

Minutes of a meeting of the Plaquemines Parish Council, held in the Pointe-a-la-Hache Council Chambers, 18055 Highway 15, Pointe-a-la-Hache, Louisiana on Thursday, July 23, 2020, at 5:31 p.m., pursuant to notice to all members with a quorum present as follows:

PRESENT: Council Member Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr., Chairman  
Council Member John L. Barthelemy, Jr.  
Council Member Benedict Rousselle  
Council Member Richie Blink  
Council Member Mark Cognevich  
  
Barbara S. Marcotte, Assistant Secretary

ABSENT: Council Member W. Beau Black  
Council Member Corey Arbourgh  
Council Member Stuart J. Guey  
Council Member Trudy Newberry

The Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance were dispensed with.

The President was absent, however, Directors Todd Eppley, Crystal Taylor and Scott Rousselle were present representing the Administration.

The following items were deferred:

- 4, “Status Report of the Parish President”, the following items were deferred
  - “Status of the Flood Insurance Rate Maps and adoption schedule”;
  - “Status of Engineers Road Drainage project”;
- 7a3, “ Harvest Midstream, Application No. 2020-481, dated July 1, 2020, emergency excavation and repair two leak sites, one along the existing 12-inch BOA Main pipeline and one along the existing 12-inch BOA Loop pipeline. (After-the-fact-Application). Bay Long Area.
- 9a(3), “An Ordinance to amend and as amended readopt Chapter 15, Section 15-11 of the Code of Ordinances, “Usage Fees for Parish Ferries Crossing the Mississippi River”; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.”;
- 9a(4), “An Ordinance to rescind, annul and set aside Ordinance No. 403, adopted December 8, 1982; rescind, annul and set aside Section 6 and Section 7 of Ordinance No. 40, adopted April 9, 1964; establish Article IX to be titled “Mosquito Control” of Chapter 13 of the Parish Code of Ordinances; establish a user fee for Mosquito Control in order to continue to abate, control, eradicate, and study mosquitoes and other arthropods of public health importance and all activities incidental thereto; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.”;
- 9b, “A Resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana, to authorize the levy of special taxes therein; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.” (5 mills for levees & flood control);
- 9c, “A Resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana, to authorize the levy of special taxes therein; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.” (1 mill for recreation program & facilities);
- 9d, “A Resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana, to authorize the levy of special taxes therein; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.” (.25 mills facilities & programs for elderly and Council on Aging);
- 9e, “A Resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana, to authorize the levy of special taxes therein; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.” (1 mill for mosquito control);

- 9f, “A Resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana, to authorize the levy of special taxes therein; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.” (2 mills for EMS);
- 9i, “An Ordinance to amend, and as amended readopt, the Plaquemines Parish Code of Ordinances, Section 2-17, ARules for Transaction of Business Before the Council@, Chapter 1, AMeetings of the Plaquemines Parish Council@, Rule 1; to annul, rescind and set-aside Ordinance No. 19-158; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. (1:00 p.m. start time)”;
- 9j, “An Ordinance to amend the 2020 Library Services Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, Libraries General Department; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.”;
- 9k, “A Resolution (**denying or approving**) Industrial Tax Exemption application #20190003-ITE for applicant C & C Marine and Repair, LLC for participation in the Industrial Tax Exemption Program relative to their expansion project in Plaquemines Parish.”;
- 9m, “An Ordinance to amend, and as amended readopt, the Plaquemines Parish Code of Ordinances, Section 2-17, ARules for Transaction of Business Before the Council@, Chapter 1, AMeetings of the Plaquemines Parish Council@, Rule 1; to annul, rescind and set-aside Ordinance No. 19-158; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. (3:00 p.m. start time)”;
- 9n, “A Resolution expressing the Plaquemines Parish Council’s support of the Louisiana Oyster Task Force and allowing them use of the Belle Chasse Council Chambers to hold their meetings; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.”;
- 10b, “District 9 update”; items 1 through 3
- 10e, “District 3 update”;
- 10g, “District 7 update”; and
- 10h, “District 6 update”.

The following items were withdrawn:

- 9a2, “An Ordinance to provide a waiver of the restriction on the placement of trailers, mobile homes and manufactured homes in certain residentially zoned areas of Plaquemines Parish, specifically Districts 7, 8, and 9 from West Pointe-a-la-Hache south, except Citrus City Subdivision in Buras or any other subdivision which have covenants; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.”;
- 9g, “A Resolution relative to revise and renew the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Plaquemines Parish Government and Port Eads Fishing Refuge, Inc; and to provide for related matters. ”; and
- 10c, “District 5 update.”;
- 10j, “Discussion regarding Tax Exemption Application #20190003-ITE for C & C Marine and Repair, LLC.”.

Council Member LaFrance moved to Item 10k, “Motion to Override veto of Ordinance No. 20-63 entitled, “An Ordinance to amend the Five Year Capital Improvements Plan, New Courthouse Project and Replacement-PALH Ferry Landing Project; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.”. Without objection, so ordered. Offered by Council Member Barthelemy and seconded by Council Member Rousselle. A discussion was had regarding the veto of Ordinance No. 20-63 by President Lepine, and that due to the amount of Council Members not attending the meeting, the measure would fail. A vote was then taken and all members present and voting “YES”, except for Council Members Black, Arbourgh, Guey and Newberry who were “ABSENT”, the Motion FAILED by a vote of 5-0 due to a 2/3 vote of the membership was needed.

Council Member LaFrance moved to Item 8, “Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions”. Without objection, so ordered.

1. An Ordinance to amend the Five-Year Capital Improvements Plan, New Courthouse Project and Replacement-PALH Ferry Landing Project; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER BARTHELEMY
2. An Ordinance to rescind, annul and set aside Ordinance No. 20-76 which amend the 2020 Operating Expenditure Budget, General Fund, Parish Council-General Department and the Five Year Capital Improvements Plan, Construction-New Courthouse Project; and otherwise

to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER COGNEVICH

3. An Ordinance authorizing and establishing a policy and procedure for payment of outstanding final legal judgments and unpaid settlements against Plaquemines Parish Government; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER BLINK
4. A Resolution authorizing the Chairman to call a special meeting of the Plaquemines Parish Council for a Mid-Year Budget Review of the 2020 Operating Budget and on the 2020 Capital Improvements Budget covering a period of at least five years; setting the date, time and location of said meeting; authorizing the Council Secretary to place the necessary Public Notice in the Plaquemines Gazette; and otherwise to provide respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER NEWBERRY
5. A Resolution authorizing the Parish President on behalf of the Plaquemines Parish Government to file any and all necessary pleadings, motions, and documents in In Re Purdue Pharma, L.P., et al, Case No. 19-23649 (RDD) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y.) necessary to preserve any claims for damages and/or civil penalties owed to the Parish; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER LAFRANCE
6. An Ordinance to amend the 2020 Operating Revenue and Expenditure Budgets, various funds, various departments, various line items; to amend the 2020 General Fund, Fund Balance Designations; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER LAFRANCE
7. An Ordinance to amend the 2020 Operating Expenditure Budget, various funds, various departments, various line items; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER LAFRANCE

Council Member LaFrance moved to Item 2, “Executive Session”. Without objection, so ordered.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 20-177

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLQUEMINES PORT, HARBOR & TERMINAL DISTRICT THAT it hereby resolves itself into Executive Session at 5:54 p.m. for the purpose of hearing a report and recommendations and strategy advice for the management of litigation from its attorney concerning: The Parish of Plaquemines vs. Conoco Phillips, et al, 25<sup>th</sup> JDC, No. 60-982, Division “B”; and all its consolidated cases; and In re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation, Case No. 17-md-2804. and In re: Purdue Pharma, L.P. et al., Case No. 19-23649 (RDD) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y.).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby came out of Executive Session at 6:15 p.m. with no final or binding action taken.

There being no Proclamations, Council Member LaFrance moved ot Agenda Item 4, “Status Report by the Parish President”. The following was discussed:

- Under the discussion regarding the C & C Marine & Repair, LLC Tax Exemption Application #20190003-ITE, Keith Espadron, Economic Development Manager reported that the total amount of exemption for year 1 is 16.77 mills or \$17,908 and goes down over 10 year period of depreciation rates provided by La. Tax Commission. The total amount of the advancement is \$9.4 million. \$4,477 will be collected if this is approved according to the application of C&C Marine, these investments will provide 35 new jobs with an estimated payroll of approximately \$804,000. Council Member Rousselle asked what the total exempt would be over a 10 year period. Mr. Espadron said if the Parish rejected the exemption, the

first year the Parish would collect approximately \$22,400. Mr. Rousselle asked what it would be over a 10 year period and Mr. Espadron stated it would be approximately \$189,000.

- Regarding the East Bank levees, specifically who is responsible for the maintenance, grass cutting and repairs of seepage/leaks. Council Member Barthelemy asked if the Parish was getting subsidized by the federal government for the cost for cutting the federal levees and, if so, how much are we getting? Director Rousselle said that he did not believe the Parish is not getting any money but would check and get back with him. Council Member Barthelemy asked who was responsible for repairing areas where we have seepage on the levees. Director Rousselle stated that he notifies the Corps of areas where there is seepages. He also said that on the slope pavement, when it cracks, the Parish puts quarry stone in it but it is the Corps job to repair the pavement.
- Discussion regarding the Pointe-a-la-Hache Marina. Council Member Barthelemy advised at the Pointe-a-la-Hache Marina, the grass is not being cut and looks terrible. He asked if the problem was not having the people to do it? Mr. John Helmers, Coastal Zone Manager stated that the employee was out but is now back and will be caught back up and find a replacement of another employee who left. Mr. Helmers also reported that one of the issues his team has is that they spend a lot of time picking up trash at the marina. Council Member Barthelemy stated that a lot of the trash is overflow from the container and is from people outside of the marina. He also questioned whether we need a larger container and do we have the space to put a larger container. Mr. Helmers stated that as soon as the weather clears up, they will be back on it. Council Member Barthelemy asked if anything could be done about the lilies in the marina and Mr. Helmers said he would take care of it. Council Member Barthelemy also thanked Mr. Helmers for getting the waterline taken care of. Council Member Barthelemy asked him to work on the Davant Pond. Mr. Helmers said that part of the landbridge project that CPRA is working on is from East Phoenix to St. Bernard and the Pond will improve as the project progresses.

The Assistant Council Secretary advised that Chairman that she had an email to read from the first item under the Status Report of the Parish President from a constituent regarding C&C Marine Tax Exemption and was then read into the record.

- Status on Walker Road Boat Launch. Mr. Helmers stated it is in design and first layout phase with Meyer Engineering and he will forward a copy to Council Member Rousselle when he receives it. They are starting with the permit phase and environmental studies. Mr. Helmers said he was contacted by some people about putting in some kayak launches and they would like to partner with us. Mr. Helmers will be setting up a meeting with those people. Council Member Rousselle stated that he wanted to be involved in the discussions before it gets to the finalizing stage. Council Member Blink stated that he missed an opportunity with the Empire Safe Harbor with not having a few items included. The Assistant Secretary read email from Mr. Hildebrand regarding this boat launch.
- Under the status of the Flood Insurance Rate Maps and adoption schedule, Council Member Rousselle stated that it is time to begin discussions on this issue as he received an email that the new rates will go into effect in January, 2021. He asked if the Administration has any information on this and Director Eppley stated that it has been given to the PIO for her to get information out to the public. Council Member Rousselle asked to be involved in it so that he could understand what the Parish is doing and when do we have to adopt the schedule for the maps and if we will be forced to adopt them from FEMA. Council Member Rousselle deferred this item to the next meeting. Mr. Blink said that there is a program with FEMA called CRS (community rating system) where if local governments handles certain issues the flood insurance rates could get lower and is something our flood plain manager probably needs to work on and could possibly save residents some money.
- Mr. Rousselle stated that the Engineers Road Drainage project is well over 10 years old and still in design. He received an email from the Engineering Department that there will be a meeting on Monday about it. He also asked the Administration to communicate regarding projects and that the reason these things pile up on the agenda is because there isn't any communications we need to answer constituent questions. Council Member Rousselle stated that he would defer the item.

Council Member LaFrance said he was advised that the Assistant Council Secretary had discovered 2 email comments on the Executive Session that were inadvertently not read into the

record. The Assistant Council Secretary requested to read these items into the record at this time. The Assistant Council Secretary read the items into the record. Then, Council Member Rousselle made a motion to ratify the prior action to go into executive session in which the vote was 5-0. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cognevich and the motion was adopted by a vote of 5-0 with Council Members Black, Arbourgh, Guey and Newberry "ABSENT".

Council Member LaFrance moved to Item 4a, "Update by Charter Directors". Without objection, so ordered. Mr. Tyrone Edwards stated that spoke with Mr. Eppley because the water is real low in Phoenix and Mr. Eppley said he would work on it.

There being no bids or advertisements; and no beer and liquor permits, Council Member LaFrance moved to Agenda Item 7 "Building Permits, Construction Permits". Without objection, so ordered. Items 7a1 and 7a2 were taken en globo.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 20-178

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the following applications for construction permit in the Parish of Plaquemines are hereby conditionally approved: Carubba Engineering, Inc., Application No. 2020-307, dated May 5, 2020, install floating barge, two mooring pile dolphins, gangway and elevated walkway on pile bents. Magnolia Boat Launch, Diamond Road, Port Sulphur; The Louisiana Fruit Company, Application No. 2020-416, dated June 9, 2020, maintenance dredge canal No. 1 at the Venice Port Complex. Venice Port Complex, Venice.

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. 20-179

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

A Resolution approving the issuance of a special permit to Andrea Thomas for the placement of a 4<sup>th</sup> trailer residence on property located in an A-2 (Rural and Agricultural) Zoning District located on Parcel #1178850, Highway 15, Davant, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2020-472, dated June 29, 2020.

WHEREAS, Andrea Thomas applied to the Plaquemines Parish Department of Permits, Planning and Zoning (Application No. 2020-472, dated June 29, 2020) for a permit for the placement of a 4<sup>th</sup> trailer residence on Parcel #1178850, Highway 15, Davant, Louisiana;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby approves the issuance of a special permit to Andrea Thomas to place a 4<sup>th</sup> trailer residence on property located in an A-2 (Rural and Agricultural) Zoning District on Parcel #1178850, Highway 15, Davant, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2020-472, dated June 29, 2020.

BE IT 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. 20-180

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

A Resolution approving the issuance of a special permit to Emile Graham, for the construction of a fruit stand building in a FP (Flood Plain) Zoning District at 21907 Highway 23, Port Sulphur, Louisiana in accordance with Application No. 2020-517, dated July 15, 2020.

WHEREAS, Emile Graham, applied to the Plaquemines Parish Department of Permits, Planning and Zoning (Application No. 2020-517, dated July 15, 2020) for the construction of a fruit stand building located in a FP (Flood Plain) Zoning District at 21907 Highway 23, Port Sulphur, Louisiana;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby approves the issuance of a special permit to Emile Graham, for the construction of a fruit stand building located in a FP (Flood Plain) Zoning District at 21907 Highway 23, Port Sulphur, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2020-517, dated July 15, 2020.

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

MOTION FOR AMENDMENT

The following Amendment was offered by Council Member Cognevich to the Ordinance entitled “An Ordinance pursuant to Article III, Plaquemines Parish Boat Harbors, Section 6-41, to set fees for lifting, blocking, storage and stationary lifts at the Empire, Venice and Pointe-a-la-Hache Shipyards; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.”:

The entire Section 3 was removed.

Council Member Barthelemy seconded the motion.

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

YEAS: Council Members John L. Barthelemy, Jr., Benedict Rousselle, Carlton M. LaFrance, Richie Blink and Mark Cognevich

NAYS: None

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

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the motion was adopted on this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-78

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

An Ordinance pursuant to Article III, Plaquemines Parish Boat Harbors, Section 6-41, to set fees for lifting, blocking, storage and stationary lifts at the Empire, Venice and Pointe-a-la-Hache Shipyards; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Parish Council, in close consultation with the Administration, has determined that it is in the best interest of Plaquemines Parish Government to raise the price of shipyard services;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

Pursuant to Article III, Section 6-41, the Parish Council sets the following fees for the Empire, Venice and Pointe-a-la-Hache Shipyards:

**Lifting/Blocking/Storage:**

<b>Resident/ Non-Resident</b>	<b>Length of Time on Shipyard</b>	<b>Industrial</b>	<b>Commercial Fishing</b>	<b>Sport/ Recreational</b>	<b>Tenant in Good Standing</b>
Residents	First Hour to 7 Days	\$32/Foot	\$10/Foot	\$12/Foot	\$8./Foot
Residents	Day 8 to Day 14	<b>\$25/Day</b>	\$25/Day	\$25/Day	
Residents	Day 15 to 30	\$50/Day	\$50/Day	\$50/Day	
Residents	Day 31 and Beyond	\$100/Day	\$100/Day	\$100/Day	
Non-Residents	First Hour to 7 Days	\$40/Foot	\$16/Foot	\$20/Foot	\$10/Foot
Non-Residents	Day 8 to Day 14	\$50/Day	\$50/Day	\$50/Day	
Non-Residents	Day 15 to 30	\$75/Day	\$75/Day	\$75/Day	
Non-Residents	Day 31 and Beyond	\$150/Day	\$150/Day	\$150/Day	

**Lifting Rates (Max 3 Hours):**

<b>Resident/ Non-Resident</b>	<b>Industrial</b>	<b>Commercial Fishing</b>	<b>Sport/ Recreational</b>
Residents	\$32/Foot	\$7/Foot	\$12/Foot
Non-Residents	\$40/Foot	\$10/Foot	\$10/Foot

**Hoist Fee (Stationary Lift):**

<b>Resident/ Non-Resident</b>	<b>First 3 Hours</b>	<b>Additional Hours</b>
Residents	\$100	\$25/Hour
Non-Residents	\$200	\$50/Hour

**Pickup or Placement on Trailer (with travel lift)**

<b>Resident/ Non-Resident</b>		
Residents	\$10/Foot	
Non-Residents	\$15/Foot	
Stationary Lift	\$25.00	
Utilities	\$20 One Time	

SECTION 2

All rates listed in this ordinance will be adjusted upward by five percent (5%) every three years from the effective date of the ordinance.

SECTION 3

All fees are to become effective immediately upon the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4

All other ordinances or resolutions pertaining to the subject of parish boat harbors shall remain in full force and effect unless otherwise specifically amended and changed herein. Should any provision of this Ordinance be declared invalid for any reason the remaining provisions shall nevertheless remain in full force and effect to the extent that the purposes of the Ordinance are not undermined.

SECTION 5

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 Barthelemy 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., Benedict Rousselle, Carlton M. LaFrance, Richie Blink and Mark Cognevich

NAYS: None

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

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-79

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

An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Parish President, or his designee, to have the Pointe-a-la-Hache Ferry run Monday through Sunday from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, currently there is very limited Pointe-a-la-Hache Ferry service; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for the Pointe-a-la-Hache Ferry to run seven days a week from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. not only to serve the residents on the east bank and the southern end of the west bank, but also due to the Courts, Clerk of Court, District Attorney, Assessor, Sheriff and Indigent Defender returning to their offices in the Pointe-a-la-Hache Courthouse;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

It hereby authorizes and directs the Parish President, or his designee, to have the Pointe-a-la-Hache Ferry run Monday through Sunday from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.



## SECTION 2

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

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

Council Member Cognevich seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

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

YEAS: Council Members John L. Barthelemy, Jr., Benedict Rousselle, Carlton M. LaFrance, Richie Blink and Mark Cognevich

NAYS: None

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

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020.

Council Member LaFrance moved to Item 9L, "A Resolution indicating the intention of the Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana, to become a participating political subdivision in the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority ("The Authority"); approving the appointment of a Director to represent the Parish of Plaquemines on the Board of Directors of the Authority; and otherwise to providing with respect thereto as provided by Chapter 10-D of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended." Offered by Council Member Barthelemy and seconded by Council Member Cognevich. A discussion was had and then the item was deferred.

Council Member LaFrance moved to Agenda Item 10, "New Business". Without objection, so ordered.

Under 10a, "Resolutions wherein suspension is being sought", Council Member Barthelemy made a motion to add an item to the agenda for consideration entitled, "A Resolution authorizing President Lepine to contact the Louisiana State Legislature to officially rename Highway 15 to Sergeant Paul Narcisse Memorial Highway". The motion was unanimously seconded, except for Council Members Black, Arbourgh, Guey and Newberry who were "ABSENT". Upon roll call, all members present and voting "YES", the motion was adopted by a vote of 5-0 except for Council Members Black, Arbourgh, Guey and Newberry who were "ABSENT".

### RESOLUTION NO. 20-181

The following Resolution was offered by Council Member Barthelemy, unanimously seconded and on roll call all members present and voting "YES", except for Council Members Black, Arbourgh, Guey and Newberry who were "ABSENT", the following Resolution was adopted;

A Resolution authorizing President Kirk M. Lepine to contact the Louisiana State Legislature to officially rename Highway 15 to Sergeant Paul Narcisse Memorial Highway; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, Sergeant Paul Narcisse served honorably in the U.S. ARMY for 2 tours of duty in the Vietnam War where he fought to protect the United States and all the freedom and values which it stands for; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Narcisse, a decorated soldier was awarded 10 metals, but notably, the Brown Star, Purple Heart, Vietnam Combat Metal and the National Defense Metal. The Sergeant, dedicated to his duties as a soldier, paid the ultimate price for his Country and was killed in action in 1968;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby authorizes the Parish President, Kirk M. Lepine, to contact Louisiana State Legislature to make the aforementioned name change.

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 10d, "District 8 Update, Discussion on grass cutting along Parish Right of Ways". Without objection so ordered. Council Member Blink offered his services to assist the Parish whenever the work load could use assistance. Is it may be possible that drainage or mosquito control could help out with the grass cutting along some of the ditches so we could get ahead. He said he is looking for any kind of novel ideas knowing we only have a few tractors for the entire parish. Director Rousselle stated that he would try to get Council Member Blink a key for some of the tractors but when the levees are cut, the tractors are left at where they stopped. He also said that they are also getting some small tractors going as wells. Council Member Blink asked how many personnel and how much equipment is needed to keep the grass at a standard that most residents feel is satisfactory? Director Rousselle said probably twice as much of each. He also said that they all have routes and it's hard to break off the routes and go somewhere else to come back and continue the route. Council Member LaFrance advised that when the crews came down Highway 23, they didn't detour and cut Diamond Road and Highway 11, which is why the grass is 5ft to 6ft high. However, when the grass in Jesuit Bend is cut, they do detour and cut Highway 11 but not in Diamond. He also stated that he sent pictures to Director Rousselle. Director Rousselle stated that the big tractor crews cut the main section of the highway going down and ditch bank cutters cut Diamond Road, Highway 11 and on the lower end. Council Member LaFrance asked how long does it take the ditch bank cutters to do a round trip and Director Rousselle said depending on whether and vacations, it takes a while. Council Member LaFrance restated that whenever they around Diamond they have to cut Diamond Road. He also said that recently a 10ft and a 12ft alligator has already been killed. The previous administration was called out for not cutting grass on the lower end and the grass is not being cut. He is hearing from the constituents and they are making nests down in the southern end of the parish on the levee. Council Member Blink asked Director Rousselle if it was time to invest a little more on the front end on our equipment so they would last longer? Director Rousselle said that we have various brands of equipment.

Council Member LaFrance moved to Agenda Item f, "District 1 update". Without objection, so ordered. Council Member Barthelemy commended Director Rousselle on the job his employees are doing with the grass cutting based on his limited resources. He asked Director Rousselle to provide a report on what he needs to keep the grass cut. Other items reported are as follows:

- Water pressure keeps dropping late at night and early in the mornings in Phoenix, Davant and Pointe-a-la-Hache areas. He doesn't know why but it happens at least twice a week where the pressure is low. Director Eppley said he would address it with the water operator.
- He is concerned with the waterline from Phoenix to White Ditch. He has read a report where the water is rated satisfactory but that a grain of sand can wind up in drinking water and could cause health issues with certain people. He asked that whenever we get a grant for waterlines that the asbestos lines be removed throughout the Parish.

- Highway 15 needs to be repaired on the lower end and Director Rousselle has been working on it but it we still have problems extending the highway. It needs to be replaced.
- He asked that someone in the Administration look at some of the lanes that are in deplorable condition on the east bank and are so bad that an ambulance or fire truck could not go down those lanes. One of the lanes next to property that we lease in Bohemia where the drive-way is terrible and asked that they look to see what could be done.
- Council Member Barthelemy asked what the status of the Recreation program is on the East Bank. Director Eppley stated that he waiting for the articles to be reinstated and Council Member Barthelemy said that he gave them a copy of it. Director Eppley stated that he received a copy of the check and application when it was sent in. Council Member Barthelemy said he would get a copy of it from the Volunteer Fire Department and get it to him. Director Eppley said that he doesn't feel like it is his responsibility to call and ask for it. Council Member Barthelemy said that the paperwork was in but nobody called the Fire Chief for it and would get it faxed to Director Eppley. He also asked Director Eppley if he got him the paperwork, how soon could they get the pool opened? Director Eppley said it would depend on the CEA which he has not seen yet and needs to be worked out between the attorney and the Volunteer Fire Department. Council Member Barthelemy stated that he received a copy of the CEA from the Legal Department.

Council Member LaFrance moved to Agenda Item i, "Announcement of Public Meeting to be held August 13, 2020, to consider adopting resolutions ordering and calling an election to authorize the levy of special taxes therein". Without objection, so ordered. The Announcement was read into the record.

Council Member LaFrance moved to Agenda Item 11, "Approval of the Minutes from the July 9, 2020, Meeting. Without objection, so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-182

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby approves the minutes of the July 9, 2020, regular meeting as recorded by the Secretary of this Council.

There being no further business to come before this Council, on motion Council Member Rousselle, seconded by Council Member Barthelemy and on roll call all members present and voting "Yes", except Council Members Black, Arbourgh, Guey and Newberry who were "ABSENT", the meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

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Chairman

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Assistant Secretary