

Minutes of the 2025 Proposed Budget Hearings for the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District held in the Belle Chasse Council Chambers, 333 F. Edward Hebert Blvd., Bldg. 203, Belle Chasse, Louisiana on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 9:03 a.m., pursuant to notice to all members with a quorum present as follows:

PRESENT: Commissioner Brian Champagne, Chairman  
 Commissioner Chris Schulz  
 Commissioner Stuart J. Guey  
 Commissioner Patricia McCarty  
 Commissioner Ronnie Newsom  
 Commissioner Mark Cognevich

Kim M. Toups, Council Secretary

ABSENT: Commissioner Tyrone Edwards  
 Commissioner Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr.  
 Commissioner Mitch Jurisich

Charles Tillotson, Angelina Vicknair, Jalen Brown and Tommy Serpas were present representing the Port.

Commissioner Edwards joined the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

Commissioner LaFrance joined the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

The Proposed 2025 Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District Budget book was reviewed by and discussed by the Plaquemines Parish Port Commissioners and the following amendments were made to the 2025 Budget:

AMENDMENT NO. 1  
2025 PORT ORIGINAL PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET

On motion of Commissioner Schulz, seconded by Commissioner Newsom, and on roll call all members present and voting “YES”, except Commissioner Jurisich who was “ABSENT”, the following Amendment was adopted:

WHEREAS, upon review of the 2025 Port Original Proposed Operating Budget, amendments are necessary;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Plaquemines Parish Council as the Sole Governing Authority of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District hereby amends the 2025 Port Original Proposed Operating Budget as follows:

	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>NAME</u>	
FUND:	445	Port Harbor	
DEPARTMENT:	490	Port Harbor	
DIVISION:	2460	General-Op	
<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>INC/DEC</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>
510.005	Salaries & Wages	Dec	(150,000)
515.005	P/R Taxes-FICA taxes	Dec	(2,175)
516.105	Retirement-PERS	Dec	(16,500)
517.005	Group Insurance-Health	Dec	(27,750)
<u>TOTAL:</u>	(196,425)		

Comments: To defund and delete the vacant Deputy Director position

AMENDMENT NO. 2  
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DEPARTMENT:	490	Port Harbor
DIVISION:	2460	General-Op

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>INC/ DEC</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>
510.005	Salaries & Wages	Inc	20,000
515.005	P/R Taxes-FICA Taxes	Inc	290
516.105	Retirement-PERS	Inc	2,200
517.005	Group Insurance-Health	Inc	16,330

TOTAL: \$38,820

Comments: Increase Executive Director Salary based on new contract

AMENDMENT NO. 3  
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FUND:	445	Port Harbor
DEPARTMENT:	490	Port Harbor
FUND:	2464	Communications

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>INC/ DEC</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>
532.020	Professional Svcs-Trophies, Plaques & Engraving	(DEC)	(20,000)
535.305	Technical Svcs-Software Support	(DEC)	(12,000)
557.205	Other Charges-Sponsorship	INC	25,000

TOTAL: (7,000)

AMENDMENT NO. 4  
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FUND: 445 Port Harbor  
DEPARTMENT: 490 Port Harbor  
FUND: 2460 General-Op

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>INC/DEC</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>
557.205	Other Charges-Sponsorship	(DEC)	(25,000)
535.305	Technical Svcs-Software Support	INC	10,000
532.001	Professional Svcs-General	(DEC)	(34,930)
TOTAL:	(49,930)		

AMENDMENT NO. 5  
2025 PORT ORIGINAL PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET

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FUND: 445 Port Harbor  
DEPARTMENT: 490 Port Harbor  
DIVISION: 2468 Land Acquisition

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>INC/DEC</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>
531.001	Legal Support-General	(DEC)	(50,000)
532.140	Professional Svcs-Appraisals	INC	50,000
TOTAL:	-0-		

AMENDMENT NO. 6  
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DEPARTMENT:	490	Port Harbor		
DIVISION:	2460	General-Op		
<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>		<u>INC/ DEC</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>
510.005	Salaries & Wages-Regular		(DEC)	(63,131.00)
515.005	P/R Taxes-FICA Taxes		(DEC)	(915.40)
516.105	Retirement-PERS		(DEC)	(6,944.41)
517.005	Group Insurance-Health		(DEC)	(27,749.76)
TOTAL:	(98,740.57)			

Comments: To defund and delete the vacant classified IT Analyst position.

AMENDMENT NO. 7  
2025 PORT ORIGINAL PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET

On motion of Commissioner Newsom, seconded by Commissioner McCarty, and on roll call all members present and voting “YES”, except Commissioner Jurisich who was “ABSENT”, the following Amendment was adopted:

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FUND:	445	Port Harbor		
DEPARTMENT:	490	Port Harbor		
DIVISION:	2462	Rescue Boats		
<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>		<u>INC/ DEC</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>
510.005	Salaries & Wages-Regular		(DEC)	(61,306.00)
515.005	P/R Taxes-FICA Taxes		(DEC)	(888.94)
516.105	Retirement-PERS		(DEC)	(6,743.66)
517.005	Group Insurance-Health		(DEC)	(27,749.76)
TOTAL:	(96,688.36)			

Comments: To defund and delete the vacant classified GIS Analyst position.

AMENDMENT NO. 8  
2025 PORT ORIGINAL PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET

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DIVISION: 2460	General-Op		

  

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>INC/ DEC</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>
510.005	Salaries & Wages-Regular	INC	120,000
515.005	P/R Taxes-FICA Taxes	INC	1,740
516.105	Retirement-PERS	INC	13,200
517.005	Group Insurance-Health	INC	27,750
TOTAL:	162,690		

Comments: To fund and create an unclassified IT Manager position

AMENDMENT NO. 9  
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<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>INC/ DEC</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>
510.005	Salaries & Wages-Regular	INC	30,000
TOTAL:	30,000		

Comments: To increase salary for CFO position from \$140,000 to \$170,000

There being no further business to come before this Council, on motion Commissioner Schulz seconded by Commissioner Cognevich, and on roll call all members present voting “YES”, except Commissioner Jurisich who was “ABSENT”, the meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

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Chairman

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Secretary

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