

Minutes of a meeting of the Plaquemines Parish Council, held in the Belle Chasse Council Building Chambers, 333 F. Edward Hebert Blvd., Bldg. 203, Belle Chasse, Louisiana on Thursday, October 28, 2021, at 5:50 p.m., pursuant to notice to all members with a quorum present as follows:

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

Kim M. Toups, Council Secretary

ABSENT: Council Member John L. Barthelemy, Jr.
Council Member W. Beau Black

The Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance were dispensed with.

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

The following items were deferred:

- 7b, “A Resolution approving the issuance of a special permit to Crescent Excavation, LLC, for the placement of a commercial trailer for storage use only on property located in a FP (Flood Plain) Zoning District, 840 West Ravenna Road, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2021-763, dated October 5, 2021”;
- 7c, “A Resolution approving the issuance of a special permit to Crescent Excavation, LLC, for the placement of a commercial trailer for storage use only on property located in a FP (Flood Plain) Zoning District at 850 West Ravenna Road, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2021-764, dated October 5, 2021”;
- 7d, “A Resolution approving the conditional approval for one additional trailer space to Frank Daigle for an existing trailer park (Shady Oaks Trailer Park) located in a MH (Mobile Home) Zoning District on Shady Oaks Lane, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2021-661, dated May 3, 2021”;
- 11b, “District 9 update”. Items 1, 2, 4, 5 & 6;
- 11c, “District 8 update”;
- 11d, “District 1 update”;
- 11f, “District 5 update”;
- 11i, “Coastal update”;
- 11j, “Update by Plenary on the Belle Chasse Bridge”; and
- 11l, “Presentation by Mr. Wayne Burgess with the LSU AG Center and 4H”

The following items were withdrawn:

- 9a(1), “An Ordinance to amend and as amended, readopt the Plaquemines Parish Code of Ordinances Chapter 6, “Boats, Marinas, Marine Vessels and Terminals” to prohibit all boats, except Plaquemines Parish Government boats and Plaquemines Parish Sheriff’s Office boats, from driving between telephone poles during Tropical Storms and Hurricanes; establishing fines and penalties for violation thereof; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”; and
- 9b, “An Ordinance to amend the 2021 General Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, Flood Control-General Department; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”.

Council Member Cognevich moved to Agenda Item 1a, “The Plaquemines Parish Council sitting as the Board of Review 3:00 p.m., or immediately following the meeting of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District”. Without objections, so ordered.

The Plaquemines Parish Council convened as the Board of Review at 5:51 p.m. with all members present, except Council Members Barthelemy and Black who were “ABSENT”, pursuant to the following “Public Notice”:

Belle Chasse, Louisiana
October 5, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Plaquemines Parish Council will sit as the Board of Reviewers from October 14, 2021, through October 28, 2021, at the Belle Chasse Council Building Chambers, 333 F. Edward Hebert Blvd., Building 203, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, at 3:00 p.m., or immediately following the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District Meeting, for the purpose of receiving protests and hearing complaints of any person who has timely filed their report on values of property for assessment purposes as set by the Assessor.

All taxpayers desiring to protest values fixed by the Assessor shall file their protest with the Secretary of the Plaquemines Parish Council on or before October 21, 2021, at its office located in the Plaquemines Parish Council Building, 333 F. Edward Hebert Blvd., Building 203, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, 70037 by 4:30 p.m.

PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL
s/ Kim M. Toups
Kim M. Toups, Secretary

PG: October 12th and 19th 2021

Let the minutes reflect that Attorney Ellen Dunbar was present representing the Hon. Belinda Hazel, Parish Assessor during the Board of Review.

The following Items were read aloud by the Assistant Council Secretary:

1a) The Plaquemines Parish Council sitting as the Board of Review:

Oil & Gas

1) Kinetica Midstream Energy, LLC, Assessment No. C626676:

This item was withdrawn by Jay Travino, Tax Consultant for Kinetica Midstream.

2) T Parker Host (United Bulk), Assessment No. B030000:

The floor was opened to Attorney Ellen Dunbar who stated that there was no one present to speak on behalf of T. Parker Host (United Bulk). She explained that this was intentional because the parties are working together to try to settle this issue without having to make a formal appearance at this hearing and at the State Tax Commission hearing. Ms. Dunbar read the following joint statement from the Plaquemines Parish Assessor and the Tax Payer:

“In regards to the presentation of evidence, it is the Assessor’s position that if a taxpayer has timely and properly followed the procedures for filing an appeal with the Board of Review, in accordance with the Louisiana Revised Statutes and the Louisiana Tax Commissions Rules and Regulations, and the taxpayer chooses to waive its opportunity to be heard orally at this Board of Review hearing, this waiver will not prejudice the taxpayer’s right to appeal the Board of Review’s decision to the Louisiana Tax Commission or to present evidence to the Louisiana Tax Commission.”

Ms. Dunbar then asked the Board to uphold the assessment value of \$79,132,954 market value. The floor was then opened to the Council and the public for comment.

Real Estate

1) Suburban Gun, Rod & Motor Club c/o Michael Marsiglia, Assessment No. 1490200:

Mr. Bear and Mr. Koch were present representing the Suburban Gun, Rod & Motor Club and Attorney Ellen Dunbar was present representing the Plaquemines Parish Assessor.

All parties made statements into the record and then the floor was opened to the Council and the public for comment.

2) Wilson B. Hildebrand, Assessment No. 1075300:

Mr. Wilson B. Hildebrand was present and Attorney Ellen Dunbar was present representing the Plaquemines Parish Assessor. Both parties made statements for the record. The floor was then opened to the Council and the public for comment.

There being no further comments from the Council or the public the three items before the Council, sitting as the Board of Review were individually put to a vote which were as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-255

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

A Resolution by the Plaquemines Parish Council, sitting as the Board of Review, wherein the assessment as established by the Plaquemines Parish Assessor is hereby upheld and approved concerning T. Parker Host (United Bulk), c/o Ducharme, McMillen & Associates, Inc., request for review of Assessments listed below; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL, sitting as the Board of Review that after reviewing the protest by T. Parker Host (United Bulk), c/o Ducharme, McMillen & Associates, Inc., and responses thereto, that the assessments established by the Assessor of Plaquemines Parish with respect to T. Parker Host (United Bulk), c/o Ducharme, McMillen & Associates, Inc., be sustained and approved for assessments listed below.

<u>Assessment No.</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>
B030000	\$ 11,869,943

TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE: \$ 11,869,943

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL, sitting as the Board of Review that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to T. Parker Host (United Bulk), c/o Ducharme, McMillen & Associates, Inc., Hon. Belinda Hazel, Assessor for the Parish of Plaquemines, and the Louisiana Tax Commission, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL, sitting as the Board of Review 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. 21-256

On motion of Council Member Blink, seconded by Council Member Cognevich, and on roll call all members present and voting "YES", except Council Members Rousselle, Newberry and Cognevich voting "NO", and Council Members Barthelemy and Black who were "ABSENT" the following Resolution FAILED:

A Resolution by the Plaquemines Parish Council, sitting as the Board of Review, wherein the assessment as established by the Plaquemines Parish Assessor is hereby upheld and approved concerning Suburban Gun, Rod & Motor Club, request for review of the Assessment listed below; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL, sitting as the Board of Review that after reviewing the protest by Suburban Gun, Rod & Motor Club, and responses thereto, that the assessment established by the Assessor of Plaquemines Parish with respect to Suburban Gun, Rod & Motor Club, be adjusted to the assessment listed below.

<u>Assessment No.</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>
1490200	\$124,533

TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE: \$124,533

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL, sitting as the Board of Review that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Suburban Gun, Rod & Motor Club, Hon. Belinda Hazel, Assessor for the Parish of Plaquemines, and the Louisiana Tax Commission, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL, sitting as the Board of Review 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. 21-257

On motion of Council Member Blink, seconded by Council Member Cognevich, and on roll call all members present and voting "YES", except Council Members Rousselle, Newberry and Cognevich voting "NO", and Council Members Barthelemy and Black who were "ABSENT" the following Resolution FAILED:

A Resolution by the Plaquemines Parish Council, sitting as the Board of Review, wherein the assessment as established by the Plaquemines Parish Assessor is hereby upheld and approved concerning Wilson B. Hildebrand, request for review of Assessments listed below; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL, sitting as the Board of Review that after reviewing the protest by Wilson B. Hildebrand, and responses thereto, that the assessments established by the Assessor of Plaquemines Parish with respect to Wilson B. Hildebrand, be sustained and approved for assessments listed below.

<u>Assessment No.</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>
1075300	\$ 14,774

TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE: \$ 14,774

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL, sitting as the Board of Review that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Wilson B. Hildebrand, Hon. Belinda Hazel, Assessor for the Parish of Plaquemines, and the Louisiana Tax Commission, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL, sitting as the Board of Review 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.

There being no further business before the Plaquemines Parish Council, sitting as the Board of Review, the meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

There being no matters for Executive Session or any Proclamations, Council Member Cognevich moved to Agenda Item 4, "Status Report by the Parish President". Without objection, so ordered. The following topic were reported by President Lepine:

HURRICANE IDA:

- The Parish remains in recovery mode and we are still facing challenges every day. He thanked the hard workers of our parish and our state and local partners;

- Approximately 400,000 cubic yards of debris has been picked up and we are now beginning our second sweep. Please separate the white goods, vegetative debris and C&D;
- FEMA and the SBA have extended their deadline to register for assistance to November 29th;
- FEMA visited almost 4500 homes in the Parish. Almost 8000 residents were awarded \$11,500,000 and 36 residents are participating in the Transitional Assistance Program. The SBA has provided \$8,700,000 in assistance to roughly 600 residents of the Parish. The SBA and FEMA are located in the Belle Chasse Multi-Purpose Center, Monday thru Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and at the Port Sulphur YMCA Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.;
- Blue Roof program 415 applicants 392 were installed;
- Direct Housing: ID 91 households in Plaquemines Parish for pre placement interviews;
- On October 19th the State approved Alliance to West Pointe-a-la-Hache for the State Ida Shelter Program. Council Member LaFrance was given the forms for anyone living in this impacted area to fill out if they need shelter; and
- Three travel-trailers have been installed in Plaquemines Parish.

COVID:

- As of October 27th Governor Edwards has lifted the Statewide Mask Mandate and Plaquemines Parish has followed; however, the PPSB has opted out of the masking of employees and students by leaving it optional except while traveling on school buses;
- As of this date the number of confirmed cases is 2724; the number of deaths is 40, the Positivity rate is 1.4% and total residents vaccinated is 49.75%

President Lepine then introduced our new Public Information Officer, Sissy Stricklin and Zack Smith our new Chief Building Officer/Flood Plain Manager.

At the request of President Lepine, Council Member Cognevich moved to Agenda Item 11m, "Presentation by the Permits Contractor in regard to elevation and permits". Mr. Zachary Smith provided a Power Point presentation and held a discussion with the Council Members regarding the changes in FEMA elevation requirements and permitting.

At the request of Council Member LaFrance, Council Member Cognevich moved to Agenda Item 11a, "Resolutions wherein suspension is being sought". Without objection, so ordered.

Council Member LaFrance offered a Motion to Suspend the Rules to add an item to the Agenda for consideration today entitled, "A Resolution authorizing and directing the Parish President, Kirk Lepine, to request a temporary waiver in implementation of the new base flood elevation requirements for Plaquemines Parish which was dramatically impacted by Hurricane Ida; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto". It was seconded by Council Member Guey and on roll call, all members present voting "YES", except Council Members Barthelemy and Black who were "ABSENT", the motion was adopted by a vote of 7-0.

Council Member LaFrance offered the following with changes:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-258

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

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Parish President, Kirk Lepine, to request a temporary waiver in implementation of the new base flood elevation requirements for Plaquemines Parish which was dramatically impacted by Hurricane Ida; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, the FEMA Flood Insurance program has requirements for base flood elevations in order to allow participation by Plaquemines Parish property owners; and

WHEREAS, Plaquemines Parish was dramatically impacted by Hurricane Ida; and

WHEREAS, those property owners, already facing dire financial difficulties in returning to their homes, are having those financial difficulties exacerbated by the mandate to meet the new higher base flood elevations; and

WHEREAS, there are efforts underway to seek financial assistance in facilitating those so dramatically impacted by Hurricane Ida to rebuild in accordance with the new higher base flood elevations imposed under the auspices of the Federal Flood Insurance Program; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Plaquemines Parish are being unduly burdened by the imposition of the higher base flood elevations during the period of delay while efforts at financial assistance are being brought to fruition;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby authorizes and directs the Parish President, Kirk Lepine, to immediately:

- Execute and send a letter to FEMA Administrator, Deanne Criswell, requesting a temporary waiver for property in Plaquemines Parish from the obligation to meet the new base flood elevations until and unless sufficient funding assistance is made available to those property owners;
- Send a copy of said letter to President Joseph Biden and Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas;
- Send a copy of said letter to Sen. Bill Cassidy, Sen. John Kennedy, and Rep. Troy Carter

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 purpose of the Resolution, both without further reading and approval by the Plaquemines Parish Council.

Council Member Cognevich moved to Agenda Item 11g, "District 6 update-Debbie Mertz regarding Plaquemines Parish Civil Service". Mrs. Mertz addressed the Council regarding the issues she has had with Civil Service in regard to applying for jobs with the Parish.

Council Member Cognevich moved to Agenda Item 4a, "Update by Charter Directors". Without objection so ordered. The Director's reports were submitted to the Council Members prior to the meeting.

There being no Bids and Advertisements or Beer and Liquor Licenses, Council Member Cognevich moved to Agenda Item 7, "Building Permits". Without objection, so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-259

On motion of Council Member LaFrance, seconded by Council Member Cognevich, and on roll call all members present and voting "YES", except Council Members Barthelemy and Black who were "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: David Morgan, Jr., Application No. 2021-747, dated September 23, 2021, install boathouse with two slips and repair bulkhead, 113 Sandpiper Lane, Myrtle Grove, (Phase II).

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. 21-260

On motion of Council Member LaFrance, seconded by Council Member Guey, and on roll call all members present and voting "YES", except Council Member Cognevich who

“ABSTAINED” and Council Members Barthelemy and Black who were “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: Enbridge, Inc., Application No. 2021-769, dated October 7, 2021, install vaporizer deck and adjoining pipe rack at the existing Venice Gas System Processing Facility, 1565 Tidewater Road, Venice.

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

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

1. An Ordinance to amend the 2021 Operating Revenue and Expenditure Budgets, various funds, various departments, various line items; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER COGNEVICH
2. An Ordinance to amend the 2021 General Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, Flood Control-General Department; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER COGNEVICH
3. An Ordinance establishing a policy of budgetary control for the Operating Budget of Expenditures for the Plaquemines Parish Government for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2022, and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER COGNEVICH
4. An Ordinance to amend the 2021 Five Year Capital Improvements Plan various projects; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER COGNEVICH
5. An Ordinance adopting the Original Capital Improvement Budget for the Plaquemines Parish Government for the five-year period beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2026, and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER COGNEVICH
6. An Ordinance adopting the Original Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Plaquemines Parish Government for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2022, and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER COGNEVICH
7. An Ordinance to amend the Five Year Capital Improvements Plan, Restore Act Projects Project, Restore Act-Bay Adams Project, and Restore Act-Eastbank Landbridge Project and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER COGNEVICH
8. An Ordinance to amend the 2021 General Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, Flood Control-General Department; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER COGNEVICH
9. A Resolution to provide employees’ group insurance coverages consisting of medical, vision, dental and life for the policy period January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022, on an employer/employee contributory basis of 72%/28%; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER COGNEVICH
10. A Resolution authorizing and directing the Parish President, or his designee, to do all things necessary and proper to assist the Plaquemines Parish Fair and Orange Festival; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER COGNEVICH

11. A Resolution transferring to the Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District the operational authority and the financial responsibility of the ferries currently operated by the Plaquemines Parish Government, and provide for the grant of use and charge of all property, vessels equipment of the Plaquemines Parish Ferry Department to the Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER BARTHELEMY
12. An Ordinance to amend the 2021 Operating Revenue Budget and to designate all Woodland Conservancy funding; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER BLACK
13. An Ordinance to propose and call a special election to amend Secs. 1.03 and 4.02 of the Charter For Local Self-Government for Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER ARBOURGH
14. An Ordinance approving a plan of resubdivision of the property of Tract S-1-C-2, Julius G. Foster Partition, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, as shown on a map of resubdivision, Tract S-1-C-2, Julius G. Foster Partition into Tracts S-2-A, S-2-B, S-2-C, and S-2-D, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana by John E. Bonneau & Associates, Inc.- A Lowe Company, dated October 22, 2020, revised October 25, 2021, 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 BLINK

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

ORDINANCE NO. 21-109

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

An Ordinance authorizing the placement of three “Stop” signs at the corners of Oak Tree Road and Woodchase Drive, Belle Chasse; to establish penalties for the violation thereof; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, due to a speeding problem, the Plaquemines Parish Sheriff Department request the placement of “Stop” at the corners of Oak Tree Road and Woodchase Drive, Belle Chasse; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to preserve the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Parish, it is the desire of this Council to install the “Stop” signs in the locations requested by the Plaquemines Parish Sheriff’s Office;

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 place three “Stop” signs at the corners of Oak Tree Road and Woodchase Drive in Belle Chasse.

SECTION 2

Any person violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall be fined not more than fifty (\$50.00) Dollars or imprisoned for not more than (15) days in the Parish Jail or both fined and imprisoned at the discretion of the Court.

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 Arbourgh seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

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

YEAS: Council Members Corey Arbourgh, Stuart J. Guey, Benedict Rousselle, Trudy Newberry, Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr., Richie Blink and Mark Cognevich

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Members John L. Barthelemy, Jr., and W. Beau Black

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 28th day of October, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-261

On motion of Council Member Cognevich, seconded by Council Member Rousselle, and on roll call all members present and voting "YES", except Council Member Arbourgh who voted "NO", and Council Members Barthelemy and Black who were "ABSENT", the following Resolution was adopted:

A Resolution electing the Vice-Chairperson of the Plaquemines Parish Council for the year 2022; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT Council Member Richie Blink be elected Vice-Chairman of the Plaquemines Parish Council, effective January 1, 2022, for a term of office to expire at midnight, 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-110

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

An Ordinance to amend the Five Year Capital Improvements Plan, Walker Road Boat Launch 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 \$45,000 to the Walker Road Boat Launch Project from the Extension-Peters Road Bypass Project; funding year, 2021.

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 LaFrance seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

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

YEAS: Council Members Corey Arbourgh, Stuart J. Guey, Benedict Rousselle, Trudy Newberry, Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr., Richie Blink and Mark Cognevich

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Members John L. Barthelemy, Jr. and W. Beau Black

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 28th day of October, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-262

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 voted "NO", and Council Members Barthelemy and Black who were "ABSENT", the following Resolution was adopted:

A Resolution electing the Chairperson of the Plaquemines Parish Council for the year 2022; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT Council Member Mark Cognevich be elected Chairman of the Plaquemines Parish Council, Effective January 1, 2022, for a term of office to expire at midnight, 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-263

On motion of Council Member Cognevich, seconded by Council Member Blink, and on roll call all members present and voting "YES", except Council Member Newberry who voted "NO", and Council Members Barthelemy and Black who were "ABSENT", the following Resolution was adopted:

A Resolution establishing the dates, times and places of public hearings on the proposed 2022 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.

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT in accordance with Section 7.02 A of the Charter for Local Self-Government, Parish of Plaquemines, it hereby establishes budget hearings on the proposed 2022 Operating Budget for the Parish of Plaquemines and the proposed Capital Improvements Budget for the years 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026 for the Parish of Plaquemines on November 15, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. at the Belle Chasse Council Building Chambers, 333 F. Edward Hebert Blvd., Bldg. 203, and that said Budget Hearings shall continue, thereafter, until the Budget Hearings are canceled or concluded, on November 17, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the proposed Operational Budget for the year 2022 and the proposed Capital Improvements Budget covering a period of at least five years as submitted by the Parish President will be available for public inspection at all Parish Public Libraries beginning October 29, 2021, and at the Parish Finance Office, 333 F. Edward Hebert Blvd., Building 102, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. from October 29, 2021, through November 17, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby authorizes and directs the Secretary of this Council to place the necessary advertisement in the Parish Official Journal in accordance with Section 7.02 A and Section 7.05 C of the Charter for Local Self-Government for the Parish of Plaquemines.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 21-264

The following Resolution was offered by Council Member Cognevich and seconded by Council Member Rousselle:

A resolution confirming an election date change pursuant to Executive Order of the Governor; establishing a new date to canvass the returns of the elections; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Parish Council, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana, heretofore called for elections to be held on Saturday, October 9, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Governor issued Executive Order Number 2021 JBE 13 on September 9, 2021 (said Executive Order, with any supplements or modifications, herein the "Executive Order"), to reschedule elections due to the Statewide State of Emergency caused by Hurricane Ida;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED the Plaquemines Parish Council (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), that:

SECTION 1. This Governing Authority acknowledges the change in the election date, pursuant to the Executive Order, from October 9, 2021 to November 13, 2021.

SECTION 2. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the Plaquemines Parish Courthouse, Council Chambers, 18055 Hwy. 15 Pointe-a-la-Hache, Louisiana, on **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2021, at THREE O'CLOCK (3:00) P.M.**, and shall examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special elections.

SECTION 3. All provisions of the election call resolutions previously adopted by this Governing Authority, other than the change in the election date and the canvass date, shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. The Council Chairman and/or Council Secretary are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal authorities to conduct the elections.

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

YEAS: Council Members Corey Arbourgh, Stuart J. Guey, Benedict Rousselle, Trudy Newberry, Carlton M. LaFrance, Richie Blink and Mark Cognevich

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Members John L. Barthelemy, Jr., and W. Beau Black

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 28th day of October, 2021.

R E S O L U T I O N N O. 21-265

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

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 2021 relative to bridges located in Plaquemines Parish under the Plaquemines Parish Government's jurisdiction.

WHEREAS, the United States Congress enacted the Code of Federal Regulations which mandates that all structures defined as bridges located on all public roads shall be inspected, rated for safe load capacity and posted in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards and that each state maintain a current inventory of said bridges; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of Plaquemines Parish to inspect, rate and load and post those bridges under its jurisdiction in accordance with the standards delegated to Plaquemines Parish by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby authorizes 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 2021 relative to bridges located in Plaquemines Parish under the Plaquemines Parish Government's jurisdiction.

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

Council Member Cognevich moved to Agenda Item 10, "Approval of the Minutes". Without objection, so ordered.

R E S O L U T I O N N O. 21-266

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby approves the minutes of the October 14 , 2021, regular meeting, as recorded by the Secretary of this Council.

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

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

Under Agenda 11a, "Resolutions wherein suspension is being sought:

Council Member Guey offered a Motion to Suspend the Rules to add an item to today's agenda for consideration entitled, "A Resolution authorizing and directing Strategic Demographics, LLC to establish Public Input Sessions in regard to the redistricting and reapportionment of the Plaquemines Parish Council; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto". The motion was seconded by Council Member Blink and on roll call, all members present voting "YES", except Council Members Barthelemy and Black who were "ABSENT", the motion was adopted by a vote of 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-267

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

A Resolution authorizing and directing Strategic Demographics, LLC to establish Public Input Sessions in regard to the redistricting and reapportionment of the Plaquemines Parish Council; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Parish Council adopted Ordinance 21-104 declaring that the single member districts of the Plaquemines Parish Council are malapportioned, based upon the population data from the 2020 US Census; and

WHEREAS, because the districts are malapportioned, the Plaquemines Parish Council must undertake the redistricting of its districting plan; and

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Parish Council has engaged Strategic Demographics, LLC to assist in the process of crafting and adopting a redistricting plan for the Plaquemines Parish Council; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide enhanced public input into the redistricting process, there need to be two town hall style meetings, open to the public and broadcast on the internet, at which Strategic Demographics, LLC will make a presentation of the redistricting process and criteria to ensure that the plan adopted by the Council meets all state and federal laws, rules and guidelines;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby authorizes and directs Strategic Demographics, LLC to set two town hall style meetings, one on the East Bank and one on the West Bank of Plaquemines Parish that allow for public participation and broadcasting over the internet, on dates and at locations established in consultation with the President of the Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the Parish President and administrative staff of the Plaquemines Parish Government are authorized and directed to coordinate and cooperate with Strategic Demographics, LLC in regard to facilitating access to the facilities and the broadcasting of the meetings.

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 Blink left the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Under Agenda Item 11b, “District 9 update-Item 3, “Boat Harbors”, Council Member Cognevich asked Mr. Helmers if the boats have been picked up from Hurricane Ida. Mr. Helmers stated they are just working on RFPs to get an assessment team.

Under Agenda Item 11e, “District 7 update”, Council Member LaFrance asked for help to get the ditches swept in his District and Director Scott Rousselle said the machine was out working on that for the last two days.

Under Agenda Item 11h, “Status of the Latter & Blum contract and the marketing of Parish Property, Council Member Rousselle asked if the “For Lease” sign has been put up at the Government Complex and he was told no by Director Todd Eppley.

Under Agenda Item 11k, “Presentation of the 2022 Proposed Budget by the Finance Department”, Director Crystal Taylor made a statement about the Proposed Budget and the books were given to each Council Member.

There being no further business to come before this Council, on motion Council Member LaFrance, seconded by Council Member Arbourgh and on roll call all members present voting “YES” except Council Members Barthelemy, Black and Blink who were “ABSENT”, the meeting adjourned at 9:22 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.

