

Minutes of a meeting of the Plaquemines Parish Council, as the Sole Governing Authority of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District, held in the Pointe-a-la-Hache Council Chambers, 18055 Highway 15, Pointe-a-la-Hache, Louisiana on Thursday, February 27, 2020, at 5:01 p.m., pursuant to notice to all members with a quorum present as follows:

PRESENT: Commissioner Richie Blink, Chairman  
Commissioner John L. Barthelemy, Jr.  
Commissioner Corey Arbourgh  
Commissioner Benedict Rousselle  
Commissioner Trudy Newberry  
Commissioner Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr.  
Commissioner Mark Cognevich

Kim M. Toups, Secretary

ABSENT: Commissioner W. Beau Black  
Commissioner Stuart J. Guey

Sandy Sanders, Donald Durr, Christie Nielsen and Chambrel Riley were present representing the Port.

The Prayer said and the Pledge was recited.

A brief recess was taken due to technical difficulties from 5:03 to 5:05 p.m.

The following items were deferred:

- 6b, “An Ordinance to amend and as amended re-adopt Rule 1 in Chapter I of Section 2-18 of the Code of Ordinances for Plaquemines Parish relative to the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District; to rescind, annul and set-aside Ordinance Nos. 19-150, 19-37 and 16-46; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”;
- 6c, “A Resolution establishing a calendar policy for the administrative staff of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”; and
- 6e, “A Resolution authorizing and directing Maynard J. “Sandy” Sanders, Executive Director of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District, to execute an Employment Contract for services by Paul Matthews, as Deputy Port Director, between the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District (Port), and Paul Matthews, effective April 30, 2020, for a term of three years; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”.

Item 2a, “Executive Session- Discussion of Deputy Director Paul Matthews’ employment contract, including the character, and/or professional competence of Mr. Matthews. (La. R.S. 42:17(A)(1))” was withdrawn.

There being no items for Executive Session, Commissioner Blink moved to Agenda Item 3, “Status Report by the Executive Port Director”. Without objection, so ordered. General Sanders reported an announcement that was made Venture Global/Plaquemines LNG that they entered into a 20-year Sale and Purchase Agreement with a French Electrical Utility firm.

The following Commissioners asked questions of the Port Administration:

- Commissioner Blink asked for an update on the Railway Relocation project and was told that by Mr. Sanders that a renewed scope of work was received on Friday. They have identified the folks that we will ask to be on the panel that he will head up. Sander said he received a commitment from two entities which will pay for a portion of the scope work and putting the packet together. He is still waiting on a third entity to see if they will pay also. Commissioner Blink asked to see the scope of work.
- Commissioner Cognevich asked if the Port hired another consultant and was told by Sanders no.
- Commissioner Rousselle asked if Chambrel Riley was bringing updated contracts that were asked in the meeting held earlier in the week with Ms. Riley. Sandy Sanders said he did not have the documents but Chambrel should be bringing them. Commissioner Rousselle as if HDR is the same firm which did the original EIS and he was told yes and that Kevin Miller will re-do the scope of work. Commissioner Rousselle reiterated that they would like to see the scope of work.

- Commissioner Blink asked for a report on the Supplement Pay. Donald Durr said he has been trying to meet with the supplement pay folks for last three or four months but, he has not heard anything from them. He said they have a Board which is very hard to reach. Mr. Durr stated he was able to get an item on the agenda for the State Fire Marshall's Board meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup>. He further stated it all boils down to what type of training the maritime side and land side do and the bottom line is they have to abide by the law. He went on to close stating that we will have to wait until the meeting March 12<sup>th</sup> to work out the details but, in the meantime, he is in the process of turning in the applications.

Item 3a, "Financial Report/Budget to Actual" was passed over until Chambrel Riley joined the meeting.

Commissioner Blink advanced to Agenda Item 6a(1) which was offered with changes. On Motion of Commissioner Blink, seconded by Commissioner Cognevich and on roll call all members present and voting "YES, except Commissioners Black and Guey who were "ABSENT", Ordinance No. 20-21, entitled "An Ordinance approving an Easement/Servitude Agreement (the "Agreement"), between Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District, and Plaquemines Parish Government (the "Parish"), and authorizing and directing Maynard Sanders, Executive Director of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District (the "Port") to execute the Agreement whereby certain land owned by the Port will be subject to the servitudes more fully described in attached Exhibit A, for the consideration of Two Thousand One Hundred Eighty and No/100 (\$2,180.00); and otherwise to provide with respect thereto" was adopted by a vote of 7-0.

Commissioner Blink reverted back to Agenda Item 3a, "Financial Report/Budget to Actual". Without objection, so ordered. Chambrel Riley stated that all Commission members have been provided a 2020 Total Budget Report and a 2020 Budget Performance of today. She went on to highlight some items which were as follows: In December 2019 there was a 144 % collection rate of Port Tariffs; in the fourth quarter of 2019 there was only a 1% increase in accounts due in the Tariff Department and in January 2020 there was an 88% collection rate in Port Tariffs. Also, on January 29, 2020 the Port received a FEMA visit to monitor Port Security grants received in the years 2017, 2018 and 2019. The result was a letter with no recommendations, stating that the Port met all regulations. Chambrel Riley will forward the letter from FEMA once she receives it. The Port's Director of Finance hosted 2 meetings with the Commissioners to discuss the financial questions and concerns discussed during the last financial report issued in January. She said that if there were any questions she could be reached in her office or by email. Commissioner Rousselle thanked her for holding the meetings and asked if she will provide a list of updated contracts as requested during one of the meetings. Chambrel said she had just come back from her vacation so she did not have that list as of yet; however, she placed the 2019 travel expenses on the shared drive and finished her initial review of contracts. She will place the updated list of contracts executed on the shared drive once it is complete.

There being no items for Introduction, Commissioner Blink moved to Agenda Item 6, "Ordinances and Resolutions on Second Reading and Final Passage". Without objection, so ordered.

On Motion of Commissioner Blink, seconded by Commissioner Newberry and on roll call all members present and voting "YES", except Commissioners Black and Guey who were "ABSENT", Ordinance No. 20-22, entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Plaquemines Parish Port, Harbor and Terminal District 2020 Manpower Structure; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto" was adopted by a vote of 7-0.

On Motion of Commissioner Blink, seconded by Commissioner Cognevich and on roll call all members present and voting "YES", except Commissioners Black and Guey who were "ABSENT", Resolution No. 20-55, entitled "A Resolution of the Plaquemines Parish Council, acting as the sole governing authority of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District, expressing disagreement with State Project No. H.004791, also known as the Belle Chasse Bridge & Tunnel Replacement Public-Private Partnership Project, Plaquemines, Parish; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto" was adopted by a vote of 7-0.

There being no items for New Business, Commissioner Blink moved to Item 8 "Approval of the minutes". Without objection, so ordered.

On Motion of Commissioner LaFrance, seconded by Commissioner Cognevich and on roll call all members present and voting "YES, except Commissioners Black and Guey who were "ABSENT",

Resolution No. 20-56 approving the minutes from the February 13, 2020, regular Port Meeting, as recorded by the Secretary of this Council was adopted by a vote of 7-0.

There being no further business to come before this Council, on motion Commissioner Barthelemy, seconded by Commissioner Cognevich and on roll call all members present and voting "Yes", except Commissioner Black and Guey who were "ABSENT", the meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

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Chairman

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Secretary

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Minutes of a meeting of the Plaquemines Parish Council, held in the Pointe-a-la-Hache Council Chambers, 18055 Highway 15, Pointe-a-la-Hache, Louisiana on Thursday, February 27, 2020, at 6:50 p.m., pursuant to notice to all members with a quorum present as follows:

PRESENT: Council Member Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr., Chairman  
Council Member John L. Barthelemy, Jr.  
Council Member W. Beau Black  
Council Member Corey Arbourgh  
Council Member Benedict Rousselle  
Council Member Trudy Newberry  
Council Member Richie Blink  
Council Member Mark Cognevich

Kim M. Toups, Secretary

ABSENT: Council Member Stuart J. Guey

The Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance were dispensed with.

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

The following items were deferred:

- 9a(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. 2019-422, dated November 25, 2019”;
- 9a(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. 2019-419, dated November 25, 2019”;
- 9a(3), “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. 2019-420, dated November 25, 2019”;
- 9a(4), “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. 2019-421, dated November 25, 2019”;
- 9a(5), “An Ordinance authorizing the Parish President to do all things necessary to acquire a drainage servitude at no cost to Plaquemines Parish Government relative to property at the Belle Chasse Mobile Home Park, Cedar Grove, LA; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”;
- 9a(6), “An Ordinance approving a plan of re-subdivision of the property of Numa C. Hero and Son, Dr. Daniel, Jr. and Judy B. Marshall and Smail Property Development LTD, LLC, in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, as shown on the Map of Re-subdivision of Lots 111, 112, and 113 into Lots 111-A, 112-A, 113-A and 113-B, Square G, Concession Front Third Subdivision by Dading, Marques and Associates, LLC, certified by Cody A. Dimarco, P.L.S., dated June 17, 2019, the owners having fulfilled all the requirements of the Subdivision and Re-subdivision 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.
- 9c, “An Ordinance to amend the Five Year Capital Improvements Plan, Waterline Replacement-Highway 39 Project and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”;
- 9e, “A Resolution denying the requested Map Change filed by Stacie Rowland, from RS-2 (Single Family Residential) Zoning District to RM-2 (Multiple Family) Zoning District for Lots 10, 12, & 14 of the St. Clair Estate Subdivision, Rue St. Clair, Braithwaite, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2019-422, dated November 25, 2019”;

- 9f, “A Resolution denying the requested Map Change filed by Stacie Rowland, from RS-2 (Single Family Residential) Zoning District to RM-2 (Multiple Family) Zoning District for Lots 1, 3 & 5 of the St. Clair Estate Subdivision, Rue St. Clair, Braithwaite, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2019-419, dated November 25, 2019”;
- 9g, “A Resolution denying the requested Map Change filed by Stacie Rowland, from RS-2 (Single Family Residential) Zoning District to RM-2 (Multiple Family) Zoning District for Lot 4 of the St. Clair Estate Subdivision, Rue St. Clair, Braithwaite, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2019-420, dated November 25, 2019”;
- 9h, “A Resolution denying the requested Map Change filed by Stacie Rowland, from RS-2 (Single Family Residential) Zoning District to RM-2 (Multiple Family) Zoning District for Lots 7, 9, 11, & 13 of the St. Clair Estate Subdivision, Rue St. Clair, Braithwaite, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2019-421, dated November 25, 2019”;
- 9j, “An Ordinance to amend, and as amended readopt, the Plaquemines Parish Code of Ordinances, Section 2-17, “Rules for Transaction of Business Before the Council”, Chapter 1, “Meetings of the Plaquemines Parish Council”, Rule 1; to rescind, annul and set-aside Ordinance Nos. 19-158 and 13-165; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”;
- 9k, “An Ordinance authorizing the Parish President or his designee to do all things necessary and proper to effectuate a lease between Plaquemines Parish Government and Equiland, Inc., attached hereto as Exhibit “1;” and otherwise to provide with respect thereto” (Square 43 off of Main St. near PPSO Lockup);
- 9l, “An Ordinance authorizing the Parish President or his designee to do all things necessary and proper to effectuate a lease between Plaquemines Parish Government and First Equity, Inc. and Equiland, Inc., attached hereto as Exhibit “1;” and otherwise to provide with respect thereto” (Railroad spur);
- 9q, “A Resolution authorizing the Parish President or his designee to do all things necessary and proper to settle and compromise the case of Dynamic Constructors, LLC v. Plaquemines Parish Government, 63-082; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”;
- 10b, “District 9 update”;
- 10d, “District 8 update”;
- 10e, “District 3 update-Items 1, 2 & 3”; and
- 10f, “Discussion regarding the Good News Drainage Project”.

The following items were withdrawn.

- 9a(7), “An Ordinance to further provide as to damaging, destroying or defacing levees; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”;
- 9b, “An Ordinance to amend the 2020 General Fund, Manpower Structure and Operating Expenditure Budget, Civil Service Department; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”;
- 9r, “An Ordinance to amend the 2020 Manpower Structure and Operating Expenditure Budget, General Fund, Flood Control Department; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”;
- 9s, “An Ordinance to amend the Five Year Capital Improvements Plan for the Replacement Pointe-a-la-Hache Ferry Landing Project; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”; and
- 9t, “An Ordinance to amend the Five Year Capital Improvements Plan, Repairs-Highway 11 Project; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”.

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

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 Resolution No. 20-57, resolving the Council into Executive Session at 6:52 p.m. for the purpose of hearing a report and recommendations and strategy advice for the management of litigation from its attorney concerning: *Plaquemines Dirt & Clay Company, L. L. C. vs. Plaquemines Parish Government*, 25<sup>th</sup> JDC, No. 64-082, Division “A”; *Dynamic Constructors, LLC v. Plaquemines Parish Government*, Case No. 63-082, 25<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, Division “B”; and Hwy 39. LP, Development, Prospective Litigation after Formal Written Demand to receive attorney client privileged

communications pertaining to the options available to the Parish under the law in regard to the acquisition of property by the Parish, in accordance with LRS 42:17(A)(10), was adopted by a vote of 8-0. The Council came out of Executive Session at 7:43 p.m. with no final or binding action taken.

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

On motion of Council Member Rousselle, with a unanimous second, an upon roll call all members present voting "YES", except Council Member Guey who was "ABSENT", a proclamation declaring March 9, 2020, as REALTOR appreciation day in the Parish of Plaquemines was adopted by a vote of 8-0.

There was no Status Report by the Parish President, Update by the Charter Directors, or Bids and Advertisements; therefore, Council Member LaFrance moved to Agenda Item 6, "Beer and Liquor Licenses". Without objection, so ordered.

On motion of Council Member Rousselle, seconded by Council Member Cognevich, and on roll call all members present and voting "YES", except Council Member Guey who was "ABSENT", Resolution No. 20-58 approving the following applications for permit to engage in the sale of liquor and/or beer only in the Parish of Plaquemines for the year 2020 are hereby approved: Balestra's Food Center, Inc., "Balestra's Food Center", 7902 Highway 23, Belle Chasse, Table 2, Class B-Package Liquor; Myrtle Grove Marina, LLC, "Myrtle Grove Marina", 161 Marina Road, Myrtle Grove, Table 2, Class A-Retail Liquor; Big Drink, LLC, "Sudz Tavern", 106 E. Barrier Road, Belle Chasse, Table 2, Class A-Retail Liquor; 42866 Highway 23, LLC, "Bayou Club Bar & Grill", 42866 Highway 23, Venice, Table 1, Class A-Retail Liquor and issuing a special event/temporary beer/liquor permit is hereby issued to Kaysha Choate for the Plaquemines Social Aid & Pleasure Club Crawfish Cook Off starting on March 27, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. and ending March 30, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. at the Belle Chasse Multi-Purpose Building and grounds, 333 F. Edward Hebert Blvd., Belle Chasse, was adopted by a vote of 8-0.

Council Member LaFrance moved to Agenda Item 7, "Building Permits". Without objection, so ordered. Items 7a(1) and 7a(3) through 7a(5) were taken *en globo*.

On motion of Council Member Cognevich, seconded by Council Member Barthelemy, and on roll call all members present and voting "YES", except Council Member Cognevich who "ABSTAINED" and Council Members Black and Guey who were "ABSENT", Resolution No. 20-59 approving construction permits in the Parish of Plaquemines for 2020 was adopted by a vote of 6-0-1.

Item 7a(2) was taken separately. 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", Resolution No. 20-60 approving the Midway Cattle Ranch, LLC, Application No. 2020-69, dated January 28, 2020, continuation of existing borrow pit operation, 850 W. Ravenna Road, Belle Chasse, was adopted by a vote of 8-0.

Agenda Items 7b through 7e were taken *en globo*:

On motion of Council Member Rousselle, seconded by Council Member Arbourgh, and on roll call all members present voting "YES", except Council Member Guey who was "ABSENT", the Resolution No. 20-61 approving the renewal of a fireworks stand permit to Duck's Fireworks, Inc., Donald Durr, for the installation of a fireworks stand (renewal) on property located in an I-2 (Light Industrial) Zoning District at 7010 Highway 23, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2020-134, dated January 24, 2020, was adopted by a vote of 8-0.

On motion of Council Member Rousselle, seconded by Council Member Arbourgh, and on roll call all members present voting "YES", except Council Member Guey who was "ABSENT", Resolution No. 20-62, approving the renewal of a fireworks stand permit to Duck's Fireworks, Inc., Donald Durr, for the installation of a Fireworks Stand (renewal) on property located in a C-2 (General Commercial) Zoning District at 9127 Highway 23, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2020-135, dated January 24, 2020, was adopted by a vote of 8-0.

On motion of Council Member Rousselle, seconded by Council Member Arbourgh, and on roll call all members present voting “YES”, except Council Member Guey who was “ABSENT”, Resolution No. 20-63, approving the renewal of a fireworks stand permit to Duck’s Fireworks, Inc., Donald Durr, for the installation of a fireworks stand (renewal) on property located in a C-2 (General Commercial) Zoning District at 9590 Highway 23, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2020-136, dated January 24, 2020, was adopted by a vote of 8-0.

On motion of Council Member Rousselle, seconded by Council Member Arbourgh, and on roll call all members present voting “YES”, except Council Member Guey who was “ABSENT”, Resolution No. 20-64, approving the issuance of a special permit to The Clubhouse Bar & Grill, Inc., Debbie Keiffer, for the installation of a fireworks stand renewal located in a C-2 (General Commercial) Zoning District at 8133 Highway 23, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2020-82, dated January 30, 2020.

Agenda Items 7f through 7j were taken *en globo*:

On motion of Council Member Blink, seconded by Council Member Cognevich, and on roll call all members present voting “YES”, except Council Member Guey who was “ABSENT”, Resolution No. 20-65, approving the issuance of a special permit to Cole Wilson, for the placement of a RV trailer residence on property located in a FP (Flood Plain) Zoning District at 111 Zebal Lane, Lake Hermitage, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2020-107, dated February 6, 2020, was adopted by a vote of 8-0.

On motion of Council Member Blink, seconded by Council Member Cognevich, and on roll call all members present voting “YES”, except Council Member Guey who was “ABSENT”, Resolution No. 20-66, approving the issuance of a special permit to Carlos Cruz for the placement of a RV trailer residence on property located in a FP (Flood Plain) Zoning District at 112 Zebal Lane, Lake Hermitage, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2020-108, dated February 6, 2020, was adopted by a vote of 8-0.

On motion of Council Member Blink, seconded by Council Member Cognevich, and on roll call all members present voting “YES”, except Council Member Guey who was “ABSENT”, Resolution No. 20-67, approving the issuance of a special permit to Charles Andres, for the placement of a RV trailer residence on property located in a FP (Flood Plain) Zoning District at 2765 Hermitage Lane, Lake Hermitage, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2020-109, dated February 6, 2020, was adopted by a vote of 8-0.

On motion of Council Member Blink, seconded by Council Member Cognevich, and on roll call all members present voting “YES”, except Council Member Guey who was “ABSENT”, Resolution No. 20-68, approving the renewal of a trailer park permit to David Junker for the operation of an existing trailer park (Naomi Mobile Home Community) located in a MH (Mobile Home) Zoning District on Naomi Drive, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2019-839, dated December 3, 2019, was approved by a vote of 8-0.

On motion of Council Member Blink, seconded by Council Member Cognevich, and on roll call all members present voting “YES”, except Council Member Guey who was “ABSENT”, Resolution No. 20-69, approving the renewal of a trailer park permit to David Junker for the operation of an existing trailer park (Belle Chasse Mobile Home Park, LLC) located in an I-2 (Light Industrial) Zoning District on River Oaks and Burt Drive, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, all in accordance with Application No. 2019-844, dated December 03, 2019, was adopted by a vote of 8-0.

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 urging and requesting the assistance of the Louisiana Legislative Delegation to seek relief through a change in legislation regarding severance tax exemptions and their detrimental impact on Parish Government; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.  
COUNCIL MEMBER ROUSSELLE
2. A Resolution urging the Police Jury Association of Louisiana and officials of the State of Louisiana to study, evaluate, and revise the law of this State as regards to statutorily unfunded

mandates imposed upon parish governing authorities; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER ROUSSELLE

3. A Resolution urging the Police Jury Association of Louisiana and officials of the State of Louisiana to study, evaluate, and revise the law of this State as regards statutorily unfunded mandates imposed upon parish governing authorities; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER ROUSSELLE
4. A Resolution authorizing the Parish President to do all thing necessary and proper to settle and compromise *Stuart Consulting Group, Inc. v. Plaquemines Parish Government*, Case No. 60-296, 25<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, Division B; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER LAFRANCE
5. An Ordinance to amend the 2020 General Fund, Operating Expenditure Budget, Legal Judgments Department; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER LAFRANCE
6. An Ordinance to amend the 2020 Manpower Structure, 911 Services Department; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER LAFRANCE
7. An Ordinance supporting and ratifying Plaquemines Parish Civil Service Commission Resolution No. \_\_\_\_, attached hereto as Exhibit A, amending Civil Service Rule IV, Section 6.4 relative to overtime pay; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER LAFRANCE
8. An Ordinance supporting and ratifying Plaquemines Parish Civil Service Commission Resolution No. \_\_\_\_, attached hereto as Exhibit A, amending Civil Service Rule IV, Section 4.1 relative to Merit Increases; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER LAFRANCE
9. A Resolution to replace a member of the Coastal Zone Advisory Committee; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COUNCIL MEMBER BLINK

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

On motion of Council Member LaFrance, seconded by Council Member Cognevich, and upon roll call and all members present voting “YES”, except Council Member Guey who was “ABSENT”, Ordinance No. 20-23 entitled, “An Ordinance to amend the 2020 Manpower Structure and Operating Expenditure Budget, General Fund, Coastal Zone-Land Department, and the Director of Operations Department; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto was adopted by a vote of 8-0.

On Motion of Council Member Barthelemy, seconded by Council Member Cognevich, and upon roll call and all members present voting “YES”, Council Member Guey who was “ABSENT”, Ordinance No. 20-24 entitled, “An Ordinance to amend the Five Year Capital Improvements Plan for the Replacement Pointe-a-la-Hache Ferry Landing Project; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto” was adopted by a vote of 8-0.

Council Member LaFrance moved to Agenda Item 9m. On motion of Council Member Arbourgh, seconded by Council Member Newberry, and on roll call all members present voting “YES”, except Council Member Guey who was “ABSENT”, Resolution No. 20-70, authorizing the Parish President, or his designee, to do all things necessary and proper to negotiate, execute, perfect, and enforce a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Plaquemines Social Aid and Pleasure Club; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

On motion of Council Member Arbourgh, seconded by Council Member Black, and on roll call all members present and voting “YES”, except Council Member Guey who was “ABSENT”, Resolution No. 20-71, entitled “A Resolution authorizing and directing the Parish President, or his designee, to do all things necessary and proper to provide assistance to the Plaquemines Social Aid and Pleasure Club; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto” was adopted by a vote of 8-0.

Council Member Cognevich offered a substitute to Item 9o. On motion of Council Member Cognevich, seconded by Council Member Barthelemy, and on roll call all members present and voting “YES”, except Council Member Guey who was “ABSENT”, Resolution No. 20-72, approving the holding of an election in Plaquemines Parish Hospital Service District Number One, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, May 9, 2020, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein, was adopted by a vote of 8-0.

On motion of Council Member Cognevich, seconded by Council Member Barthelemy, and on roll call all members present and voting “YES”, except Council Member Arbourgh voting “NO”, Council Member Black who “ABSTAINED and Council Member Guey who was “ABSENT”, Resolution No. 20-73 authorizing and directing the Parish President, or his designee, to install a telephone, computer and printer in the District 1 Council Office at the Percy Griffin Community Center for Council Member John Barthelemy; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto” was adopted by a vote of 6-1-1.

Council Member LaFrance moved to Agenda Item 10, “New Business”. Without objection, so ordered.

Under Agenda Item 10a , “Resolutions wherein suspension is being sought”, Council Member LaFrance offered a Motion for Suspension of the Rules to add an item to the agenda for consideration”. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cognevich seconded the motion and upon roll call all members present voting “YES”, except Council Member Guey who was “ABSENT”, the motion was adopted by a vote of 8-0.

On motion of Council Member LaFrance, seconded by Council Member Rousselle, and on roll call all members present and voting “YES”, except Council Member Guey who was “ABSENT”, Resolution No. 20-74, entitled “A Resolution by the Plaquemines Parish Council, as and on behalf of the West Bank Levee District and Plaquemines Parish Government, to authorize expropriation of Perpetual Flood Protection Levee Floodwall Easements, Perpetual Flood Protection Levee Floodwall and Drainage Ditch Easements and Temporary Work Area Easements in lands in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana owned by Plaquemines Dirt & Clay Company, L. L. C. to construct the New Orleans to Venice NOV-NF-W-06a.2, Pointe Celeste to West Pointe a la Hache levee project in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana for levee, floodwall, drainage, flood, access and hurricane protection purposes; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto” was adopted by a vote of 8-0.

Under Item 10c, “District 5 Update”, Council Member Rousselle addressed two items.

- 1) “Drainage projects Covert Road and Engineers Road update”. Council Member Rousselle said that this project has been talked about and on the books for the past 12 years. He asked Director Todd Eppley for an update on the project and funding. Mr. Eppley stated he had a meeting yesterday with Ken Dugas and DOTD regarding the Bridge/Tunnel replacement project and the overlap between the project and the Covert and Engineers Road Drainage project. DOTD has concerns and wants to discuss the logistics on these projects with the Parish. Council Member Rousselle asked the Administration to continue to move forward on the drainage projects.
- 2) “Status report on replacement of asbestos waterlines off of Barriere Road and the Greek Streets”. Council Member Rousselle explained that there are 4-inch waterlines on Tau, Phi, Mu, Nu, XI and Rho streets. He went on to say the Council recently approved a project for new lines to be installed around Main Street which was funded by a grant. He asked who applied for the grant and could we have that person apply for a grant to replace the lines on the above mentioned streets in order to provide better fire protection. Director Todd Eppley stated that it was a grant that was applied for each year. Last year the money went to English Turn and next year there should be approximately \$140,000 which can be used in the Parish. He further explained that an estimate in 2015 to fix the streets Council Member Rousselle is talking about was \$200,000 for one street. Therefore, the grant money would not even replace the lines on one street. Council Member Rousselle stated that over half the money in the quote was for resident inspections and the Parish could hire an inspector for under the money it would cost to pay for said inspections.

Council Member Black reverted back to the discussion regarding Council Member Rousselle's drainage projects stating that although Council Member Rousselle may get his project funded, the Engineering Department is only doing three projects a year due to lack of Manpower. Council Member Rousselle asked Todd Eppley if the Engineering Department does project designs and he was told they do. Mr. Eppley also stated there is only one Engineering inspector who needs to be on the sight during the entirety of each project.

Under Agenda Item 10g, "Discussion regarding non-compliance with public records request", Council Member Rousselle said that he has sent emails to Ken Dugas asking for various information and for months there has been no response. Director Eppley said that he has not received any of the requests but he would check with Mr. Dugas.

Under Agenda Item 10h, "District 1 update", Council Member Barthelemy allowed Pointe-a-la-Hache Fire Chief, Clarence Brocks to speak. Chief Brocks gave the good news that Pointe-a-la-Hache received a rating of 5. He hopes to work on keeping that rating and even to get it lower. He further said he is having trouble getting new volunteers and incentives such as riding the ferry for free, renting Parish buildings for free once a year and the re-opening of the gym in the Davant Center would be a way to draw more volunteers in. He also said he currently only has two paid firemen on staff and one is sometimes called away for EMT services. Chief Brocks would need four paid firemen at all times to be able to answer fire calls. He also said that he needs a key to the Davant Center for emergency purposes.

Council Member Barthelemy then took the floor to report the following:

- 1) He still has concerns with the water pressure and he asks that the Administration take steps to fix this.
- 2) He has concerns about asbestos in the waterline from White Ditch to Phoenix and asked that the Administration have the Health Department look into this matter.
- 3) He thanked the Administration for the support on redoing the PALH ferry ramp.
- 4) He said he was happy with the grass cutting and that the trash is being picked up again.

Under Agenda Item 10i, "District 7 update". Council Member LaFrance asked Mr. John Helmers for an update on the Port Sulphur Fishing Pier and was told that there were some discrepancies in the bid packet but they are working to clear them up so the bids should be opened this week. Council Member LaFrance asked if there were any changes made to the project, specifically if there was still a metal roof and electricity. Mr. Helmers said there were no changes and yes there is still a metal roof and electricity. Council Member LaFrance inquired as to the status of the Grader and was told by Scott Rousselle that they are trying to keep up with the streets as much as possible. Council Member LaFrance said he spoke to President Lepine regarding the condition of the "Port Sulphur" sign and the need for it to be repainted and asked for the Administration to take care of this matter. He then asked Director Rousselle how long the Corps. would prohibit digging. Scott Rousselle said that as long as the river is over 15 feet there was no digging allowed within 1500 feet of the levee and when it is between 11-15 feet a waiver must be obtained from the Corps. The next question Council Member LaFrance had was in reference to the Pointe-a-la-Hache waterworks being out of compliance and what needs to be done about this. Todd Eppley stated all that he knows about is the compound in the river which is due to the high water level and this is something that happens each year.

Council Member LaFrance moved to Agenda Item 11, "Approval of Minutes". Without objection, so ordered.

On motion of Council Member Barthelemy, seconded by Council Member Blink, and on roll call all members present and voting "YES", except Council Member Guey who was "ABSENT", Resolution No. 20-75 adopting the minutes of the February 13, 2020, regular Council meeting, as recorded by the Secretary of this Council was adopted by a vote 8-0.

There being no further business to come before this Council, on motion Council Member Cognevich, seconded by Council Member Blink and on roll call all members present and voting “Yes”, except Council Members Guey and Blink who were “ABSENT”, the meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

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Chairman

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Secretary

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