

Minutes of a meeting of the Plaquemines Parish Council, held in the Belle Chasse Council Building Chambers, 333 F. Edward Hebert Blvd., Bldg. 203, Belle Chasse, Louisiana on Thursday, May 12, 2022, at 5:39 p.m., pursuant to notice to all members with a quorum present as follows:

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

Kim M. Toups, Council Secretary

ABSENT: Council Member Richie Blink

The Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance were dispensed with.

President Lepine and Charter Directors Crystal Taylor and Todd Eppley were present representing the Administration.

The following items were deferred:

- 9a(1), “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” was deferred for the fourth times; therefore, it fell off of the agenda.
- 9b, “ 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” was deferred for a fourth time; therefore, it fell off the agenda.
- 9c, “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” was deferred for a fourth time; therefore, it fell off of the agenda;
- 9j, “A Resolution acknowledging climate change as a threat to both Plaquemines Parish residents, culture and economic interests; expressing the Plaquemines Parish Council’s intent to take measures to enhance community resilience to hurricanes and storms through the support of coastal restoration and hazard risk mitigation programs; expressing the Plaquemines Parish Council’s support and incentivizing the development of solar, wind and other alternative energy projects as part of the Parish’s broader economic development plans; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”;
- 9r, “An Ordinance to name a certain body of water on the east bank of the Mississippi River across from Buras, that connects the Mississippi River to Quarantine Bay as Avulsion Pass; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”;
- 11b, “District 9 update”;
- 11c, “District 8 update”;
- 11d, “District 1 update”;
- 11f, “District 5 update”;
- 11g, “District 6 update”; and
- 11l, “Update on the Belle Chasse Bridge and Tunnel Replacement Project”.

The following items were withdrawn:

- 9f, ,” An Ordinance to amend the 2022 Five Year Capital Improvements Plan various projects; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”;
- 9g, “An Ordinance to amend the Five Year Capital Improvements Plan, Replacement-PALH Ferry Landing Project; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”;
- 9h, “An Ordinance to amend the 2022 Five Year Capital Improvements Plan various projects; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”; and
- 9k, “An Ordinance to establish polling places in Plaquemines Parish; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”.

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

- We are less than 20 days away from the beginning of Hurricane Season. The Administration has done a lot of hurricane exercises and held many meetings. A meeting with the State will be held tomorrow. The Administration has seen some of the predictions and they say it will be a more active Hurricane Season than normal; however, the Administration is ready;
- President Lepine and John Helmers will be in Washington, D.C. from June 7-9th to attend meetings regarding the GOMESA funds. They will try to continue to schedule as many other meetings as possible while they are in D.C.;
- All Parish Libraries are now offering e-books and e-audio books; and
- President Lepine said Recreation is now in full swing.

The following was addressed by Council Members:

- Council Member Rousselle stated that the Point Celeste Pump Station was not included in the WORDA Bill and asked President Lepine to discuss our need for it to be added to the Bill. President Lepine said he will try to add it to their list;
- Council Member Black thanked the Administration for their response on Belle Chasse II Pump Station and said he was glad to see it is up to 66%. He further stated that he had discussions with Plenary on the closures and they asked him to postpone the Town Hall Meeting and Agenda Item 11L because they would like to be present for both meetings;
- Council Member Newberry asked the Administration if discussions have occurred in regard to preparing for Hurricane Season by cleaning out the ditches and drains in the Jesuit Bend area. She said constituents want to get some relief on getting drains clean out. She asked if a meeting could be set up to discuss these issues and President Lepine said yes and that he would get with Scott Rousselle to see where they are on cleaning the ditches.

Council Member Black left the meeting at 5:44 p.m.

- Council Member Barthelemy said he had concerns about the Eastbank pump stations being below 75% and closing the gap. President Lepine said they are actively looking at the funding left from the Scarsdale pump station and once that is done we can transfer the remaining funds to the Bel-Air and Bellevue Pump Stations. He also said that they would like to try to use some of the Courthouse money for the Pointe-a-la-Hache Pump Station. President Lepine also said that part of Bellaire was fixed and the pump station is now at 50%;
- Council Member LaFrance explained that a couple meetings ago legislation was offered to hire a Superintendent for Flood Control and the Council denied it. He asked President Lepine if he would consider using that money to hire a Heavy Equipment Operator to dig in order to dig more ditches. President Lepine told him he absolutely would and that they actually have one or two Heavy Equipment Operators positions listed on the board to be filled; however, we are having a hard time filling the positions; and
- Council Member Cognevich thanked President Lepine for sending the lawn mower back down to him. He said it came back broken, but he fixed it. President Lepine thanked Council Member Cognevich for what he does and said he goes above and beyond. Council Member Cognevich also asked to have ditches swept down the road.

At the request of Council Member Barthelemy, Council Member Cognevich moved to Agenda Item 9o which was offered as a substitute.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-56

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

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

WHEREAS, after a review of the manpower needs of the Davant Swimming Pool Department, it has been recommended to fund ten (10) part-time Lifeguard positions; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for an appropriation to fund the operation of the Davant Community Center Pool;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

The 2022 Manpower Structure, is amended by funding ten (10) part-time Lifeguard positions in the Swimming Pools-Davant Department.

SECTION 2

The 2022 General Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, is amended by appropriating \$100,000 from the Fund Balance Designated for the American Rescue Plan as follows:

Fund: 001 General Fund			
Dept/Div: 655-4147 Swimming Pools-Davant			
Object	Description	Inc/Dec	Amendment
510.005	Salaries & Wages-Regular	Inc	40,080
515.005	FICA Taxes	Inc	3,040
523.305	Utilities Water/Sewer/Refuse (Pub Util)	Inc	15,000
532.001	Prof Services General	Inc	25,880
541.120	Supplies – Chemicals	Inc	6,000

Fund: 001 General Fund			
Dept/Div: 640-4060 Recreation Facilities & Services			
Object	Description	Inc/Dec	Amendment
510.010	Salaries & Wages-Overtime	Inc	10,000

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 Guey 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, Sr., and Mark Cognevich

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Members W. Beau Black and Richie Blink

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 12th day of May, 2022.

Council Member Cognevich moved to Agenda Item 4a, “Update by Charter Directors”. Without objection, so ordered. There was no report by the Directors other than what was emailed to Council Members.

Council Member Cognevich reverted back to Agenda Item 5, “Bids and Advertisements”. Without objection, so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-127

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

A Resolution authorizing the Purchasing Agent to advertise for and dispose of surplus vehicles and equipment on an as is basis through public auction conducted by Henderson Auctions; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, periodically the Plaquemines Parish Government has numerous pieces and types of equipment and vehicles which are surplus or are no longer in working condition and need to be disposed of; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Purchasing Agent that the Parish Government dispose of the surplus equipment and vehicles through public auction; and

WHEREAS, Henderson Auctions will pick up and dispose of surplus and junked equipment, as directed by the Purchasing Department; and

WHEREAS, Auction will be advertised in the Plaquemines Parish Gazette as per Louisiana state law requirements and the list of equipment will be on file in the Council Secretary's office;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby authorizes its Purchasing Agent to dispose of surplus equipment and vehicles, through public auction, on an as is basis and further authorizes Henderson Auctions to pick up and sell this equipment at public auction for a period beginning with the adoption of this resolution and ending July 31, 2022.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 22-128

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the following application for permit to engage in the sale of liquor and/or beer only in the Parish of Plaquemines for the year 2022 is hereby approved: J & J Mart, LLC d/b/a Belle Chasse Express, 7812 Highway 23, Belle Chasse, Louisiana 70037, Table 2, Class B-Package Liquor.

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

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 22-129

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the following application for construction permits in the Parish of Plaquemines are hereby approved: Gulf Inland Contractors, Inc., Application No. 2022-469, dated April 29, 2022, plug and abandon three wells and removal of all other structures, Bay Batiste & Lake Washington Field; Gulf Inland Contractors, Inc., Application No. 2022-470, dated April 29, 2022, plug and abandon five wells and removal of all other structures, Lake Hermitage 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.

Agenda Items 7b through 7e were taken *en globo*:

RESOLUTION NO. 22-130

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

A Resolution approving the renewal of a trailer park permit to the new owner, Allen Moreau, for the operation of an existing trailer park (Yellow Cotton Lodging, LLC) located in an A-2 (Rural or Agricultural) Zoning District on Nell’s Lane, Boothville, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2022-352, dated February 25, 2022.

WHEREAS, the new owner, Allen Moreau, applied to the Plaquemines Parish Department of Permits, Planning and Zoning (Application No. 2022-352, dated February 25, 2022) for the renewal of a trailer park permit for the operation of an existing trailer park (Yellow Cotton Lodging, LLC) located on Nell’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 the new owner, Allen Moreau, for the operation of an existing trailer park (Yellow Cotton Lodging, LLC) located in A-2 (Rural or Agricultural) Zoning District on Nell’s Lane, Boothville, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2022-352, dated February 25, 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-131

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

A Resolution approving the issuance of a Business Occupancy only permit to Port Sulphur Donut Shop, LLC to open a restaurant, donut shop and take out restaurant located in an A-2 (Rural or Agricultural) Zoning District at 26145 Highway 23, Port Sulphur, Louisiana all in accordance with Application No 2022-493, dated April 22, 2022.

WHERE AS, Port Sulphur Donut Shop, LLC applied to the Plaquemines Parish Department of Permits, Planning and Zoning (Application No. 2022-491, dated April 22, 2022) for a Business Occupancy permit to open a restaurant, donut shop and take out restaurant located at 26145 Highway 23, Port Sulphur, Louisiana;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PALQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby approves the issuance of a special Business Occupancy only permit to Port Sulphur Donut Shop, LLC to open a restaurant, donut shop and take out restaurant located at 26145 Highway 23, Port Sulphur, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2022-493, dated April 22, 2022, with recommendation and in concurrence with Administration.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-132

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

A Resolution approving the issuance of a Business Occupancy only permit Carlo Ditta, LLC, to operate a concrete batch plant located in an I-3 (Heavy Industrial) Zoning District at 799 Walker Road, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2022-492, dated April 7, 2022.

WHEREAS, Carlo Ditta, LLC, applied to the Plaquemines Parish Department of Permits, Planning and Zoning (Application No. 2022-492, dated April 7, 2022) for a Business Occupancy Permit to operate a concrete batch plant located in an I-3 (Heavy Industrial) Zoning District at 799 Walker Road, Belle Chasse, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Carlo Ditta, Inc. applied to the Plaquemines Parish Department of Permits, Planning and Zoning to install a temporary Batch Plant located at 799 Walker Road, Belle Chasse, Application No. 2014-4724, dated December 13, 2013, and was approved by Resolution No. 14-51, dated February 13, 2014, for a three (3) year period which has since expired;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby approves the issuance of a special Business Occupancy Only Permit to Carlo Ditta, LLC, to operate a concrete batch plant located in an I-3 (Heavy Industrial) Zoning District at 799 Walker Road, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2022-492, dated April 7, 2022, with recommendation and in concurrence with Administration.

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 official are authorized to carry out the purpose of this Resolution, both without further reading and approval by the Plaquemines Parish Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-133

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

A Resolution approving the issuance of a special permit to Laddis & Bonnie Hinyup, for the placement of a temporary RV trailer on property located in a FP (Flood Plain) Zoning District at 151 Deer Road, Lake Hermitage, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2022-497, dated April 26, 2022.

WHEREAS, Laddis & Bonnie Hinyup applied to the Plaquemines Parish Department of Permits, Planning and Zoning (Application No. 2022-497, dated April 26, 2022) for the placement of a temporary RV trailer at 151 Deer Road, Lake Hermitage, Louisiana;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby approves the issuance of a special permit to Laddis & Bonnie Hinyup for the placement of a temporary RV trailer on property located in a FP (Flood Plain) Zoning District at 151 Deer Road, Lake Hermitage Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2022-497, dated April 26, 2022.

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

1. An Ordinance to rescind, annul and set aside Ordinance Number 22-52, which rescinded, annulled and set-aside Ordinance 20-24 adopted on February 27, 2020; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER COGNEVICH
2. An Ordinance to amend 2022 Public Health Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, Ambulances-General Department; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER COGNEVICH
3. An Ordinance to amend the 2022 General Fund, Revenue Budget and Operating Expenditure Budget, Coastal Zone Management Department; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER COGNEVICH
4. An Ordinance to divide and consolidate precincts, assign to redistricting plan and establish polling places; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER COGNEVICH

5. A Resolution authorizing and directing the Parish President or his designee, to do all things necessary and proper to negotiate, execute, perfect, and enforce any and all documents required to apply for a Local Government Assistance Program Grant (LGAP) from the Office of Community Services in the amount of \$150,000.00 to purchase vehicles for the following departments: One (1) ¾ Ton Diesel Pickup Truck for Flood Control, One (1) ½ Ton Pickup for Recreation, One (1) Mid-Size Pickup for Flood Control; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER COGNEVICH
6. A Resolution authorizing a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Parish of Jefferson and the Parish of Plaquemines regarding the enrollment of Plaquemines Parish firefighters in classes held at the Jefferson Parish Fire Training Center; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER COGNEVICH
7. An Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of a donation for the Davant Swimming Pool and to amend the 2022 General Fund, Operating Revenue and Expenditure Budgets; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER BARTHELEMY
8. A Resolution authorizing and directing the Parish President or his designee, to do all things necessary and proper to negotiate, execute, perfect, and enforce any and all documents required to apply for a Community Water Enrichment Grant (CWEF) of \$150,000 to penetrate the St. Bernard Flood Wall with pipe in order to have the ability to connect to St. Bernard water as a safeguard against losing water service on the east bank of the Parish; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER BARTHELEMY
9. An Ordinance to amend the Five Year Capital Improvements Plan for the Renovations-Animal Shelter Project and the 2022 General Fund, Revenue Budget; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER BLACK
10. An Ordinance requiring a traffic and safety evaluation for any necessary building permits for any new commercial or industrial development within three hundred feet (300 ft.) of or in a “school zone;” requiring Council approval before the issuance of any permits for the same by the Permit Department; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER GUEY

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

Agenda Item 9a(2), “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” was offered by Council Member Arbourgh for discussion only. It was seconded by Council Member Cognevich, a discussion was held and then the matter was deferred.

Council Member Barthelemy left the meeting 6:24 p.m.

At the request of Council Member LaFrance, Council Member Cognevich moved to Agenda Item 11e, “District 7 update”. Without objection, so ordered.

- Under item 1) “Update on elevation funding”, Mr. Sylve addressed the Council in regard to the building of levees in West Pointe-a-la-Hache and funding to elevate their homes. He also addressed the pump stations that do not work in the area. Mr. Sylve asked for help or otherwise, after the storm, they are out of there. Council Member Rousselle said he spoke to DOTD and they are issuing a contract to unplug the drains that go under the highway. Other issues can be addressed by Mr. Helmers. Mr. Helmers stated the levees are in progress and some of the foundations laid down need to settle for 14 months. President Lepine said the CORPS assured them that the gap in the levee in West Pointe-a-la-Hache will be filled. Also the Administration is actively working on the pumpstations.
- Under item 2) “Discussion on the Port Sulphur Water Plant”, Director Todd Eppley explained that the design is done now and Inframark can handle a portion of the work in-house. Council Member LaFrance questioned as to why some people in West Pointe-a-la-Hache have been low but the pressure is good in the Diamond area. Todd Eppley said the reason they are having low pressure is because the Port Sulphur water is being pushed up from Belle Chasse. Council Member Rousselle asked for a timeframe and expected bid date on the Water Plant and was told that Mr. Eppley does not have a time frame but he will get one and send it out.

Council Member Cognevich advanced to Agenda Item 11j, "Presentation by James Outtrim and Pat Outtrim about the LNG Export facility being built off of Grand Isle". Without objection, so ordered. Mr. Outtrim addressed the Council and made a PowerPoint presentation regarding the LNG facility.

Council Member Cognevich moved to Agenda Item 11k, "Update by Anna Timmerman, AG Agent, on projects for the month of May". Without objection, so ordered. Ms. Timmerman introduced herself as the AG Agent for Plaquemines Parish and said she transferred to Plaquemines Parish from Jefferson Parish in July of 2021. She provided information on background and what she does in and for the Parish. The LSU Ag Center is hosting a Citrus Symposium for the public on Saturday, May 28th from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 5124 E. St. Bernard Hwy., Violet LA.

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

1. A Resolution authorizing and directing the Parish President to provide a list of all contractors hired by the State of Louisiana to handle Hurricane Ida debris removal in Plaquemines Parish, a description of the work that was done and the amount they were paid; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER BARTHELEMY
2. A Resolution conditionally approving the plan of Resubdivision of a portion of Tract 5-E Section B of Belle Chasse Plantation into Cypress Park Subdivision, Phase 2C; Phase 2C containing Lots 241 through 285, all without cost to the Plaquemines Parish Government or the Parish of Plaquemines; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER BLACK
3. An Ordinance declaring a temporary housing need exists pursuant to Subsection 6 of Section XII of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of Plaquemines Parish; enacting rules, regulations and fees thereof; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER LAFRANCE

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

Agenda Item 9d, "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" was offered by Council Member Rousselle and seconded by Council Member LaFrance. A discussion began on this matter.

Council Member LaFrance left the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

A recess was taken at 7:58 p.m. to restart the recording of the meeting. The meeting resumed at 8:06 p.m.

The discussion on Agenda Item 9d continued after the meeting resumed and then the item was deferred.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-134

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

A Resolution approving and authorizing Thomas J. Serpas, Finance Manager, to execute a Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire to Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, in connection with the audit of financial statements as of December 31, 2021, the Office of the Legislative Auditor of the State of Louisiana has requested Plaquemines Parish Government to complete and adopt a Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire; and

WHEREAS, the Parish Administration has assured the Parish Council that the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire has been completed in accordance with the law and that all answers are true and correct to the best of its belief and knowledge;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby approves and authorizes Thomas J. Serpas, Finance Manager, to execute the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire, a copy of which is on file in the Council Secretary's Office, to Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC in connection with the audit of financial statements as of December 31, 2021, and for the year then ended.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVE 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 advanced to Agenda Item 9n.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-135

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

A Resolution authorizing the Parish President, on behalf of the Plaquemines Parish Government, to name and accept the proposal of the Plaquemines Gazette as the Official Journal for the Plaquemines Parish Council and all other political subdivisions and districts situated therein of which the Plaquemines Parish Council is the governing authority; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, Article 4, Section 4.01 (5) of the Charter for Local Self-Government for Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, authorizes the selection of an Official Journal for the Parish and the political subdivisions and districts at its first meeting in June yearly; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute §43:147 limits the rate of compensation of the newspaper for printing the Official Journal; and

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Gazette has submitted a proposal to be selected as the Official Journal for the Plaquemines Parish Government and the Plaquemines Parish Council as the governing authority of all political subdivisions and districts situated within the Parish of Plaquemines;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby selects the Plaquemines Gazette as its Official Journal and the Official Journal of the political subdivisions and districts situated in the Parish of Plaquemines for which the Plaquemines Parish Council is the governing authority because it meets the qualifications required.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the Parish President, for and on behalf of the Plaquemines Parish Government, is hereby authorized and directed to accept the bid of the Plaquemines Gazette which is on file with the Secretary of the Council and under such other terms and conditions as he deems to be in the best interest of the Parish of Plaquemines.

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. 22-57

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

An Ordinance authorizing the execution of extension to the lease of Lot B, Port Eads for a period of twenty (20) years pursuant to the provisions of La. R.S.

41:1217, the lessee having met the requirements of law; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, the lessee by assignment of Lot B at Port Eads, Bill Bubrig, has made “a proper showing” that improvements have been made to the leasehold in an amount exceeding \$20,000 during the leasehold term beginning August 28, 2001, such proof provided to the Legal Department; and

WHEREAS, Bill Bubrig desires a grant of extension of the lease by an additional twenty (20) year term; and

WHEREAS, Plaquemines Parish Government has no objections to the extension of the hereinabove referred lease agreement for an additional twenty (20) years commencing on August 31, 2022, and ending on August 31, 2042, which is an additional twenty (20) year period extension of the existing lease granted on January 25, 2001, by Ordinance Number 01-13, for which consideration and cause was deemed adequate and proper at that time;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL:

SECTION 1

The Plaquemines Parish Government, without any prejudice to its rights pursuant to the home rule charter of the Plaquemines Parish Government as provided for by Section 3(d) of Article XIV of the Louisiana Constitution of 1921, supplemented by Section 3 (c) thereof, further ratified and supplemented by La. Const. Art. VI, §§4-6 and also by federal court decree in *Broussard et al v. Perez*, Civil Action No. 76-158, Section B, United States District Court, Eastern District Louisiana (J. Heebe), pursuant to La R.S. 41:1217 (2)(a) finds that the lessee by assignment Bill Bubrig has made a proper showing that improvements to the leasehold granted by Ordinance 01-13, recorded at COB 1021, Folio 137 of the records of the Parish of Plaquemines on April 18, 2002, have in fact been made or contracted for in an amount exceeding \$20,000 and that pursuant to law that the lessee by assignment may grant an extension of lease for an additional ten-year period or any part thereof for each ten thousand dollars’ worth of improvements or additions made or contracted onto the leasehold, not to exceed a maximum term of twenty additional years from the end of the then current lease period, which current lease period ends on August 31, 2022.

SECTION 2

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED THAT in accordance with the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statutes 41:1217(2)(b), without prejudice to any rights possessed by the Plaquemines Parish Government, hereby grants unto said lessee by assignment, Bill Bubrig, an extension of the hereinabove referred lease agreement for an additional twenty (20) years, commencing August 31, 2022, and ending August 31, 2042.

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, without any further reading or any additional approvals 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 Guey seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

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

YEAS: Council Members Corey Arbourgh, Stuart J. Guey, Benedict Rousselle, Trudy Newberry, Mark Cognevich

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Members John L. Barthelemy, Jr., W. Beau Black, Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr. and Richie Blink

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 12th day of May, 2022.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-58

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

An Ordinance to amend 2022 Public Health Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, Animal Control Department; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, an amendment to the 2022 Public Health Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, Animal Control Department is requested;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

The 2022 Public Health Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, Animal Control Department, is amended as follows:

Fund: 004 Public Health Fund			
Dept/Div: 548-2675 Animal Control Dept			
Object	Description	Inc/ Dec	Amendment
528.510	Maintenance – Property & Equipment	Dec	(1,000)
541.200	Supplies – Field	Dec	(800)
561.210	Vehicles – Other Boats	Inc	1,800

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 purpose 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 Guey seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

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

YEAS: Council Members Corey Arbourgh, Stuart J. Guey, Benedict Rousselle, Trudy Newberry and Mark Cognevich

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Members John L. Barthelemy, Jr., W. Beau Black, Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr. and Richie Blink

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 12th day of May, 2022.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-59

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

An Ordinance to amend the 2022 Solid Waste Disposal Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, Solid Waste District 1 Department and Solid Waste District 2 Department; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, upon review of the 2022 Operating Expenditure Budget, an amendment to the Solid Waste Departments are necessary;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

The 2022 Solid Waste Disposal Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, is amended by appropriating \$60,000 from the Solid Waste Disposal Fund Unreserved/Undesignated Fund Balance as follows:

Fund: 005 Solid Waste Disposal Fund			
Dept/Div: 630-4045 Solid Waste District 1 Department			
Object	Description	Inc/ Dec	Amendment
565.435	Equipment Compactor Containers	Inc	30,000
Fund: 005 Solid Waste Disposal Fund			
Dept/Div: 630-4048 Solid Waste District 2 Department			
Object	Description	Inc/ Dec	Amendment
565.435	Equipment Compactor Containers	Inc	30,000

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 Arbourgh seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

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

YEAS: Council Members Corey Arbourgh, Stuart J. Guey, Benedict Rousselle, Trudy Newberry, and Mark Cognevich

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Members John L. Barthelemy, Jr., W. Beau Black, Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr., and Richie Blink

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 12th day of May, 2022.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-60

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

An Ordinance to amend the 2022 Library Services Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, Libraries-General Department; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, after a review of the operating expenditure budget for the Library Department, an

amendment is necessary;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

The 2022 Library Services Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, Libraries- General Department, is amended by appropriating \$7,000 from the Library Services Fund Unreserved/Undesignated Fund Balance as follows:

Fund: 006 Library Services Fund			
Dept/Div: 675-4240 Libraries-General Department			
Object	Description	Inc/Dec	Amendment
532.001	Prof Services General	Inc	7,000

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 Newberry seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

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

YEAS: Council Members Corey Arbourgh, Stuart J. Guey, Benedict Rousselle, Trudy Newberry, and Mark Cognevich

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Members John L. Barthelemy, Jr., W. Beau Black, Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr., and Richie Blink

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 12th day of May, 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-136

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

A Resolution approving the placement of up to thirty (30) FEMA units at 25108 Diamond Road, Port Sulphur, Louisiana; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Parish Council desires to approve the placement of up to thirty (30) FEMA units at 25108 Diamond Road, Port Sulphur, Louisiana, for temporary emergency housing in the aftermath of Hurricane Ida;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the placement of up to thirty (30) temporary housing units, provided under the auspices of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) at 25108 Diamond Road, Port Sulphur, Louisiana, for short term living purposes is hereby approved, provided that all temporary housing is installed in

accordance with all federal regulations and in strict accordance with manufacturer's specifications and existing Plaquemines Parish safety and sanitary regulations and other applicable provisions of the Plaquemines Parish Code of Ordinances.

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 10, "Approval of the Minutes". Without objection, so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-137

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby approves the minutes of the April 28, 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 Agenda Item 11a, "Resolutions wherein Suspension is being sought" the following motion was offered.

On motion of Council Member Cognevich, seconded by Council Member Rousselle, a Motion to Suspend the Rules to add an item to the agenda for consideration today entitled, "A Resolution to move the May 26, 2022, regularly scheduled meeting of the Plaquemines Parish Council from 3:00 p.m. to an earlier time; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto". Upon roll call, all members present voting "YES", except Council Members Barthelemy, Black, LaFrance and Blink who were "ABSENT", the motion was adopted by a vote of 5-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-138

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

A Resolution to move the May 26, 2022, regularly scheduled meeting of the Plaquemines Parish Council from 3:00 p.m. to an earlier time; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the May 26, 2022, regularly scheduled meeting of the Plaquemines Parish Council is moved from 3:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. or immediately following the meeting of the Plaquemines Parish Council as the Sole Governing Authority of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District.

Under Agenda Item 11h, "Discussion about safety issues with Taco Bell and Popeyes" Council Member Arbourgh addressed the issue with people not abiding by the "NO LEFT TURN" sign at the exit of the restaurant. He said he has contacted the Sheriff's Office about enforcement but nothing has been done. He asked if anyone has any suggestions to please let him know.

Under 11i, "Discussion regarding the potential litigation on the P3 Belle Chasse Bridge/Tunnel Replacement Project", Council Member Rousselle explained that the State purchased 1/3 of Dr. Bowen and the shopping center will be losing about 1/3 of its parking lot. The shopping center will not have the required parking spaces as provided for by the Parish. He asked the Rennie Buras if the Parish would shut down the shops because of this issue. Mr. Buras said he would work with the owners to come to some sort of solution.

There being no further business to come before this Council, on motion Council Member Rousselle, seconded by Council Member Arbourgh, and on roll call all members present voting “YES” except Council Members Barthelemy, Black, LaFrance and Blink who were “ABSENT”, the meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary

For a full transcript of discussions and presentations, a video of this meeting is available for viewing on the Parish website www.plaqueminesparish.com or on YouTube.

