

Minutes of a meeting of the Plaquemines Parish Council, held in the Belle Chasse Council Chambers, 333 F. Edward Hebert Blvd., Bldg. 203, Belle Chasse, Louisiana on Thursday, July 13, 2023, at 5:43 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 L. McCarty  
Council Member Ronnie Newsom  
Council Member Mitch Jurisich  
Council Member Mark Cognevich

Kim M. Toups, Secretary

ABSENT:

The Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance were dispensed with.

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

The following items were deferred:

- 9b, “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”;
- 9h, “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”;
- 9k, “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”; and
- 9n, “An Ordinance to amend the 2023 Public Health Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, Ambulances-General Department; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto” was offered for discussion only and then the matter was deferred.

The following items were withdrawn:

- 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”;
- 9e, “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”; and
- 9l, “ An Ordinance to amend the 2023 General Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

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

#### RESOLUTION NO. 23-195

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 5:43 p.m. for the discussion pursuant to LRS 42:17(A)(2) for the purpose of receiving attorney-client privileged information regarding prospective litigation to

pursue legal claims and causes of action against the manufacturer(s) and supplier(s) of firefighting foam products-Attorneys Jacque Touzet, Brandon Taylor and Jody Fortunato.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby came out of Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. with no final or binding action taken.

At the request of the Legal Department, Council Member LaFrance advanced to Agenda Item 9d. Without objection, so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-196

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

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.

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

WHEREAS, Plaquemines Parish Government ("Parish") desires to engage Baron & Budd, P.C. and Cossich, Sumich, Parsiola & Taylor, LLC ("Outside Counsel") to represent the Parish, including but not limited to its boards, commissions, and agencies in this matter and seeks to enter into a legal services agreement with the outside counsel in relation thereto; and

WHEREAS, the Parish has the right and/or obligation to pursue claims for damages, compensation and other relief (the "Causes of Action") against the manufacturer(s) and supplier(s) of firefighting foam products (known as "aqueous film forming foam" or "AFFF") and/or other products containing per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances ("PFAS") (including perfluorooctanoic acid ("PFOA"), perfluorooctane sulfonate ("PFOS"), and any other related compounds); and

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Parish Council desires Baron & Budd, P.C. and Cossich, Sumich, Parsiola & Taylor, LLC. be engaged as outside counsel for the claims and causes of action stated herein;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the Parish President is hereby authorized to enter into a legal services agreement for Plaquemines Parish Government including its boards, commissions, and agencies, if necessary, with Baron & Budd, P.C., Cossich, Sumich, Parsiola & Taylor, LLC, to provide legal representation, counsel, and advice to Plaquemines Parish Government related to legal claims and causes of action against the manufacturer(s) and supplier(s) of firefighting foam products, all in accordance with the terms and conditions of Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof.

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.

Council Member LaFrance moved to Agenda Item 11d, "District 7 update and the LSU AG Center update by Dominique Seibert.

Ms. Seibert provided a presentation regarding her background the activities of Sea Grant and 4H which included Aquatic Education classes and the Louisiana Fisheries Forward Summit. She also provides various programs for Plaquemines Parish which include Marsh Dawg Camp which is a

free Science camp for kids, spring TED checks for offshore shrimping fleets, Commercial Fishermen training and workshops and programs at the Parish public libraries.

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

Council Member Jurisich offered a Motion to Suspend the Rules to Add an Item to the agenda for consideration. The Motion was seconded by Cognevich and on roll call, all members present voting "YES", the Motion to Suspend the Rules was adopted by a vote of 9-0.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 23-197

On motion of Council Member Jurisich, and with a unanimous second, and on roll call all members present and voting "YES", the following Resolution was adopted:

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

WHEREAS, the influx of imported shrimp into America has resulted in the catastrophic collapse of the domestic shrimp industry; and

WHEREAS, many boat owners/operators have been docked thereby creating significant challenges to our local economy and the countless individuals who rely on this sector; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Gulf of Mexico has historically been a thriving hub for shrimp production, with rich waters and a favorable climate creating optimal conditions for shrimp stocks and harvest; and

WHEREAS, imported shrimp now dominates cold storage, distribution hubs and the American market at a level that voids the margin of the market the domestic harvesters are able to fulfill; and

WHEREAS, if action is not taken, not only will small family fishing business owners go under but, also businesses with which we conduct commerce with will go under. Furthermore, working waterfront and land based fishery infrastructure will be lost, thereby loosing access to this wild caught food source; and

WHEREAS, the consequences of the inundation of imported shrimp into our markets has caused immense disruption and economic instability for our local shrimp producers, including risk of closure or already being shut down. The loss also extends to the loss of livelihoods and the socio-economic well-being of the communities reliant of this industry;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT Plaquemines Parish Government urges the U.S. Secretary of Commerce and the U.S. Trade Representative to implement the existing measures to limit the overall volume of imported shrimp in America in order to insure the survival of our domestic wild caught shrimp harvesters and America's access to wild harvested shrimp from domestic waters; and urging the Commissioners of the International Trade Commission, when considering imports, to include all forms of shrimp from all countries.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT this Resolution be forwarded to all of the following:

- All Commissioners of the International Trade Commission
- The U.S. Secretary of Commerce, The Honorable Gina Raimondo
- The U.S. Trade Representative, The Honorable Katherine Tai
- Governor John Bel Edwards
- Representative Mack Cormier, Representative Ray Garofalo, Senator Sharon Hewitt, Senator Patrick Connick, and Senator Gary Carter

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

There being no matters under “Proclamations, Council Member LaFrance moved to Agenda Item 4, “Status Report by the Parish President”. Without objection, so ordered. President Hinkley reported the following:

- The main topic of discussion has been about water;
  - Recently, there were reports regarding the saltwater intrusion by WWL;
  - The saltwater wedge is rapidly moving north;
  - Col. Jones and his staff met with the President and GOHSEP in regarding to building a sill;
  - State of Emergency has been declared and there may be potential problems on the East Bank of the river;
  - On the West Bank, a Booster Station is being created at the Alliance Refinery;
  - With a Reverse Osmosis machine, within 2 or 3 weeks water may begin to be boosted to Boothville;
  - The administration delivered 300,000 bottles of water to the Boothville/Venice Fire Station. Water and ice will continue to be delivered there on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays until the saltwater is gone;
  - A permanent new 20-inch line Water Booster Station is in the works; therefore, after next year we should not be in this situation again with the saltwater;
- In an effort to help flood fight at the Carnarvon Wall, the road will be elevated; and
- There was a good turn out at District 5’s Fifth of July event.

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

- Director Billy Wichers stated that if there is anything that the Council Members need done to please call or email him;
- Director Jeff DiMarco stated that he has found numerous small watermain breaks due to the very dry ground and old concrete pipes.

The following was discussed between the Administration and the Council:

- Council Member Jurisich asked about the condition of the outfall ditches and he was told by Director Wichers that they are working from Venice and going up cleaning out the ditches; and
- Council Member LaFrance thanked Billy Wichers for the report on the Pump Stations.

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

#### RESOLUTION NO. 23-198

On motion of Council Member Guey, 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 application for permit to engage in the sale of liquor and/or beer only in the Parish of Plaquemines for the year 2023 is hereby approved: Watutsi Ale d/b/a Watutsi Ale, 33115 Highway 11, Port Sulphur LA 70083, Table 2, Class A-Retail Liquor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the following special event/temporary beer & alcohol permits are hereby approved: Rev. Kyle V. Dave, for OLPH’s Fair Parade, 8968 Hwy. 23, Belle Chasse, LA, to be held on September 30, 2023, beginning at 10:00 a.m. and ending at 11:00 a.m.; and, Rev. Kyle V. Dave, for OLPH’s Fair Parade, 8968 Hwy. 23, Belle Chasse, LA, to be held from September 29, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. until Sunday, October 1, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

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

There being no matters listed under Agenda Item 7, "Building Permits", Council Member LaFrance moved to Agenda Item 8, "Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions". Without objection, so ordered. The following legislation was introduced:

1. A Resolution approving a cooperative endeavor agreement between Plaquemines Parish Government and Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District (Port) authorizing the Parish President to negotiate and execute an agreement for the sharing of resources and the cost share related thereto; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER LAFRANCE
2. An Ordinance to amend and as amended, readopt Ordinance 14-135; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER LAFRANCE
3. An Ordinance to amend the Five Year Capital Improvements Plan, Levee Repair-Ironton/Myrtle Grove Non Federal Levee Project and the 2023 General Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, Coastal Resource and Protection Department; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.
4. 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
5. An Ordinance to amend and as amended, readopt Ordinance 23-50; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER LAFRANCE
6. An Ordinance to amend the 2023 General Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, Legal Services-General Department; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER LAFRANCE
7. A Resolution approving the request for a Conditional Use to BOLSU PCF, LLC, for a concrete batch plant in a FP (Flood Plain) Zoning District, located on a certain tract of land designated as 21178 Highway 23, Pointe Celeste, Plaquemines, Parish, Louisiana, Section 10, Township 17 South, Range 25 East, all in accordance with Application No. 2023-529; dated May 21, 2023; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER LAFRANCE
8. An Ordinance authorizing the Parish President to credit all Plaquemines Parish water customers from the Empire Bridge south in the amount of \$50.25 for residential customers and \$257.59 for commercial customers; authorizing the Parish President, upon adoption of this ordinance, to immediately suspend the water payments for those customers until the high chloride levels present in the parish water supply from the saltwater wedge intrusion are no longer affecting the parish water supply; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER COGNEVICH
9. An Ordinance establishing a temporary moratorium on new Trailer, RV and Camper Parks for the area from the Parish line to LaReusitte/Naomi for a period of six (6) months; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER JURISICH
10. An Ordinance to amend the 2023 Manpower Structure; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULZ
11. An Ordinance to amend the Five Year Capital Improvements Plan, District 3- Recreational Park Project and amend the 2023 Revenue Budget; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULZ

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

ORDINANCE NO. 23-94

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

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.

DIGEST: An Ordinance authorizing the rescission of portion of drainage servitude initially created in favor of U.S.A, now in the name of the Belle Chasse Drainage District located in Square N of the Hodge-Hunt-Hero Subdivision, Belle Chasse, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, the Belle Chasse Drainage District has succeeded to the interests of a drainage canal servitude over lots 1-44 and adjacent alleys in Square N of Hodge-Hunt-Hero Subdivision taken by the U. S. A. and recorded at COB 212, Page1049 on September 12, 1958; and

WHEREAS, the Belle Chasse Drainage District no longer requires the entirety of the drainage canal servitude that affects lots 1, 2, 3 & 4 of Square N Hodge-Hunt-Hero Subdivision, Belle Chasse, LA and seeks only to retain the remaining 20 ft. of that servitude on the Canal side as shown on survey plat by Dufrene Surveying & Engineering Inc. revised June 6, 2023, attached to this Ordinance as Exhibit 1; and

WHEREAS, the portion of the servitude to be rescinded is shown as the hatched area on the survey plat and is described in survey description prepared by Dufrene Surveying and Engineering Inc. dated June 6, 2023 attached to this Ordinance as Exhibit 2; and

WHEREAS, the Parish Engineering Department and Parish Directors advise that all but a 20ft. servitude on the Canal side of lots 1, 2, 3 & 4 is required for retention by the Belle Chasse Drainage District; and

WHEREAS, rescission of that portion of the drainage canal servitude shown in the survey plat and as described in Exhibit 2 to this Ordinance is in the best interests of Plaquemines Parish Government;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

It hereby rescinds and renounces that portion of the canal drainage servitude as shown in the survey plat conducted by Tildon J. Dufrene, Dufrene Surveying & Engineering Inc. dated August 10, 2013, revised June 6, 2023, Exhibit 1, more fully described in Exhibit 2. Both exhibits are attached hereto and made a part hereof.

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 Champagne 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-95

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

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.

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

WHEREAS, On May 11, 2023, the Plaquemines Parish Council passed Resolution No. 23-149 declaring June 19<sup>th</sup> “Juneteenth” in the Parish of Plaquemines as a permanent holiday for Plaquemines Parish Government employees; and

WHEREAS, after discussion at its meeting on June 14, 2023, the Plaquemines Parish Civil Service Commission approved a motion to amend Rule IX, Section 7, HOLIDAYS, paragraph 7.1 to include Juneteenth as a permanent holiday for Plaquemines Parish Government employees; and

WHEREAS, the amended Rule IX, Section 7, HOLIDAYS, Paragraph 7.1 reads: AThe following days will be observed as holidays by all regular employees: New Year's Day; Martin Luther King's Birthday; Mardi Gras; Good Friday; Memorial Day; Juneteenth, Independence Day; Labor Day; Veterans Day; Thanksgiving Day; Day after Thanksgiving Day; Christmas Eve Day; Christmas Day; New Years Eve; and any other holiday which may be declared by the Parish Council or the Parish President. @;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

It hereby approves Rule IX - Section 7 - HOLIDAYS, Paragraph 7.1 amended by the Civil Service Commission at its meeting on June 14, 2023, to include Juneteenth as a permanent holiday for Plaquemines Parish Government employees. The amended rule read as follows:

7.1 The following days will be observed as holidays by all regular employees: New Year's Day; Martin Luther King's Birthday; Mardi Gras; Good Friday; Memorial Day; Juneteenth, Independence Day; Labor Day; Veterans Day; Thanksgiving Day; Day after Thanksgiving Day; Christmas Eve Day; Christmas Day; New Years Eve; and any other holiday which may be declared by the Parish Council or the Parish President.

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 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 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-96

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

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

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

WHEREAS, a cyber-attack incident occurred July 2022 that required Plaquemines Parish Government to install two Palo Alo firewall network appliances and CrowdStrike, that were loaned cost-free from the state for one year; and

WHEEAS, approximately \$36,000 will be due to the Louisiana Division of Administration Office of Technology Services for said equipment; and

WHEREAS, \$40,700 is also required for upgrades to the Laserfiche program and \$5,000 is requested for additional storage in the Microsoft Azure (cloud) environment in use by Plaquemines Parish Government; and

WHEREAS, after a review of the Information Technology 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, Information Technology Department, is amended by appropriating \$81,700 from the General Fund Unreserved Undesignated Fund Balance as follows:



<b>Fund:</b> 001 General Fund			
<b>Dept/Div:</b> 727-4357 Information Technology Dept.			
<b>Object</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Inc/ Dec</b>	<b>Amendment</b>
535.305	Technical Services – Software Support	Inc	57,700
535.310	Technical Services – Hardware Support	Inc	24,000

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.

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 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-199

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 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.

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

WHEREAS, Plaquemines Parish Hospital Service District Number One d/b/a Plaquemines Medical Center wishes to donate one generator and one air conditioner unit to Plaquemines Parish Government; and

WHEREAS, the Parish Council finds that it is in the best interest of Plaquemines Parish Government to accept the offered donations;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby authorizes the Parish President, or his designee, to accept donation of an Onan Generator bearing serial number 95C8442 and the donation of a Trane Air Conditioner unit serial number 12172KUX4F, worth a total estimated value of \$5,000.

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. 23-97

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

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.

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

WHEREAS, the enumerated parcels of property, numbered by the Plaquemines Parish Assessor have been adjudicated to Plaquemines Parish Government for the nonpayment of ad valorem taxes; and

WHEREAS, Plaquemines Parish Government adopted an Adjudicated Property Program in order to put adjudicated properties back into commerce;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT

SECTION 1

The following properties are hereby declared surplus and no longer needed for public purposes, and the Parish President is empowered to do all things necessary to sell the same in conformity with Ordinance No. 23-64, the Plaquemines Parish Adjudicated Property Program:

**Council District 1**

Parcel Nos. 1512750, 1513150, 1444150, 1009750, 1162600, 1448200, 1496100, 1118400, and 1212900.

**Council District 6**

Parcel Nos. 1602674 and 1275450.

**Council District 7**

Parcel Nos. 8600401, 8604126, 8612384, 8615073, 8612389, 1257150, 1499200, 1556100, 1024050, 1332550, 1034075, 1480150, 1389450, 1542000, 1554360, 1422150, and 1435900.

**Council District 8**

Parcel Nos. 8601662, 8606648, 8606676, 8620159, 1608804, 1250500, 1391200, 1346600, 1401409, 1615146, 1542250, 1012290, 1071700, 1215000, 1155000, 1208100, 1290850, and 1453200.

**Council District 9**

Parcel Nos. 8600196, 8604127, 8606674, 8620497, 8620515, 8626372, 1199150, 1381050, 8258600, 8545250, 1287700, 1330700, 1361800, 1418300, 1142550, 1335450, 1384150, 1480950, 1542950, 1035700, 1372500, 1468550, 1617242, 1621422, 1089700, 1131925, 1618424, 1012550, 1040200, 1103800, 1143100, 1621404, 1171350, 1178100, 1182700, 1257650, 1275850, 1358850, 1389950, 1437223, 1465350, 1487497, 1520450, and 1557750.

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 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-98

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

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

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

WHEREAS, after a review of the manpower needs of the Recreation-Facilities and Services Department, it has been recommended to unfund the Director of Recreation position;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

The 2023 Manpower Structure, is amended by unfunding the Director of Recreation position in the Recreation-Facilities and Services Department.

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 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 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-99

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

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.

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

WHEREAS, the Parish acquired property at 40718 Hwy 23, Buras, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the shaded property shown in Exhibit A is not needed by the Parish, and it should be declared surplus;

NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

#### SECTION 1

It hereby declares the property at 40718 Hwy 23, Buras, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana (Parcel No. 8300525) to be surplus and no longer needed for public purposes. The property is more particularly described as:

A CERTAIN TRACT OF PORTION OF GROUND, containing 0.789 acres, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon, all rights, way, privileges, servitudes and appurtenances thereto belonging or in anywise appertaining, situated in and being a part of Section 35, Township 20 South, Range 30 East, West of the Mississippi River, in the community of Boothville, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, and being more fully described as follows, to-wit:

COMMENCING at the intersection the southwesterly right of way line of State Highway Number 23, with the line of division between the property of Percy H. Buras and the property of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis B. Adolph or assigns (formerly Adolph Clark), said point of beginning of the tract herein described having coordinate values of  $X=2,617,609.18$  and  $Y=244,057.25$ ;

Run thence South 42 degree 35'53" East, for a distance of 96.28 feet, to a point;  
Run thence South 51 degree 44'07" West, for a distance of 359.89 feet, to a point;  
Run thence North 40 degree 15' 05: West, for a distance of 96.06 feet, to a point;  
Run thence North 51 degrees 44' 07" East, for a distance of 355.89 feet, to the point of beginning.

The tract hereinabove described is bounded in front, or northeasterly, by the right of way for State Highway Number 23; above, or northwesterly, by property of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Adolph or assigns (formerly Adolph Clark); below, or southeasterly, by property of Mr. and Mr. Roy Parker or assigns; and in the rear, or southwesterly, by the northeasterly high bank line of the Parish Drainage Canal and property of Percy H. Buras. All as more fully shown on the attached map of survey by High B. McCurdy, Jr., Registered Land Surveyor, dated August 1986. Survey data refers to the State Plane Coordinate system.

#### SECTION 2

The Parish President is hereby authorized and empowered to take any actions necessary and proper to sell the property pursuant to state law, and charge any costs associated therewith to the buyer.

#### 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.

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 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 23-200

On motion of Council Member Edwards, seconded by Council Member Jurisich, 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 June 22, 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". Without objection, so ordered.

Under Agenda Item 11b, "District 8 update", Council Member Jurisich stated that the levees have been completed and seeded so the issue with the dust in the Jesuit Bend area should go away.

Under Agenda Item 11c, "District 9 update", Council Member Cognevich asked if anyone was present from the Hospital Board to provide an update. Council Member McCarty said they sent a letter which was given to each Council Member. Council Member Cognevich explained to the Hospital Board that he could get an email update but, the Public could not and he wanted some to be present at the meeting.

Under Agenda Item 11d, "District 7 update", Council Member LaFrance stated that Venture Global agreed to replace the fence at Ironton.

There being no further business to come before this Council, on motion Council Member Guey, seconded by Council Member McCarty, and on roll call all members present voting "YES", the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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Chairman

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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](http://www.plaqueminesparish.com) or on YouTube.