

Minutes of a meeting of the Plaquemines Parish Council, held in the Belle Chasse Council Chambers, 333 F. Edward Hebert Blvd., Bldg. 203, Belle Chasse, Louisiana on Thursday, June 8, 2023, at 5:02 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 Patricia L. McCarty  
Council Member Ronnie Newsom  
Council Member Mitch Jurisich  
Council Member Mark Cognevich

Kim M. Toups, Secretary

ABSENT: Council Member Stuart J. Guey

The Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance were dispensed with.

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

The following items were deferred:

- 7f, “J.P.’s Vending & Rentals, LLC, Indoor Store of Small Rental Equipment, 10934 Highway 23, Belle Chasse, Louisiana”;
- 9a(1), “An Ordinance authorizing the Parish President, or his designee, to do all things necessary and proper to negotiate, sign, and execute a lease on Lot D and E in the Venice Boat Harbor with the winning bidder for use as a seafood dock for the commercial shrimpers and fishermen, and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”;
- 9a(2), “An Ordinance to amend and amended to readopt Section IV of Ordinance No. 142, the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, as amended, and the “Comprehensive Zoning District Map” therein adopted by reference and which is paraphed thereto, with reference to Application No. 2023-511; dated April 5, 2023; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”;
- 9a(3), “An Ordinance to amend and amended to readopt Section IV of Ordinance No. 142, the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, as amended, and the “Comprehensive Zoning District Map” therein adopted by reference and which is paraphed thereto, with reference to Application No. 2023-512; dated April 5, 2023; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”;
- 9b, “An Ordinance to amend the Five Year Capital Improvements Plan, Repairs-Diamond Park Project; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”;
- 9j, “An Ordinance to amend and as amended to readopt the Plaquemines Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Section 2-17, *Rules for Transaction of business before the council*, Rule 11; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”; and
- 9m, “A Resolution approving the requested Variance filed by Floyd and Megan St. Germain to vary the minimum required front yard setback of 20’ to 7.11’ in an A-1 (Rural or Agricultural) Zoning District, on a portion of ground designated as Lot E-2 of The Equiland, Inc. Division, 1500 South Industry Street, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, Plaquemines Parish, Section 2, Township 14 South, Range 24 East, all in accordance with Application No. 2023-510, dated April 12, 2023; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”.

The following items were withdrawn:

- 9g, “An Ordinance to amend the Five Year Capital Improvements Plan, Repairs-Diamond Park Project; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”; and
- 9h, “A Resolution to approve/reject Industrial Tax Exemption application #20180047-ITE for applicant Stolthaven New Orleans, LLC, for participation in the Industrial Tax Exemption Program relative to their expansion project in Plaquemines Parish.”

Council Member LaFrance moved to Agenda Item 2, "Executive Session". Without objection, so ordered.

### MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Council Member LaFrance offered a Motion to Suspend the Rules to add an item to the agenda for Executive Session, titled "Discussion in accordance with LRS 44:16-17 to discuss possible prospective litigation regarding the enforcement of Plaquemines Parish Ordinances and Permits related to Coastal Projects in Plaquemines Parish, LA". The motion was seconded by Council member Jurisich and on roll call, all members present voting "YES", except Council Member Guey who was "ABSENT", the motion was adopted by a vote of 8-0.

### RESOLUTION NO. 23-171

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby resolves itself into Executive Session at 5:09 p.m. for the Discussion in accordance with LRS 44:16-17 to discuss possible prospective litigation regarding the enforcement of Plaquemines Parish Ordinances and Permits related to Coastal Projects in Plaquemines Parish, LA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby came out of Executive Session at 5:49 p.m. with no final or binding action taken.

Council Member LaFrance moved to Agenda Item 3, "Proclamations". Without objection, so ordered.

On Motion of Council Member Newsome and with a unanimous second, and on roll call, all members present voting "YES", except Council Member Guey who was "ABSENT", a proclamation declaring June 12, 2023, as "Doris and Paul LeBoeuf Day" in the Parish of Plaquemines was adopted by a vote of 8-0.

Council Member LaFrance advanced to Agenda Item 9n. The blanks were filled in and the item was offered with changes.

### RESOLUTION NO. 23-172

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

A Resolution giving preliminary approval to the issuance of not to exceed \$16,000,000 dollars of Hurricane Recovery Revenue Notes of the Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

DIGEST: A resolution by the Plaquemines Parish Council to authorize approval to incur debt and issue Hurricane Recovery Revenue Notes. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Parish Council (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority for the Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana (the "Issuer"), desires to incur debt and issue not to exceed \$16,000,000 dollars of Hurricane Recovery Revenue Notes (the "Notes"), in the manner authorized and provided by Section 1430 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority (the "Act"), for the purpose of (i) paying any costs associated with the demolition, rehabilitation, repair, reconstruction, renovation, restoration and improvement of the properties and facilities within the Issuer resulting from or related to Hurricane Ida, including purchasing any furnishings, fixtures and equipment incidental or necessary in connection therewith; and (ii) paying the costs of issuance of the Notes; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE:

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

**SECTION 1. Preliminary Approval of Revenue Notes.** Preliminary approval is given to the issuance of not exceeding \$16,000,000 dollars of Hurricane Recovery Revenue Notes of the Issuer, pursuant to the Act, for the purpose of (i) paying any costs associated with the demolition, rehabilitation, repair, reconstruction, renovation, restoration and improvement of the properties and facilities within the Issuer resulting from or related to Hurricane Ida, including purchasing any furnishings, fixtures and equipment incidental or necessary in connection therewith; and (ii) paying the costs of issuance of the Notes, said Notes to be secured by and payable from the Available Funds of the Issuer. The Notes will be issued in one or more series, each of which may be taxable or tax-exempt, shall bear interest at an interest rate not exceeding 7% per annum, and shall mature over a period not exceeding ten (10) years from the 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 Notes and for consent and authority to proceed with the issuance and sale of the Notes as provided above, and Bond Counsel is directed to make application to the State Bond Commission in accordance with the foregoing on behalf of the Issuer. By virtue of applicant/issuer's application for, acceptance and utilization of the benefits of the Louisiana State Bond Commission's approval(s) resolved and set forth herein, it resolves that it understands and agrees that such approval(s) are expressly conditioned upon, and it further resolves that it understands, agrees and binds itself, its successors and assigns to, full and continuing compliance with the "State Bond Commission Policy on Approval of Proposed Use of Swaps, or other forms of Derivative Products Hedges, Etc.," adopted by the Commission on July 20, 2006, as to the borrowing(s) and other matter(s) subject to the approval(s), including subsequent application and approval under said Policy of the implementation or use of any swap(s) or other product(s) or enhancement(s) covered thereby.

**SECTION 3. Employment of Bond Counsel.** This Governing Authority finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of special counsel in connection with the issuance of the Notes, and accordingly, Foley & Judell, L.L.P., of New Orleans, Louisiana, as Bond Counsel, is hereby employed to do and perform work of a traditional legal nature as bond counsel with respect to the issuance and sale of said Notes. Said Bond Counsel shall prepare and submit to this Governing Authority for adoption all of the proceedings incidental to the authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of such Notes, 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 Notes. The fee of Bond Counsel for each series of Notes shall be fixed at a sum not exceeding the fee allowed by the Attorney General's fee guidelines for such bond counsel work and based on the amount of said Notes actually issued, sold, delivered and paid for, plus "out-of-pocket" expenses, said fees to be contingent upon the issuance, sale and delivery of said Notes. 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 4. **Appointment of Municipal Advisor.** The Issuer hereby retains Government Consultants, Inc. to act as its Municipal Advisor ("MA") pursuant to the provisions of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and the rules promulgated thereunder by the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Issuer hereby acknowledges that it is represented by the MA and will rely upon the advice of the MA with respect to the Notes. The fee to be paid the MA shall be payable solely from the proceeds of the Notes when and if issued, and the amount thereof shall be subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission. The Parish President is hereby authorized and directed, in his discretion, to execute any contract the MA may require with respect to the engagement.

SECTION 5. **Appointment of Placement Agent/Underwriter.** Raymond James & Associates, Inc. is hereby appointed as underwriter/placement agent in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, any compensation to be subsequently approved by the Issuer and to be paid from the proceeds of the Bonds and contingent upon the issuance of the Bonds; provided that no compensation shall be due to said underwriter/placement agent unless the Bonds are sold and delivered.

SECTION 6. **FEMA Reimbursement.** It is the intention of this Council that the Hurricane Recovery Revenue Notes 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 §200.449 to ensure maximum allowable reimbursement of financing costs (including interest) by FEMA.

Council Member LaFrance moved to Agenda Item 11b, "District 9 update". Without objection, so ordered.

- Item 11b(1): Ms. Kindra Arnesen addressed the Council regarding the Commercial Fishing Industry. She stated that she fully researched the topic and found there has been quite the effort regarding imported shrimp; however, inadequate requests were made on the federal level. Ms. Arnesen explained that "Absolute Quota Limits" must be requested. She has drafted a letter that she will provide to the Council and President next week and she asks that it remain confidential until the Council enacts legislation. She further stated that Plaquemines Parish houses the largest commercial fishing fleet in the lower 48 states of the United States and we cannot afford to lose the Plaquemines and Louisiana commercial fishing industry. Ms. Arnesen would like to our Council to reach out to other parish councils to gather support for these efforts.
- Item 11b(2): Johnathon Camnetar addressed the Council regarding the EMS department employees and the need for new vehicles.

Council Member LaFrance moved to Agenda Item 11c, 4H Agent for the Parish Derrick Landrum made a presentation to the Council regarding his role as 4H agent and the programs for the children of our parish. There were meetings held at numerous parish schools, camps were held as, well as workshops, contests and clubs.

At the request of Council Member Edwards, Council Member LaFrance moved to Agenda Item 11a(1).

#### **MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES**

Council Member Edwards offered a Motion to Suspend the Rules to add an item for consideration at today's meeting, titled "A Resolution urging the Plaquemines Parish Civil Service Commission to attend a public meeting and to direct the Plaquemines Parish Civil Service Director to also attend the public meeting for the purpose of making a presentation on the process of applying for and being hired to a position in the classified service; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto". It was seconded by Council Member Cognevich and on roll call, all members present voting "YES", except Council Member Guey who was "ABSENT", the motion was adopted by a vote of 8-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-173

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

A Resolution urging the Plaquemines Parish Civil Service Commission to attend a public meeting and to direct the Plaquemines Parish Civil Service Director to also attend the public meeting for the purpose of making a presentation on the process of applying for and being hired to a position in the classified service; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, Plaquemines Parish operates under a Civil Service System; and

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Parish Civil Service System has a litany of processes that control the application, evaluation and hiring of persons to positions in the classified service; and

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Parish Council seeks a full understanding of the current processes and any provisions thereof that may be an impediment to the efficient and effective filling of the vacant positions in various Parish departments; and

WHEREAS, those interested in seeking employment with the Plaquemines Parish Government need a better understanding of the Civil Service processes; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for a public meeting at which the Civil Service Director and the Civil Service Commission can make a detailed presentation on the Plaquemines Parish Civil Service processes; and

WHEREAS, the presentation should address any elements of the processes that are impairing the effective and efficient hiring to fill vacant positions in Plaquemines Parish Government; and

WHEREAS, the Civil Service Director and the Civil Service Commission should also be prepared to respond to questions from members of the Plaquemines Parish Council and members of the public as to provisions of the processes that are perceived to serve as impediments to the efficient and effective filling of the vacant positions in various Parish departments; and

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the Plaquemines Parish Council urges the Civil Service Commission and the Civil Service Director to appear at a public meeting, on a date, time and location mutually agreed upon by the Chairman of the Council and the Chairman of the Civil Service Commission, in which the Civil Service Commission and the Civil Service Director shall:

- make a detailed presentation on the Plaquemines Parish Civil Service processes;
- address any elements of the processes that are impairing the effective and efficient hiring to fill vacant positions in Plaquemines Parish Government;
- respond to questions from members of the Plaquemines Parish Council as to provisions of the processes that are perceived to serve as impediments to the efficient and effective filling of the vacant positions in various Parish departments; and
- respond to questions from members of the public as to provisions of the processes that are perceived to serve as impediments to the efficient and effective filling of the vacant positions in various Parish departments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT The Secretary of the Plaquemines Parish Council shall forward a certified copy of this Resolution, notating the vote thereon, to the Plaquemines Parish Civil Service Board.

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 4, “Status Report by the Parish President”. The following was reported by President Hinkley:

- President Hinkley provided an update on Hwy. 11 at the request of Council Member Jurisich. Only repairing the potholes would cost \$3.5 M. If the area by the lift station and the Empire Bridge was repaired that would be another \$2.5 M;
- He is working with Lanier to identify RV spots. Currently there are 616 spots active and 118 coming along. In the future 2,220 spots more will be needed;
- President Hinkley, Ronnie Newsom and Chris Schulz had a good meeting this week with the RPC. Projects within the Parish such as, Barriere Road, the Base entrance and having East Bayou Rd black topped were discussed;
- He thanked Council Member Cognevich for cleaning Fort Jackson;
- Council Member McCarty spoke about flyers being put on some residents’ doors on East & West “X” Street and how she asked Plenary to let her know first when these types of things are going to happen. There was further discussion regarding the closure of East & West “X” Street;
- He spent one Saturday 2 weeks ago with Robert Morgan and Scott Rousselle on the levee in Braithwaite and found the average levee height to be 12 ft. There are some deficiencies in regard to the pump station where there are holes. They are getting some prices together and may be introducing legislation;

Council Member LaFrance moved to Agenda Item 4a, “Update by Charter Directors”. Without objection, so ordered.

- Both the Director of Operations and of Public Service state they are moving along and everything is going well. Both stated that if Council Members need anything to please reach out to them;
- They are getting quotes on the Port Sulphur building and the swimming pools;
- Director Jeff DiMarco said that Inframark has had a rough couple of weeks because of all the leaks and breaks; however, Inframark has been very quick to respond;
- Council Member Schulz asked for advanced notices when the water is shut off;

Mr. Helmers provided a Coastal update on the Pump Celeste Pump Station and meetings with CPRA. He also stated that language has been identified which will allow the CORPS to take \$50M and upgrade four pump stations. There was a ribbon cutting for Spanish Pass a couple of weeks ago and it is a big reduction factor for storm surge. Also, Suzie Bayou Project is 40% complete.

The following was discussed between the Administration and the Council:

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

#### RESOLUTION NO. 23-174

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT following special event/temporary beer & alcohol permit is hereby approved: Tristee Cosse for the Prominent Youth Foundation’s DTR Summer Fest to be held on July 15, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Percy Griffin Community Center located at 15577 Highway 15, Davant, LA.

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

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

Items 7b and 7c were taken *en globo*:

RESOLUTION NO. 23- 175

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

A Resolution approving the issuance of a special permit to Omar Hamide for the construction of a new residence in a FP (Flood Plain) Zoning District at 698 Martin Lane, Port Sulphur, Louisiana in accordance with Application No. 2023-366, dated May 17, 2023.

WHEREAS, Omar Hamide, applied to the Plaquemines Parish Department of Permits, Planning and Zoning (Application No. 2023-366, dated May 17, 2023) for the construction of a new residence located in a FP (Flood Plain) Zoning District at 698 Martin Lane, Port Sulphur, Louisiana;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby approves the issuance of a special permit to Omar Hamide, for the construction of a new residence located in a FP (Flood Plain) Zoning District at 698 Martin Lane, Port Sulphur, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2023-366, dated May 17, 2023.

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. 23-176

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

A Resolution approving the issuance of a special permit to Cassandra Wilson for the placement of a new trailer residence on property located in a FP (Flood Plain) Zoning District at 127 Johnson St., Port Sulphur, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2022-266, dated June 29, 2022.

WHEREAS, Cassandra Wilson applied to the Plaquemines Parish Department of Permits, Planning and Zoning (Application No. 2022-266, dated June 29, 2022) for the placement of a new trailer residence located at 127 Johnson St., Port Sulphur, Louisiana;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby approves the issuance of a special permit to Cassandra Wilson for the placement of a new trailer residence on property located in a FP (Flood Plain) Zoning District at 127 Johnson St., Port Sulphur, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2022-266, dated June 29, 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 employees and officials are authorized to carry out the purposes of this Resolution, both without further reading and approval by the Plaquemines Parish Council.

7d and 7e were taken *en globo*:

RESOLUTION NO. 23-177

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

A Resolution approving the issuance of a special permit to TLC Novelty, William Hall, for the installation of a fireworks stand renewal for 2023 located in a C-2 (General Commercial) Zoning District at 8480 Highway 23, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2023-361, dated May 24, 2023.

WHEREAS, TLC Novelty, William Hall, applied to the Plaquemines Parish Department of Permits, Planning and Zoning (Application No. 2023-361, dated May 24, 2023) for a permit to install a fireworks stand renewal for 2023 on property located at 8480 Highway 23, Belle Chasse, Louisiana;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby approves the issuance of a special permit to TLC Novelty, William Hall, for the installation of a fireworks stand renewal for 2023 located in a C-2 (General Commercial) Zoning District at 8480 Highway 23, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2023-361, dated May 24, 2023.

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. 23-178

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

A Resolution approving the issuance of a special permit to Cardinal Fireworks for the installation of a fireworks stand renewal for 2023 on property located in a C-2 (General Commercial) Zoning District at 215 Avenue G, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2023-380 dated May 16, 2023.

WHEREAS, Cardinal Fireworks applied to the Plaquemines Parish Department of Permits (Application No. 2023-380 dated May 16, 2023) for a permit to install a fireworks stand for 2023 on property located at 215 Avenue G, Belle Chasse, Louisiana;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby approves the issuance of a special permit to Cardinal Fireworks for the installation of a fireworks stand renewal for 2023 on property located in a C-2 (General Commercial) Zoning District at 215 Avenue G, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2023-380 dated May 16, 2023.

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

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

1. An ordinance to amend, and as amended readopt the Plaquemines Parish Code of Ordinances Article I, Section 2-2, relative to smoking, eating and drinking the Council Chambers; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER LAFRANCE
2. A Resolution declaring Monday, July 3, 2023, a legal holiday and a day of public rest in the Parish of Plaquemines and for Plaquemines Parish Government; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER LAFRANCE

3. An Ordinance to amend and as amended, readopt the Plaquemines Parish Code of Ordinances, Article 2, Chapter III, “*Members of Plaquemines Parish Council Conduct of Business*”, Section 2-19.1 (b), pertaining to deadlines; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER LAFRANCE
4. A Resolution authorizing and directing the Parish President to contact the Louisiana State Legislature to officially rename “Avenue G” in Belle Chasse, LA to “Croatian Way”; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER CHAMPAGNE
5. An Ordinance to amend the 2023 Manpower Structure and Operating Expenditure Budget; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULZ
6. An Ordinance to amend the 2023 Manpower Structure and Operating Expenditure Budget; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER NEWSOM
7. An ordinance to amend, and as amended readopt Ordinance No. 23-17, adopted by the Parish Council on January 26, 2023, relative to the prohibition of any Plaquemines Parish-issued permit for authorization, construction and/or operation of any Mississippi River Sediment Diversion project; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER JURISICH

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

#### ORDINANCE NO. 23-79

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

An Ordinance to amend the Five Year Capital Improvements Plan, Sewer Repairs-Buras to Boothville Project; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

DIGEST: An ordinance to appropriate \$500,000 to the Sewer Repairs-Buras to Boothville Project. Funding source is the fund balance designated for infrastructure. *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 funding is required for the Sewer Repairs-Buras to Boothville project;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

#### SECTION 1

The Five Year Capital Improvements Plan is amended by appropriating \$500,000 to the Sewer Repairs-Buras to Boothville Project from the Fund Balance Designated for Infrastructure; 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.

Council Member Jurisich 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, Patricia McCarty, Ronnie Newsom, Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr., Mitch Jurisich and Mark Cognevich

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Member Stuart J. Guey

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-179

On motion of Council Member LaFrance, seconded by Council Member Cognevich, and on roll call, all members present and voting “YES”, except Council Member Edwards voting “NO” and Council Member Guey who was “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.

DIGEST: As per the Plaquemines Parish Charter, the Parish must select an Official Journal for the Parish and the political subdivisions which are under the governing authority of the Parish Council. The Official Journal shall publish all minutes, ordinance, resolutions, budgets, and other official proceedings of the Parish Council and the Plaquemines Port. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

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.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-180

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

A Resolution to appoint Mr. Victor Scorsone as Chairperson and Mr. Bernard Bacas as Vice-Chairperson of the Plaquemines Parish Development Board for a

term of two years ending on May 9, 2025; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

Digest: The Resolution is to appoint a chairperson and vice-chairperson to Plaquemines Parish Development Board. The Board has voted on the listed individuals in the Resolution. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, Article 3, Section 3.20 (G) of the Charter for Local Self-Government for Plaquemines Parish states that the Council designate the Chairperson of the Plaquemines Parish Development Board; and

WHEREAS, at the Plaquemines Parish Development Board on Tuesday May 9, 2023, at 7 pm, the Board requested to Mr. Keith Hinkley, Parish President, that they wish to have Mr. Victor Scorsone and Mr. Bernard Bacas appointed;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby appoints Mr. Victor Scorsone as Chairperson and Mr. Bernard Bacas as Vice-Chairperson as Vice-Chairperson of the Plaquemines Parish Development Board for a term of two years ending on February 28, 2025.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-80

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

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

DIGEST: An ordinance to appropriate \$40,000 to the Disaster Preparedness department to purchase four fuel tanks needed to prepare for the approaching hurricane season. 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 Disaster Preparedness 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, Disaster Preparedness Department, is amended by appropriating \$40,000 from the Fund Balance Designated for Emergencies as follows:

<b>Fund:</b> 001 General Fund			
<b>Dept/Div:</b> 462-2210 Disaster Preparedness Dept.			
<b>Object</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Inc/ Dec</b>	<b>Amendment</b>
565.001	Equipment-General	Inc	40,000

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.

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 Tyrone Edwards, Brian Champagne, Chris Schulz, Patricia McCarty, Ronnie Newsom, Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr., Mitch Jurisich and Mark Cognevich

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Member Stuart J. Guey

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-81

The following Ordinance was offered by Council Member Jurisich 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 \$75,000 to the Buildings-General department to the professional services line item for repairing air conditioners/heater systems parish-wide and \$340,000 to the property - air conditioners/heater line item to purchase new air conditioners/heater systems parish-wide. 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 \$415,000 from the Fund Balance Designated for Emergencies as follows:

<b>Fund:</b> 001 General Fund			
<b>Dept/Div:</b> 620-3300 Buildings General Dept.			
<b>Object</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Inc/ Dec</b>	<b>Amendment</b>
532.001	Professional Services General	Inc	75,000
568.620	Property-Air Conditioners/Heaters	Inc	340,000

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.

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 Tyrone Edwards, Brian Champagne, Chris Schulz, Patricia McCarty, Ronnie Newsom, Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr., Mitch Jurisich and Mark Cognevich

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Member Stuart J. Guey

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-82

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

An Ordinance directing the Plaquemines Parish Government Finance Department on the appropriation of the Firefighting Fund Capital Outlay/Maintenance Designation; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

DIGEST: An ordinance directing the Plaquemines Parish Government Finance Department on the appropriation of the Firefighting Fund Capital Outlay/Maintenance Designation. The purpose of the Capital Outlay/Maintenance Designation fund balance is to accumulate fund balance to finance the cost of replacing capital outlay items and building repairs of the firefighting fund. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Parish Administration and Council that a Capital Outlay/Maintenance Designation be created for the Firefighting Department; and

WHEREAS, a 2/3 vote of the Parish Council will be needed to remove funds from the Capital Outlay/Maintenance Designation Fund Balance; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Capital Outlay/Maintenance Designation Fund Balance is to accumulate fund balance to finance the cost of replacing capital outlay items and building repairs of the Firefighting Fund; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Parish Administration and Council that thirty-five percent (35%) of any audited excess/surplus of budgeted funds in the firefighting fund's unreserved/undesignated fund balance remaining at the end of the fiscal year shall be appropriated to the following year's Capital Outlay/Maintenance Designation Fund Balance; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Parish Administration and Council that the Capital Outlay/Maintenance Designation Fund Balance maximum appropriated balance not exceed \$15,000,000 and that any appropriation exceeding the maximum be transferred to the Firefighting Fund Unreserved/Undesignated Fund Balance;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

The Capital Outlay/Maintenance Designation Fund Balance is established and thirty-five percent (35%) of any audited excess/surplus of budgeted funds in the firefighting fund's unreserved/undesignated fund balance remaining at the end of the fiscal year shall be appropriated to the following year's Capital Outlay/Maintenance Designation Fund Balance.

SECTION 2

The Capital Outlay/Maintenance Designation Fund Balance maximum appropriated balance not exceed \$15,000,000 and that any appropriation exceeding the maximum be transferred to the Firefighting Fund Unreserved/Undesignated Fund Balance.

SECTION 3

A 2/3 vote of the Parish Council is required to remove funds from the Capital Outlay/Maintenance Designation Fund Balance.

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. 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, Patricia McCarty, Ronnie Newsom, Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr., Mitch Jurisich and Mark Cognevich

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Member Stuart J. Guey

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-83

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

An Ordinance directing the Plaquemines Parish Government Finance Department on the appropriation of the Parish Surplus Designated Fund Balance; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

DIGEST: An ordinance directing the Plaquemines Parish Government Finance Department on the appropriation of the Parish Surplus Designated Fund Balance. The purpose of the Parish Surplus Designated Fund Balance is to accumulate fund balance to finance the cost of unanticipated revenue loss or unanticipated expenditures of the General Fund. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, the Parish Surplus Designated Fund Balance was established by Ordinance 01-147 and by Ordinance 23-19; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Ordinance 23-19, a 2/3 vote of the Parish Council will be needed to remove funds from the Parish Surplus Designation Fund Balance; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Parish Surplus Designated Fund Balance is to accumulate fund balance to finance the cost of unanticipated revenue loss or unanticipated expenditures of the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Parish Administration and Council that twenty percent (25%) of any audited excess/surplus of budgeted funds in the general fund's unreserved/undesignated fund balance remaining at the end of the fiscal year shall be appropriated to the following year's Parish Surplus Designated Fund Balance; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Parish Administration and Council that the Parish Surplus Designated Fund Balance maximum appropriated balance not exceed \$25,000,000, and that any appropriation exceeding the maximum be transferred to the General Fund Unreserved/Undesignated Fund Balance;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

The Parish Surplus Designated Fund Balance is established and twenty percent (25%) of any audited excess/surplus of budgeted funds in the general fund's unreserved/undesignated fund balance remaining at the end of the fiscal year shall be appropriated to the following year's Parish Surplus Designated Fund Balance.

SECTION 2

The Parish Surplus Designated Fund Balance maximum appropriated balance not exceed \$25,000,000, and that any appropriation exceeding the maximum be transferred to the General Fund Unreserved/Undesignated Fund Balance.

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.

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, Patricia McCarty, Ronnie Newsom, Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr., Mitch Jurisich and Mark Cognevich

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Member Stuart J. Guey

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 23-181

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby approves the minutes of the May 25, 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.

There being no further business to come before this Council, on motion Council Member Schulz, seconded by Council Member Newsom, and on roll call all members present voting "YES", except Council Member Guey who was "ABSENT", the meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

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Chairman

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Secretary

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