

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, June 22, 2023, at 5:13 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 Patricia McCarty
Council Member Ronnie Newsom
Council Member Mitch Jurisich
Council Member Mark Cognevich

Kim M. Toups, Secretary

ABSENT: Council Member Stuart J. Guey

The Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance were dispensed with.

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

The following items were deferred:

- 9a(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; and
- 9k, “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”; and
- 11c, “District 8 update”.

The following item were deferred for a fourth time and fell off the agenda:

- 9b, An Ordinance to amend the Five Year Capital Improvements Plan, Repairs-Diamond Park Project; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

The following items were withdrawn.

- 7b, J.P.’s Vending & Rentals, LLC, Indoor Store of Small Rental Equipment, 10934 Highway 23, Belle Chasse, Louisiana”;
- 9a(2), An Ordinance to amend and as 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. 2023-511; dated April 5, 2023; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto;
- 9a(3), An Ordinance to amend and as 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. 2023-512; dated April 5, 2023; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto; and
- 9d, A Resolution approving the requested Variance filed by Floyd and Megan St. Germain to vary the minimum required front yard setback of 20’ to 7.11’ in an A-1 (Rural or Agricultural) Zoning District, on a portion of ground designated as Lot E-2 of The Equiland, Inc. Division, 1500 South Industry Street, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, Plaquemines Parish, Section 2, Township 14 South, Range 24 East, all in accordance with Application No. 2023-510, dated April 12, 2023; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 23-188

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby resolves itself into Executive Session at 5:14 p.m. for the Executive Session pursuant to LRS 42:17(A)(2) for the purpose of receiving attorney client privileged information regarding prospective litigation from a formal written demand by Lou-Con Inc. resulting from the Main Street Drainage Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby came out of Executive Session at 5:30 p.m. with no final or binding action taken.

There being no matters to address under Agenda Item 3, “Proclamations”, Council Member LaFrance moved to Agenda Item 4, “Status Report by the Parish President”. Without objection, so ordered. President Hinkley was not in attendance; therefore Parish Attorney, Rennie Buras provided the following update:

- President Hinkley declared a State of Emergency at 8:30 on Wednesday, due to the Saltwater Intrusion. The State of Emergency was necessary to get assistance from GOHSEP and the CORPS. 19 pallets of water and ice were provided and will continue be provided on a daily basis. The Administration is looking for a reverse osmosis machine and they are working with Inframark and Kyle & Associates to see which machines are viable. They are looking at Port Sulphur and Boothville as possible locations for the machine.

Council Members and the Administration discussed the following topics:

- Getting CPRA to fix the breaks in Mardi Gras pass because if the breaks are not fixed the money being spent on the Saltwater Intrusion will be wasted;
- The possibility of that if the Diversion construction begins, the low pressure may cause the saltwater to back up into Belle Chasse and the need for a Desalination Machine;
- CPRA funding what the Parish needs during the State of Emergency;
- The percentage of outflow in various parts of the Parish;
- Efforts to permanently have a Reverse Osmosis machine; and
- Council Member Edwards wants to have a meeting with the President to discuss the hiring process for minorities.

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

Director Billy Wichers provided an update the following:

- The Fire Department put up a fence around north side of the Edna LaFrance property. People will not be able to dump trash in that area but, they did provide a roll-off container for trash;
- Tidewater Road has been cut and looks great and the grass was cut all the way up to the Venice Marina Road on both sides;
- A ditch in District 8 was cleared of an 8-inch tree; and
- The grader is being sent to District 7 to do Diamond Road.

There were no matters to address under Agenda Item 5, “Bids and Advertisement” nor under Item 6, “Beer and Liquor Permits”; therefore, Council Member LaFrance moved to Agenda Item 7a, “Construction Permits”. Without objection, so ordered.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 23-189

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the following applications for construction permits in the Parish of Plaquemines are hereby approved: Texas Petroleum Investment Co., Application No. 2023-377, Application Date 5-31-23, proposed well location for drilling & producing the GTA2 ET AL U27, Southwest Pass Field; Texas Petroleum Investment Co., Application No. 2023-378, Application Date 6-1-23, Proposed well location, shell pad, structures, and flowlines for the SL 1998 5800 Horz Prospect, Brenton Sound, Block 21; Texas Petroleum Investment Co., Application No. 2023-374, Application Date 6-1-23, Proposed well location, shell pad, structures, and flowlines for the SL 2000 #70 Offset Prospect, Brenton Sound, Block 29.

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. 23-190

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby approves the conditional approval for 5 additional spaces to Rodney Hight for an existing recreational vehicle park (Cruisers RV Park) located in a MH (Mobile Home) Zoning District on Logan Lane, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2023-315, dated May 5, 2023.

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

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

1. 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
2. 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
3. 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
4. An Ordinance to amend the 2023 General Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, Information Technology Department; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER LAFRANCE

5. 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
6. 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
7. 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
8. 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
9. An Ordinance to amend the 2023 Manpower Structure; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER NEWSOM
10. 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
11. An Ordinance to amend the 2023 General Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER JURISICH
12. 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
13. 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.

Agenda Item 9c was offered with changes.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-86

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

An Ordinance to amend and as amended to readopt the Plaquemines Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Section 2-17, *Rules for Transaction of business before the council*, Rule 11; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

DIGEST: The purpose of this Ordinance is to provide for more efficient and timely Council meetings by limiting the time allowed for and number of presentations made during Council meetings, and limit Council member district updates to 10 minutes per Council member without leave of Council by majority vote. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, in an effort to have more efficient and timely Council meetings, the Council desires

to establish rules related to presentations and Council member district updates;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

The Plaquemines Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Section 2-19, *Rules for Transaction of Business Before the Council*, Rule 11 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Rule 11. Council members shall not speak more than ten (10) minutes without leave of the council, unless the council member is a mover, proposer or introducer of the matter pending, in which case either the council member and/or his designees shall be permitted to speak in reply, but not until every council member choosing to speak shall have spoken, except when the previous question or the previous question on the entire subject matter has been ordered, the mover, proposer or introducer shall nonetheless, have the right to speak in reply. The time for reply shall not exceed a total of five (5) minutes.

Notwithstanding Rule 18, presentations before the Council shall be sponsored by a Council member, be part of the sponsoring Council member’s district update, and be placed on the Council agenda upon contacting the Council Secretary’s Office by the close of business on the Friday before the Council meeting”

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 Brian Champagne, Chris Schulz, Patricia McCarty, Ronnie Newsom, and Mitch Jurisich

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

ABSENT: Council Member Stuart J. Guey

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 22nd day of June, 2023.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-87

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

An Ordinance to amend, and as amended readopt the Plaquemines Parish Code of Ordinances Article I, Section 2-2, relative to smoking, eating and drinking in the Council Chambers; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

DIGEST: In the current version of Article I, Section 2-2 of the Code of Ordinances there is a prohibition against anyone smoking in the Council Chambers and allows on the Council Members and the Parish President to eat or drink in the Council Chambers. The amendment will now include the prohibition of vaping and allow the Council and President’s staff to eat or drink in the Chambers. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend Section 2-2 in Article I of the Plaquemines Parish Code of Ordinances to prohibit vaping by any and all individuals during meetings in all Council chambers; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to further amend Section 2-2 of Article I of the Plaquemines Parish Code of Ordinances to allow the Council Staff and the President's Staff to drink and eat during meetings in all Council chambers;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

The Plaquemines Parish Code of Ordinances, Article 1, Section 2-2 is now amended, and as amended readopted to read as follows:

“The parish government hereby prohibits smoking and vaping in both Council Chambers by all individuals during its meetings. Eating and Drinking is prohibited, with the exception of the Council and its staff and the President and his/her staff” in both Council Chambers.”

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

NAYS: Council Member Tyrone Edwards

ABSENT: Council Member Stuart J. Guey

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 22nd day of June, 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-191

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

A Resolution declaring Monday, July 3, 2023, a legal holiday and a day of public rest in the Parish of Plaquemines and for Plaquemines Parish Government; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

DIGEST: This Resolution declares Monday, July 3, 2023, a legal holiday and day of public rest in the Parish of Plaquemines and for Plaquemines Parish Government and its employees, except those employees providing essential governmental services as determined by the Parish President to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the people of Plaquemines Parish. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, in Proclamation Number 106 JBE 2023, John Bel Edwards, Governor of the State of Louisiana, declared Monday, July 3, 2023, a legal holiday and a day of public rest in the State of Louisiana;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby declares Monday, July 3, 2023 a legal holiday and a day of public rest in the Parish of Plaquemines and for Plaquemines Parish Government and its employees, except those employees providing essential governmental services as determined by the Parish President to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the people of Plaquemines Parish.

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

Agenda Item 9g was offered with changes.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-88

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

An Ordinance to amend and as amended, readopt the Plaquemines Parish Code of Ordinances, Article 2, Chapter III, "*Members of Plaquemines Parish Council Conduct of Business*", Section 2-19.1 (b), pertaining to deadlines; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

DIGEST: The purpose of this Ordinance to establish a deadline for the submission of changes and fill in the blanks for legislation already on the agenda and to define the differences between the two. Creating deadlines for the submission of these items would allow Council Members ample time to review the changes and ask any questions concerning the new version of the legislation. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, in order to have ample time to properly prepare for Council Meetings, it is the desire of this Council to establish deadlines for any altered version of legislation already on the agenda; and

WHEREAS, there is also a need to define the differences between "changes" and "fill in the blanks" for legislation already on the agenda;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

Chapter III, "*Members of Plaquemines Parish Council Conduct of Business*", Section 2-19.1 (b) shall now read as follows:

“(b)

- (1) Items for executive session and new business shall be submitted in writing to the council secretary's office by the close of business on the Monday prior to the council meeting; unless the Parish President determines it would be detrimental to the Parish's interests.
- (2) All changes and items that require fill in the blanks for legislation already on the agenda shall be submitted to the Council Secretary's Office and to the Council Member who sponsored the legislation by noon on the Monday prior to the meeting. The Council Secretary's office shall then submit all changes and fill in the blanks to the Council, the Parish President and the Administration's Directors by the end of day on the Monday prior to the meeting.
 - a. Definitions:
 - CHANGES shall be defined as a small, limited number of changes to a piece of legislation which does not substantially change the introduced

legislation which is currently on the agenda.

- FILL IN BLANKS are defined as only filling in information which was left blank in the legislation upon introduction. Examples are dates, names and funding amounts.”

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, Patricia McCarty, Ronnie Newsom, Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr., Mitch Jurisich, Mark Cognevich

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Member Stuart J. Guey

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 22nd day of June, 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-192

On motion of Council Member Champagne, with a unanimous second, and on roll call, all members present and voting “YES”, except Council Member Guey who was “ABSENT”, the following Resolution was adopted:

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Parish President to contact the Louisiana State Legislature to officially rename “Avenue G” in Belle Chasse, LA to “Croatian Way”; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

Digest: The Croatian American Society (CAS) has requested to change the street name of “Ave G” to “Croatian Way” in conjunction with the opening of their Cultural Center. The Croatian culture has been instrumental in the success of Plaquemines Parish and it is appropriate to recognize their contributions to our great parish by renaming the street in their honor. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, Plaquemines Parish shares a long history with the Croatian people; and

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Parish Council recognizes the importance of the Croatian culture in Plaquemines Parish and wants to celebrate the Croatian residents and their heritage; and

WHEREAS, the Croatian-American Society is in the process of building the Croatian Cultural Center on Avenue G in Belle Chasse, Louisiana and the Grand Opening is set in early October, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Parish Council strongly supports the requested name change of “Avenue G” to “Croatian Way”;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby authorizes and directs the Parish President, Keith Hinkley, to contact Louisiana State Legislature to make the aforementioned name change.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the Secretary of this Council is hereby authorized and directed to send certified copies of this resolution to the Plaquemines Louisiana State Legislative Delegation.

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. 23-89

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

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

DIGEST: An Ordinance to amend the 2023 Manpower Structure and Operating Expenditure Budget for pay increases for Fire Department personnel by appropriating \$284,150 from the Firefighting Fund Unreserved/Undesignated Fund Balance to fund said positions. Amend the 2023 Manpower Structure by unfunding three vacant part-time positions in the Fire Department. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, it has been recommended by the Parish Council to provide a pay increase for Fire Department personnel; and

WHEREAS, it is also the recommendation of the Parish Council to unfund three vacant part-time positions in the Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, appropriations are required to the Fire Department's operating expenditure budgets to fund said pay increases;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

The 2023 Manpower Structure is amended by seven percent increase for all Fire Department personnel.

SECTION 2

The 2023 Manpower Structure is amended by unfunding the following three vacant part-time positions in the Fire Department:

Position number 473-8310-16 Firefighter Operator PT in the Port Sulphur Fire Department

Position number 474-8310-02 Firefighter Operator PT in the Buras Fire Department

Position number 477-8310-03 Firefighter Operator PT in the PALH/Phoenix Fire Department

SECTION 3

The 2023 Firefighting Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, is amended by appropriating \$284,150 from the Firefighting Fund Unreserved/Undesignated Fund Balance as follows:

Fund: 119 Firefighting Fund			
Dept/Div: 470-2400 Fire Fighting-General			
Object	Description	Inc/ Dec	Amendment
510.005	Salaries & Wages Regular	Inc	61,170
515.005	P/R Taxes FICA Taxes	Inc	890
516.105	Retirement (PERS)	Inc	20,640

Fund: 119 Firefighting Fund			
Dept/Div: 470-2403 Fire Fighting-Belle Chasse			
Object	Description	Inc/ Dec	Amendment
510.005	Salaries & Wages Regular	Inc	32,910
515.005	P/R Taxes FICA Taxes	Inc	480
516.105	Retirement (PERS)	Inc	11,110

Fund: 119 Firefighting Fund			
Dept/Div: 470-2406 Fire Fighting-Lake Hermitage			
Object	Description	Inc/ Dec	Amendment
510.005	Salaries & Wages Regular	Inc	9,750
515.005	P/R Taxes FICA Taxes	Inc	140
516.105	Retirement (PERS)	Inc	3,290

Fund: 119 Firefighting Fund			
Dept/Div: 470-2409 Fire Fighting-Port Sulphur			
Object	Description	Inc/ Dec	Amendment
510.005	Salaries & Wages Regular	Inc	43,310
515.005	P/R Taxes FICA Taxes	Inc	630
516.105	Retirement (PERS)	Inc	14,620

Fund: 119 Firefighting Fund			
Dept/Div: 470-2412 Fire Fighting-Buras			
Object	Description	Inc/ Dec	Amendment
510.005	Salaries & Wages Regular	Inc	12,550
515.005	P/R Taxes FICA Taxes	Inc	180
516.105	Retirement (PERS)	Inc	4,240

Fund: 119 Firefighting Fund			
Dept/Div: 470-2415 Fire Fighting-Boothville/Venice			
Object	Description	Inc/ Dec	Amendment
510.005	Salaries & Wages Regular	Inc	11,260
515.005	P/R Taxes FICA Taxes	Inc	160
516.105	Retirement (PERS)	Inc	3,800

Fund: 119 Firefighting Fund			
Dept/Div: 470-2418 Fire Fighting-Woodlawn/Braithwaite			
Object	Description	Inc/ Dec	Amendment
510.005	Salaries & Wages Regular	Inc	21,260
515.005	P/R Taxes FICA Taxes	Inc	310
516.105	Retirement (PERS)	Inc	7,180

Fund: 119 Firefighting Fund			
Dept/Div: 470-2424 Fire Fighting-PAH/Phoenix			
Object	Description	Inc/ Dec	Amendment
510.005	Salaries & Wages Regular	Inc	17,950
515.005	P/R Taxes FICA Taxes	Inc	260
516.105	Retirement (PERS)	Inc	6,060

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 McCarty 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, Patricia McCarty, Ronnie Newsom, Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr., Mitch Jurisich and Mark Cognevich

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Member Stuart J. Guey

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 22nd day of June, 2023.

Agenda Item 9j was offered with changes.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-90

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

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

DIGEST: An ordinance to unfund six vacant positions in the Solid Waste District 1 department; unfund four vacant positions in the Solid Waste District 2 department; fund one full-time position and unfund two vacant positions in the Flood Control department; create/fund two positions in the Road Maintenance-PROWM department; and create/fund six positions in the Recreation-Facilities and Services department; and to amend the 2023 Operating Expenditure Budget to fund said positions. *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 manpower needs of the Plaquemines Parish Government. it is the recommendation of the Director of Operations to unfund several positions and create/fund additional positions, and to amend the 2023 Operating Expenditure Budget to fund said positions;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

The 2023 Manpower Structure is amended as follows:

Unfund six vacant positions in the Solid Waste District 1 Department:

Position Number 630-2242-09 Truck Driver II
Position Number 630-2242-11 Truck Driver II
Position Number 630-2242-14 Truck Driver II
Position Number 630-2531-04 Helper
Position Number 630-2531-05 Helper
Position Number 630-2531-06 Helper

Unfund four vacant positions in the Solid Waste District 2 Department:

Position Number 631-2242-04 Truck Driver II
Position Number 631-2242-06 Truck Driver II
Position Number 631-2242-09 Truck Driver II
Position Number 631-2311-04 Compactor Operator

Fund one full-time position and Unfund two vacant positions in the Flood Control Department:

Fund Position Number 770-1141-03 Foreman at an annual salary of \$41,230 plus benefits
Unfund Position Number 770-1545-01 Supervisor
Unfund Position Number 770-2314-11 Heavy Equipment Operator I

Create/fund two full-time positions in the Road Maintenance-PROWM Department:

Position Number 781-1141-02 Foreman at an annual salary of \$41,230 plus benefits
Position Number 781-1141-04 Foreman at an annual salary of \$41,230 plus benefits

Create/fund six full-time positions in the Recreation-Facilities and Services Department:

Position Number 640-1132-01 Superintendent at an annual salary of \$54,004 plus benefits
Position Number 640-1191-04 Workflow Coordinator at an annual salary of \$30,281 plus benefits
Position Number 640-2523-01 Public Groundskeeper at an annual salary of \$24,807 plus benefits
Position Number 640-2523-02 Public Groundskeeper at an annual salary of \$24,807 plus benefits
Position Number 640-2523-03 Public Groundskeeper at an annual salary of \$24,807 plus benefits
Position Number 640-1141-01 Foreman at an annual salary of \$41,120 plus benefits

SECTION 2

The 2023 General Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, Recreation-Facilities and Services Department is amended by appropriating \$110,100 from the General Fund Unreserved Undesignated Fund Balance as follows:

Fund: 001 General Fund			
Dept/Div: 460-4060 Recreation-Facilities & Services Dept.			
Object	Description	Inc/ Dec	Amendment
510.005	Salaries & Wages Regular	Inc	61,750
515.005	P/R Taxes FICA Taxes	Inc	890
516.105	Retirement (PERS)	Inc	7,110
517.005	Group Insurance Health	Inc	40,350

SECTION 3

The 2023 Operating Expenditure Budget is amended as follows:

Fund: 005 Solid Waste Displ Fund			
Dept/Div: 630-4045 Solid Waste District 1			
Object	Description	Inc/ Dec	Amendment
510.005	Salaries & Wages Regular	Dec	(170,740)
515.005	P/R Taxes FICA Taxes	Dec	(2,475)
516.105	Retirement (PERS)	Dec	(19,635)
517.005	Group Insurance Health	Dec	(92,450)

Fund: 005 Solid Waste Displ Fund			
Dept/Div: 630-4048 Solid Waste District 2			
Object	Description	Inc/ Dec	Amendment
510.005	Salaries & Wages Regular	Dec	(128,425)
515.005	P/R Taxes FICA Taxes	Dec	(1,860)
516.105	Retirement (PERS)	Dec	(14,770)
517.005	Group Insurance Health	Dec	(77,840)

Fund: 001 General Fund			
Dept/Div: 770-4500 Flood Control-Gen Dept			
Object	Description	Inc/ Dec	Amendment
510.005	Salaries & Wages Regular	Dec	(59,545)
515.005	P/R Taxes FICA Taxes	Dec	(865)
516.105	Retirement (PERS)	Dec	(6,845)
517.005	Group Insurance Health	Dec	(30,850)

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 Schulz seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Member Stuart J. Guey

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 22nd day of June, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 23-193

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby approves the minutes of the June 8, 2023, regular Council Meeting, as recorded by the Secretary of this Council.

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

Council Member LaFrance moved to Agenda Item 11, "New Business".

Under Item 11b, "District 1 update", Mr. Harold Fedderson addressed the Council in regard to trying to get work with the Parish. He explained that he is a construction contractor and he has gone to several people/departments to try to get on the contractor list in order to be hired for Parish projects. Rennie Buras, Parish Attorney explained the bid process to Mr. Fedderson.

Agenda Item 11d was addressed during the President's update.

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", except Council Member Guey who was "ABSENT", the meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary

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