

Belle Chasse, Louisiana
July 12, 2023

“PUBLIC NOTICE”

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a regular meeting of the Plaquemines Parish Council will be held at the **Belle Chasse Council Chambers, 333 F. Edward Hebert Blvd., Bldg. 203, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, and live streamed on YouTube on Thursday, July 13, 2023, at 3:00 p.m., or immediately following the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District meeting** as per the Agenda for a meeting of Thursday, July 13, 2023, attached.

Plaquemines Parish Council



Kim M. Toups, Secretary

**AGENDA FOR THE JULY 13, 2023
MEETING OF THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL,
3:00 P.M. OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE
PLAQUEMINES PORT, HARBOR & TERMINAL DISTRICT MEETING,
333 F. EDWARD HEBERT BLVD., BLDG. 203, BELLE CHASSE, LOUISIANA
ALSO STREAMED LIVE ON YOUTUBE**

1. Roll Call, Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Executive Session:
 - a. Executive Session pursuant to LRS 42:17(A)(2) for the purpose of receiving attorney-client privileged information regarding prospective litigation to pursue legal claims and causes of action against the manufacturer(s) and supplier(s) of firefighting foam products-Attorneys Jacque Touzet, Brandon Taylor and Jody Fortunato. COUNCIL MEMBER LAFRANCE
3. Proclamations
4. Status Report by the Parish President
 - a. Update by Charter Directors:
 - 1) Old Business
 - 2) New Business
5. Bids and Advertisements
6. Beer and Liquor Licenses
7. Building Permits
 - a. Construction Permits:
8. Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions.
9. Ordinances and Resolutions on Second Reading and Final Passage:
 - a. Ordinances and Public Hearings pursuant to Article 6, Section 6.01 E of the Plaquemines Parish Charter:
 - 1) An Ordinance authorizing the Parish President, or his designee, to do all things necessary and proper to negotiate, sign, and execute a lease on Lot D and E in the Venice Boat Harbor with the winning bidder for use as a seafood dock for the commercial shrimpers and fishermen, and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. (DEFERRED & CARRIED OVER FROM 5-25-23, 6-8-23 & 6-22-23) COUNCIL MEMBER COGNEVICH
DIGEST: The Parish President would like authorization to do all things necessary and proper to negotiate, sign and execute a lease on Lot D and E in the Venice Boat Harbor with the winning bidder for use as a seafood dock for the commercial shrimpers and fishermen. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*
 - 2) An Ordinance authorizing the rescission of a portion of drainage servitude initially created in favor of U.S.A, now in the name of the Belle Chasse Drainage District located in Square N of the Hodge-Hunt-Hero Subdivision, Belle Chasse, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTY
DIGEST: An Ordinance authorizing the rescission of portion of drainage servitude initially created in favor of U.S.A, now in the name of the Belle Chasse Drainage District located in Square N of the Hodge-Hunt-Hero Subdivision, Belle Chasse, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

- b. An ordinance to amend, and as amended readopt Ordinance No. 23-17, adopted by the Parish Council on January 26, 2023, relative to the prohibition of any Plaquemines Parish-issued permit for authorization, construction and/or operation of any Mississippi River Sediment Diversion project; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. (DEFERRED & CARRIED OVER FROM 6-22-23) COUNCIL MEMBER JURISICH

DIGEST: In January or 2023, Ord No. 23-17 was adopted wherein the Council re-affirmed legislation adopted by the previous council to prohibit any Plaquemines Parish-issued permit for authorization, construction and/or operation of any Mississippi River Sediment Diversion project. This Ordinance will now allow the issuance of permits to any Mississippi River Sediment Diversion which does not exceed _____ cfs.

- c. An Ordinance to approve the amended Rule IX - HOURS OF WORK, LEAVES OF ABSENCES AND ABSENCE WITHOUT LEAVE, Section 7 - HOLIDAYS of the Plaquemines Parish Civil Service Commission Rules adopted by Ordinance No. 96-133, amended by Ordinance No. 97-47, and amended by Ordinance No. 99-35, and amended by Ordinance No. 04-2; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER LAFRANCE

DIGEST: The Council adopted Resolution No. 23-149 which declared “Juneteenth” a permanent holiday for Plaquemines Parish Government employees. This Ordinance will authorize the Civil Service Commission to change their rules in order to add the “Juneteenth” holiday to the list of approved holidays for the Parish employees. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

- d. A Resolution authorizing the Parish President to enter into a legal services agreement with Baron & Budd, P.C. and Cossich, Sumich, Parsiola & Taylor, LLC. to pursue legal claims and causes of action against the manufacturer(s) and supplier(s) of firefighting foam products; and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER LAFRANCE

DIGEST: This Resolution authorizes the Parish President to enter into a legal services agreement with Baron & Budd, P.C. and Cossich, Sumich, Parsiola & Taylor, LLC. to pursue legal claims and causes of action against the manufacturer(s) and supplier(s) of firefighting foam products which may have adversely affected the Parish. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

- e. An Ordinance to levy millages on the 2023 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by Plaquemines Parish Government; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER LAFRANCE

DIGEST: This purpose of this Ordinance is to levy the 2023 millages, so that the parish may collect the revenues necessary to carry out its purposes. These are not new taxes. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

- f. An Ordinance to amend the 2023 General Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, Information Technology Department; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER LAFRANCE

DIGEST: An ordinance to appropriate \$36,000 to the Information Technology department for the annual fee to lease the state equipment required due to the 2022 cyber-attack incident, \$40,700 for upgrades to the laserfiche program and \$5,000 for additional storage in the parish’s Microsoft Azure (cloud) environment. Funding source is the general fund unreserved undesignated fund balance. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

- g. A Resolution authorizing the Parish President to accept the donation of a Generator and Air Conditioner Unit to Plaquemines Parish Government for public use and benefit; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER LAFRANCE

DIGEST: A resolution to accept donation of a generator and air conditioner unit from the Plaquemines Medical Center. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

h. An Ordinance authorizing the Parish President to enter into and execute a contract with lobbyist Mercury Public Affairs, to represent Plaquemines Parish Government in any upcoming sessions of the Federal Government, or any other meetings and events deemed necessary to protect its interest in all matters for the remainder of this fiscal year with an option to renew for the following fiscal year provided funds are available in the 2024 adopted budget; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER LAFRANCE

DIGEST: To protect its federal legislative interests, Plaquemines Parish Government seeks to retain the services of federal lobbyist Mercury Public Affairs to offer federal legislative guidance and support. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

i. An Ordinance declaring the enumerated adjudicated properties as surplus and not needed for public use and authorizing the Parish President to do all things necessary to sell said properties in conformity with Ordinance No. 23-64, the Plaquemines Parish Adjudicated Property Program; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER LAFRANCE

DIGEST: This Ordinance will declare surplus and not needed for public purposes properties that have been adjudicated to the Parish for nonpayment of ad valorem taxes, which will then become eligible for sale through the Plaquemines Parish Adjudicated Property Program. The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.

j. An Ordinance to amend the 2023 Manpower Structure; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER NEWSOM

DIGEST: An ordinance to unfund the Director of Recreation position in the Recreation-Facilities and Services department. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

k. An Ordinance to amend, and as amended, readopt Sections 17.5-2 of Chapter 17.5, Article I, Parks, Recreation and Parish Facilities, of the Code of Ordinances; and, otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER NEWSOM

DIGEST: An Ordinance to adopt new policies and fees related to the rental of Plaquemines Parish Government buildings, rooms, and festival grounds. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

l. An Ordinance to amend the 2023 General Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER JURISICH

DIGEST: An ordinance to appropriate \$165,000 to the Coastal Resource and Protection department from the GOMESA Revenue Sharing budget to purchase a Bobcat with attachments, trailer and accessories to be used for maintaining state and federal levees. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

m. An Ordinance declaring certain property belonging to Plaquemines Parish as surplus property and no longer needed for public purposes; and otherwise, to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER COGNEVICH

DIGEST: This ordinance allows the Council to declare parish owned property which is no longer needed for public purposes to be declared surplus property. The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.

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

DIGEST: An ordinance to appropriate \$800,000 to the Ambulances-General department to purchase two new ambulances. Funding source is the fund balance designated for emergencies. The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.

10. Approval of the Minutes from the June 22, 2023, regular meeting.

11. New Business

a) Introduction of Resolutions Wherein Suspension is Being Sought:

- 1) A Resolution urging the U.S. Secretary of Commerce and the US Trade Representative to implement the existing measures to limit the overall volume of imported shrimp in America in order to insure the survival of our domestic wild caught shrimp harvesters and America's access to wild harvested shrimp from domestic waters; and urging the Commissioners of the International Trade Commission, when considering imports, to include all forms of shrimp from all countries; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER JURISICH

b) District 8 update. COUNCIL MEMBER JURISICH

- 1) Discussion regarding complaints about dust on numerous items around residents' homes due to the levee work being done in Jesuit Bend, especially when there is a westerly breeze blowing.

c) District 9 update. COUNCIL MEMBER COGNEVICH

- 1) Boothville Water Plant and saltwater
- 2) Quarterly update by the Hospital Board

d) District 7 update. COUNCIL MEMBER LAFRANCE

- 1) LSU AG Center update by Dominique Seibert.