

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 Hwy. 15, Pointe-a-la-Hache, Louisiana on Thursday, January 26, 2023, at 3:10 p.m., pursuant to notice to all members with a quorum present as follows:

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

Kim M. Toups, Secretary

Charles Tillotson, Melissa Folse and Christie Nielsen were present representing the Port.

The Prayer was said and the Pledge was recited.

There being no matters to address under the following Agenda Item 2, "Executive Session", Commissioner Guey moved to Agenda Item 3, "Status Report by the Executive Port Director". Without objection, so ordered. The following was reported by Mr. Tillotson:

- Thanked everyone for the one-on-one meetings and meeting to talk about future Port possibilities;
- The Port Completed their 2021 Financial Audit and commenced with the 2022 close;
- A meeting was held with Venture Global and the Council was able to tour their facility. Mr. Tillotson is excited about VG being the Port's biggest customer and world's largest LNG terminal; and
- Andalusian and APM Terminals met with the Port.

Board Comments:

Council Member Edwards thanked Mr. Tillotson and his staff because he has learned more about Port than he ever has; and

Commissioner Guey thanked Mr. Tillotson for his patience and taking the time to walk them through some of the elements of what he does on a daily basis.

There being nothing to report under Agenda Item 3a, "Financial Report/Budget to Actual", and no matters under Agenda Item 4, "Bids and Advertisements", and no Introductions to be made, Commissioner Guey moved Agenda Item 6, "Ordinances and Resolutions on second reading and final passage". Without objection, so ordered.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-10

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

An Ordinance authorizing Charles Tillotson, Executive Director of Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District to purchase land owned by Dana C. King, Jr.; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, through negotiations with King, a recommendation is being made to approve the acquisition of property owned by King, and known as one of the "piano keys"; and

WHEREAS, the property has been appraised, and

WHEREAS, the negotiations between King and the Port recognize a total recommended purchase price of said property for \$143,000 for Lot 57A, Pointe Celeste Farms S/D, currently owned by King;

NOW, THEREFORE

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

SECTION 1

It hereby authorizes and directs Charles Tillotson, Executive Director of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District, to acquire the land owned by Dana C. King Jr., more fully described by the legal description attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

SECTION 2

The acquisition shall be for a purchase price of \$ 143,000 plus closing cost for the transfer of ownership of the land at Lot 57A Pointe Celeste Farms S/D, currently owned by Dana C. King, Jr., to the Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District.

SECTION 3

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 LaFrance seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

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

YEAS: Commissioners 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 26th day of January, 2023.

Commissioner Guey offered 6b, "A Resolution authorizing Executive Director, Charles D. Tillotson, of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District to enter into a Professional Services Agreement for Financial Consulting Services with _____; and otherwise, to provide with respect thereto". He filled in the blanks and then deferred the matter.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-11

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

An Ordinance to amend and as amended to readopt the Plaquemines Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Section 2-18, *Rules for Transaction of Business Before the Council as the Sole Governing Authority of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District* Rule 17; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, there is an item which needs to be added to the items of business which the Council as the Sole Governing Authority of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District, conducts at its meetings;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION 1

Chapter , Section 2-17, Rule 17 (d) shall now read as follows:

(d) Included in any proposed ordinance or resolution, following the preamble and before the body of the proposed ordinance or resolution will be a digest of the purpose of said legislation. The digest will also be placed on the meeting agenda directly following the preamble. The digest is a synopsis of the intent of the proposed ordinance or resolution.

SECTION 2

The remainder of Rule 17 shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3

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 Champagne seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

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

YEAS: Commissioners 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 26th day of January, 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-27

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

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Port Chairman to amend Melissa Folsé's employment contract; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, Ordinance 22-39 created a Legal Department within the administration of the Plaquemines Port to include the position of Executive Counsel; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 22-217 amended her employment contract to change her title to Deputy Director / Executive Counsel; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of this Council to make amendments to Melissa Folsé's employment contract to change Item 2 to read as follows to comply with all other Port employment contracts: The Deputy Director/Executive Counsel shall represent and report to the Executive Director and perform the duties as established by the Council and in accordance with the terms of this agreement. The duties are described within the Ordinance 22-39 and Ordinance 12-168;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL, AS THE SOLE

GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT HARBOR & TERMINAL DISTRICT THAT the Port Chairman is hereby authorized and directed to amend the employment contract of Melissa Folse.

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

Agenda Item 6e, “A Resolution authorizing the Executive Director, enter into an agreement with Mercury Public Affairs to provide consulting, advisory, and lobbying services regarding Port representation at the Federal and Regional level for a one-year term; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto” was withdrawn.

Agenda Item 6f, “A Resolution to authorize the Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District (“District”) in accordance with the CEA and Lease Agreement to sell the property identified within Exhibit B of the Lease Agreement to Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (“CPRA”); and otherwise to provide with respect thereto” was deferred.

There were no matters under Agenda Item 7, “New Business”; therefore, Commissioner Guey moved to Agenda Item 8, “Approval of Minutes”. Without objection, so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-28

On motion of Commissioner LaFrance, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, and on roll call all members present and voting “YES”, 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 November 16, 2022, special Port Meeting and the January 12, 2023, 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 Cognevich, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, and on roll call all members present voting “YES”, the meeting adjourned at 3:22 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.