

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, September 14, 2023, at 3:50 p.m., pursuant to notice to all members with a quorum present as follows:

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

Kim M. Toups, Secretary

ABSENT: Council Member Tyrone Edwards

The Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance were dispensed with.

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

The following items were deferred:

- 9a(1), “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. 2023-528 dated May 24, 2023”;
- 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. 2023-530, dated June 9, 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. 2023-533, dated June 29, 2023; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”;
- 9c, “A Resolution urging and directing the negotiation of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Plaquemines Parish Government and Tulane University to facilitate the development of property owned by Tulane University in Plaquemines Parish; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”;
- 9h, “An Ordinance to amend the 2023 Manpower Structure; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”;
- 9l, “An Ordinance to amend the Five Year Capital Improvements Plan, Relocation-Port Sulphur 20” Water Main Project; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”;
- 11b, “District 7 update”; and
- 11c, “District 1 update”.

Agenda Items 11a(3), “A Resolution authorizing and directing the Parish President to enter into a contract with Louisiana Government Strategies, LLC to provide precinct merger services; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto” and “District 9 update by the Tourism Board” were withdrawn.

There being no items for “Executive Session” or any matters under “Proclamations”, Council Member LaFrance moved to Agenda Item 4, “Status Report by the Parish President”. Without objection, so ordered.

President Hinkley provided an extensive update on the Saltwater Intrusion.

- The wedge is at mile 55 and moves a mile and a half a day. The sill is at mile 53.8, the tow of the sill will be that on the 22nd of this month and it will start spilling over in about 10 days;
- The USACE looking to bring the sill up to -30 which will not stop the saltwater but, it will slow it down;
- The saltwater is steadily coming north and should be in the Belle Chasse area around October 3rd;
- The USACE will have someone in our Parish everyday and their EOC has been activated.
- The Governor has asked for Federal assistance with this issue and the Parish has been given the greenlight to move forward with the tie-in.
- The Governor asked the Parish to look into permanent fixes;
- The Parish is activating a reverse osmosis machine and filter for the Boothville-Venice Water Plant and they are moving forward with reverse osmosis machine and filter for Port Sulphur;
- We are living off of 6 million gallons of water a day and if we move forward with these 2 facilities that will take pressure off of Belle Chasse;
- For the next month the Parish is pushing water; however, the Tie-In to the 8” water line to get water from other parishes will be constructed. Jefferson Parish will help us with 6 million gallons of water a day. There is also an agreement with Orleans Parish to get water;
- An hour ago correspondence was received from the Governor giving us the green light and we will get reimbursed 3-5 million; and
- A press conference will be held by the USACE tomorrow.

Council Members and the Administration discussed the following topics:

- Council Member Jurisich addressed the urgency of this matter, stating that the USACE needs to fix the issues with the crevasses and breaks. He further stated that a letter needs to be sent to the USACE;
- Council Member McCarty asked what other places are doing to stop this and Council Member Cognevich stated that the breaks in the parish need to be closed. Council Member Champagne asked the Administration if they have considered getting with other parishes to see what is the best solution would be; and
- Council Member Cognevich played a video which showed a very large number of mosquitos in the area.

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

- Director Crystal Taylor stated HR is working on 2024 insurance quotes. Finance has sent out Budget Worksheets which are due on the 22nd. This morning a food distribution was done for Hunger Access Month which was sponsored by Winn Dixie and Second Harvest.
- Director Billy Wicher said the East Bank interceptor canals have been cleaned out. The Grader was used on Grand Bayou Road and on Happy Jack will be at the mariners south end next week. Ironton & Diamond contractor will have renovation #s on restroom/concession stand by tomorrow. Mosquito Control is definitely spraying more now than in the past. Boothville elementary school has the saltwater grass mosquitos. The chemicals they spray does kill them. Its not the mosquito control department; mosquitos happen in south Louisiana.
- Director Jeff DiMarco informed Council Member McCarty that the repairs on Beta Street were completed as of this afternoon. 10 watermains have broken so far this month which is lower than last month. A consultant has been hired to do the measurements for the generator which were required in the Administrative Order. There was also a consultant hired for the major repairs to stop water leaks in the Port Sulphur Government Building.

Council Member LaFrance moved to Agenda Item 5, “Bids and Advertisement”. Without objection, so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-239

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 who was “ABSENT”, the following Resolution was adopted:

A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of bids for furnishing One or More Commercial Pumpers for a period of one year for use Parish wide.

WHEREAS, after due advertisement bids were received on August 30, 2023 for furnishing One or More Commercial Pumpers for a period of one year for use Parish wide as follows: U S Fire Pump Company, LLC, 27995 James Chapel Road North, Holden, LA 70744; all bids on file in the Parish Purchasing Agent's Office and made a part hereof by reference to; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Brenda L. Stanifer, Purchasing Agent, recommends the acceptance of the only bid of U S Fire Pump Company, LLC, and the Council concurred in said recommendation;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby authorizes its Parish Purchasing Agent to issue purchases orders on an as needed basis to U S Fire Pump Company, LLC, 27995 James Chapel Road North, Holden, LA 70744; for a period of one year, all in accordance with bid submitted by said company on August 30, 2023, on file in the Parish Purchasing Agent's Office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the Parish President, be and he is hereby authorized for and on behalf of the Plaquemines Parish Government, to enter into a contractual agreement with U S Fire Pump Company, LLC, for furnishing One or More Commercial Pumpers for a period of one year, beginning with the adoption of this resolution and ending September 13, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby authorizes its Parish Fiscal Officers to issue check in payment of materials upon approval of invoices by Brenda L. Stanifer, Parish Purchasing Agent.

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 6, "Beer and Liquor Permits". Without objection, so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-240

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the following applications for permit to engage in the sale of liquor and/or beer only in the Parish of Plaquemines for the year 2023 are hereby approved: Croatian American Society d/b/a Croatian American Society, 220 Croatian Way, Belle Chasse LA 70037, Table 1, Class A Retail Liquor; Family Dollar Stores of Louisiana, LLC d/b/a Family Dollar, 28534 Highway 23 Port Sulphur LA 70083, Table 1, Class-B Package Liquor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the following special event/temporary beer & alcohol permit is hereby approved: Croatian American Society Grand Opening to be held on September 23, 2023 starting at 5:30 P.M. and ending at 12:00 A.M., located at 220 Croatian Way, Belle Chasse LA 70037; Fishing for Charities, Inc. Fishing for the Girls Rodeo Fundraiser to be held on October 28, 2023, starting at 12:00 P.M. and ending at 6:00 P.M., located at 106 Heron Lane, Port Sulphur LA 70083.

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 7, “Building Permit”. Without objection, so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-241

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the following application for construction permit in the Parish of Plaquemines are hereby approved: Crescent Midstream LLC, Application No. 2023-386, Application Date 6-5-23, Proposal to conduct 5 anomaly repairs along the existing 12-inch Empire East to Empire West Pipeline. Approximately 360 cubic yards of materials will be excavated, stockpiled and used as backfill upon successful completion of the project, Section 51, T20S, R29E Approximately 2.5 miles from Empire, LA.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 23-242

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

A Resolution approving the final approval for 5 additional spaces to Rodney Hight for an existing recreational trailer park (Cruisers RV Park) located in a MH (Mobile Home) Zoning District on Logan Lane, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2023-315, dated May 5, 2023.

WHEREAS, Rodney Hight, applied to the Plaquemines Parish Department of Permits, Planning and Zoning (Application No. 2023-315, dated May 5, 2023) for the final approval of 5 spaces for an existing recreational vehicle park (Cruisers RV Park) located on Logan Lane, Belle Chasse, Louisiana;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby approves the final approval for 5 additional spaces to Rodney Hight for an existing recreational vehicle park (Cruisers RV Park) located in a MH (Mobile Home) Zoning District on Logan Lane, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2023-315, dated May 5, 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 officials and employees are authorized to carry out the purposes of this Resolution, both without further reading and approval by the Plaquemines Parish Council.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 23-243

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

A Resolution granting conditional approval for a new 60 space temporary RV Park, First Equity, Inc, located in an A-2 (Rural or Agricultural) Zoning District, located at 170 A-J, 180 A-J, 190 A-J, 200 A-J, 210 A-J and 220 A-J Foster Road, Port Sulphur, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2023-453, dated June 29, 2023.

DIGEST: The applicant wants to operate a temporary recreational vehicle park to house the workers. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, in conformity with Subsection 6 of Section XII of Ordinance No. 142, the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of Plaquemines Parish, the Plaquemines Parish Council adopted Ordinance No. 22-64 which declared a need for temporary housing in the Parish of Plaquemines and established rules, regulations, and procedures for the issuance of temporary permits for recreational vehicle parks and sites; and

WHEREAS, First Equity, Inc, applied to the Plaquemines Parish Department of Permits, Planning and Zoning (Application No 2023-453, dated June 29, 2023) for conditional approval for a new 60 space temporary RV park First Equity located in an A-2 (Rural or Agricultural) Zoning District located 170 A-J, 180 A-J, 190 A-J, 200 A-J, 210 A-J and 220 A-J Foster Road, Port Sulphur, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the necessary parish departments have reviewed the application and determined the proposal and plans as set forth in the aforementioned application meets the requirements of Ordinance No. 22-64;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby grants conditional approval for a new 60 space temporary RV park, First Equity, Inc., located in an A-2 (Rural or Agricultural) Zoning District located at 170 A-J, 180 A-J, 190 A-J, 200 A-J, 210 A-J and 220 A-J Foster Road, Port Sulphur, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2023-453, dated June 29, 2023, and subject to Ordinance No. 22-64.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 23-244

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

A Resolution granting conditional approval for 21 additional spaces in a temporary RV Park, Ken and Zen RV Park, LLC, located in an A-2 (Rural or Agricultural) Zoning District, at 26288 j-z & aa-dd Highway 23, Port Sulphur, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2023-441, dated June 15, 2023.

DIGEST: The applicant wants to operate a temporary recreational vehicle park to house the workers. The applicant wants to add 21 additional spaces to existing 9 space temporary RV park. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, in conformity with Subsection 6 of Section XII of Ordinance No. 142, the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of Plaquemines Parish, the Plaquemines Parish Council adopted Ordinance No. 22-64 which declared a need for temporary housing in the Parish of Plaquemines and established rules, regulations, and procedures for the issuance of temporary permits for recreational vehicle parks and sites; and

WHEREAS, Ken and Zen RV Park, LLC, applied to the Plaquemines Parish Department of Permits, Planning and Zoning (Application No 2023-441, dated June 15, 2023) for conditional approval for 21 additional spaces in a temporary RV park, Ken and Zen RV Park, LLC located in an A-2 (Rural or Agricultural) Zoning District at 26288 j-z & aa-dd, Highway 23, Port Sulphur, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Ken and Zen RV Park, LLC, applied to Plaquemines Parish Department of Permits, Planning and Zoning, for a temporary RV Park of 9 spaces (Application No 2022-751, dated August 11, 2022) totaling 25 spaces; and

WHEREAS, the necessary parish departments have reviewed the application and determined the proposal and plans as set forth in the aforementioned application meets the requirements of Ordinance No. 22-64;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby grants Conditional Approval for 21 additional spaces totaling 25 spaces in a temporary RV park, Ken and Zen RV Park, LLC, located in an A-2 (Rural or Agricultural) Zoning District at 26288 j-z & aa-dd Highway 23, Port Sulphur, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2023-441, dated June 15, 2023, and subject to Ordinance No. 22-64.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 23-245

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 who was "ABSENT", the following Resolution was adopted:

A Resolution granting conditional approval for a new 20 space temporary RV Park, John Phillips/Kelly Frederick, located in an A-2 (Rural or Agricultural) Zoning District, located at 26042 Highway 23, Port Sulphur, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2023-22, dated July 6, 2023.

DIGEST: The applicant wants to operate a temporary recreational vehicle park to house the workers. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, in conformity with Subsection 6 of Section XII of Ordinance No. 142, the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of Plaquemines Parish, the Plaquemines Parish Council adopted Ordinance No. 22-64 which declared a need for temporary housing in the Parish of Plaquemines and established rules, regulations, and procedures for the issuance of temporary permits for recreational vehicle parks and sites; and

WHEREAS, John Phillips/Kelly Frederick, applied to the Plaquemines Parish Department of Permits, Planning and Zoning (Application No 2023-22, dated July 6, 2023) for conditional approval for a new 20 space temporary RV park John Phillips/Kelly Frederick located in an A-2 (Rural or Agricultural) Zoning District located 26042 Highway 23, Port Sulphur, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the necessary parish departments have reviewed the application and determined the proposal and plans as set forth in the aforementioned application meets the requirements of Ordinance No. 22-64;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby grants conditional approval for a new 20 space temporary RV park, John Phillips/Kelly Frederick, located in an A-2 (Rural or Agricultural) Zoning District located at 26042 Highway 23, Port Sulphur, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2023-423, dated July 6, 2023, and subject to Ordinance No. 22-64.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 23-246

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 who was “ABSENT”, the following Resolution was adopted:

A Resolution granting conditional approval for a new 22 space temporary RV Park, Adventure Campground, LLC, located in an A-2 (Rural or Agricultural) Zoning District, located at 29476 Highway 11, Homeplace, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2023-423, dated June 27, 2023.

DIGEST: The applicant wants to operate a temporary recreational vehicle park to house the workers. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, in conformity with Subsection 6 of Section XII of Ordinance No. 142, the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of Plaquemines Parish, the Plaquemines Parish Council adopted Ordinance No. 22-64 which declared a need for temporary housing in the Parish of Plaquemines and established rules, regulations, and procedures for the issuance of temporary permits for recreational vehicle parks and sites; and

WHEREAS, Adventure Campground, LLC, applied to the Plaquemines Parish Department of Permits, Planning and Zoning (Application No 2023-423, dated June 27, 2023) for conditional approval for a new 22 space temporary RV park Adventure Campground, LLC located in an A-2 (Rural or Agricultural) Zoning District located 29476 Highway 11, Homeplace, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the necessary parish departments have reviewed the application and determined the proposal and plans as set forth in the aforementioned application meets the requirements of Ordinance No. 22-64;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby grants conditional approval for a new 22 space temporary RV park, Adventure Campground, LLC., located in an A-2 (Rural or Agricultural) Zoning District located at 29476 Highway 11, Homeplace, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2023-423, dated June 27, 2023, and subject to Ordinance No. 22-64.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 23-247

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT a gaming license, to be used for the Belle Chasse Middle School Dance Team, Celeste Taylor, Application for Gaming Permit for “\$100 Dollar Gift Card” raffle to be held September 18th, 2023 through October 2nd, 2023, is hereby issued to Celeste Taylor on behalf of the Belle Chasse Middle School located at 13476 Highway 23, Belle Chasse, LA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the Secretary of this Council is hereby authorized and directed to immediately certify and release this Resolution and that Parish 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 8, “Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions”. Without objection, so ordered. The following legislation was introduced:

1. Resolution authorizing and directing the Parish President, W. Keith Hinkley, through the Finance Department, to establish a special account in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool (“LAMP”) entitled “Series 2023 Hurricane Recovery Note Proceeds Fund”; authorizing and directing the Parish President, W. Keith Hinkley, through the Finance Department, to establish a special account in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool (“LAMP”) entitled “Series 2023 Hurricane Recovery Note Sinking Fund”; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER LAFRANCE
2. An Ordinance to amend the 2023 Operating Expenditure Budget, various funds, various departments, various line items for changes in personal service costs; and otherwise, to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER LAFRANCE
3. An Ordinance to amend 2023 Public Health Fund, Revenue and Operating Expenditure Budgets, Ambulances-General Department; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER LAFRANCE
4. A Resolution establishing the dates, times and places of public hearings on the proposed 2024 Operating Budget and on the proposed Capital Improvements Budget covering a period of at least five years as submitted by the Parish President; to authorize the Council Secretary to place the necessary Public Notice in the Plaquemines Gazette pursuant to Section 7.02 A and Section 7.05 C of the Charter for Local Self-Government, Parish of Plaquemines; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER LAFRANCE
5. A Resolution to provide employees’ group insurance coverages consisting of medical, vision, dental and life for the policy period January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, on an employer/employee contributory basis of 72%/28%; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER LAFRANCE
6. An Ordinance authorizing the Parish President to do all things necessary and proper to negotiate and settle The Louisiana Fruit Company v. Plaquemines Parish Government; authorizing the Parish President to sign any written instrument accepting Coast Guard Road as a public road, provided conditions are met; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER COGNEVICH
7. An Ordinance to provide for the geographic merger of precincts in Plaquemines Parish; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER COGNEVICH
8. An Ordinance to amend the Five Year Capital Improvements Plan, Playground Equipment-Jesuit Bend Park Project; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER JURISICH
9. An Ordinance approving a plan of resubdivision of Lot M-1, Jesuit Bend, Section 10, T15S, R24E, Southeastern District of Louisiana, West of the Mississippi River, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, into Lots M-1A and M-1B, Jesuit Bend, Section 10, T15S, R24E, Southeastern District of Louisiana, West of the Mississippi River, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, as shown on the plan and plat of survey by Dufrene Surveying & Engineering, Inc., dated June 15, 2023, the owner having fulfilled all of the requirements of the Subdivision and Resubdivision Ordinance of the Parish of Plaquemines, without cost to the Plaquemines Parish Government or the Parish of Plaquemines; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER NEWSOM
10. An Ordinance to amend the 2023 Operating Expenditure Budget, various funds, various departments, various line items; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULZ
11. An Ordinance to amend the 2023 General Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, Homeland Security/Emergency Preparedness Department; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULZ
12. An Ordinance approving a plan of resubdivision of Lot 8A Belle Chasse Plantation Section B, Belle Chasse, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, into Lots 8B, 8D, 8E, 8F, and 9E, and

dedication of a 10' water servitude and 25' servitudes for ingress and egress and utilities, Belle Chasse Plantation Section B, Belle Chasse, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, as shown on the plan and plat of survey by Dufrene Surveying Inc., dated February 11, 2021, and revised July 13, 2023, the owner having fulfilled all of the requirements of the Subdivision and Resubdivision Ordinance of the Parish of Plaquemines, without cost to the Plaquemines Parish Government or the Parish of Plaquemines; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER CHAMPAGNE

13. An Ordinance approving a plan of resubdivision of Lot 9B Belle Chasse Plantation Section B, Belle Chasse, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, into Lots 9F and 9G, and dedication of a 10' water servitude and 25' servitudes for ingress and egress and utilities, Belle Chasse Plantation Section B, Belle Chasse, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, as shown on the plan and plat of survey by Dufrene Surveying Inc., dated March 24, 2022, and revised July 13, 2023, the owner having fulfilled all of the requirements of the Subdivision and Resubdivision Ordinance of the Parish of Plaquemines, without cost to the Plaquemines Parish Government or the Parish of Plaquemines; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER CHAMPAGNE
14. An Ordinance approving a plan of resubdivision of the property of Casey Almonte, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, as shown on the Map Resubdivision, Lots 191 & 192, into 191A, The Parks of Plaquemines, Phase 3D certified by Clint M. Simoneaux, dated March 22, 2023, the owner having fulfilled all of the requirements of the Subdivision and Resubdivision Ordinance of the Parish of Plaquemines, without cost to the Plaquemines Parish Government or the Parish of Plaquemines; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER CHAMPAGNE
15. An Ordinance to amend the Five Year Capital Improvements Plan, Parishwide Water Pressure Model Project; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER CHAMPAGNE
16. An Ordinance approving a plan of resubdivision Pedro Alcaide and Bradley Gremillion, Map of resubdivision of Scarsdale Plantation, Lots 2-C-1 an 2-B-2 into Lots 2C1A, and 2B2A, Braithwaite, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, as shown on the plan and plat of survey by U. Jens Lorenz, KLS Group Inc., dated May 30, 2023, the owner having fulfilled all of the requirements of the Subdivision and Resubdivision Ordinance of the Parish of Plaquemines, without cost to the Plaquemines Parish Government or the Parish of Plaquemines; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER EDWARDS
17. An Ordinance to amend, and as amended, readopt Sections 17.5-2 of Chapter 17.5, Article I, Parks, Recreation and Parish Facilities of the Code of Ordinances relative to the manner of event set-up and the charge of set-up fees; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER EDWARDS

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

Council Member LaFrance advanced to Agenda Item 9e. Without objection, so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-248

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 who was "ABSENT", the following Resolution was adopted:

A Resolution approving the requested Variance filed by St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church to vary the minimum required front yard setback of 20' to 9' in a FP (Flood Plain) Zoning District and to waiver the required 24 Off-Street Parking spaces requirement for a church or temple, on a portion of ground designated as Square 3 of the Village of Ironton, 133 Bradish Street, Ironton, Louisiana, Plaquemines Parish Section 7, Township 16 South, Range 25 East, all in accordance with

Application No. 2023-531, dated June 15, 2023; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

Digest: St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church was damaged due to Hurricane Ida. The church wants to rebuild to the present elevation requirement which causes certain portion of the structure to encroach in the required setback. The church existing footprint does not allow for parking on the property. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, a proposed Request for Variance was filed by St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, (Application No. 2023-531, dated June 15, 2023) to consider; and

WHEREAS, St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church applied to the Plaquemines Parish Zoning Board of Adjustments (Application No. 2023-531, dated June 15, 2023) for variance to vary the required minimum front yard setback of 20' to 9'; Section VI, Table 1 of Plaquemines Parish Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance No. 142 requires the minimum 20' front yard setbacks in a FP (Flood Plain) Zoning District and to waiver the required 24 Off-Street Parking space requirement Section VI (N)(2) Off-Street Parking Requirements for a Church or Temple; and

WHEREAS, after a public hearing was held on August 15, 2023, providing all interested parties and the public with an opportunity to be heard regarding the proposed Request for Variance, and the advertisement required by law was made in the Plaquemines Gazette, the official journal of the Parish of Plaquemines; and

WHEREAS, at a meeting held on August 15, 2023, the Plaquemines Parish Development Board favorably adopted Resolution No. 23-06, dated August 15, 2023 recommending the approval of the Request of Variance filed by St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church to vary the minimum required front yard setback of 20' to 9' in a FP (Flood Plain) Zoning District and to waiver the required 24 Off-Street Parking spaces requirement for a church or temple to be considered;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby approves the requested Variance filed by St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church to vary the minimum required front yard setback of 20' to 9' in a FP (Flood Plain) Zoning District and to waiver the required 24 Off-Street Parking spaces requirement for a church or temple, on a portion of ground designated as Square 3 of the Village of Ironton, 133 Bradish Street, Ironton, Louisiana, Plaquemines Parish Section 7, Township 16 South, Range 25 East, all in accordance with Application No. 2023-531, dated June 15, 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 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 advanced to Agenda Item 11a, "Resolutions wherein Suspension is Being Sought". Without objection, so ordered.

Under Agenda Item 11a(1), Council Member LaFrance offered a Motion to Suspend the Rules to add an item for consideration at today's meeting titled, "A Resolution requesting the Civil Service Commission to adopt a rule to allow for a special one-time merit increase and to allow for a special one-time pay plan adjustment and implementation plan; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. Council Member Cognevich seconded the motion and on roll call, all members present voting "YES", except Council Member Edwards who was "ABSENT" and the motion was adopted by a vote of 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-249

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 who was "ABSENT", the following Resolution was adopted:

A Resolution requesting the Civil Service Commission to adopt a rule to allow for a special one-time merit increase and to allow for a special one-time pay plan adjustment and implementation plan; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

DIGEST: A resolution to request the Civil Service Commission to authorize a special one-time merit increase and to authorize a special one-time pay plan adjustment and implementation plan to the Civil Service Pay Plan and Classification Schedule for all eligible classified employees. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, due to the extreme difficulties the Parish has experienced filling vacant positions and due to the continued rise in inflation and cost of living, the Parish Council requests the Civil Service Commission to adopt special rules to allow for a special one-time merit increase and a special one-time pay plan adjustment for eligible parish classified employees; and

WHEREAS, the Parish Council requests the Civil Service Commission to grant a special one-time merit increase to eligible classified employees; and

WHEREAS, the Parish Council requests the Civil Service Commission to approve a special one-time amendment to the current Civil Service Pay Plan and Classification Schedule by increasing Step 0 for each grade by \$9,124 annually and to adjust each of the following steps by a 1% increase over the preceding step. The minimum salary for grade 6, step 0 would be \$30,281 including the increase; and

WHEREAS, the Parish Council requests the Civil Service Commission to approve implementation rules for this special one-time amendment to the Civil Service Pay Plan and Classification Schedule by keeping all employees on their current grade and by placing the regular (non-probationary) employees on a revised step. The revised step shall be equal to 6 steps above their most current step; and

WHEREAS, the Parish Council requests that all pay increases and pay plan adjustments be effective 30 days after approval by the Parish Council and be implemented on the first day of the pay period immediately following the effective date; and

WHEREAS, the Parish Council requests the Civil Service Commission to implement the special one-time merit prior to implementing the special one-time amendment to the Civil Service Pay Plan and Classification Schedule; and

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby requests the Civil Service Commission to adopt a rule authorizing a special one-time merit increase to eligible classified employees to be effective 30 days after approval by the Parish Council and be implemented on the first day of the pay period immediately following the effective date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby requests the Civil Service Commission to adopt a rule authorizing a special one-time amendment to the current Civil Service Pay Plan and Classification Schedule by increasing Step 0 for each grade by \$9,124 annually and to adjust each of the following steps by a 1% increase over the preceding step. The minimum salary for grade 6, step 0 would be \$30,281.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby requests the Civil Service Commission to adopt a rule authorizing implementation of the special one-time amendment to the Civil Service Pay Plan and Classification Schedule by keeping all employees on their current grade and by placing the regular (non-probationary) employees on a revised step. The revised step shall be equal to 6 steps above their most current step. Pay adjustments are to be effective 30 days after approved by the Parish Council and be implemented on the first day of the pay period immediately following the effective date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the Secretary of the 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.

Under Agenda Item 11a(2), Council Member LaFrance offered a Motion to Suspend the rules to add an item for consideration titled, “A Resolution authorizing the Parish President to extend the State of Emergency for the Saltwater Wedge Intrusion an additional ninety (90) day period, if necessary, or until such time as the Plaquemines Council terminates the State of Emergency; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. Council Member McCarty seconded the motion and on roll call, all members present voting “YES”, except Council Member Edwards who was “ABSENT” and the motion was adopted by a vote of 7-0.

R E S O L U T I O N N O . 2 3 - 2 5 0

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 who was “ABSENT”, the following Resolution was adopted:

A Resolution authorizing the Parish President to extend the State of Emergency for the Saltwater Wedge Intrusion an additional ninety (90) day period, if necessary, or until such time as the Plaquemines Council terminates the State of Emergency; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

DIGEST: This resolution will extend the salt water intrusion state of emergency for an additional 90 days, unless the Council or the Parish President terminate it sooner. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, on June 21, 2023, the Parish President issued a state of emergency for the saltwater wedge intrusion to address the salt content entering into the parish’s water supply for the reasons stated in the State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on July 20, 2023, the Parish President extended the state of emergency through September 19, 2023, to mitigate the effects of the saltwater wedge intrusion; and

WHEREAS, state law now requires that state of emergencies that continue for a period of more than ninety (90) days be approved by the parish governing authority; and

WHEREAS if approved, the state of emergency will be extended until December 19, 2023. Parish President and the Parish Council believe it is in the best interests of the parish to extend to the State of Emergency for the Saltwater Wedge Intrusion until such time as the threat has been completely mitigated or been eliminated or expenses in response to the emergency will no longer be incurred;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby authorizes the Parish President to extend the State of Emergency for the Saltwater Wedge Intrusion for an additional ninety (90) day period, if necessary, or until such time as the Plaquemines Council terminates the State of Emergency by Resolution or Ordinance.

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

Council Member LaFrance reverted back to the Agenda Order.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-137

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

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. 2023-534, dated June 29, 2023; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

Digest: Owner wants to rezone their property for future commercial activity. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, a proposed Map Change was filed Landry Clan Real Estate Holding, LLC, (Application No. 2023-534, dated June 29, 2023) to consider Map Change; and

WHEREAS, after a public hearing was held on August 15, 2023, providing all interested parties and the public with an opportunity to be heard regarding the proposed Map Change, and the advertisement required by law was made in the Plaquemines Gazette, the official journal of the Parish of Plaquemines; and

WHEREAS, at a meeting held on August 15, 2023, the Plaquemines Parish Development Board favorably adopted Resolution No. 23-9, dated August 15, 2023 recommending approval of the Map Change as proposed by filed Landry Clan Real Estate Holding, LLC, (Application No. 2023-534, dated June 29, 2023) from A-1 (Rural or Agricultural) Zoning District to C-2 (General Commercial) Zoning District to be considered;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

Subsection 2 of Section IV of Ordinance No. 142, the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, as amended, and the "Comprehensive Zoning District Maps" therein adopted by reference and which is paraphed thereto, are hereby amended and as amended readopted so that the following described properties are hereby rezoned from A-1 (Rural or Agricultural) Zoning District to C-2 (General Commercial) Zoning District:

A certain portion of a Drainage Canal Servitude to be Renounced, located on Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, Square N, Hodge-Hunt-Hero Subdivision, Belle Chasse, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana. The portion of servitude to be renounced is described as follows: Commence from the intersection of the southerly right of way line of Barriere Road and the westerly right of way line of La State Highway No 23 and go South 39°58'52" West along the southerly right of way line of Barriere Road a distance of 119.00' to the north comer of Lot 1, the POINT OF BEGINNING. Thence South 50°01'08" East a distance of 125.00'; thence South 39°58'52" West a distance of 100.00'; thence North 50°01'08" West a distance of 125.00'; thence North 39°58'52" East a distance of 100.00' to the point of beginning.

All as shown on a proposed resubdivision plan by Dufrene Surveying & Engineering Inc dated August 10, 2016, revised June 6, 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 Champagne seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Member Tyrone Edwards

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 14th day of September, 2023.

Council Member LaFrance filled in the blanks for 9b.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-138

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

An Ordinance to amend the 2023 General Fund, Fund Balance Designations; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

DIGEST: An ordinance to amend the 2023 General Fund, Fund Balance Designations to reflect the actual 2022 budget carryover. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, the 2023 current budget and fund balance designations were adjusted to reflect the actual 2022 budget carryover; and

WHEREAS, a review of the adjusted fund balances was performed and the following amendments are requested;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

It hereby authorizes the transfer of \$2,064,119 from the General Fund Unreserved/Undesignated Fund Balance to the Fund Balance Designated for Emergencies.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Member Tyrone Edwards

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 14th day of September 2023.

Council Member Jurisich offered 9d with changes.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-139

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

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.

DIGEST: In January or 2023, Ord No. 23-17 was adopted wherein the Council re-affirmed legislation adopted by the previous council to prohibit any Plaquemines Parish-issued permit for authorization, construction and/or operation of any Mississippi River Sediment Diversion project. This Ordinance will now allow the issuance of permits to any Mississippi River Sediment Diversion which does not exceed 2000 cfs. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, Plaquemines Parish Government has consistently opposed large-scale Mississippi River Sediment Diversion projects, including in its official Coastal Zone Management Plan and affirmed by its passage of Ordinance No. 14-52;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

SECTION 1 of Ordinance No. 23-17 shall now read as follows:

“The Governing Authority of Plaquemines Parish reaffirms its opposition to large-scale Mississippi River Sediment Diversion projects, including the MBSD, and any further proposed diversion projects and hereby affirms that Mississippi River Sediment Diversion projects, including the MBSD, are not compatible with the best interests of Plaquemines Parish, its citizens, its economy, and/or its natural resources, and shall not be considered to meet any requirements for its official policies and ordinances, including its official Coastal Zone Management Plan and its Floodplain Management policies. No required permits for planning, research, construction or operation of any Mississippi River Sediment diversion project larger than 2000 cfs shall be issued by Plaquemines Parish Government.”

SECTION 2 of Ordinance No. 23-17 shall now read as follows:

“The Plaquemines Parish President is hereby authorized, directed to and shall immediately notify, in writing, all federal agencies involved in the permitting and environmental evaluation of the MBSD, the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, and all agencies, including the LA TIG, involved in funding mechanisms for MBSD and the proposed river diversion for Mid-Breton, that Plaquemines Parish, in accordance with its policies and ordinances, will not issue any required permit for planning, construction or operation of any Mississippi River Sediment diversion project larger than 2000 cfs.”

SECTION 3

Plaquemines Parish Government shall be the sole operator of any such structures.

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.

With a unanimous second to adopt the Ordinance.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Member Tyronne Edwards

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 14th day of September 2023.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-140

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

An Ordinance to grant temporary easement to Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA), for the Grand Bayou Ridge and Marsh Creation Project BA-0217 on Buras Levee District lands; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

Digest: Ordinance to grant Temporary Easement, Servitude and Right-of-Way to Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA), for the Grand Bayou Ridge and Marsh Creation Project BA-0217 on Buras Levee District lands to restore marsh habitat in open water areas via marsh creation and terracing and restore forested ridge habitat along Grand Bayou. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, CPRA has requested Plaquemines Parish Government (PPG), on behalf of the Buras Levee District, to grant it a temporary easement, servitude and right-of-way to restore marsh habitat in open water areas via marsh creation and terracing and restore forested habitat along Grand Bayou on lands in Plaquemines Parish belonging to the Buras Levee District located in Sections 4 and 5, T17S, R26E and in Section 3, T18S, R26E in Plaquemines Parish pursuant to the terms of a Temporary Easement, Servitude and Right-of-Way Agreement attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Bayou Ridge and Marsh Restoration BA-217 Project is being done by CPRA for integrated coastal protection purposes as defined by La. R. S. 49:214.2(11) and is publicly funded and at no cost to PPG; and

WHEREAS, sediment from the Mississippi River will be hydraulically dredged and pumped via pipeline to create/nourish approximately 3 acres of marsh and approximately 9,385 linear feet (10 acres) of forested ridges will be created along the western bank of Grand Bayou; and

WHEREAS, the term of the Agreement shall be for 25 years unless released before that period by CPRA; and

WHEREAS, the areas covered by the CPRA Project is shown on Exhibit A attached to the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Project activities and features are described in Exhibit B of the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, PPG's legal department has reviewed the Agreement and approves PPG's grant of the Temporary Easement, Servitude and Right-of-Way Agreement for Project BA-217 to CPRA on behalf of the Buras Levee District;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

PPG, acting through its President, be authorized and directed to execute the Temporary Easement,

Servitude and Right-of-Way Agreement on behalf of the Buras Levee District.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Member Tyrone Edwards

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 14th day of September 2023.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-141

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

An Ordinance to amend the Five Year Capital Improvements Plan, Improvements-Design of Woodland Highway Roundabout Drainage Project; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

DIGEST: An ordinance to appropriate \$80,000 to the Improvements-Design of Woodland Highway Roundabout Drainage Project from 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, after a review of the Five Year Capital Improvements Plan, an amendment is necessary;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

The Five Year Capital Improvements Plan is amended by appropriating \$80,000 to the Improvements-Design of Woodland Highway Roundabout Drainage 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 Schulz seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Member Tyronne Edwards

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 14th day of September 2023.
Council Member Cognevich offered 9i with changes.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-142

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

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

DIGEST: An ordinance to appropriate \$500,000 to the Ambulances-General department to purchase two new ambulances. 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, a review of the operating expenditure budget was performed and an amendment to the Ambulances-General department is necessary;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

The 2023 Public Health Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, Ambulances-General Department, is amended by appropriating \$500,000 from the Fund Balance Designated for Emergencies as follows:

Fund: 004 Public Health Fund			
Dept/Div: 555-2700 Ambulances-General Dept.			
Object	Description	Inc/ Dec	Amendment
561.010	Vehicles Heavy	Inc	500,000

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Member Tyronne Edwards

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 14th day of September 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 23- 251

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

A RESOLUTION ORDERING AND CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE PARISH OF PLAQUEMINES, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TO AUTHORIZE THE CONTINUATION, LEVY AND COLLECTION OF SPECIAL TAXES THEREIN; MAKING APPLICATION TO THE STATE BOND COMMISSION AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Parish Council, acting as the governing authority (the "Governing Authority") of the Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), previously submitted to the qualified voters of the Parish certain property tax propositions; and

WHEREAS, the voters of the Parish did approve such property tax propositions; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Authority of the Parish now desires the qualified voters of the Parish to authorize the continuation of such property tax propositions.

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Authority of the Parish, that:

SECTION 1. Election Call. Subject to the approval of the Louisiana State Bond Commission, and under the authority conferred by Article VI, Section 26 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, the applicable provisions of Chapter 5, Chapter 6-A and Chapter 6-B of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority, a special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the Parish on Saturday, March 23, 2024 between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) a.m., and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, and at said election there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at said election under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

**PARISH OF PLAQUEMINES,
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**PROPOSITION NO. 1
(HEALTH UNIT)**

Shall the Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy a special tax of one and seventeen hundredths (1.17) mills on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$1,037,532.50 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of fifteen (15) years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2039, for the purposes of acquiring, constructing, operating and maintaining public health units in said Parish, said mills to represent a .17 mills increase (due to reassessment) over the 1.00 mills authorized to be levied through 2024 pursuant to an election held on May 2, 2009?

**PROPOSITION NO. 2
(POLLUTION CONTROL)**

Shall the Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"),

continue to levy a special tax of two and thirty-two hundredths (2.32) mills on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$2,057,329.40 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of fifteen (15) years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2039, for the purposes of constructing, operating and maintaining pollution control and abatement facilities in said Parish, said mills to represent a .32 mills increase (due to reassessment) over the 2.00 mills authorized to be levied through 2024 pursuant to an election held on May 2, 2009?

**PROPOSITION NO. 3
(ROADS)**

Shall the Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy a special tax of one and seventy-six hundredths (1.76) mills on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$1,560,732.65 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of fifteen (15) years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2039, for the purpose of maintaining the roads in said Parish, said mills to represent a .25 mills increase (due to reassessment) over the 1.51 mills authorized to be levied through 2024 pursuant to an election held on May 2, 2009?

**PROPOSITION NO. 4
(INCINERATOR WASTE FACILITIES)**

Shall the Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy a special tax of one and seventeen hundredths (1.17) mills on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$1,037,352.50 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of fifteen (15) years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2039, for the purposes of constructing, operating and maintaining solid waste (including landfill), and waste water disposal facilities in said Parish, said mills to represent a .17 mills increase (due to reassessment) over the 1.00 mills authorized to be levied through 2024 pursuant to an election held on May 2, 2009?

**PROPOSITION NO. 5
(GARBAGE AND WASTE DISPOSAL)**

Shall the Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy a special tax of three and forty-seven hundredths (3.47) mills on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$3,077,126.30 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of fifteen (15) years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2039, for the purposes of acquiring, constructing, operating and maintaining waste disposal facilities, including garbage disposal in said Parish, said mills to represent a .49 mills increase (due to reassessment) over the 2.98 mills authorized to be levied through 2024 pursuant to an election held on May 2, 2009?

**PROPOSITION NO. 6
(LIBRARIES)**

Shall the Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy a special tax of one and seventeen hundredths (1.17) mills on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$1,037,352.50 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of

fifteen (15) years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2039, for the purpose of operating and maintaining public libraries in said Parish, said mills to represent a .17 mills increase (due to reassessment) over the 1.00 mills authorized to be levied through 2024 pursuant to an election held on May 2, 2009?

PROPOSITION NO. 7
(WATERWORKS)

Shall the Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy a special tax of two and thirty-two hundredths (2.32) mills on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$2,057,329.40 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of fifteen (15) years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2039, for the purposes of acquiring, constructing, operating and maintaining waterworks in said Parish, said mills to represent a .32 mills increase (due to reassessment) over the 2.00 mills authorized to be levied through 2024 pursuant to an election held on May 2, 2009?

SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Election. A Notice of Special Election shall be published in *Plaquemines Gazette*, a weekly newspaper of general circulation within the Parish, and being the official journal of the Parish, once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date fixed for the election, which Notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"** and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full.

SECTION 3. Canvass. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the Belle Chasse Council Building Champers, 333 F. Edward Hebert Blvd., Bldg 203, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, on **July 11, 2024, at THREE O’CLOCK (3:00) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of the said election. The Governing Authority reserves the right to advance or postpone the date and time set forth above for the canvass of the returns (without any further publication of notice of change in date, time and/or location).

SECTION 4. Polling Places. The polling places set forth in the aforesaid Notice of Special Election are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

SECTION 5. Election Commissioners; Voting Machines. The officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, shall hold the said special election as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said election for the meeting of the Governing Authority to be held as provided in Section 3 hereof. All registered voters in the Parish are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines shall be used.

SECTION 6. Authorization of Officer. The Council Secretary of the Governing Authority is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of said election, the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election and the Council Secretary of the Governing Authority is further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the election.

SECTION 7. Furnishing Election Call to Election Officials. Certified copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Louisiana Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Parish Custodian of Voting Machines in and for the Parish, and the Registrar of Voters in and for said Parish, as notification of the special election herein called in order that each may prepare for said election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

SECTION 8. Employment of Counsel. It is recognized, found and determined that a real necessity exists for the employment of legal counsel in connection with the election; accordingly, Boles Shafto, LLC, located in Monroe, Louisiana, is hereby employed as legal counsel ("**Legal Counsel**") to perform comprehensive, legal and coordinate professional work with respect to the election. Counsel shall (i) prepare and submit to the Parish for adoption of all the proceedings incidental to the election;(ii) counsel and advise the Parish with respect to the election; and (iii) in the event said election carries, to serve as "Bond Counsel" in connection with the funding of proceeds of the tax Into Bonds. The fee to be paid Legal Counsel shall be an amount equal to the Attorney General's then current Maximum Hourly Fee Schedule and other guidelines for comprehensive, legal and coordinate professional work, together with reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred and advanced in connection with the election, said fee to be payable by the Parish subject to the Attorney General's written approval of said employment and fee, provided however that such fee shall in no event exceed \$2,500.

SECTION 9. Additional Notice Requirement. This Governing Authority made the announcement with respect to the adoption of this resolution required by La. R.S. 42:19.1, at its public meeting on August 10, 2023 and published said announcement in the Official Journal on August 15, 2023.

SECTION 10. Application to State Bond Commission. Application is made to the Louisiana State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the special election as herein provided, and in the event that election carries for further consent and authority to dedicate the proceeds of the Tax, and a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Louisiana State Bond Commission on behalf of this Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application.

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This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Council Member Edwards

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 14th day of September, 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-252

On motion of Council Member LaFrance, with a unanimous second, except Council Member Edwards who was "ABSENT", the following Resolution was adopted:

A Resolution urging Governor Edwards to declare an Emergency Declaration of Disaster for the Shrimping Industry; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, the influx of imported shrimp entering the State of Louisiana is allowing foreign countries to dominate the Louisiana Shrimp Industry; and

WHEREAS, this influx is resulting in hardships to our Louisiana Shrimp Harvesters, our communities and related businesses; and

WHEREAS, Shrimp Harvesters are receiving lower than one dollar per pound for their shrimp products which is lower than they have ever received in years past; and

WHEREAS, the rising cost of fuel to operate vessels and the rising costs to operate their small fishing businesses is having a detrimental effect on the Louisiana Shrimp Harvesters; and

WHEREAS, Commercial Fishing Vessels are forced to remain dockside and businesses are being forced to shut down their operations;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the Plaquemines Parish President and Council hereby urges Governor Edwards to declare an Emergency Declaration of Disaster for the Louisiana Shrimping Industry.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT this Resolution be sent to Governor Edwards.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 23-253

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby approves the minutes of the August 24, 2023, regular Council Meeting, as recorded by the Secretary of this Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the Secretary of this Council is hereby authorized and directed to immediately certify and release this Resolution and that Parish employees and officials are authorized to carry out the purposes of this Resolution.

Council Member LaFrance moved to Agenda Item 11, "New Business". Without objection, so ordered.

Under Item 11(e), Council Member Newsom stated he received calls about the high water bills. He asked if there the electronic meters are calibrated and how are complaints handled? Director Jeff DiMarco stated he handles the complaints one by one and there are some old meters on the south end that have not been replaced with electronic meters yet; however, they are slowly replacing the old meters. He cannot say the electronic meters never fails and with the drought and water lines breaking may be the cause of higher bills. Council Member Newsom stated that things can fail so, there needs to be a process to look at the meters.

There being no further business to come before this Council, on Motion of Council Member Schulz and seconded by Council Member Jurisich, and on roll call all members present voting "YES", except Council Member Edwards who was "ABSENT", the meeting adjourned at 5:28 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.