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 Chambers, 333 F. Edward Hebert Blvd., Bldg. 203, Belle Chasse, Louisiana on Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., pursuant to notice to all members with a quorum present as follows:

PRESENT: Commissioner Chris Schulz, Chairman

Commissioner Brian Champagne

 Commissioner Tyronne Edwards

 Commissioner Patricia L. McCarty

Commissioner Ronnie Newsom

Commissioner Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr.

ABSENT: Commissioner Stuart J. Guey, Jr.

 Commissioner Mitch Jurisich

Commissioner Mark Cognevich

Crystal Flood, Assistant Secretary

Charles Tillotson and Administration were present representing the Port.

The Prayer and Pledge was dispensed with.

Commissioner Schulz moved to Agenda Item 2, “Ordinances and Resolutions on Second Reading and Final Passage.”

ORDINANCE NO. 25-7

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

An Ordinance to amend the Plaquemines Port, Harbor, and Terminal District, 2025 Five-Year Capital Improvements Plan, Pointe-ala-Hache Ferry Ramp Repair Project; and otherwise, to provide with respect thereto.

DIGEST: An ordinance to amend the 2025 Five-Year Capital Improvements Plan, Pointe-ala-Hache Ferry Ramp Repair Project by appropriating $293,000 for sandblasting and painting the lifting towers on the east and west bank ferry ramps and repairing the fendering on the east bank. Funding is provided from the 2025 Port, Harbor, and Terminal District Unrestricted Fund Balance. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, Ordinance 24-105, funded the Plaquemines Port, Harbor, and Terminal District Five-Year Capital Improvements Plan, Pointe-ala-Hache Ferry Ramp Repair Project; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Port administration to amend the Pointe-ala-Hache Ferry Ramp Repair Project to include the sandblasting and painting of the lifting towers on both the east and west bank ferry ramps and repair the fendering on the east bank; and

WHEREAS, amending the Plaquemines Port, Harbor, and Terminal District, 2025 Five-Year Capital Improvements Plan by appropriating $293,000 to the Pointe-ala-Hache Ferry Ramp Repair Project is requested;

NOW, THEREFORE:

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

SECTION 1

The Five-Year Capital Improvements plan is amended by appropriating $293,000 to the Pointe-ala-Hache Ferry Ramp Repair Project from the Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District, Unrestricted Fund Balance; funding year 2025.

SECTION 2

The Secretary of this Council is hereby authorized and directed to immediately certify and release this Ordinance and that Port officials and employees are authorized to carry out the purposes of this Ordinance, both without further reading and approval by the Plaquemines Parish Council.

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, Patricia L. McCarty, Ronnie Newsom, Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioners Stuart J. Guey, Mitch Jurisich, and Mark Cognevich

 PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 16th day of January 2025

Commissioner Schulz moved to suspend the rules. The Resolution up for suspension was “A Resolution authorizing Charles D. Tillotson, Executive Director of the Plaquemines Port Harbor and Terminal District, to amend the Popich Building Renovation project for Lanier & Associates to provide engineering services associated with programming renovations and capital outlay support regarding the Popich building; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.” The motion was seconded by Commissioner Champagne, and on roll call, all members present voting “YES”, except Commissioners Guey, Jurisich, and Cognevich who were “ABSENT”.

R E S O L U T I O N NO. 25-16

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

A Resolution authorizing Charles D. Tillotson, Executive Director of the Plaquemines Port Harbor and Terminal District, to amend the Popich Building Renovation project for Lanier & Associates to provide engineering services associated with programming renovations and capital outlay support regarding the Popich building; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

DIGEST: Plaquemines Port Harbor and Terminal District requires Lanier & Associates Consulting Engineers to program renovations and capital outlay support regarding the Popich building. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, Ordinance 24-100 authorized the port to expend $88,425 for this project per Task Order 6; and

WHEREAS, Lanier and Associates Consulting Engineers on behalf of Plaquemines Port Harbor and Terminal District will provide increased services in addition to Task Order 6; and

WHEREAS, The Port requires Lanier and Associates Consulting Engineers to write, administer, and manage the capital outlay request to the State of Louisiana. Lanier will coordinate with the Port regarding the operational, design, and workspace requirements of the Popich building; and

WHEREAS, the amended costs include roof repairs, generator bypass, building ventilation repairs, building and land surveys, building rendering, and additional programming services totaling $320,000;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT HARBOR & TERMINAL DISTRICT THAT the Executive Director of the Port, Charles Tillotson, is authorized to amend the Popich Building Renovation project for Lanier & Associates to provide engineering services associated with programming renovations and capital outlay support regarding the Popich building.

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 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.

There being no further business to come before this Council, on motion Commissioner Newsom, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, and on roll call all members present voting “YES, except Commissioner McCarty who voted “NO”, and Commissioners Guey, Jurisich and Cognevich who were “ABSENT”, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

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Chairman Assistant Secretary

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