series, each of which shall bear interest at an interest rate not exceeding 2.5% per annum and shall mature over a period not exceeding ten (10) years from their date of issuance.

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 Bonds and for consent and authority to proceed with the issuance and sale of the Bonds 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. **Application to Department of Natural Resources.** The Issuer intends that the Bonds will be sold to the Louisiana Public Facilities Authority as administrator of the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources' Louisiana Revolving Loan Fund Program. There is hereby authorized an application and supporting information regarding the proposed projects to be funded by the proceeds of the Bonds to be filed with the Department of Natural Resources. The Parish President is authorized to act on behalf of the Parish with respect to said application.

SECTION 4. **Employment of Bond Counsel.** This Governing Authority finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of special counsel in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, 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 Bonds. Said Bond Counsel shall prepare and submit to this Governing Authority for adoption all of the proceedings incidental to the authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of such Bonds, shall counsel and advise this Governing Authority as to

the issuance and sale thereof and shall furnish its opinions covering the legality of the issuance of the Bonds. The fee of Bond Counsel for each series of Bonds shall be fixed at a sum not exceeding the fee allowed by the Attorney General's fee guidelines for such bond counsel work and based on the amount of said Bonds 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 Bonds. The Parish President is hereby authorized and directed to execute, and this Governing Authority hereby agrees to and accepts the terms of, the engagement letter of Bond Counsel appended hereto. 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 chief financial officer of the Issuer is hereby empowered and directed to provide for payment of the work herein specified upon completion thereof and under the conditions herein enumerated without further approval of this Governing Authority.

SECTION 5. **FEMA Reimbursement**. It is the intention of this Council that the Revenue Bonds (DNR Projects) authorized herein will in part be used to acquire, construct, or replace capital assets and when feasible Plaquemines Parish Government shall comply with the guidance contained in CFR, Section 200.449 to ensure maximum allowable reimbursement of financing costs (including interest) by FEMA

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

YAY: Council Members Tyronne Edwards, Brian Champagne, Christ Schulz, Stuart J. Guey, Patricia L. McCarty, Ronnie Newsom, Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr., Mitch Jurisich and Mark Cognevich

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

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

1. A Resolution declaring June 19<sup>th</sup> "Juneteenth" in the Parish of Plaquemines; and further, declaring "Juneteenth" an observed recurring annual holiday for Plaquemines Parish Government; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER LAFRANCE
2. An Ordinance to amend the Five Year Capital Improvements Plan, Repairs-Diamond Park Project; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER LAFRANCE
3. A Resolution appointing the elected official members of the Plaquemines Parish Community Action Advisory Board; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER LAFRANCE
4. An Ordinance to provide for sale of adjudicated properties, and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER COGNEVICH
5. A Resolution urging the Plaquemines Parish Hospital Board to provide better public access to budgets and meeting materials and to provide quarterly updates to the Plaquemines Parish Council; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER COGNEVICH
6. An Ordinance to amend the 2023 General Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER NEWSOM
7. An Ordinance rescinding a 10 ft. alleyway servitude for public use created by recorded surveys of Square N of the Hodge Hunt Hero Subdivision, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTY
8. An Ordinance to amend the 2023 Manpower Structure and Operating Expenditure Budget; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULZ
9. An Ordinance to amend Chapter 19 of the Parish Code of Ordinances by enacting Article VII titled "Public Rights-of-Way and Public Land Excavation Permit;" establishing the rules, regulations, fees, and penalties regarding the permitting of excavation activities on public rights-of-way and public lands in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULZ
10. An Ordinance to amend the Five Year Capital Improvements Plan, Roof Repair-Percy Griffin Community Center Project; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER EDWARDS

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

9a “Ordinances and Public Hearings pursuant to Article 6, Section 6.01 E of the Plaquemines Parish Charter”.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-47

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

An Ordinance to amend, and as amended, enact and reenact provisions of Section 22-8, Section 22-22, and Section 22-23 of the parish code of ordinances; establishing new water and sewerage usage charges and a new refuse fee; establish an annual Consumer Price Index adjustment to commence on January 2025 water bills for water and sewerage usages charges and refuse fees; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

DIGEST: To increase the water and sewerage usage charges and refuse rates commencing on July 2023 water bill invoice period, and establish an annual Consumer Price Index adjustment therefore. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 17-62 suspended the increase of water, sewerage and refuse rates previously adopted by Ordinance No. 15-58; and

WHEREAS, the suspension of these rates have led to a deficit in excess of a million dollars in the waterworks and sewerage fund, requiring it be subsidized by the general fund; and

WHEREAS, there are many improvements that have been made and are currently being made to the Plaquemines Parish water system that must be funded;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

Subsection (1) (a) of Section 22-8. of Chapter 22 of the Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended and, as amended, shall now read as follows:

“4. Usage charges incurred for July 2023 through December 2024 water bills shall have the following rates, fees, rents, and other charges hereby levied, imposed, and established for the use of water and other services delivered and rendered by the parish water department:

- a. 0-4,000 gallons: minimum monthly rate;
- b. 4,000 gallons to 20,000 gallons: \$4.54 per 1,000 gallons;
- c. 20,000 gallons to 40,000 gallons: \$5.68 per 1,000 gallons;
- d. Over 40,000 gallons: \$6.80 per 1,000 gallons.

- i. The minimum monthly water rate for each of the following minimum meter sizes are \$10.00 for 5/8” to 2” meters, \$18.00 for 3” meters, \$26.95 for 4” meters, \$29.45 for 5” meters, \$35.95 for 6” meters, and \$90.70 for a floating meters.

5. The water and sewerage usage charges for meeting halls of all bona fide veterans' organizations, such as the American Legion or the Veterans of Foreign Wars, shall be billed at residential rates, provided the average monthly usage is under 1,000 gallons. All regulatory rules associated with commercial properties shall nevertheless be followed by the meeting halls of veterans' organizations.”

All other provisions of Subsection (1) (a) of Section 22-8. of Chapter 22 of the Parish Code of

Ordinances shall remain unmodified and in full force and effect.

## SECTION 2

Subsection (1) (b) of Section 22-8. of Chapter 22 of the Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by enacting Subparagraph 4. which shall read as follows:

“4. Usage charges incurred for July 2023 through December 2024 water bills shall have the following rates, fees, rents, and other charges hereby levied, imposed and established for the use of water and other services delivered and rendered by the parish water department:

- a. 0-4,000 gallons: \$40.00 flat rate;
- b. 4,000 gallons to 20,000 gallons: \$5.68 per 1,000 gallons;
- c. 20,000 gallons to 40,000 gallons: \$6.24 per 1,000 gallons;
- d. Over 40,000 gallons: \$6.80 per 1,000 gallons.”

All other provisions of Subsection (1) (b) of Section 22-8. of Chapter 22 of the Parish Code of Ordinances shall remain unmodified and in full force and effect.

## SECTION 3

Section 22-8. of Chapter 22 of the Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by enacting Subsection (5) which shall read as follows:

“(5) Beginning on the billing period for January 2025 water bills and each subsequent year thereafter, water usage charges shall be increased by an amount equal to the product of the usage charges then in effect times a number equal to a percentage increase in CPI over the previous 12-month period, calculated by using the most recently published CPI and the CPI published 12 months earlier. “CPI” for this Section shall mean the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) (1982-84=100), U.S. City Average, All Items, Unadjusted, as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor statistics of the United States Department of Labor.”

## SECTION 4

Subsection (3) (a) of Section 22-22. of Chapter 22 of the Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by enacting Subparagraph 5. which shall read as follows:

“5. Sewer usage charges incurred for the July 2023 through December 2024 water bills shall have the following rates, fees, rents, and other charges hereby levied, imposed and established for the use of the parish sewer system and other services delivered and rendered by the parish related thereto:

- a. 0-4,000 gallons: \$10.00 flat rate;
- b. 4,000 gallons to 20,000 gallons: \$2.44 per 1,000 gallons;
- c. 20,000 gallons to 40,000 gallons: \$3.05 per 1,000 gallons;
- d. Over 40,000 gallons: \$3.66 per 1,000 gallons.”

All other provisions of Subsection (3) (a) of Section 22-22. of Chapter 22 of the Parish Code of Ordinances shall remain unmodified and in full force and effect.

## SECTION 5

Subsection (3) (b) of Section 22-22 of Chapter 22 of the Parish Code of Ordinance is hereby amended by enacting Subparagraph 5. which shall read as follows:

“5. Sewer usage charges incurred for the July 2023 through December 2024 water bills shall have the following rates, fees, rents, and other charges hereby levied,

imposed and established for the use of the parish sewer system and other services delivered and rendered by the parish related thereto:

- a. 0-4,000 gallons: \$40.00 flat rate;
- b. 4,000 gallons to 20,000 gallons: \$3.05 per 1,000 gallons;
- c. 20,000 gallons to 40,000 gallons: \$3.35 per 1,000 gallons;
- d. Over 40,000 gallons: \$3.66 per 1,000 gallons.”

All other provisions of Subsection (3) (b) of Section 22-22. of Chapter 22 of the Parish Code of Ordinances shall remain unmodified and in full force and effect.

#### SECTION 6

Section. 22-22 of Chapter 22 of the Parish Code of Ordinance is hereby amended by enacting Subsection (5) which shall read as follows:

“(5) Beginning on the billing period for January 2025 water bills and each subsequent year thereafter, sewer usage charges shall be increased by an amount equal to the product of the usage charges then in effect times a number equal to a percentage increase in CPI over the previous 12-month period, calculated by using the most recently published CPI and the CPI published 12 months earlier. “CPI” for this Section shall mean the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) (1982-84=100), U.S. City Average, All Items, Unadjusted, as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor statistics of the United States Department of Labor.”

All other provisions of Section. 22-22 of Chapter 22 of the Parish Code of Ordinances shall remain unmodified and in full force and effect, except as otherwise amended by this Ordinance.

#### SECTION 7

Section 22-23 of Chapter 22 of the Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended and, as amended, shall read as follows:

“(4) For July 2023 through December 2024 water bills, there is hereby established a refuse fee of seven dollars and sixty cents (\$7.60) per month per can for all residences and a refuse fee of fifteen dollars and twenty-one cents (\$15.21) per month per can for all businesses of the parish. Refuse fees shall be billed on the parish water bills.”

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“(7) Beginning on the billing period for January 2025 water bills and each subsequent year thereafter, refuse fees shall be increased by an amount equal to the product of the refuse fees then in effect times a number equal to a percentage increase in CPI over the previous 12-month period, calculated by using the most recently published CPI and the CPI published 12 months earlier. “CPI” for this Section shall mean the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) (1982-84=100), U.S. City Average, All Items, Unadjusted, as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor statistics of the United States Department of Labor.”

All other provisions of Section 22-23 of Chapter 22 of the Parish Code of Ordinances shall remain unmodified and in full force and effect.

#### SECTION 8

Ordinance No. 17-62 is hereby superseded by this Ordinance and its effects.

SECTION 9

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 Newsom seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

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

YEAS: Council Members Brian Champagne, Chris Schulz, Stuart J. Guey, Patricia McCarty, Ronnie Newsom and Mitch Jurisich

NAYS: Council Members Tyronne Edwards, Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr., Mark Cognevich

ABSENT: None

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

ORDINANCE NO.23- 48

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

An Ordinance approving a plan of resubdivision of Lot 6, Upper Star Plantation, Section 19, T15S, 24E, Southeastern District of Louisiana, West of the Mississippi River, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, into Lots 6A and 6B, Upper Star Plantation, Section 19, T15S, R24E, Southeastern District of Louisiana, West of the Mississippi River, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, as shown on the plan and plat of survey by Dufrene Surveying & Engineering, Inc., dated August 12, 2022 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.

DIGEST: Two owners share one property now wish to divide property so they have their own individual lot. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, Steven and Monique Bennett and Robert McRae are the owners of Lot 6, Upper Star Plantation, Section 19, T15S, 24E, Southeastern District of Louisiana, West of the Mississippi River, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana as more fully shown on the plan and plat of resubdivision by Dufrene Surveying & Engineering, Inc., dated August 12, 2022, a print whereof is annexed hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, Steven and Monique Bennett and Robert McRae, as the owners of said property, have proposed the resubdivision of Lot 6, Upper Star Plantation, Section 19, T15S, 24E, Southeastern District of Louisiana, West of the Mississippi River, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, into Lots 6A and 6B, Upper Star Plantation, Section 19, T15S, R24E, Southeastern District of Louisiana, West of the Mississippi River, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, as more fully shown on said plan; and

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

WHEREAS, the owner/ Developer understands that he is responsible for the cost of installation of the sewerage and water infrastructure to connect to the public utilities shown on the aforementioned map; and

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

The aforesaid plan of resubdivision of Lot 6, Upper Star Plantation, Section 19, T15S, R24E, Southeastern District of Louisiana, West of the Mississippi River, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, into Lots 6A and 6B, Upper Star Plantation, Section 19, T15S, R24E, Southeastern District of Louisiana, West of the Mississippi River, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, as shown on the plan and plat of survey by Dufrene Surveying & Engineering, Inc., dated August 12, 2022, a print whereof is annexed hereto and made a part hereof, approved, and that the approval of the Parish President, Directors and all appropriate Parish department heads of the aforesaid plan and plat of survey be ratified.

SECTION 2

The Parish President be and is hereby authorized to appear before a Notary Public, and execute and approve aforesaid plan of resubdivision of owners as depicted on plan and plat of survey by Dufrene Surveying & Engineering, Inc., dated August 12, 2022, for the Parish of Plaquemines and the Plaquemines Parish Government, and to execute any and all acts and documents necessary and proper in the premises to give full force and effect to the aforesaid Ordinance.

SECTION 3

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

SECTION 4

The 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 McCarty seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

ORDINANCE NO.23-49

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

An Ordinance approving a plan of resubdivision of two undesignated lots and part of Lot V, Alex Pelas Division, Section 40, T19S, R28E, Southeastern District of Louisiana, West of the Mississippi River, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, into Lots V1 and V2, Alex Pelas Division, Section 40, T19S, R28E, Southeastern District of Louisiana, West of the Mississippi River, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, as shown on the plan and plat of survey by Dufrene Surveying & Engineering, Inc., dated November 29, 2022 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.

DIGEST: Two neighbors dividing property so that the other can have bigger lot. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, Stephen & Sabrina Matthews and Paul & Patricia Adams are the owners two undesignated lots and part of Lot V, Alex Pelas Division, Section 40, T19S, R28E, Southeastern District of Louisiana, West of the Mississippi River, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana as more fully shown on the plan and plat of resubdivision by Dufrene Surveying & Engineering, Inc., dated November 29, 2022, a print whereof is annexed hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, Stephen & Sabrina Matthews and Paul & Patricia Adams, as the owners of said property, have proposed the resubdivision of two undesignated lots and part of Lot V, Alex Pelas Division, Section 40, T19S, R28E, Southeastern District of Louisiana, West of the Mississippi River, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, into Lots V1 and V2, Alex Pelas Division, Section 40, T19S, R28E, Southeastern District of Louisiana, West of the Mississippi River, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, as more fully shown on said plan; and

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

WHEREAS, the owner/ Developer understands that he is responsible for the cost of installation of the sewerage and water infrastructure to connect to the public utilities shown on the aforementioned map; and

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

The aforesaid plan of resubdivision of two undesignated lots and part of Lot V, Alex Pelas Division, Section 40, T19S, R28E, Southeastern District of Louisiana, West of the Mississippi River, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, into Lots V1 and V2, Alex Pelas Division, Section 40, T19S, R28E, Southeastern District of Louisiana, West of the Mississippi River, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, as shown on the plan and plat of survey by Dufrene Surveying & Engineering, Inc., dated November 29, 2022, as shown on the plan and plat of survey by Dufrene Surveying & Engineering, Inc., dated August 12, 2022, a print whereof is annexed hereto and made a part hereof, approved, and that the approval of the Parish President, Directors and all appropriate Parish department heads of the aforesaid plan and plat of survey be ratified.

SECTION 2

The Parish President be and is hereby authorized to appear before a Notary Public, and execute and approve aforesaid plan of resubdivision of owners as depicted on plan and plat of survey by Dufrene Surveying & Engineering, Inc., dated November 29, 2022, for the Parish of Plaquemines and the Plaquemines Parish Government, and to execute any and all acts and documents necessary and proper in the premises to give full force and effect to the aforesaid Ordinance.

SECTION 3

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

SECTION 4

The 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 Tyronne Edwards, Brian Champagne, Chris Schulz, Stuart J. Guey, Patricia McCarty, Ronnie Newsom, Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr., Mitch Jurisich and Mark Cognevich

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.



ORDINANCE NO. 23-50

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

An Ordinance to amend the 2023 Manpower Structure; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

DIGEST: An Ordinance to amend the 2023 Manpower Structure by creating and funding an Unclassified Communications Manager position in the Public Awareness department; and to unfund the Public Information Officer position in the Public Awareness department. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, after a review of the manpower needs of the Public Awareness Department, it has been recommended to create and fund an Unclassified Communications Manager position at an annual salary of \$65,000 plus benefits; and to unfund the Public Information Officer position in the Public Awareness department;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

The 2023 Manpower Structure is amended by creating and funding an Unclassified Communications Manager position in the Public Awareness Department at an annual salary of \$65,000 plus benefits; and by unfunding the Public Information Officer position in the Public Awareness 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 McCarty seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

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

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

NAYS: Council Member Tyronne Edwards

ABSENT: None

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

Agenda Item 9j was temporarily passed over and Council Member LaFrance advanced to Agenda Item 9l.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-51

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

An Ordinance to amend the 2023 Manpower Structure and Revenue and Operating Expenditure Budgets; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

DIGEST: An Ordinance to amend the 2023 Manpower Structure and Revenue and Operating Expenditure Budgets to fund the Drug Court Treatment Director position in the Judges Division A Department and to budget the funds derived from the legal settlement of the opioid abatement administration corporation litigation. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, after a review of the manpower needs of the Judges Division A Department, it has been recommended to fund the Drug Court Treatment Director position at an annual salary of \$60,000 plus benefits; and

WHEREAS, funding in the amount of \$70,000 is to be appropriated to the Revenue Budget from funds derived from the legal settlement of the opioid abatement administration corporation litigation;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

The 2023 Manpower Structure, is amended by funding the Drug Court Treatment Director position in the Judges Division A Department at an annual salary of \$60,000 plus benefits.

SECTION 2

The 2023 General Fund, Revenue and Operating Expenditure Budgets, are amended as follows:

<b>Fund:</b> 001 General Fund			
<b>Dept/Div:</b> 000-0000 Revenue Budget			
<b>Object</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Inc/ Dec</b>	<b>Amendment</b>
489.007	Misc Settlements – Opioid	Inc	70,000

<b>Fund:</b> 001 General Fund			
<b>Dept/Div:</b> 310-2060 Judge Div A Dept.			
<b>Object</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Inc/ Dec</b>	<b>Amendment</b>
510.005	Salaries & Wages Regular	Inc	46,540
515.005	P/R Taxes FICA Taxes	Inc	770
516.105	Retirement (PERS)	Inc	6,830
517.005	Group Insurance Health	Inc	15,860

SECTION 3

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

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

Council Member McCarty seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

Council Member LaFrance moved back to Agenda Item 9j.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 23-52

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

An Ordinance to amend the Five Year Capital Improvements Plan, Repairs-Pointe ala Hache Pump Station Project; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

DIGEST: An ordinance to appropriate \$1,894,614 to the Repairs-PALH Pump Station Project from the Construction-New Courthouse Project and Series 2012-Courthouse Bond Fund Unreserved Undesignated Fund Balance for needed repairs to the Pointe ala Hache pump station. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

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 \$1,894,614 to the Repairs-PALH Pump Station Project; \$502,202 from the Construction-New Courthouse Project; \$1,392,412 from the Series 2012-Courthouse Bond Fund Unreserved Undesignated Fund Balance; funding year, 2023.

#### 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 Schulz seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-53

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

An Ordinance to amend the 2023 General Fund, Revenue and Operating Expenditure Budgets; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

DIGEST: An ordinance to appropriate \$875,000 to the GOMESA Revenue Sharing budget and \$150,000 to the Coastal Resource and Protection department for professional services required for the state and federal 2023 levee inspection. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, Plaquemines Parish Government was awarded additional funding in the amount of \$875,000 from the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act Funding (GOMESA); and

WHEREAS, after a review of the Coastal Resource and Protection department's operating expenditure budget, an amendment is required;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

The 2023 General Fund, Revenue and Operating Expenditure Budgets are amended as follows:

<b>Fund:</b> 001 General Fund			
<b>Dept/Div:</b> 001-0000 Revenue Budget			
<b>Object</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Inc/ Dec</b>	<b>Amendment</b>
427.717	GOMESA Revenue Sharing	Inc	875,000

<b>Fund:</b> 001 General Fund			
<b>Dept/Div:</b> 772-4600 Coastal Resource & Protection Dept.			
<b>Object</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Inc/ Dec</b>	<b>Amendment</b>
532.001	Professional Services General	Inc	150,000

SECTION 2

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

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-54

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

An Ordinance to amend the Plaquemines Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, by enacting Section 2-22 to be titled “Procedures for the Appropriation of funds from the Fund Balance Designated for Infrastructure;” and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

DIGEST: All lot subdivision, resubdivision fees, and industrial fees commonly referred to as “impact fees”, shall be designated for use on new infrastructure or to make major repairs on existing infrastructure that is vital to the health, safety, and welfare of all citizens in Plaquemines Parish. These funds are not to be utilized to fund routine maintenance or daily operational obligations of any department. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 97-117 and Ordinance No. 97-143 established that lot subdivision and resubdivision fees be dedicated and designated to the construction, repair, maintenance, upgrading and development of infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 19-143 established that the Industrial Development Impact Fees collected by Plaquemines Parish Government shall be budgeted and included in the Fund Balance Designated for Infrastructure...”; and

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Council desires to enact procedures relative to the appropriation of funds from the Fund Balance Designated for Infrastructure in order to ensure that the funds are being spent in accordance with the aforementioned Resolution and Ordinances and in a thoughtful, deliberate, and constitutional manner;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

Chapter 2 of the Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by enacting Section 2-22 which shall read as follows:

“Section 2-22 Procedures for the Appropriation of funds from the Fund Balance Designated for Infrastructure

- (a) It is hereby the policy of Plaquemines Parish Government that the appropriation of funds from the Fund Balance Designated for Infrastructure shall only be appropriated to fund new infrastructure projects or to make major repairs to existing infrastructure vital to the health and safety of the residents of Plaquemines Parish. Funds from the Fund Balance

Designated for Infrastructure should not be used to fund the general operations or routine maintenance obligations of any department.

(b) The Plaquemines Parish Council shall not vote to appropriate funds from the Fund Balance Designated for Infrastructure without first receiving the following to inform their decision:

- (1) A detailed description from the Administration of the proposed project or intended use of the appropriation;
- (2) A memo from the Finance Department stating whether other funds, including grants, are available to fund the proposed project or intended use of the appropriation; and
- (3) A memo from the Legal Department stating whether the proposed project or intended use of the appropriation complies with the US Constitution as interpreted by the US Supreme Court in *Koontz v. St Johns River Water Management District* (570 U.S. 595) and other related cases.”

## 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 Schulz seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

Agenda Item 9r was offered with changes.

## ORDINANCE NO. 23-55

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

An Ordinance to amend the 2023 General Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, Registrar of Voter Department; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

DIGEST: An ordinance to appropriate \$3,050 for the Registrar of Voters Department for employee training by transferring funds within the department’s capital outlay and operating budgets. Amount was obtained from Election Center course costs. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, after a review of the Registrar of Voters Department’s operating expenditure budget, an amendment is required;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

The 2023 General Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, Registrar of Voters Department, is amended as follows:

<b>Fund:</b> 001 General Fund			
<b>Dept/Div:</b> 576-2880 Registrar of Voters Dept.			
<b>Object</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Inc/ Dec</b>	<b>Amendment</b>
563.005	Office Equipment	Dec	(450)
563.015	Office Furnishings	Dec	(500)
563.105	Office Computer Software	Dec	(1,000)
563.110	Office Computer Hardware	Dec	(1,000)
565.001	Equipment General	Dec	(100)
551.405	Employee Exp Training	Inc	10,163

The remaining \$7,113.00 is to be taken from the Unreserved/Undesignated General Fund.

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 McCarty seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-56

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

An Ordinance to amend the 2023 General Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, Buildings-General Department; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

DIGEST: An ordinance to appropriate \$125,000 to the Buildings-General department to demolish the Parish owned buildings located at 609 and 610 Avenue A in Belle Chasse. Amount is based on quotes received. Funding source is the fund balance designated for emergencies. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, after a review of the Buildings-General Department’s operating expenditure budget, an amendment is required;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

The 2023 General Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, Buildings-General Department, is amended by appropriating \$125,000 from the Fund Balance Designated for Emergencies as follows:

<b>Fund:</b> 001 General Fund			
<b>Dept/Div:</b> 620-3300 Buildings-Gen Dept.			
<b>Object</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Inc/ Dec</b>	<b>Amendment</b>
532.001	Professional Services General	Inc	125,000

SECTION 2

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

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

Council Member Champagne seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-138

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

A Resolution to amend and as amended readopt Resolution No. 15-213; and rescind Resolution 19-157; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

DIGEST: A resolution to reestablish the recreation committee to help the Council evaluate recommendations in order to provide an efficient and reliable recreation department. Any recommendations would come to the council for vote. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, it is necessary to reaffirm the importance of the Plaquemines Parish Recreation Committee; and



WHEREAS, it has become necessary to amend some of the guidelines, duties and responsibilities of the Plaquemines Recreation Advisory Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT Resolution No. 19-157 is hereby rescinded.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the entirety of Resolution No. 15-213 shall now read as follows:

“BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby creates the Plaquemines Recreation Advisory Committee which shall be comprised of five members consisting of one representative from Council District 1, two representatives that resides in Council Districts 6, 7, 8, or 9, and two representatives that resides in Council Districts 2, 3, 4, or 5. The representatives would be appointed by the council and who’s terms will run till December 31, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT each member appointed to the committee must have a sports background, either as a player or coach, and be completely dedicated to the committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT decisions for the youth recreation programs will not rest solely on the discretion of the Recreation Director, but will be brought for a vote before the committee prior to implementation.

1. Purpose: The Recreation Committee is responsible for advising the Recreation Director concerning the care, management and development of Parish recreational programs and facilities.
2. Background: The Committee was established to ensure high quality Recreation programs in Plaquemines Parish.
3. Membership: There shall be five members consisting of one representative from Council District 1, two representatives that resides in Council Districts 6, 7, 8, or 9, and two representatives that resides in Council Districts 2, 3, 4, or 5. The representatives would be appointed by the council and who’s terms will run till December 31, 2024. All members shall be residents of Plaquemines Parish.
4. Charge: The Recreation Committee shall have the duties and responsibilities as listed below, which may be revised or amended by the Council. The Parish President retains authority over administrative matters relating to the Recreation Department.
  - a. Serve an advisory function on policies and programs relating to the Plaquemines Parish recreational programs and active recreational parks which shall be implemented by the Recreation Director;
  - b. Assess satisfaction with active recreational programs and facilities;
  - c. Assess the needs of the community for active recreational programs and facilities;
  - d. Develop recommendations on facilities needed to address needs;
  - e. Seek to maximize the use of both public and private efforts in developing well-rounded and functional recreational programs and facilities;
  - f. Assist in developing guidelines, policies and/or regulations for the use of playgrounds and recreational facilities and for recreational programs which shall be implemented by the Recreation Director;
  - g. Review capital budget and operating budget proposal each year and advise the Director on funding priorities. This should include, but not be limited to developing a multi-year Recreational Plan;

- h. Assist with the recruitment and coordination of volunteer coaches, program coordinator's, instructors and related volunteer functions;
  - i. Assist the Recreation Director in maintaining communication with organizations governing the rules of play in order to establish consistent policies and cooperation among the groups; and
  - j. Submit an annual report to the Council at the first Council meeting of each year for the previous year.
  - k. Assist the Recreation Director in preparing an annual calendar for the following year which will be due by August of each year. Said calendar should be made based on Plaquemines Parish School Board annual calendar.
5. Officers: Officers of the Plaquemines Parish Recreation Committee shall consist of a chairperson, vice- chairperson, and a secretary selected annually by a majority vote of the committee. This vote will take place at the first meeting after the start of the calendar year.
- a. Chairperson - It will be the duty of the Chairperson to preside at all meetings of the committee, to sign such official papers as may be required, and to call special meetings of the committee when needed. The Recreation Director will prepare an agenda in consultation with the Chairperson for distribution to the committee members prior to each meeting.
  - b. Vice Chairperson - The vice-chairperson will perform the duties of the chairperson in the latter's absence.
  - c. Secretary - The Secretary will keep an accurate record of the proceedings or the committee and take notes at each meeting of the Committee. Agendas and minutes will be prepared in accordance with state law with assistance from the Recreation Director and provided to the Council Secretary for filing.”

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.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-57

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

An Ordinance to amend the 2023 Manpower Structure; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

DIGEST: An ordinance to create and fund a part-time Diesel Maintenance Mechanic position in the maintenance department. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, after a review of the manpower needs of the Maintenance Department, it has been recommended to create and fund a part-time Diesel Maintenance Mechanic position;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

The 2023 Manpower Structure, is amended by creating and funding a part-time Diesel Maintenance Mechanic position in the Maintenance 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 McCarty seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

Council Member Cognevich offered 9v with changes:

#### ORDINANCE NO. 23-58

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

An Ordinance to enact Sec 2-22 of the Plaquemines Parish Code of Ordinances; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

DIGEST: Council members have historically had the authority to select, initiate the employment, supervise, direct, discipline and terminate administrative assistants. The enactment of this Section represents the intent of the Council to formalize the process of selection, employment, supervision, direction, discipline and termination of administrative assistants. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

#### SECTION 1

##### **Sec. 2-22. Council Administrative Assistants.**

- (a) Each member of the Council shall be allowed to select and initiate the employment of an administrative assistant.
- (b)
  - (i) Full-time Administrative assistants shall be expected to work a total of 40 hours per week, the specific schedule to be determined by the Council member initiating their employment, or the successor thereof, and shall be unclassified employees who are entitled to the benefits afforded a full-time employee of the Parish. Part-time Administrative assistants shall work less than 28 hours per week, the specific schedule to be determined by the Council member, and shall not be eligible for benefits.
  - (ii) All Administrative Assistants shall maintain a daily time sheet, recording hours worked. Any full-time assistant shall take paid leave or, in the absence of available leave, take unpaid leave, in a week in which the assistant works less than 40 hours.
  - (iii) Administrative Assistants shall work from the Council member's office during ordinary business hours of the Parish, unless directed otherwise by the Council member.
  - (iv) Time sheets shall be provided to the Payroll Office in the Parish Finance Department and the Council member on a bi-weekly basis.
- (c) The compensation of each administrative assistant shall be provided in the annual operating budget, as adopted and from time to time amended by the Council.

- (d) Any member of the Council desiring to employ an administrative assistant shall notify the Civil Service and Human Resources Departments, in writing, providing the name of the person so employed.
- (e) Once notified, the Civil Service and Human Resources Departments shall conduct all activities necessary to promptly facilitate the employment of the administrative assistant, including but not limited to pre-employment drug testing. Except as inconsistent with this Section, all employment policies and rules applicable to unclassified employees shall apply to Council Administrative Assistants.
- (f) Each administrative assistant shall be under the sole supervision and direction of the Council member initiating their employment.
- (g) Each administrative assistant shall serve at the pleasure of the Council member initiating their employment, or the successor thereof.
- (h) The discipline or termination of an administrative assistant shall be at the sole discretion of the Council member initiating their employment, or the successor thereof.

## SECTION 2

Any administrative assistant selected and employed on the effective date of this Ordinance shall continue in such employment and shall be subject, otherwise, to the provisions of this Ordinance.

## SECTION 3

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon signature by the President, or if vetoed, upon the vote of the Council to over-ride the veto of the President.

## 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 Newsom seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: Council Member Patricia McCarty (ABSTAINED)

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

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

## RESOLUTION NO. 23-139

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby approves the minutes of the April 13, 2023, regular Council 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.

Council Member LaFrance moved to Agenda Item 11, "New Business".

Under Agenda Item 11b, "District 9 update", Council Member Cognevich inquired about the status of the repairs to the Buras YMCA pool. He was told by President Hinkley that he was in Port Sulphur yesterday and there was someone measuring the pool at that location. He would assume they were going to head to Buras next. Director Jeff DiMarco said the pools were being assessed.

Under Agenda Item 11e, "District 8 update", Council Member Jurisich stated that he know funding in place from the Restore Act but, the slip boat in the Empire Boat Yard is becoming a real problem. He would like to see action there.

Council Member LaFrance said all the employees have been asking about a raise. President Hinkley said he knew there were raises given last year but, he does not think it is enough so, the Administration and Council need to work together to figure something out because we are losing too many employees.

There being no further business to come before this Council, on Motion of Council Member Schulz, seconded by Council Member Newsom, and on roll call all members present voting "YES", the meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

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Chairman

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Secretary

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