

Minutes of a meeting of the Plaquemines Parish Council, as the Sole Governing Authority of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District, held in the Belle Chasse Council Building Chambers, 333 F. Edward Hebert Blvd., Bldg. 203, Belle Chasse, Louisiana on Thursday, January 14, 2021, at 3:01 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 W. Beau Black
Commissioner Corey Arbourgh
Commissioner Stuart J. Guey
Commissioner Benedict Rousselle
Commissioner Trudy Newberry
Commissioner Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr.
Commissioner Mark Cognevich

Kim M. Toups, Secretary

Sandy Sanders and Paul Matthews were present to represent the Port.

The Prayer was said and the Pledge was recited.

Agenda Item 6d, "An Ordinance authorizing the Executive Director, Maynard " Sandy" Sanders to negotiate and enter into and provide funding for an agreement with DAR, INC. (d/b/a Robin and Associates) to provide consulting, advisory, and lobbying services on behalf of the Port at the State level for legislative, administrative and regulatory issues, including Capital Outlay representation and other facilities of interest to the Port; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto" was deferred.

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. The following was reported by Sandy Sanders:

- Venture Global Fleet Engineer and Michael Perkins visited with the Port Administration and explained that due to COVID there were a few set-backs; however, everything is on schedule;
- The Port employees continue diversity training and it is having a healthy impact on them; and
- An introduction to renew Paul Matthews' contract will be introduced today and Mr. Sanders attests that Matthews is an asset to the Port.

Commissioners raised the following questions and made the following comments:

- Commissioner Cognevich thanked the Port for setting up a meeting with UNO and asked if PLT answered any other of his questions. Paul Matthews said not yet but he is working on this matter;
- Commissioner Guey stated that he sent the resolution and contract to renew Matthews' contract and said that if anyone has questions, please contact him. He would like to take this matter up in 2 weeks;
- There was a discussion held between the Commissioners and the Port Administration regarding the artifacts which contained human remains found in St. Rosalie. Topics included, the fence, a list of descendants of the deceased buried there. Also, discussed the past vote on legislation to fence and that at no time was it indicated that the fence was to protect the graveyard;
- Commissioner LaFrance asked for an update on the container port and how it will affect our Port. Sandy Sanders said he did not want to discuss it in public and he will give the Commission an update in about 2 weeks. He also said the Port of New Orleans received \$15million from the State and asked if they applied for the funds also. Sanders said they did not apply because at the time there was no project and they did not own any land; and
- Commissioner Rousselle said there have been improvements regarding the calendar and he is receiving it once a week; however, it is light on content.

There being no report under 3b, "Financial Report/Budget to Actual" and no Bids or Advertisements, Commissioner Blink moved to Item 5, "Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions". Without objection, so ordered. The following items were introduced:

1. A Resolution authorizing the Port Director, or his designee, to negotiate, sign, execute, and enforce the attached Lease Agreement between the Plaquemines Parish Port, Harbor & Terminal District and Plaquemines Parish Government. COMMISSIONER BLINK

2. A Resolution authorizing and directing Maynard J. “Sandy” Sanders, Executive Director of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District, to enter into an Employment Contract for services as Deputy Port Director between the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District (Port), and Paul Matthews; and otherwise, to provide with respect thereto.
COMMISSIONER GUEY

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

There were no items listed under 6a, “Ordinances and Public Hearings pursuant to Article 6, Section 6.01E of the Parish Charter.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-1

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

An Ordinance to amend, as amended, readopt Ordinance No. 20-80 which approved the correction to the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District 2020 Manpower Budget to reflect the position of Marine Diesel Mechanic on Pay Grade 17; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, the Council as the sole governing authority of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District adopted the 2020 Manpower Budget in December of 2019 that authorized this funded vacant position; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 18-43 approved the Amended Pay Plan adopted by the Civil Service Commission on April 26, 2018, to rename the position of Diesel Mechanic; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 20-80, adopted on August 13, 2002, provided Council approval of the correction made to the PPHTD 2020 Manpower Budget to reflect the position of Marine Diesel Mechanic on Pay Grade 17; however, it was referred to as an unclassified position in said ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Civil Service Commission lists the Marine Diesel Mechanic as a Classified position; therefore, an amendment to Ordinance 20-80 is needed;

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

It hereby amends, and as amended readopts Ordinance No. 20-80 to reflect that the unclassified position of Marine Diesel Mechanic is a classified position.

SECTION 2

It hereby approves the correction to the Port, Harbor & Terminal District 2020 Manpower Budget to reflect the position of Marine Diesel Mechanic on Pay Grade 17 as a classified position.

SECTION 3

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.

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 John L. Barthelemy, Jr., W. Beau Black, Corey Arbourgh, Stuart J. Guey, Benedict Rousselle, Trudy Newberry, Carlton M. LaFrance, Richie Blink and Mark Cognevich

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

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

RESOLUTION NO. 21-1

On motion of Commissioner Blink, seconded by Commissioner Guey, and on roll call all members present and voting "NO", except Commissioners Blink, Rousselle, Newberry and LaFrance, who voted "YES", the following Resolution FAILED:

A Resolution authorizing the Director of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District ("Plaquemines Port") to transfer ownership of a 2012 Ford F-250 Utility truck to Plaquemines Parish Government for public use and benefit; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, Plaquemines Port wishes to transfer a 2012 Ford F-250 Utility truck with VIN# 1FTBF2A60CEB17994 to Plaquemines Parish Government;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT THAT it hereby authorizes the Port Director, or his designee, to transfer a 2012 Ford F-250 Utility Pick-up VIN#1FTBF2A60CEB17994, Port Asset #2C28, to Plaquemines Parish Government and to execute any and all documents necessary and proper to enforce same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT, HARBOR AND 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. 21-2

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, Resolution No. 20-126 authorized the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District to enter a contract with Mercury Public Affairs to provide consulting, advisory and lobbying services at the Federal level for the contract period of June 1, 2020 to January 3, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 Operating Budget of Revenue should be amended to reflect the authorization set forth in Resolution 20-126, and provide funding for consulting, advisory and lobbying services at the Federal level; and

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 \$54,000 to Consultants-Lobbyist 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 \$54,000 to Consultants- Lobbyist for Lobbying Services 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 and Trudy Newberry.

NAYS: Commissioners Benedict Rousselle, Carlton M. LaFrance and Mark Cognevich

ABSENT: None

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: Commissioners John L. Barthelemy and Richie Blink

And the Ordinance FAILED on this the 14th day of January, 2021.

There being no matters under Agenda Item 7, "New Business", Commissioner Blink moved to Agenda Item 8, "Approval of the Minutes". Without objection, so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-2

On motion of Commissioner LaFrance, seconded by Commissioner 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 approves the minutes of the November 17, 2020, Budget Hearings and the December 10, 2020, regular Port Meeting, as recorded by the Secretary of this Council.

There being no further business to come before this Council, on motion Commissioner Cognevich, seconded by Commissioner Newberry and on roll call all members present voting "YES", the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary