

Minutes of a meeting of the Plaquemines Parish Council, held in the Pointe-a-la-Hache Council Chambers, 18055 Hwy. 15, Pointe-a-la-Hache, Louisiana on Thursday, August 24, 2023, at 3:29 p.m., pursuant to notice to all members with a quorum present as follows:

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

Kim M. Toups, Secretary

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

The following items were deferred:

- 7c, Rodney Hight, Final Approval for 5 Additional Spaces, Cruisers RV Park, 100 Logan Lane, Belle Chasse, Louisiana;
- 7f, First Equity, Inc, Conditional Approval for 60 space temporary RV Park, Port Sulphur.
- 7g, Ken and Zen RV Park, LLC, Conditional Approval for 21 additional spaces; temporary RV Park, totaling 25 spaces, Port Sulphur.
- 9a1, An Ordinance to amend and amended to readopt Section IV of Ordinance No. 142, the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, as amended, and the “Comprehensive Zoning District Map” therein adopted by reference and which is paraphed thereto, with reference to Application No. 2023-528 dated May 24, 2023.
- 9f, An Ordinance to amend the 2023 General Fund, Fund Balance Designations; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.
- 9l, A Resolution urging and directing the negotiation of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Plaquemines Parish Government and Tulane University to facilitate the development of property owned by Tulane University in Plaquemines Parish; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.
- 9n, 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.

Agenda Item 9b, An Ordinance to amend the 2023 Public Health Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, Ambulances-General Department; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto was deferred for a fourth time. Therefore, the item fell off the agenda.

The following items were withdrawn:

- District 9 update. COUNCIL MEMBER COGNEVICH
 - Water Problems
 - Grass Cutting
 - Boat Harbors
- District 8 update. COUNCIL MEMBER JURISICH
 - Grant status for funding the new Water Plant

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

RESOLUTION NO. 23-222

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby resolves itself into Executive Session at 3:29 p.m. for Discussion of litigation in accordance with LRS 44:17(A)(2) in regards to The Louisiana Fruit Company v. Plaquemines Parish Government, Docket No. 67-365, Div. B, 25th Judicial District Court, Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana. Attorney Jacque Touzet and Rennie S. Buras, II; Discussion of litigation in accordance with LRS 44:17(A)(2) in regards to Plaquemines Dirt & Clay, LLC v. Plaquemines Parish Government, Docket No.66-276, Div. B., 25th Judicial District Court. Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana -Attorney Rennie S. Buras, II Jacque Touzet.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby came out of Executive Session at 4:15 p.m. with no final or binding action taken.

Council Member LaFrance moved to Agenda Item 3, “Proclamations”. Without objection, so ordered.

A Proclamation declaring August 24, 2023 as “Sammy and Brenda Hymes Day” in the Parish of Plaquemines was offered by Council Member LaFrance and there was a unanimous second. On roll call, all members present voting “YES”, the proclamation was adopted by a vote of 9-0.

Council Member LaFrance moved to Agenda Item 4, “Status Report by the Parish President”. Without objection, so ordered. President Hinkley reported the following:

- The Booster Station at Alliance is up and running and it is pushing potable water down to Venice;
- The Water Plant work has finished and Entergy will turn on the power tomorrow. They will be able to fire the station is up but, it won't push until Tuesday because the water cannot be tested until then;
- The Reverse Osmosis Machine for East Pointe-a-la-Hache has been ordered. In the meantime they are monitoring the salinity in that area;
- The Adjudicated property program has been a success. In the first two weeks people have been paying their taxes, making deposits on properties. Some have even made minimal offers on other properties;
- The President asks that resident be cogitative of the State Wide Burn Ban and he is asking for residents to conserve water;
- In the first two weeks of August there has been 51 water line breaks due to lack of rain;
- Dennis Lamber is working on Water Treatment Plant and waterline grants and the Administration is moving quickly; and
- President Hinkley is thinking that the saltwater situation may become an annual event so, they are thinking about the future.

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

- John Helmers provided a Coastal Update regarding a new NOAA grant for the Ridge Protection Project from Bohemia to Phoenix in the amount of \$65,000. He also stated that they are still working on the Eastbank Land Bridge from the Davant Community Center that branches out all the way to St. Bernard Parish. It will provide protection to the triangle around Carnarvon.
- Crystal Taylor state that Finance is working on the pay plan revision that will grant a merit and cost of living raise. The Administration proposed an increase for the lowest salaries to be raised to \$30,281 annually. Once the employee's six month probation has ended, they may be able to earn a five-step raise. If all goes according to plan, raises will take place at the end of October. Also, Human Resources met this week with the Insurance Committee to start working on the employees' insurance for 2024; and
- Billy Wichers said the Operations team has been working hard every day. Things are moving along and they are making sure the public's needs are being met. He asked Council Member to let him know about any issues they are told about.

There being no matters to address under Agenda Item 5, “Bids & Advertisements”, Council Member LaFrance moved to Agenda Item 6, “Beer and Liquor Licenses”. Without objection, so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-223

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the following special event/temporary beer & alcohol permit is hereby approved: Cochon de lait to be held on October 7, 2023 located at Plaquemines Parish Sheriffs Office Campgrounds.

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

Council Member LaFrance moved to Agenda Item 7, “Building Permits”. Without objection, so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-224

On motion of Council Member LaFrance, seconded by Council Member Champagne, and on roll call all members present and voting “YES”, 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: Omar Hamide, Application No. 2023-365, Application Date 5-25-23, Construction of new boat shed, leaving existing bulkhead, 698 Martin Lane, Happy Jack.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 23-225

On motion of Council Member Edwards, seconded by Council Member Champagne, and on roll call all members present and voting “YES”, except Council Member Cognevich who “ABSTAINED”, 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: Chevron Pipeline and Power, Application No. 2023-510, Application Date 7-31-23, Proposed abandon in place of approximately 14 miles of the existing 10-inch W-1 to LIB riser. The pipeline support pilings at the LIB riser will be removed. Approximately 600-feet of the pipeline support pilings and the LIB riser will be removed, 5.8 miles east from Venice on the east bank of the Mississippi River in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana; Third Coast Midstream, Application No. 2023-522, Application Date 8-7-2023, Third Coast midstream is proposing to lower approximately 9,940-feet of the 12-inch Black Bay-Gate 6 pipeline via jetting, Northwest of Bay of River Aux Chenes.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 23-226

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

A Resolution approving the issuance of a special permit to Rory & Jean Windhorst for the construction of a new camp in a FP (Flood Plain) Zoning District at 117 Timber Canal Lane, Port Sulphur, Louisiana in accordance with Application No. 2023-528, dated July 25, 2023.

WHEREAS, Rory & Jean Windhorst applied to the Plaquemines Parish Department of Permits, Planning and Zoning (Application No. 2023-528, dated July 25, 2023) for the construction of a new camp located in a FP (Flood Plain) Zoning District at 117 Timber Canal Lane, Port Sulphur, Louisiana;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby approves the issuance of a special permit to Rory & Jean Windhorst, for the construction of a new camp located in a FP (Flood Plain) Zoning District at 117 Timber Canal Lane, Port Sulphur, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2023-528, dated July 25, 2023.

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

Agenda Items 7d and 7e were taken *en globo*:

RESOLUTION NO. 23-227

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

A Resolution approving the renewal of a trailer park permit to Gary Falcon for the operation of an existing trailer park (Falcon Crest Trailer Park #1) located in an A-2 (Rural or Agricultural) Zoning District on Falcon Loop, Empire, Louisiana all in accordance with Application No. 2023-498, dated July 25, 2023.

WHEREAS, to Gary Falcon applied to the Plaquemines Parish Department of Permits, Planning and Zoning (Application 2023-498, dated July 25, 2023) for the renewal of a trailer park permit for the operation of an existing trailer park (Falcon Crest Trailer Park #1) located on Falcon Loop, Empire, Louisiana;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby approves the issuance of a trailer park permit renewal to Gary Falcon for the operation of an existing trailer park (Falcon Crest Trailer Park #1) located in an A-2 (Rural or Agricultural) Zoning District on Falcon Loop, Empire, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2023-498, dated July 25, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 23-228

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

A Resolution approving the renewal of a trailer park permit to Gary Falcon for the operation of an existing trailer park (Falcon Crest Trailer Park #2) located in an A-2 (Rural or Agricultural) Zoning District on Falcon Crest Lane, Triumph, Louisiana all in accordance with Application No. 2023-499, dated July 25, 2023.

WHEREAS, Gary Falcon applied to the Plaquemines Parish Department of Permits, Planning and Zoning (Application No 2023-499, dated July 25, 2023) for the renewal of a trailer park permit for the operation of an existing trailer park (Falcon Crest Trailer Park #2) located on Falcon Crest Lane, Triumph, Louisiana;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby approves the issuance of a trailer park permit to Gary Falcon for the operation of an existing trailer park (Falcon Crest Trailer Park #2) located in an A-2 (Rural or Agricultural) Zoning District on Falcon Crest Lane, Triumph, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2023-499, dated July 25, 2023.

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

1. An Ordinance to amend and amended to readopt Section IV of Ordinance No. 142, the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, as amended, and the "Comprehensive Zoning District Map" therein adopted by reference and which is paraphed thereto, with reference to Application No. 2023-530, dated June 9, 2023; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER LAFRANCE
2. An Ordinance to amend and amended to readopt Section IV of Ordinance No. 142, the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, as amended, and the "Comprehensive Zoning District Map" therein adopted by reference and which is paraphed thereto, with reference to Application No. 2023-533, dated June 29, 2023; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER LAFRANCE
3. A Resolution approving the requested Variance filed by St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church to vary the minimum required front yard setback of 20' to 9' in a FP (Flood Plain) Zoning District and to waiver the required 24 Off-Street Parking spaces requirement for a church or temple, on a portion of ground designated as Square 3 of the Village of Ironton, 133 Bradish Street, Ironton, Louisiana, Plaquemines Parish Section 7, Township 16 South, Range 25 East, all in accordance with Application No. 2023-531, dated June 15, 2023; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER LAFRANCE
4. An Ordinance to grant temporary easement to Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA), for the Grand Bayou Ridge and Marsh Creation Project BA-0217 on Buras Levee District lands; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER LAFRANCE
5. An Ordinance to amend the Five Year Capital Improvements Plan, Improvements-Design of Woodland Highway Roundabout Drainage Project; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER CHAMPAGNE

6. An Ordinance to amend and amended to readopt Section IV of Ordinance No. 142, the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, as amended, and the “Comprehensive Zoning District Map” therein adopted by reference and which is paraphrased thereto, with reference to Application No. 2023-534, dated June 29, 2023; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTY
7. An Ordinance to amend the 2023 Manpower Structure; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER JURISICH
8. 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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 23-129

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

An Ordinance approving a plan of resubdivision of the property of Justin McGoey, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, as shown on the Map Resubdivision, Lots 513, 514, 588, 589 and 590, into Lots 513S and 589A, Square N, Airport Subdivision by Bryant Hammett and Associates, certified by Hugh McCurdy, III, P.L.S., dated July 15, 2022, 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.

Digest: The property owner to combine four lots together to make two lots. One lot will face Havana Street and the other will face Overseas Avenue. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, Justin McGoey as the owner of the property situated in the Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana, as shown on the Map of Resubdivision Lots 513, 514, 588, 589 and 590, into Lots 513A and 589A, Square N, Airport Subdivision by Bryant Hammett and Associates, certified by Hugh McCurdy, III, P.L.S., dated July 15, 2022, a print whereof is annexed hereto and made part hereof; and

WHEREAS, Justin McGoey, as owner of said property has proposed the resubdivision of the said property into Lots 513A and 589A, as more fully shown on said plan; and

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

WHEREAS, the owner/ Developer understands that he is responsible for the cost of installation of the sewerage and water infrastructure to connect to the public utilities shown on the aforementioned map; and

WHEREAS, the owner/Developer 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 and 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 structure and other improvements that may be shown on the aforementioned plan and plat of survey; and

WHEREAS, the owner/Developer and subsequent owners of the property shall be responsible for the construction and maintenance of future and all existing non-dedicated streets, roads, rights 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 Map of Resubdivision Lots 513, 514, 588, 589 and 590, into Lots 513A and 589A, Square N, Airport Subdivision by Bryant Hammett and Associates, certified by Hugh McCurdy, III, P.L.S., dated July 15, 2022, a print whereof is annexed hereto and made a part hereof, 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 and approve aforesaid plan of resubdivision of owner as depicted on plan and plat Map of Resubdivision, Lots 513, 514, 588, 589, and 590 into Lots 513A and 589A, Square N, Airport Subdivision by Bryant Hammett and Associates, certified by Hugh McCurdy, III P.L.S., dated July 15, 2022, 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 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 or may not be shown on the aforementioned plan and plat of survey or later developed.

SECTION 4

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 24th day of August, 2023.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-130

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

An Ordinance to amend the 2023 General Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget,

Buildings-Grand Bayou Community Center Department; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

DIGEST: An ordinance to appropriate \$40,000 to the Buildings-Grand Bayou Community Center department for repairs to the building and to purchase items needed for the center. Funding source is the American Rescue Plan LATCF Local Assistance Tribal funds. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, after a review of the Buildings-Grand Bayou Community Center Department's operating expenditure budget, an amendment is required;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

The 2023 General Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, Buildings-Grand Bayou Community Center Department, is amended by appropriating \$40,000 from the American Rescue Plan LATCF Local Assistance Tribal Funds as follows:

Fund: 001 General Fund			
Dept/Div: 620-3362 Buildings Grand Bayou Community Center			
Object	Description	Inc/ Dec	Amendment
565.001	Equipment – General	Inc	40,000

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 24th day of August, 2023.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-131

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

An Ordinance to amend the 2023 Revenue and Operating Expenditure Budgets; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

DIGEST: An Ordinance to amend the 2023 Revenue and Operating Expenditure Budgets to fund a new vehicle for the Judges Division A Department and to budget the funds derived from the legal settlement of the opioid abatement administration corporation litigation. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, after a review of the operating expenditure budget for the Judges Division A Department, an amendment is requested; and

WHEREAS, funding in the amount of \$56,000 is to be appropriated to the Revenue Budget from funds derived from the legal settlement of the opioid abatement administration corporation litigation;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

The 2023 General Fund, Revenue and Operating Expenditure Budgets, are amended as follows:

Fund: 001 General Fund			
Dept/Div: 000-0000 Revenue Budget			
Object	Description	Inc/ Dec	Amendment
489.007	Misc Settlements – Opioid	Inc	56,000

Fund: 001 General Fund			
Dept/Div: 310-2060 Judge Div A Dept.			
Object	Description	Inc/ Dec	Amendment
561.020	Vehicles – Light Trucks & Vans	Inc	56,000

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 24th day of August, 2023.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-132

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

An Ordinance to amend the 2023 Waterworks & Sewerage Fund, Operating Revenue and Expenditure Budgets; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

DIGEST: An ordinance to increase the Waterworks & Sewerage Revenue Budget due to the adoption of ordinance 23-47 to increase the water and sewerage usage rate charges. Appropriate additional funding to the Waterworks & Sewerage Expenditure Budget to cover the cost of contracts and chemicals for the remainder of 2023. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, Ordinance 23-47 increased the water and sewerage usage rate charges; and

WHEREAS, an adjustment to the 2023 Operating Revenue and Expenditure Budgets are necessary;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

The 2023 Waterworks & Sewerage Fund, Operating Revenue Budget is amended as follows:

Fund: 441 Waterworks & Sewerage Fund			
Dept/Div: 690-4301 Waterworks & Sewerage-Gen Dept.			
Object	Description	Inc/Dec	Amendment
443.005	Fees/Chrgs/Comm Water Sales BC	Inc	560,000
443.010	Fees/Chrgs/Comm Water Sales PS	Dec	(700,000)
443.015	Fees/Chrgs/Comm Water Sales BURAS	Inc	230,000
443.605	Fees/Chrgs/Comm Sewer Sales BC	Inc	380,000
443.610	Fees/Chrgs/Comm Sewer Sales PS	Inc	75,00
443.615	Fees/Chrgs/Comm Sewer Sales BURAS	Inc	60,000

SECTION 2

The 2023 Waterworks & Sewerage Fund, Operating Expenditure budget is amended by appropriating \$1,105,000 to the Waterworks & Sewerage Operations Department, \$500,000 from the General Fund Unreserved Undesignated Fund Balance as follows:

Fund: 441 Waterworks & Sewerage Fund			
Dept/Div: 690-4305 Waterworks & Sewerage Operations			
Object	Description	Inc/Dec	Amendment
538.105	Contracts Water & Sewer	Inc	315,000
541.120	Supplies Chemicals	Inc	790,000

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 Newsom seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

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

YEAS: Council Members Tyrone Edwards, Brian Champagne, Chris Schulz, Stuart J. Guey, Patricia McCarty, Ronnie Newsom, and Mitch Jurisich

NAYS: Council Members Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr., and Mark Cognevich

ABSENT: None

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 24th day of August, 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-229

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

A Resolution authorizing the Plaquemines Parish Community Action Agency to prepare the necessary application to the Louisiana Workforce Commission receiving the Community Services Block Grant Funds for the Program Year 2024 and authorizing the President of the Plaquemines Parish Government to sign and submit said application and contract; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

DIGEST: This Resolution is done on an annual basis to authorize the Plaquemines Parish Community Action Agency to prepare the necessary application to the Louisiana Workforce Commission to receive the Community Services Block Grant Funds Program Year 2024. The Resolution also authorizes the Parish President to sign and submit said application and contract. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

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 2024 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 2024.

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; and

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

RESOLUTION NO. 23-230

On motion of Council Member LaFrance, seconded by Council Member McCarty and on roll call all members present and voting “YES, 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 Plaquemines Parish President to execute and file with such application an assurance or any other documents required; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

DIGEST: This Resolution is done annually and it authorizes 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 to provide public rural transportation to the residents of Plaquemines Parish. It also authorizes the s Parish President to execute and file with such application an assurance or any other documents required. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

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

RESOLUTION NO. 23-231

On motion of Council Member LaFrance, seconded by Council Member Cognevich and on roll call all members present and voting "YES", 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 2024 and authorizing the President of the Plaquemines Parish Government to sign and submit said application and contract; and otherwise, to provide with respect thereto.

DIGEST: This is a Resolution done annually which authorizes 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 2024. It also authorizes the President to sign and submit said application and contract. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Housing Corporation (LHC) plan to provide home energy assistance to eligible households within Plaquemines Parish, for the fiscal year 2024; and
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 2024.

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.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-133

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

An Ordinance to propose an election to amend the Charter for Local Self-Government of Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana to create a department of arts, parks and recreation; and to provide with respect thereto.

DIGEST: The Ordinance, if adopted, calls for a proposition to be placed on the ballot for the November 18, 2023 gubernatorial general election for the voters to consider amending the Charter for Local Self-Government, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana to create a Department of Arts, Parks, and Recreation which shall be supervised by a Director of Arts, Parks and Recreation, appointed by the Parish President, subject to confirmation by majority vote of the entire membership of the Council, and who shall serve at the will of the Parish President. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1 PROPOSITION FOR CHARTER AMENDMENTS

There shall be submitted to all registered voters of the Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana (the "Parish") qualified and entitled to vote the following proposition for amendments to the Charter for Local Self-Government of Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana (the "Charter"):

CHARTER AMENDMENTS PROPOSITION

Shall the existing Charter for Local Self-Government for Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, be amended to create a department of arts, parks, and recreation which shall be managed and controlled by a director of arts, parks, and recreation, appointed by the Parish President, subject to confirmation by majority vote of the entire membership of the Council, who shall serve at the will of the Parish President, and to provide for certain matters related thereto, all as more specifically set forth in Ordinance No. [23-133] adopted by the Plaquemines Parish Council on August 24, 2023, in accordance with Article VI, Section 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana and other applicable law?

SECTION 2 ELECTION CALL

Under the authority of Louisiana Constitution Art. VI, Section 5, the Louisiana Election Code and the Charter for Local Self-Government of Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana a special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana on November 18, 2023, between the hours of 7:00 am and 8:00 pm, or such other times as provided by Louisiana law, to put before all of the qualified electors of Plaquemines Parish entitled to vote thereon, the aforementioned proposition.

SECTION 3 PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF ELECTION

A Notice of Special Election shall be published in the Plaquemines Parish Gazette, the official journal of Plaquemines Parish Government, once a week for four consecutive weeks with the first

publication not less than 45 days nor more than 90 days prior to the election, substantially as set forth in Exhibit B, made a part hereof.

SECTION 4
CANVASS

The Plaquemines Parish Council will meet at its regular meeting place, Pointe-a-la-Hache Council Chambers, 18055 Highway 15, Pointe-a-la-Hache, Louisiana, on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023, at THREE O’CLOCK (3:00) P.M, or directly following the public meeting of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the election.

SECTION 5
POLLING PLACES, COMMISSIONERS & VOTING MACHINES

As a parish-wide election, all of the registered and qualified electors of Plaquemines Parish are entitled to vote in said election and voting machines shall be used. Each and every polling place, encompassing each and every precinct within Plaquemines Parish will be utilized for said election. The Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated in accordance with Louisiana law.

SECTION 6
AUTHORIZATION OF OFFICERS

Said election shall be held in accordance with all applicable laws, including but not limited to the Louisiana Election Code, as set forth in Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other statutory or constitutional authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with LRS 18:1287, will make due returns to said Governing Authority.

The President of Plaquemines Parish Government and the Secretary of the Plaquemines Parish Council shall take all actions necessary to conduct such election, including furnishing certified copies of this ordinance to the Secretary of State, Clerk of Court of Plaquemines Parish, and Registrar of Voters of Plaquemines Parish, along with a request that each such official perform its functions under Louisiana law.

SECTION 7
BOND COMMISSION

Application for approval of said election shall be made to the State Bond Commission if required by Louisiana law to do so, including providing thereto the documents required thereby.

SECTION 8
IMPLEMENTATION OF CHARTER AMENDMENTS

Upon the affirmative passage by a majority of the electors of Plaquemines Parish of the proposition set forth in Section 1 hereof, the Chairman of the Plaquemines Parish Council, the Parish President, Council Secretary, and the Parish Attorney shall have the authority to take such actions as necessary to implement the amendments to the Charter, as more specifically set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and made a part hereof. The charter amendments proposed by this Ordinance shall take effect upon the certification of the election results establishing that the amendments were adopted by the voters of Plaquemines Parish and shall be utilized for all purposes therefrom.

SECTION 9
EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE

This Ordinance shall become effective upon signature of the Parish President.

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

Council Member Guey seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

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

YEAS: Council Members Tyronne Edwards, Brian Champagne, Chris Schulz, Stuart J. Guey, Patricia McCarty, Ronnie Newsom, Sr., and Mitch Jurisich

NAYS: Council Members Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr. and Mark Cognevich

ABSENT: None

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 24th day of August, 2023.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-134

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

An Ordinance to amend the 2023 Operating Revenue Budget; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

DIGEST: An ordinance to appropriate funds for the revenues deferred during the 2022 fiscal year for funding from the American Rescue Plan Act and the American Rescue Plan-Local Assistance Tribal Funds. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, in accordance with financial reporting requirements the unexpended portion of revenues from American Rescue Plan Act and American Rescue Plan-Local Assistance Tribal Funds, totaling \$3,856,430, were deferred for the 2022 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, amending the 2023 Operating Revenue Budget is requested;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

The 2023 Operating Revenue Budget is amended as follows:

Fund: 001 General Fund			
Dept/Div: 000-0000 Revenues			
Object	Description	Inc/Dec	Amendment
426.001	American Rescue Act Plan	Inc	3,716,480
426.005	Amrcn Rscu Pln LATCF Local Asst Tribl	Inc	139,950

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 Newsom seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

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

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

NAYS: Council Member Tyronne Edwards

ABSENT: None

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 24th day of August, 2023.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-135

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

An Ordinance to amend the 2023 Operating Expenditure Budget, various funds, various departments, various line items; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

DIGEST: An ordinance to appropriate \$270,000 to the animal control department for professional services-animal welfare to cover the remaining year charges from the LASPCA, \$25,000 to the health department for professional services-grass cutting, and \$60,000 to the boat harbors for the remaining 2023 fiscal year. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, a review of the operating expenditure budget was performed and amendments to the Health Department, Animal Control department, and boat harbors are necessary;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

The 2023 Operating Expenditure Budget, is amended by appropriating \$355,000 from the General Fund Unreserved Undesignated Fund Balance as follows:

Fund: 004 Public Health Fund			
Dept/Div: 540-2650 Health-General Dept.			
Object	Description	Inc/ Dec	Amendment
532.180	Prof Services Grass Cutting	Inc	25,000

Fund: 004 Public Health Fund			
Dept/Div: 548-2675 Animal Control-General Dept.			
Object	Description	Inc/ Dec	Amendment
532.050	Prof Services Animal Welfare	Inc	270,000

Fund: 448 Boat Harbors & Shipyards Fund			
Dept/Div: 562-2830 Boat Harbors Empire			
Object	Description	Inc/ Dec	Amendment
528.210	Maint. Equipment – Heavy	Inc	10,200

Fund: 448 Boat Harbors & Shipyards Fund			
Dept/Div: 562-2831 Boat Harbors Empire Safe Harbor			
Object	Description	Inc/ Dec	Amendment
523.105	Utilities Electricity	Inc	300
532.080	Prof Services Disposal - Oil Waste	Inc	49,500

SECTION 2

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

Council Member Cognevich seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 24th day of August, 2023.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-136

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

An Ordinance to amend the Five Year Capital Improvements Plan, Repair-Tidewater Road Project; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

DIGEST: An ordinance to appropriate \$50,000 to the Repair-Tidewater Road Project. Funding source is the fund balance designated for transportation. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, a review of the Five Year Capital Improvements Plan was performed and funding is required for the Repair-Tidewater Road project;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

The Five Year Capital Improvements Plan is amended by appropriating \$50,000 to the Repair-Tidewater Road Project from the Fund Balance Designated for Transportation; funding year 2023.

SECTION 2

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

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

Council Member Jurisich seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 24th day of August, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 23-232

On motion of Council Member LaFrance, seconded by Council Member Schulz and on roll call all members present and voting "YES", the following Resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby approves the minutes of the August 10, 2023, regular Council Meeting, as recorded by the Secretary of this Council.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 23-233

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

A Resolution calling a special election to fill the vacancy in the office of Constable for Justice of the Peace Ward 5, Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, in response to a vacancy in the office of Constable for Justice of the Peace Ward 5, Parish of Plaquemines the Plaquemines Parish Council, in June 2022, appointed Catherine C.

Bourgeois to serve until a special election to fill the remainder of the term can be held; and

WHEREAS, a special election was called to be held at the regular election scheduled for October and November, 2023; and

WHEREAS, at the close of qualifying for the called special election no candidate had qualified to run for the seat, Constable for Justice of the Peace Ward 5, Parish of Plaquemines; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with LRS 18:602, the Plaquemines Parish Council, as the governing authority of Plaquemines Parish, is required to call a special election to fill the remainder of the remaining term, which term is set to expire on December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, on advice of the Secretary of State, there is a regular election set for special election to fill the unexpired term for the office of Constable of Justice of the Peace Ward 2, Plaquemines Parish is November 5, 2024 (Open Primary/ Presidential/Congressional) and December 7, 2024 (Open General/ Congressional), in the event no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast in the Primary;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT Catherine C. Bourgeois shall continue to serve as the Constable of Justice of the Peace Ward 5, Plaquemines Parish, to fill the vacancy in said office and to serve until the winner of the special election takes office to fill the remainder of the term, set to expire on December 31, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT The Plaquemines Parish Council hereby calls a special election on November 5, 2024 (Open Primary/ Presidential/Congressional) and December 7, 2024 (Open General/ Congressional), in the event no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast in the Primary, to fill the unexpired term of the office of Constable of Justice of the Peace Ward 5, Plaquemines Parish.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT A copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and the Registrar of Voters of Plaquemines Parish in order that they may take the necessary actions in response to this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT The Council Chairman is authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary or proper to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

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.

There being no further business to come before this Council, on Motion of Council Member Cognevich and seconded by Council Member Jurisich, and on roll call all members present voting "YES", the meeting adjourned at 6:53 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.