

Minutes of a special meeting of the Plaquemines Parish Council, held in the Belle Chasse Council Building Chambers, 333 F. Edward Hebert Blvd., Bldg. 203, Belle Chasse, Louisiana on Tuesday, October 13, 2020, at 3:02 p.m., pursuant to notice to all members with a quorum present as follows:

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

Kim M. Toups, Secretary

ABSENT: Council Member W. Beau Black

The Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance were dispensed with.

President Lepine and three Charter Directors, Todd Eppley, Crystal Taylor and Scott Rousselle were present representing the Administration.

The following items were deferred:

- Council Member Cognevich's item under President's update: Update by Civil Service on open jobs;
- 9b, "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" was deferred for the 4th time; therefore it dropped off the agenda;
- 9o, "An Ordinance to amend, and as amended readopt Plaquemines Parish Code of Ordinances, Section 2-17 "Rules for Transaction of Business Before Council", Chapter II, Rule 19(a); and otherwise to provide with respect thereto";
- 9q, "An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Parish President, or his designee, to include a "Right to Audit" clause in all Parish contracts; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto" was offered, seconded, a discussion was held and then it was deferred;
- 9s, "A Resolution establishing the dates, times and places of public hearings on the proposed 2021 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"; and
- District 9 update, items 1) Discussion regarding grass on side the roads, in ditches and on levees; item 2) Discussion of drainage issues; item 3) FEMA update relative to the Boothville Civic Center;

The following item, 9p, "An Ordinance to amend the 2020 Manpower Structure and Operating Expenditure Budget, General Fund, Coastal Zone Management Department; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto" was withdrawn.

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

Council Member Black joined the meeting at 3:07 p.m.

Council Member Guey offered a proclamation declaring October 9, 2020 as "Mr. Charles L. McCarty Day" in the Parish of Plaquemines. With a unanimous second and upon roll call, all members present voting "YES", the proclamation was adopted by a vote of 9-0.

Council Member Guey offered a proclamation declaring October 10, 2020 as "Mississippi River Bank 40th Anniversary Day". With a unanimous second and upon roll call, all members present

voting “YES”, the proclamation was adopted by a vote of 9-0.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 20-236

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL it hereby resolves itself into Executive Session at 3:26 p.m. for the purpose of hearing a report and recommendations and strategy advice for the management of litigation from its attorney concerning: Executive Session pursuant to LRS 42:17(A)(10) to receive attorney-client privileged information with regard to the ownership and land rights to Coast Guard Road; *Midway Cattle LLV vs. Plaquemines Parish Government*, 25th JDC Case No. 66234, Division “A”; *Plaquemines Dirt & Clay Company, LLC vs. Plaquemines Parish Government*, 25th JDC Case No. 66276, Division “B”; and *Woodland Borrow Pits, LLC vs. Plaquemines Parish Government*, 25th JDC Case No. 66285, Division “A”.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby came out of Executive Session at 4:24 p.m. with no final or binding action taken.

Council Member Arbourgh left the meeting at 4:24 p.m.

Council Member LaFrance moved to Agenda Item 4, “Status Report by the Parish President”. President Lepine reported the following:

- Parish Covid Report: 10,000 tests conducted; 806 positive cases; 19 deaths with the last one being on July 31, 2020;
- The Governor moved the State into Phase 3 which will remain in place until at least November 6, 2020. The mask mandate stays in place. The Parish has a less than 5% positivity rate;
- The President wants to remind residents that Hurricane Season is not over;
- The last day to fill out the 2020 Census is October 30, 2020;
- Parish-wide football registration began this week; and
- There will be a community Bingo at the Davant Community Center at 10:00 a.m. on October 14, 2020.

The following questions were asked by Council Members:

- Council Member Rousselle stated that on Fox 8 news it was reported that Plaquemines Parish had a positivity rate of 11%. President Lepine stated that we were under 5% when the Parish opted into Phase 3 to open bars in the Parish. Council Member Rousselle asked if the bars will have to close now that we are above 5% and President Lepine said he will have to look into that matter.

Under Item 4a, “Charter Director’s Update”,

- Council Member LaFrance said he received phone calls and the Myrtle Grove Home Owners Association would like to set up a meeting with the President, the Director and Ken Dugas about covering the drainage during the Hurricane. President Lepine said he would get a meeting set up;
- Council Member Rousselle said he is still getting calls from people on Covert Road asking when it will be cut. He further stated that one corner was cut and it looked so nice. Then the rest was skipped to go somewhere else and they never came back to cut the area. Director Scott Rousselle said they went to go work with DOTD on Engineers Road and then returned back to where they originally had been working in Jesuit Bend. Council Member Rousselle responded by saying that it seems like when the tractors are in an area, they should keep cutting until its done instead of leaving and going to a different area.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 20-237

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

A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of bids for furnishing Valves for a period of one year for use by the Water Sewerage Department.

WHEREAS, after due advertisement bids were received on September 22, 2020 for furnishing Valves for a period of one year for use by the Water Sewerage Department as follows: Innovative Flow Solutions, 400 Mariners Plaza #420, Mandeville, LA 70448; Control Worx, LLC, 17630 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70810; and Cimsco, 1840 L & A Road, Metairie, LA 70001; all bids on file in the Parish Purchasing Agent’s Office and made a part hereof by reference to; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robert Morgan, Superintendent of Severn Trent, recommends the acceptance of the overall low bid of Cimsco, as they offered items without any deviations, 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 purchase orders on an as needed basis, to Cimsco, 1840 L & A Road, Metairie, LA 70001, for the purchase of Valves, for use by the Water Sewerage Department, all in accordance with bid submitted by said vendor on September 22, 2020, on file in the Parish Purchasing Agent’s Office.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the Parish President, be and is hereby authorized for and on behalf of the Plaquemines Parish Government, to enter into a contractual agreement with Cimsco for furnishing Valves, for a period of one year, beginning October 8, 2020 through October 7, 2021.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby authorizes its Parish Fiscal Officers to issue check in payment of valves 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 officials and employees are authorized to carry out the purposes of this Resolution, both without further reading and approval by the Plaquemines Parish Council.

There being no Beer and Liquor Licenses, Council Member LaFrance moved to Agenda Item 7, “Building Permits”. Without objection, so ordered.

Agenda Items 7a(1) through 7a(3) were taken *en globo*:

RESOLUTION NO. 20-238

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the following applications for construction permits in the Parish of Plaquemines are hereby approved: Ardaman & Associates, Inc., Application No. 2020-546, dated July 23, 2020, drill four soil borings and perform eight cone penetration test for foundation design, Alliance Refinery; Texas Petroleum Investment Co., Application No. 2020-687, dated September 24, 2020, install pile clusters, rock pad, drill the SL 1998 No. 46 Offset Well and install caisson well protector, 8-inch pipeline and 3-inch gas lift line, Breton Sound Block 21 & 28; Texas Petroleum Investment Co., Application No. 2020-688, dated September 24, 2020, install pile clusters, rock pad, drill the Breton Sound Block 28 Offset Well and install caisson well protector, 4-inch flowline and 3-inch gas lift line, Breton Sound Block 28.

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. 20-239

On motion of Council Member Blink, seconded by Council Member Cognevich, and on roll call all members present and voting “YES”, except Council Members Black and Cognevich who “ABSTAINED” and Council Member Arbourgh 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 is hereby approved: Key Operating Company, Application No. 2020-694, dated September 28;, 2020, excavate for proposed ring levee, install drill pad and drill well location VUA; S.L. 18165 Well No. 2, if productive limestone will be required, Highway 11 & Packard Lane, Buras Area.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 20-240

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

A Resolution approving the issuance of a special permit to Paul Durnin for the placement of a RV camper trailer on property located in a FP (Flood Plain) Zoning District on Parcel #1620351, Port Sulphur, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2020-718, dated September 30, 2020.

WHEREAS, Paul Durnin applied to the Plaquemines Parish Department of Permits, Planning and Zoning (Application No. 2020-718, dated September 30, 2020) for the placement of a RV camper trailer on Parcel #1620351, Port Sulphur, Louisiana;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby approves the issuance of a special permit to Paul Durnin for the placement of a RV camper trailer on property located in a FP (Flood Plain) Zoning District on Parcel #1620351, Port Sulphur, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2020-718, dated September 30, 2020.

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. 20-241

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

A Resolution approving the issuance of a special permit to Ryan Hebert for the placement of a RV camper trailer on property located in a FP (Flood Plain) Zoning District on Parcel #1620351, Port Sulphur, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2020-719, dated September 30, 2020.

WHEREAS, Ryan Hebert applied to the Plaquemines Parish Department of Permits, Planning and Zoning (Application No. 2020-719, dated September 30, 2020) for the placement of a RV camper trailer on Parcel #1620351, Port Sulphur, Louisiana;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby approves the issuance of a special permit to Ryan Hebert for the placement of a RV camper trailer on property located in a FP (Flood Plain) Zoning District on Parcel #1620351, Port Sulphur, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2020-719, dated September 30, 2020.

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. 20-242

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

A Resolution approving the issuance of a special permit to Cole Wilson for the placement of a RV trailer residence on property located in a FP (Flood Plain) Zoning District at 2765 Hermitage Road, Lake Hermitage, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2020-711, dated October 2, 2020.

WHEREAS, Cole Wilson, applied to the Plaquemines Parish Department of Permits, Planning and Zoning (Application No. 2020-711, dated October 2, 2020) for the placement of a RV trailer residence on property located at 2765 Hermitage Road, Lake Hermitage, Louisiana;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PALQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby approves the issuance of a special permit to Cole Wilson for the placement of a RV trailer residence on property located in a FP (Flood Plain) Zoning District at 2765 Hermitage Road, Lake Hermitage, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2020-711, dated October 2, 2020.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-243

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

A Resolution approving the issuance of a special permit to Walter Landry, for the construction of a storage shed in a FP (Flood Plain) Zoning District at 15684 Highway 23, Belle Chasse, Louisiana in accordance with Application No. 2020-717, dated October 2, 2020.

WHEREAS, Walter Landry, applied to the Plaquemines Parish Department of Permits, Planning and Zoning (Application No. 2020-717, dated October 2, 2020) for the construction of a storage shed located in a FP (Flood Plain) Zoning District at 15684 Highway 23, Belle Chasse, Louisiana;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby approves the issuance of a special permit to Walter Landry, for the construction of a storage shed located in a FP (Flood Plain) Zoning District at 15684 Highway 23, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2020-717, dated October 2, 2020.

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

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

1. An Ordinance pursuant to Article III, Plaquemines Parish Boat Harbors, Section 6-41, to set the rental rates for boat slips at the Port Eads Boat Harbor; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER BARTHELEMY
2. A Resolution authorizing the Plaquemines Parish Government, represented by the Parish President, to do all things necessary and proper to negotiate, perfect, and execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Plaquemines Parish Assessor's Office for the cost-sharing of professional services for the collection of data and the valuation of certain oil and gas personal property located in Plaquemines Parish for the 2021 ad valorem tax year; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER LAFRANCE
3. An Ordinance to amend the 2020 Operating Revenue Budget; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER LAFRANCE
4. A Resolution to provide employees' group insurance coverages consisting of medical, vision, dental and life for the policy period January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021, on an employer/employee contributory basis of 72%/28%; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER LAFRANCE
5. A Resolution authorizing the Parish President, on behalf of the Plaquemines Parish Council, to certify to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development that the Plaquemines Parish Government has complied with all FHWA/DOTD requirements in 2020 relative to bridges located in Plaquemines Parish under the Plaquemines Parish Government's jurisdiction. COUNCIL MEMBER LAFRANCE
6. An Ordinance to amend the Library Services Fund, 2020 Operating Revenue and Operating Budgets, Libraries Department; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER LAFRANCE
7. A Resolution to adopt the Plaquemines Parish Government Priority List of Projects for the proceeds from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund Energy and Donor Port. COUNCIL MEMBER COGNEVICH
8. An Ordinance to amend the Five Year Capital Improvements Plan, Dredging Maintenance-Boat Harbors Project; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER COGNEVICH

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

ORDINANCE NO. 20-95

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

An Ordinance approving a plan of resubdivision of property, of Tract 1, Mrs. Jennie Jourdan et al and Leonard Jordan Division, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, into Lots of 1A, 1B, and 1C, and the dedication of a 5' utility servitude, Naomi, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, as shown on the plans and plat of survey by Dufrene Surveying & Engineering, Inc., dated July 15, 2020, 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.

WHEREAS, Saxon Becnel, Jr., is the owner of property situated in Tract 1, Mrs. Jennie Jourdan et al and Leonard Jourdan Division, the Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana, as more fully shown on the plan and plat of resubdivision by Dufrene Surveying & Engineering, Inc., dated July 15, 2020, a print whereof is annexed hereto and made part hereof; and

WHEREAS, Saxon Becnel, Jr., as the owner of said property, has proposed the resudivision of property, of Tract1, Mrs. Jennie Jourdan et al and Leonard Jourdan Division, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, into Lots 1A, 1B, and 1C and the dedication of a 5' utility servitude, Mrs. Jennie Jourdan et al and Leonard Jourdan Division, Naomi, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, as more fully shown on said plan; and

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

The aforesaid plan of resubdivision of property, of Tract 1, Mrs. Jennie Jourdan et al and Leonard Jourdan Division, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, into Lots 1A, 1B, and 1C, and dedication of 5' utility servitude, Naomi, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, as shown on the plat and plan of survey by Dufrene Surveying & Engineering, Inc., dated July 15, 2020, a print whereof is annexed hereto and made a part hereof, is hereby approved, and that the approval of the Parish President, Directors and all appropriate Parish Department Heads of the aforesaid plan and plat of survey be ratified.

SECTION 2

The Parish President be and is hereby authorized to appear before a Notary Public, and execute the approved aforesaid plan or resubdivision of owner as depicted on plan and plat of survey by Dufrene Surveying & Engineering, Inc., July 15, 2020, for the Parish of Plaquemines and the Plaquemines Parish Government, and to execute any and all acts and documents necessary and proper in the premises to give full force and effect to the aforesaid Ordinance.

SECTION 3

The Plaquemines Parish Government accepts no responsibility or liability for the construction, maintenance or improvements of any future or now existing non-dedicated streets, roads, right of

ways, utilities, drainage structures and other improvements that may be shown on the aforementioned plan and plat of survey.

SECTION 4

The Council Secretary 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., W. Beau Black, Stuart J. Guey, Benedict Rousselle, Trudy Newberry, Carlton M. LaFrance, Richie Blink and Mark Cognevich

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Member Corey Arbourgh

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 13th day of October, 2020.

At the request of Council Member Rousselle, Council Member LaFrance reverted back to Item 8, "Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions". Without objection, so ordered. The following items were introduced.

1. An Ordinance to establish and adopt a policy with regard to final judgments for money damages and establish the procedure for the settlement of such judgments; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER ROUSSELLE
2. An Ordinance authorizing and establishing a policy and procedure for payment of outstanding final legal judgements and unpaid settlements against Plaquemines Parish Government; and otherwise to provide thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER BLINK

Council Member Black left the meeting at 5:22 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-244

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

A Resolution authorizing the Parish President to advertise a Request for Proposals for professional services from qualified real estate brokers, agents or advisors to assist Plaquemines Parish Government with the sale, lease, and marketing of its surplus property, and any other services incidental thereto; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Plaquemines Parish Government to sell, lease, or otherwise legally dispose of property declared surplus by the Plaquemines Parish Council; and

WHEREAS, Plaquemines Parish Government does not have the capacity or the expertise to provide these services from within its own workforce; and

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 33:4712.12 authorizes the payment of a real estate broker's fee or commission upon the offer and acceptance to purchase and sell property owned by the Parish which the broker has assisted the parish in selling; and

WHEREAS, some real estate qualified brokers, agents or advisors may also provide bidding and advertising services that comport with La. R.S. 33:1211 et seq. for the leasing of surplus Parish property;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the Parish President is hereby authorized to advertise a Request for Proposals for professional services from qualified real estate brokers, agents or advisors to assist Plaquemines Parish Government with the sale, lease, and marketing of its surplus property, and any other services incidental thereto.

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. 20-245

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

A Resolution urging the Legal Department to review existing leases, renegotiate the leases and provide a report to the Council; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, an audit of the PPG Property and Leases was conducted by the Internal Auditor; and

WHEREAS, a review was done and a discussion held at the August 12, 2020, Audit Committee meeting wherein it was recommended by the Internal Auditor that it would be beneficial for a renegotiation of PPG leases to be done, since many of the rental fees have not increased in years; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of this Council to have the Legal Department conduct a review of existing Parish leases, renegotiate the leases and then provide a report to the Council;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby urges the Legal Department to review existing leases, renegotiate the leases and provide a report to the 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 officials and employees are authorized to carry out the purposes of this Resolution, both without further reading and approval by the Plaquemines Parish Council.

President Lepine left the meeting at approximately 6:00 p.m.

Council Member LaFrance filled in the blanks for Agenda Item 9e.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-246

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

A Resolution of the Plaquemines Parish Council to establish the method for appointing the new Registrar of Voters in Plaquemines Parish; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, the Registrar of Voters, Kathleen Ketnor, has notified the Council of her intent to retire; and

WHEREAS, LRS 18:51.1 provides that the Council shall appoint the new Registrar of Voters, after the required advertisement and solicitation of applications; and

WHEREAS, each applicant shall be afforded an interview opportunity; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate an orderly and effective process of appointing the new Registrar of Voters, the Council should establish a process for such appointment;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the Secretary of the Council is hereby directed to confirm that each applicant is registered to vote and meets at least one of the eligibility requirements regarding education and work experience.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT each member of the Council, shall submit to the Secretary of the Council a question to be posed to the applicants, in writing, which shall be submitted on or before October 15, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the Secretary of the Council is hereby directed to submit the list of questions posed by each of the members of the Council to all of the applicants, which submission shall be as near as possible to being at the same time, with a requirement that the applicant shall submit written responses to each question to the Secretary of the Council by October 20, 2020, 4:00 pm.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the Secretary of the Council is hereby directed to forward to each member of the Council the responses from each applicant that submitted responses on the day following the deadline for submission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the agenda for the meeting of the Plaquemines Parish Council scheduled for October 22, 2020 include each of the applicants, at which each applicant will have the opportunity to make a 5 minute presentation to the Council and the Council members will each have the opportunity to ask a question to each applicant, which shall serve as the interview mandated by Louisiana law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the agenda of the regular or special meeting of the Council following the meeting at which the interviews for Registrar of Voter took place, shall include an item for Appointment of the Registrar of Voters.

BE IT FURHTER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the process to appoint the Registrar of Voters shall be as follows:

Appointment shall be made by a Motion to Appoint a designated person, which shall require a second, and would be subject to a substitute motion to appoint someone else. A motion shall require a majority vote in order to be adopted and effect the appointment of the New Registrar of Voters.

ALTERNATIVELY

The Council could hold an election of sorts, in which upon a roll call, each Council member would vote for one of the seven applicants. If any applicant receives a majority of the votes cast, that person is appointed. If not, then hold a run-off between the top two vote getters (or more if there is a tie).

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. 20-247

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

A Resolution authorizing the Plaquemines Parish Community Agency to prepare the necessary application to the Louisiana Workforce Commission receiving the Community Services Block Grant Funds for the Program Year 2021 and authorizing the President of the Plaquemines Parish Government to sign and submit said application and contract.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Workforce Commission, through the Community Services Block Grant Act, has designated the eligible entity for administering the funds for the program year 2021 within the Parish of Plaquemines; and

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Parish Community Action Agency has received federal and state recognition as the eligible entity within the Parish of Plaquemines for receiving and administering Community Services Block Grant Funds;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby designates and authorizes the Plaquemines Parish Community Action Agency to prepare the necessary application to the Louisiana Workforce Commission for receiving and administering the Community Services Block Grant Funds for the program year 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby authorizes the President of the Plaquemines Parish Government sign said application and contract pursuant to contract form on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Council.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 20-248

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

A Resolution authorizing the Plaquemines Parish Community Action Agency to prepare the necessary application to the Louisiana Housing Corporation (LHC) for a grant to provide utility assistance to the residents of Plaquemines Parish for the Fiscal Year 2021 and authorizing the President of the Plaquemines Parish Government to sign and submit said application and contract; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Housing Corporation (LHC) plan to provide home energy assistance to eligible households within Plaquemines Parish, for the fiscal year 2021;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby authorizes the Plaquemines Parish Community Action Agency to prepare the necessary application to the Louisiana Housing Corporation (LHC) for receiving and administering a grant to provide utility

assistance to the residents of Plaquemines Parish for the Fiscal Year 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby authorizes the President of the Plaquemines Parish Government to sign said application and contract and a fully executed copy of the contract will be on file in the legal department.

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. 20-249

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

A Resolution authorizing the Plaquemines Parish Community Action Agency to prepare and file an application with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, on behalf of the Plaquemines Parish Government, for a grant under 49CFR 5311, Formula Grant for Rural Areas and/or 49 CFR 5339, Grants for Bus and Bus Facility Program, as amended, to provide public rural transportation to the residents of Plaquemines Parish and further authorizing the Plaquemines Parish President to execute and file with such application an assurance or any other documents required.

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Transportation and Development is authorized to make grants for mass transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the Council, including the provisions by it of the local share of the project costs; and

WHEREAS, it is required by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil rights Act of 1964, that in connection with the filing of an application of assistance that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the U.S. Department of Transportation requirements thereunder; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Plaquemines Parish Government that minority business enterprises be utilized to the fullest extent possible in connection with this project, and that definitive procedures shall be established and administered to ensure that minority businesses shall have maximum feasible opportunity to compete for contracts when procuring construction contracts, supplies, equipment or consultants and other services;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the Plaquemines Parish Community Action Agency is hereby authorized to prepare and file an application on behalf of the Plaquemines Parish Government with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, to aid in the financing of operating and/or capital assistance projects pursuant to the Rural Public Transit Program, for a grant under 49CFR 5311, Formula Grant for Rural Areas and/or 49 CFR 5339, Grants for Bus and Bus Facility Program, as amended, to provide public rural transportation to the residents of Plaquemines Parish.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby authorizes the President of the Plaquemines Parish Government to execute and file with such application an assurance or any other document required by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development effectuating the purpose of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the Superintendent of the Plaquemines Parish Community Action Agency is hereby authorized to furnish such additional information as the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development may require in connection with the application or the project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the Plaquemines Parish President is authorized to set forth and execute affirmative minority business policies in connection with the project's procurement needs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT that the Parish President is authorized to execute grant contract agreements on behalf of the Plaquemines Parish Government with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for aid in the financing of the operating or capital assistance projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT that this Resolution is applicable for a period of one year unless revoked by the Governing Body and copy of such revocation shall be furnished to the Department of Transportation and Development.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 20-96

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

An Ordinance to amend the General Fund, 2020 Operating Revenue and Expenditure Budgets, Community Action Agency Department, CSBG CARES Division; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, Plaquemines Parish Government has been awarded funding in the amount of \$106,067.00 from Community Services Block Grant CARES; and

WHEREAS, amending the General Fund, 2020 Operating Revenue and Expenditure Budgets, Community Action Agency Department, CSBG CARES Division is requested;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

The General Fund, 2020 Operating Revenue and Expenditure Budgets, Community Action Agency Department, CSBG CARES Division is amended as follows:

Fund: 001 General Fund			
Dept/Div: 596-3061 Community Action Agency-CSBG CARES			
Object	Description	Inc/Dec	Amendment
425.006	CAA – CSBG CARES	Inc	106,067
510.005	Salaries & Wages-Regular	Inc	42,872
515.005	FICA Taxes	Inc	5,542
541.060	Supplies-Operating	Inc	2,653
556.505	Other Programs Asst to Needy/Poor	Inc	55,000

SECTION 2

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

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

Council Member Cognevich seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Member W. Beau Black and Corey Arbourgh

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 13th day of October, 2020.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-97

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

An Ordinance to amend the General Fund, 2020 Operating Revenue and Expenditure Budgets, Community Action Agency, CSBG-General Department; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, Plaquemines Parish Government has been awarded additional funding in the amount of \$13,419.00 from the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG); and

WHEREAS, amending the General Fund, 2020 Operating Revenue and Expenditure Budgets, Community Action Agency, CSBG-General Department is requested;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

The General Fund, 2020 Operating Revenue and Expenditure Budgets, Community Action Agency, CSBG-General Department is amended as follows:

Fund: 001 General Fund			
Dept/Div: 596-3060 Community Action Agency-CSBG-General			
Object	Description	Inc/Dec	Amendment
420.205	CAA – CSBG	Inc	13,419
556.505	Other Programs Asst to Needy/Poor	Inc	13,419

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., Stuart J. Guey, Benedict Rousselle, Trudy Newberry, Carlton M. LaFrance, Richie Blink and Mark Cognevich

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Member W. Beau Black and Corey Arbourgh

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 13th day of October, 2020.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-98

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

An Ordinance to amend the General Fund, 2020 Operating Expenditure Budget, Community Action Agency-General Department and the Community Action Agency Department, Emergency Food and Shelter Program CARES Division; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, amending the General Fund, 2020 Operating Expenditure Budget, Community Action Agency Department is requested;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

The General Fund, 2020 Operating Expenditure Budget, is amended as follows:

Fund: 001 General Fund			
Dept/Div: 596-3000 Community Action Agency-General			
Object	Description	Inc/Dec	Amendment
425.005	CARES Act CAA-Emerg Food & Shelter	Dec	(6,030)
556.505	Other Programs Asst to Needy/Poor	Dec	(6,030)

Fund: 001 General Fund			
Dept/Div: 596-3085 Community Action Agency-EFSP CARES			
Object	Description	Inc/Dec	Amendment
425.005	CARES Act CAA-Emerg Food & Shlter	Inc	6,030
556.505	Other Programs Asst to Needy/Poor	Inc	6,030

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., Stuart J. Guey, Benedict Rousselle, Trudy Newberry, Carlton M. LaFrance, Richie Blink and Mark Cognevich

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Member W. Beau Black and Corey Arbourgh

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 13th day of October, 2020.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-99

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

An Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of a donation for the Homeland Security/ Emergency Preparedness Department and to amend the General Fund, 2020 Operating Revenue and Expenditure Budgets, Homeland Security/Emergency Preparedness Department; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, Plaquemines Parish Government has received a donation to be used by the Homeland Security/Emergency Preparedness Department; and

WHEREAS, amending the General Fund, 2020 Operating Revenue and Expenditure Budgets, Homeland Security/Emergency Preparedness Department is requested;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

The Plaquemines Parish Council hereby authorizes acceptance of the following donation for the Homeland Security/Emergency Preparedness Department:

Entergy \$1,000

SECTION 2

The General Fund, 2020 Operating Revenue and Expenditure Budgets, Homeland Security/ Emergency Preparedness Department is amended as follows:

Fund: 001 General Fund			
Dept/Div: 468-2225 Homeland Sec/Emergency Preparedness			
Object	Description	Inc/Dec	Amendment
470.056	Misc Rev Donations Emerg Preparedness	Inc	1,000
541.290	Supplies-Emergency	Inc	1,000

SECTION 3

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

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

Council Member Newberry seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Member W. Beau Black and Corey Arbourgh

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 13th day of October, 2020.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-100

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

An Ordinance to amend the Five Year Capital Improvements Plan, Reach C Culvert-Phoenix to Bohemia Project and the Levee Lift-WBV-9A Project and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, a review of the Five Year Capital Improvements Plan was performed and an amendment is necessary;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

The Five Year Capital Improvements Plan is amended by appropriating \$33,473.33 to the Reach C Culvert-Phoenix to Bohemia Project from the Levee Lift-WBV-9A Project; funding year, 2020.

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., Stuart J. Guey, Benedict Rousselle, Trudy Newberry, Carlton M. LaFrance, Richie Blink and Mark Cognevich

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Member W. Beau Black and Corey Arbourgh

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 13th day of October, 2020.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-101

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 Belle Chasse Ferry run 30 minutes after the end of all Belle Chasse Council Meetings and the Pointe-a-la-Hache ferry run 30 minutes after the end of all Pointe-a-la-Hache Council Meetings; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, in an effort to avoid rushing through council meetings in order to catch the ferry, it is the desire of this Council to have the ferries run long enough after each council meeting to allow time to leave the meeting and catch the ferry;

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 Belle Chasse Ferry run 30 minutes after the end of all Belle Chasse Council Meetings and the Pointe-a-la-Hache ferry run 30 minutes after the end of all Pointe-a-la-Hache Council Meetings

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., Carlton M. LaFrance, and Mark Cognevich

NAYS: Council Members Stuart J. Guey, Benedict Rousselle, Trudy Newberry, Richie Blink

ABSENT: Council Member W. Beau Black and Corey Arbourgh

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance FAILED on this the 13th day of October, 2020.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-102

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

An Ordinance to amend the 2020 General Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget,

Legal Judgments Department; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, the Parish Attorney has informed the Parish President and the Council of the possibility of settlement in the matter of Frederic Julian Schwarz, et al. v. Golden Ranch Aviation, et al.; Docket No. 62-198, 25th JDC, Division B; and

WHEREAS, the Parish Council has authorized the Parish Attorney to settle the matter; and

WHEREAS, an amendment is necessary to the 2020 General Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, Legal Judgments Department;

NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

The 2020 General Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, Legal Judgments Department, is amended by appropriating \$15,000 from the General Fund Unreserved/Undesignated Fund Balance as follows:

Fund: 001 General Fund			
Dept/Div: 431-2182 Legal Judgments			
Object	Description	Inc/ Dec	Amendment
552.125	Judgments & Damages Frederic Schwarz	Inc	15,000

SECTION 2

The Secretary of this Council is hereby authorized and directed to immediately certify and release this Ordinance and that Parish employees and officials are authorized to carry out the purposes of this Ordinance, both without further reading and approval by the Plaquemines Parish Council. WHEREUPON, in open session the above Ordinance was read and considered section by section and as a whole.

Council Member Blink 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., Stuart J. Guey, Benedict Rousselle, Trudy Newberry, Carlton M. LaFrance, Richie Blink and Mark Cognevich

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Member W. Beau Black and Corey Arbourgh

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 13th day of October, 2020.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-250

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

A Resolution to cancel the November 26, 2020 and December 24, 2020, regularly scheduled Council Meetings due to the Thanksgiving Holiday and the Christmas Holiday; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby cancels the November 26, 2020 and December 24, 2020, regularly scheduled Council Meetings due to the Thanksgiving Holiday and Christmas Holiday.

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. 20-251

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

A Resolution appointing a replacement member to the Plaquemines Parish Government Civil Service Commission for the position left vacant by Mary Faye Legnon who’s term will expire on December 31, 2022; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, in compliance with Article X of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 the Plaquemines Parish Council by Resolution No. 96-13 appointed the members of the Plaquemines Parish Government Civil Service Commission; and

WHEREAS, Mary Faye Legnon has resigned from the Civil Service Commission, leaving a vacant position on the Commission and in compliance with Article X, Section 4 (D), The University of Holy Cross has submitted the names of three individuals to serve on said Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby appoints Dr. Louise S. Kaltenbaugh to serve as the member of the Plaquemines Parish Government Civil Service Commission for the current term ending December 31, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the Secretary of this Council is hereby authorized and directed to immediately certify and release this Resolution and that Parish 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, “New Business”. Without objection, so ordered.

There were no matters under 10a, “Resolutions wherein suspension is being sought”.

Under Item 10b, “District 9 update”, Council Member Cognevich spoke regarding Item 4) “Digging Ditches”. He said he needed a few ditches in Venice to be dug. He also received a call from Hilcorp about knocking the crushed black top hill down on Tidewater Rode. Council Member Blink asked if it could be used to fill the hole on Coast Guard Road. Council Member Cognevich stated that Saturday he was holding a clean-up day at Fort Jackson and invited everyone who uses the Fort to come help. Council Member LaFrance said he was promised five ditches would be dug but will get with Scott Rousselle later about this matter.

Under Item 10c, “District 8 update”, Item 1) Jesuit Bend Drainage Project update, Council Member Blink asked Ken Dugas to give an update for the residents of Jesuit Bend. Mr. Dugas reported that the plans were just about finalized. The obstructions on the servitude need to be cleared and the residents are responsible for their personal property. Letters went out yesterday to inform the residents of removing items on the servitude and they will have 30 days to do so.

As soon as all the property is removed they will begin advertising for the project, hopefully around Thanksgiving.

Under Item 10d, “District 1 update”, Council Member Barthelemy spoke regarding the following:

- He asked if the ditches where the English Turn waterline was installed were fixed. Ken Dugas said crews cleaned out some of the ditches just last week and a couple of the ditches were freshly graded;
- Highway 15 at the lower end is terrible. Ken Dugas was hoping to get the patches on the highway done this year but, it probably will not get done until early next year;
- The Administration was asked if we need new tractors or any if the ones which are broken are worth saving. Scott Rousselle said the Parish could use 5 new tractors but, questioned if we have the funds to purchase some; and
- Council Member Barthelemy informed Director Todd Eppley that the ice machine at the Percy Griffin Center is broken and was told by Mr. Eppley that he received an estimate of \$4,000 to fix it and he is looking for more estimates.

Under Item 10e, “District 7 update”, Council Member LaFrance spoke regarding the following topics:

- He explained that a couple of weeks ago PROWM cut down trees in some of the subdivisions because school buses could not go down some of the lanes and he congratulated PROWM for an excellent job. The parents and children are very appreciative and happy that they can catch the buses;
- He was at the Fishing Pier and it was packed. There are a couple of screws missing on a few planks but other than that, it was excellent; and
- He questioned Todd Eppley on the status of the A/C in the Port Sulphur YMCA. Mr. Eppley said that after the legislation was adopted he did a purchase order for the equipment and the tentative delivery date is November 23, 2020.

Under Item 10f, “District 5 update” Council Member Rousselle addressed the following:

- “Discussion of Medal of Honor Park Drainage Pond and Sluice Gate”. Scott Rousselle explained that the hose has been bought and lumber has been purchased to re-fix the foundation where the motor is located. A company came out to check on the engine itself and now they will have to get another company to check out the pump. Ken Dugas said that the sluice gate by the lagoon in the Medal of Honor Park and the one near A&L Sales up by Dominos, are currently non-existent. Both under contract for the pipes to be corrected. The ditch which goes from Barriere Road to the Barriere Canal will be redone with the new sluice gates. He further stated that Principal Engineering is doing the engineering on this project.
- “Status of Engineers Road Drainage project”. Mr. Dugas met with DOTD & Plenary, a lot of the drainage project that we proposed with HGMP is overlapped by West X and the new crossing under Engineers Road. Right now the discussion is about who will pay for that project, Plenary or FEMA. The design is basically done from West X coming around the overlap. Council Member Rousselle said they have had this meeting before with the same discussion and it is his understanding that they were trying to decide if they were going to use Trigon’s engineering for the project or Plenary’s. There was about a \$250-\$300K dispute between two projects. Council Member Rousselle asked if any progress has been made and Ken Dugas said yes. He explained that a discussion was held on West X because each company had the sub-surface drainage on opposite side. They came to an agreement on where the drainage should be located now we are trying to figure out the \$300K difference. However, the difference in the money for the overlap portion should be figured out within the next 30 days. Once that is done then a decision will be made on who will pay for it. Council Member Rousselle asked who was picked Plenary or Trigon? Mr. Dugas explained that both agreed on the type of pipe and the location for the crossing under Engineers Road, which is a vital culvert to stop flooding in that area.
- “Update and discussion on Todd Eppley’s efforts on Inframark’s contracts”. Council Member Rousselle stated that about four months ago he asked Mr. Eppley to research the

contract with Inframark and get with them to see if there is any savings in their contract. He believes the Parish should purchase about 100 automatic meter readers to be used on the repeat offenders whose meters get shut off and put back on a lot. With the automatic meter readers, the meters could be cut off from the office to reduce the amount of field work. His point is that we can make some efficiencies there. Council Member Rousselle further explained that we are coming up to budget hearings and a year ago Inframark's new guy said he would be looking for some efficiency in the contract, but he never heard from him. Todd Eppley said he has not heard from him either but he has been in discussions with Robert Morgan; however, the current contract is not up until 2028. He feels it is best to try to save some money through the chemical process. PPG pays for the chemicals but at the State bid price. Inframark, being a nationwide company, has better purchasing powers and pays less for the chemicals. They, in turn, would pass the savings down to the PPG. Another area which was addressed was the CPI increase in their contract every year. When the contract was signed in 2013, Inframark began using Month 5 to calculate the CPI and that month was used every year until 2019 when they decided to begin using Month 3. By using Month, they increased their contract more than they should have. The problem has been rectified and a credit was given to PPG. Council Member Rousselle, then reiterated looking into the savings that could be made with the auto readers. Mr. Eppley said he would look into the matter.

Under Item 10g, "Update by Mike Metcalf regarding the adoption of flood maps", Council Member Rousselle said he has been trying to get an update from Mr. Metcalf and has received no response. He then asked Todd Eppley if Mr. Metcalf has been at work and if he works in his office. Mr. Eppley responded yes to both questions and explained that he has been advised by the Human Resource Department not to talk about the reason Mike Metcalf cannot attend meetings. Council Member Blink stated he has contacted Mike Metcalf about the Watershed matter and has heard nothing from him either. Todd Eppley said Mr. Metcalf does his job , he gets paid and we are doing the best we can.

Council Member LaFrance moved to Agenda Item 11, "Approval of Minutes". Without objection, so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-252

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

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

There being no further business to come before this Council, on motion Council Member LaFrance, seconded by Council Member Guey, and on roll call all members present voting "YES" except Council Members Black and Arbourgh who were "ABSENT", the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary