

Minutes of a meeting of the Plaquemines Parish Council, as the Sole Governing Authority of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District relative to the 2022 Proposed Budget held in the Belle Chasse Council Building, Council Chambers, 333 F. Edward Hebert Blvd., Bldg. 203, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, on Monday, December 6, 2021, at 9:03 a.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, Christie Nielsen, Paul Matthews, Donald Durr and Erica Brown were present representing the Port Administration.

The prayer was said and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Sandy Sanders read the Budget Message and then Christie Nielsen began her review of the Budget Summary. Topics discussed were the Capital Assets and the Budget Land Fund. Donald Durr provided a brief explanation for the grants and a discussion regarding this topic was held.

Council Member LaFrance joined the meeting at 9:19 a.m.

Christie Nielsen continued with the review of the Budget Summary and covered the topics of Tariffs Revenue, Rents and Leases, Personal Services, and Membership dues. A discussion was held about the various associations the Port were members of and their membership in PABI.

The following amendment was offered to transfer Ferry personnel and operations to the Port.

AMENDMENT NO. 1
2022 ORIGINAL PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET

On motion of Commissioner Blink, seconded by Commissioner Newberry, and on roll call all members present and voting "YES", except Commissioner Barthelemy, who was "ABSENT", the following Amendment was adopted:

WHEREAS, upon review of the 2022 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 2022 Original Proposed Operating Budget as follows:

	NUMBER	NAME
FUND:	445	Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District
DEPARTMENT:	491	PPHTD-Ferries
DIVISION:	2463	Ferries

<u>OBJECT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>INC/ DEC</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>NEW TOTAL</u>
510.005	Salaries & Wages Regular	Inc.	\$154,620.51	\$1,761,988.38
515.005	P/R Taxes-FICA Taxes	Inc.	\$2,242.00	\$26,623.54
516.105	Retirement-PERS	Inc.	\$17,781.35	\$202,628.66
517.005	Group Insurance-Health	Inc.	\$112,312.00	\$688,286.00
548.215	Fuel Diesel-Ferries	Inc.	\$200,000.00	\$706,020.00
TOTAL:			\$486,955.89	\$3,385,546.58

Comments: To add additional positions and fuel costs to run full schedule

A recess was taken at 11:00 a.m. and the meeting resumed at 11:16 a.m. Commissioner Black did not return to the meeting once it resumed.

A discussion was then held regarding Fire, Wind and Collision insurance

Council Member Arbourgh left the meeting at 11:25 p.m.

Insurance Agent, Mr. Bob Verdin, addressed the Council and said he would be ready to make an updated presentation at the December 9th Port meeting.

Christie Nielsen informed the Commissioner that there was an amendment requested by Commissioner Barthelemy to remove some items from the Interagency fees paid by the Port to the Parish. It was decided that this item would be passed over due to Commissioner Barthelemy being absent.

Reviews of the Capital Outlay and the detailed Revenue and Expenditures were made.

Council Member Arbourgh returned to the meeting at 11:52 p.m.

A brief review was done on Operational Services and Supplies, as well as, total Debt Services.

Reviews of the Rescue Boat Department, the Aviation Budget, Land Acquisition-Piano Keys, the Ferry Department and Capital Improvement Projects were conducted.

AMENDMENT NO. 2
2022 ORIGINAL PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET

On motion of Commissioner Cognevich, seconded by Commissioner Rousselle, and on roll call all members present and voting "YES", except Commissioner Blink voting "NO" and Commissioners Barthelemy and Black, who were "ABSENT", the following Amendment was adopted:

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	NUMBER	NAME
FUND:	445	
DEPARTMENT:	910	Capital Improvements
DIVISION:	9008	B-3 Relocation Project

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

NEW TOTAL

563.310 Property-Construction (name change only) \$1,349,648.00

Notes: Commissioner Blink wanted the record to state this is to move the shed and dock

The Manpower Tables for the Port, Rescue Boat and Ferries were reviewed. Commissioner Cognevich stated he was not okay with the Port employees receiving a merit raise when PPG employees will not be getting a raise in 2022. Therefore, he made a motion to remove all merit increases from the Port's 2022 Proposed Budget. The motion was seconded by Commissioner LaFrance and on roll call, all members present voting "YES", except Commissioners Arbourgh and Blink voting "NO" and Commissioners Barthelemy and Black who were "ABSENT", the motion to remove all merit increase from the Port's 2022 Proposed Budget was adopted by a vote of 5-2.

There being no further business before this Council for the 2022 Port Budget Hearings, on Motion of Council Member Cognevich, seconded by Council Member LaFrance and on roll call all members present voting "YES", except Commissioners Barthelemy and Black who were "ABSENT", the meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary