

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 Courthouse Council Chambers, 18055 Highway 23, Pointe-a-la-Hache, Louisiana on Thursday, October 14, 2021, at 3:03 p.m., pursuant to notice to all members with a quorum present as follows:

PRESENT: Commissioner Richie Blink, Chairman
Commissioner W. Beau Black
Commissioner Corey Arbourgh
Commissioner Stuart J. Guey
Commissioner Benedict Rousselle
Commissioner Trudy Newberry
Commissioner Mark Cognevich

Kim M. Toups, Secretary

ABSENT: Commissioner John L. Barthelemy, Jr.
Commissioner Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr.

Sandy Sanders, Paul Matthews, Chambrel Riley-Williams, and Christie Nielsen were present representing the Port.

The Prayer was said and the Pledge was recited.

The following items were deferred:

- 6b, “A Resolution electing the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District Chairperson for 2022; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”;
- 6c, “A Resolution electing the Vice-Chairperson of the Plaquemines Parish Council for the year 2022; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”;
- 6e, “An Ordinance to create the Legal Department and the position of Executive Counsel of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District; to amend the 2021 General Fund, Manpower Structure and Operating Expenditure Budget to provide for the Legal Department; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”. Commissioner Rousselle offered this item with a substitute, it was seconded by Commissioner Blink, discussed and then deferred: and
- 6g, “An Ordinance to create the Legal Department and the position of Executive Counsel of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District; to amend the 2021 General Fund, Manpower Structure and Operating Expenditure Budget to provide for the Legal Department; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”.

There being no matters to address under the following Agenda Item 2, “Executive Session”, Commissioner Blink moved to Agenda Item 3, “Status Report by the Executive Port Director”. Without objection, so ordered. Reports on the following topics were made:

- The Port Administration met with team members of AP Moller Terminal of North America at Port of Mobile. They are very excited about the container project;
- There has been continued dialogue with a Cold Storage operator and they are doing their internal due diligence regarding opening a site in Plaquemines Parish;
- The Port conducted a third meeting at the APMT office at the Port of Mobile. The next meeting will be held in New Orleans;
- A strong letter in support of the CHS grant application was received from Senator Scalise;
- The American Association of Port Authorities collected contributions from Port Directors to assist staff members throughout the Gulf Coast who suffered catastrophic damage from Hurricane Ida. The association’s Emergency Relief Fund provided aid to 33 of 42 Plaquemines Port staff members; and
- The DOTD’s Port Priority Grant application for the Water Booster Station is now on the Priority List and the Port is now waiting for notice of a hearing date.

Commissioner Rousselle asked if the MOU with APM Terminals is still in effect and Sandy Sanders said yes; however, he would have to check and see when it expires. Commissioner Rousselle then asked if the Port had any Hurricane Ida expenses incurred and if any PW’s have been submitted. Paul Matthews said they are still working with the insurance company and once the final numbers are available he will relay that information to the Board.

Commissioner Newberry inquired as to when the next Transportation Committee Meeting was going to be held and if the Booster Station was on that agenda. Paul Matthews said there has been no date set for the hearing but when the date is received, he will forward the information to the Board.

There being no report under Agenda Item 3b, "Financial Report/Budget to Actual" and nothing under Item 4 "Bids and Advertisements", Commissioner Blink moved to Agenda Item 5, "Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions". Without objection, so ordered. The following legislation was introduced:

1. A Resolution directing the cooperation of the staff of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COMMISSIONER BLINK
2. A Resolution establishing the date, time and place of public hearings on the proposed 2022 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Budget as submitted by the Executive Director of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District; to authorize the Council Secretary to place the necessary Public Notice in the Plaquemines Gazette; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COMMISSIONER BLINK
3. A Resolution directing the Executive Director, Maynard "Sandy" Sanders, to engage Louisiana State Civil Service to inquire the necessary steps and make recommendation to the Plaquemines Parish Council, as the sole governing authority of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District, regarding acceptance into the Louisiana State Civil Service System. COMMISSIONER BLINK
4. An Ordinance authorizing Sandy Sanders, Executive Director of Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District, to purchase land owned by Ellied P. and Carol P. Riley. COMMISSIONER NEWBERRY
5. A Resolution approving and authorizing Mr. Maynard J. Sanders, Port Executive Director, to accept proposal presented by Infinity Engineering Consultants, LLC, for the bidding and construction phase for the B-3 Relocation 5-year Capital Improvement Project; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COMMISSIONER NEWBERRY
6. A Resolution electing the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District Chairperson for 2022; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COMMISSIONER NEWBERRY
7. A Resolution electing the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District Vice-Chairperson for 2022; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COMMISSIONER NEWBERRY

Commissioner Blink moved to Agenda Item 6, "Ordinances and Resolutions on second reading and final passage". Without objection, so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-237

On motion of Commissioner Blink, seconded by Commissioner Cognevich and on roll call all members present and voting "YES", except Commissioners Barthelemy and LaFrance who were "ABSENT", the following Resolution was adopted:

A Resolution to cancel the November 25, 2021, and December 23, 2021, regularly scheduled Port Meetings due to the Thanksgiving Holiday and Christmas Holiday; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL, AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT, HARBOR & TERMINAL DISTRICT THAT it hereby cancels the November 25, 2021, and December 23, 2021, regularly scheduled Port Meetings due to the Thanksgiving Holiday and Christmas Holiday.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL, AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT, HARBOR & TERMINAL DISTRICT THAT the Secretary of this Council is hereby authorized and directed to immediately certify and release this Resolution and that Port 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. 21-101

The following Ordinance was offered by Commissioner Newberry who moved its adoption:

An Ordinance to amend, and as amended to approve, the Plaquemines Parish Port, Harbor & Terminal District 2021 Operating Budget of Revenue and Expenditures; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Parish Port, Harbor & Terminal District 2021 Operating Budget of Revenue and Expenditures should be amended to reflect the funding of these services by appropriating \$70,000 for the Port's Legal Expense Budget for the remainder of 2021 from the Port's unrestricted balance is requested;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT, HARBOR & TERMINAL DISTRICT THAT:

SECTION 1

Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District 2021 Revenue and Expenditure Budget is hereby amended by appropriating \$70,000 to Legal Support- General for the Port's Legal Expense Budget from the Port's unrestricted balance.

SECTION 2

The Secretary of this Council is hereby authorized and directed to immediately certify and release this Ordinance and that Port 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.

Commissioner Guey seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

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

YEAS: Commissioners W. Beau Black, Corey Arbourgh, Stuart J. Guey, Benedict Rousselle, Trudy Newberry, Richie Blink and Mark Cognevich

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioners John L. Barthelemy, Jr., and Carlton M. LaFrance.

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 14th day of October 2021.

Commissioner Blink moved to Agenda Item 7, "New Business". Without objection, so ordered.

There were no resolutions wherein suspension was being sought under Item 7a.

Under Agenda Item 7b, “PLT discussion and update”, Commissioner Rousselle asked if there were any additional updates and he then asked if there was anyone wanting to acquire the property? Sandy Sanders told him that that PLT is still trying to commercialize the property and he prepared a short presentation regarding this matter. Commissioner Rousselle wanted to know with the current situation of Phillips 66, if there has been any discussion of marrying the two together and he was told by Paul Matthews that they did reach out to them and offered help.

Commissioner Blink moved to Agenda Item 8, “Approval of the Minutes”. Without objection, so ordered.

R E S O L U T I O N N O. 21-238

On motion of Commissioner Cognevich, seconded by Commissioner Blink, and on roll call all members present and voting “YES”, except Commissioners Barthelemy and LaFrance who were “ABSENT”, the following Resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL, AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT, HARBOR & TERMINAL DISTRICT THAT it hereby approves the minutes of the September 23, 2021, regular Port Meeting, as recorded by the Secretary of this Council

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL, AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT, HARBOR & TERMINAL DISTRICT THAT the Secretary of this Council is hereby authorized and directed to immediately certify and release this Resolution and that Port employees and officials are authorized to carry out the purposes of this Resolution.

There being no further business to come before this Council, on motion Commissioner Black seconded by Commissioner Cognevich and on roll call all members present voting “YES”, except Commissioners Barthelemy and LaFrance who were “ABSENT”, the meeting adjourned at 3:29 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary

For a full transcript of discussions and presentations a video of this meeting is available for viewing on the Parish website www.plaqueminesparish.com or on YouTube.