

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, June 12, 2025 at 5:23 p.m., pursuant to notice to all members with a quorum present as follows:

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

Kim M. Touns, Secretary

Charles Tillotson and Port Staff were present representing the Port.

The following items were deferred:

- 6b, “A Resolution to adopt a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) between the Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District d/b/a Louisiana Gateway Port and Plaquemines Parish Government for the purpose economic development collaboration; and authorizing Port Executive Director, Charles D. Tillotson, to enter into a CEA Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District d/b/a Louisiana Gateway Port and Plaquemines Parish Government for the purpose economic development collaboration; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”;
- 6h, “An Ordinance authorizing Charles D. Tillotson, Executive Director of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District (“the Port”), to issue Task Order #07 to Infinity Engineering Consultants, LLC for engineering and design services associated with the Rail Velocity Study and Simulation for the 11 Mile Rail Extension and Peters Road Rail Bypass projects, in connection with the Container Terminal project; and otherwise, to provide with respect thereto”;
- 6i, “An Ordinance authorizing Charles D. Tillotson, Executive Director of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District (“the Port”), to issue Task Order #18 to Lanier & Associates for engineering, survey, and project management services associated with developing a cost estimate for Phase 1 of the Container Terminal Project; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”; and
6q, “An Ordinance to amend the 2025 Manpower Structure and Operating Expenditure budget for the reallocation of positions within the Ferry and Rescue Boat Departments; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.”

Agenda Item 6d, “An Ordinance to award and fund the 5-Year Capital Improvements Plan for M/V Belle Chasse II Drydock Project; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto” was withdrawn.

MOTION TO ADD AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA

On Motion of Commissioner Schulz, seconded by Commissioner Newsom, and on roll call, all members present voting “YES”, the following matter will be added to the agenda for consideration at today’s meeting. “Executive Session pursuant to pursuant to LRS 42:17(A)(10) to receive attorney-client privileged communications to potential litigation in regard to a Ngyuen lawsuit from Attorney Steve Dwyer, Dwyer Cambre & Suffern”. The Motion was adopted by a vote of 9-0

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Commissioner Schulz moved to Agenda Item 2, “Executive Session” to ask for a Motion to Suspend the Rules for the matter titled, “Executive Session pursuant to pursuant to LRS 42:17(A)(10) to receive attorney-client privileged communications to potential litigation in regard to a Ngyuen lawsuit from Attorney Steve Dwyer, Dwyer Cambre & Suffern”. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner McCarty, and on roll call all members present voting “YES”, the Motion to Suspend the Rules was adopted by a vote of 9-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-176

On motion of Commissioner Schulz, seconded by Commissioner Newsom, 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 resolves itself into Executive Session at 5:25 p.m. pursuant to LRS 42:17(A)(10) to receive attorney-client privileged communications to potential litigation in regard to a Ngyuen lawsuit. From Attorney Steve Dwyer, Dwyer Cambre & Suffern.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT, HARBOR & TERMINAL DISTRICT THAT it hereby came out of Executive Session at 5:54 p.m. with no final or binding action taken.

Commissioner Schulz moved to Agenda Item 3, “Status Report by Executive Port Director”. Without objection, so ordered.

Port Ferry Landing Projects:

PALH Ferry Landing Emergency Repair

- Final punch list completion 30 day

PALH Landing Replacement \$18.6M Grant 12/28

- NTP Issued to H&H
- Kickoff Meeting 06-16-25
- 100% construction replacement
- Existing landing conversion for Rescue Boats

Port Ferry and Rescue Boat Projects:

Plaquemines Pride: Thoma-Sea Marine Shipyard

- Mufflers arrive week of 6-16-25
- Estimated completion early July

MV PALH

- Bollinger Shipyard Harvey
- Starboard shaft and USCG inspections nearing completion
- Estimated completion week of June 23

Port Authority II

- Estimated completion week of June 16

New Build Ferry (Diesel Electric) \$26.5M

- Estimated completion 12/2028
- Conceptual Design phase
- Project is progressing

Commissioner Schulz moved to Item 3a, “Financial Report/Budget to Actual”. Without objection, so ordered.

Financial Updates:

June 12, 2025 Financial Report:

- Net Position \$114,050,238
- Unrestricted Fund Balance \$5,483,345
- Land Fund Balance \$2,115, 433
- 25 Budgeted Revenue \$35,455,071
- 25 Actual Revenue \$12,196,415
- 25 Budgeted Expenses \$36,166,317
- 25 Actual Expenses \$15,735,310

CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE:

- 11 Mile Rail Extension-Engineers: Infinity Engineering, LLC, 360 Rail, Freese & Nicols:
30% Design Alignment Adjustments-Coordinated meetings with stakeholders;
Permit scheduled Submission 10/2025
Surface Transportation Board Review scheduled completion 6/2025
- Peters Road Rail Bypass(City of Gretna, JP, UP, Plaquemines)-Engineers CSRS, HDR
30% Design funded and scheduled Completion 12/2025
Traffic Study and Rail Velocity Study scheduled completion 12/2025
Above Grade Crossing @ 4th Street & LA23 under discussion
Community Meetings planned Quarter 1-2026
- Peters Road Bridge LGP's RAISE grant-Engineers BKI, LADOTD
Awarded to BKI-previous Engineers on project
Preliminary Design scheduled completion 18 months
Anticipated to progress quickly because BKI is the original bridge designer
- Navy Business Case Analysis (Air Cargo)-Consultant: The Bridges Group
NAS JRB dual use
Incorporate commercial cargo operations alongside military operations
Phase 1 scheduled completion Quarter 4/2025

Louisiana Gateway Terminal-Container Terminal

- Lease Concession Negotiations
Pending Commission approval
Preparing to start-NDA protected
Scheduled completion Quarter 4/2025/Quarter 1 2026
- Surveying-T. Baker Smith
NTP issued 6-2-25
- Engineering-Lanier & Associates
Conceptual renderings completed (Port Funded)
Conceptual and preliminary design underway (Port /Privately funded)
Completion 10/2025
- Design Cost Estimate Refinement
Construction Cost Estimated. Possibly up to 30% variance from 2022
Estimate of \$500 Million/200 acres

Administration Building Renovation Project-Phase 1-Roof

- Roof replacement beginning June 16th
- Generator Emergency Bypass mid-July

There were no matters to address under Agenda Item 4, "Bids and Advertisements"; therefore, Commissioner Schulz moved to Agenda Item 5, "Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions". Without objection, so ordered. The following legislation was introduced:

1. A resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of Thirty-Five Million Dollars (\$35,000,000) of Revenue Bonds, Series 2025, of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District; and providing for other matters in connection therewith. COMMISSIONER SCHULZ
2. An Ordinance authorizing Charles Tillotson, Executive Director of Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District to purchase land and property, more fully described in Exhibit A, which is owned by Celeste D. Ancar and the Succession of Larry Thomas Ancar. COMMISSIONER LAFRANCE
3. An Ordinance authorizing Charles Tillotson, Executive Director of Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District to purchase land and property, more fully described in Exhibit A, owned by James and Sheila McGuire with respect to Lots 35 and 36. COMMISSIONER LAFRANCE

4. An Ordinance to award and fund the Five-Year Capital Improvements Plan for M/V Belle Chasse II Drydock Project; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COMMISSIONER SCHULZ

Commissioner Schulz moved to Agenda Item 6a, “Ordinances and Public Hearings pursuant to Article 6, Section 6.01 E of the Plaquemines Parish Charter”. Without objection, so ordered.

Commissioner Schulz offered 6c with changes and filled in the blanks.

ORDINANCE NO. 25 –111

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

An Ordinance to authorize Charles D. Tillotson, Executive Director of Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District, to approve change orders for the M/V Pride Drydock Project and amend the Five-Year Capital Improvements Budget line-item M/V Pride Drydock; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

DIGEST: The M/V Pride is currently in drydock and there are several change orders that require additional funding to continue progress. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, the M/V Pride is currently in drydock to ensure the integrity and health of the vessel and there are several change orders that need approval to proceed; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 24-194 authorized the Executive Director to enter into an Entity State Agreement which allowed the LADOTD to administer Federal Highway Administration grant funding to the M/V Plaquemines Pride 2024 USCG Drydock project; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 24-150 amended the 2025 Five-Year Capital Improvements Budget line-item M/V Pride Drydock by appropriating \$360,000 for the M/V Pride Drydock project; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 25-26 amended the 2025 Five-Year Capital Improvements Budget by appropriating \$128,000 for the M/V Pride Drydock project for the Port’s share and \$512,000 for the LADOTD’s share increasing the total project by \$640,000; and

WHEREAS, the amended total cost of the project is \$3,290,000 with the LADOTD share projected at \$2,632,000 and the Port's share at \$658,000; and

WHEREAS, amending the Port’s 2025 Five-Year Capital Improvements Budget by appropriating an additional \$850,000 from the Port’s 2025 Unrestricted Fund to the M/V Pride Drydock Project;

NOW, THEREFORE:

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

SECTION 1

It hereby authorizes Charles D. Tillotson, Executive Director of Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District d/b/a Louisiana Gateway Port to approve change orders for the M/V Pride Drydock Project.

SECTION 2

The 2025 Five-Year Capital Improvements Budget is amended by appropriating \$850,000 to the M/V Pride Drydock Project from the Port’s 2025 Unrestricted Fund Balance as follows:

Fund: 445 Port Harbor Fund			
Dept/Div: 910-9027 Capital Project – MV Pride Drydock			
Object	Description	Inc/Dec	Amendment
429.030	Federal Funds – FHA MV Pride	Inc	\$680,000
568.505	Property – Major Repairs	Inc	\$850,000

SECTION 3

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, Stuart J. Guey, Patricia L. 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 12th day of June, 2025.

R E S O L U T I O N NO. 25-177

On Motion of Commissioner Schulz, seconded by Commissioner Cognevich and on roll call, all members present and voting “YES”, the following Resolution was adopted:

A Resolution adopting the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Policy for Plaquemines Parish Louisiana Gateway Port to be added to the Port’s approved Policies and Procedures; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

Digest: The Port seeks to adopt a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Policy in compliance with Federal Transit Administration regulations to be added to the Port’s approved Policies and Procedures. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, the Port's Policies and Procedures updates were adopted by the Port Commission under Resolution No. 25-132 on May 8, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Port would like to adopt a newly created policy for Small and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in compliance with the requirements of the Federal Transit Administration and to add this policy to the Port’s approved Policies and Procedures;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH LOUISIANA GATEWAY PORT THAT hereby adopts the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Policy for Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District d/b/a Louisiana Gateway Port.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH LOUISIANA GATEWAY PORT THAT it does hereby authorize the Executive Director of the Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District d/b/a Louisiana Gateway Port to amend and update the Port’s Policies and Procedures as may be needed within the laws of the State of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH LOUISIANA GATEWAY PORT 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

RESOLUTION NO. 25-178

On Motion of Commissioner Schulz, seconded by Commissioner Newsom and on roll call, all members present and voting “YES”, except Commissioners Edwards, Champagne and Schulz voting “NO”, the following Resolution was adopted by a vote of 6-3.

A Resolution authorizing the Charles D. Tillotson, Executive Director for and on behalf of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District (“the Port”) to name and accept the proposal of the Plaquemines Gazette, as the Official Journal for the Plaquemines Parish Council/Commission, as the sole governing authority of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

DIGEST: The Port must name an Official Journal as a matter of procedure each year. The Plaquemines Gazette is the only newspaper in our jurisdiction that meets these requirements. *This digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Gazette is the only newspaper that meets the qualifications outlined in Louisiana Revised Statute §43:142; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute §43:147 limits the rate of compensation of the newspaper for printing the Official Journal; and

WHEREAS, *The Plaquemines Gazette* has submitted a proposal to be selected as the official journal for the Plaquemines Port Harbor and Terminal District for a period of one year beginning June 1, 2025, and ending May 31, 2026;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH LOUISIANA GATEWAY PORT THAT it hereby selects Plaquemines Gazette as the Official Journal of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH LOUISIANA GATEWAY PORT THAT is hereby authorized and directed to accept Plaquemines Newspaper Publishing, Inc. publishers of The Plaquemines Gazette as the Official Journal of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District, which is on file with the Secretary of the Council and under such other terms and conditions as he deems to be in the best interest of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH LOUISIANA GATEWAY PORT 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 25-112

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

An Ordinance authorizing Charles D. Tillotson, Executive Director of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District (“the Port”), to issue Task Order #17 to Lanier & Associates for the engineering services and detailed design of the Port Administration Building Renovation Project. The detailed design will include

schematic design, detailed design, construction documents, bid support, and construction administration services; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

DIGEST: The Port's Administration Building will undergo renovations to extend the life of the building and focus on creating an energy efficient workplace that prioritizes the health and welfare of the Port's employees and visitors. *The digest is for information purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, The Port purchased the former Plaquemines Parish Government Building (Popich Building) located at 8056 Hwy 23, Belle Chasse, Louisiana 70037, with the vision of becoming the leading U.S. International gateway port in the Gulf of America; and

WHEREAS, The Port Administration Building is three-stories with parking on the first floor and is 33,342 square feet; and

WHEREAS, The Port Administration Building renovation will include exterior and site improvements including, but not limited to, a new entrance and elevator lobby, parking improvements, lighting improvements, generator updates, exterior envelope, glazed brick, landscaping, and signage; and

WHEREAS, The Port Administration Building renovation will include extensive renovations to the interior of building including, but not limited to, automatic transfer switch room, electrical room, lobbies, restrooms, kitchen, offices, MSOC, conference room, board/training room, break room, receptionist area, supply room, copy/mail room, laundry, lighting, electrical, and signage; and

WHEREAS, the Port Administration Building renovations will bring the building into full ADA compliance and Fire Safety codes; and

WHEREAS, Lanier & Associates, a reputable and qualified firm specializing in engineering-related professional services, possesses the experience and resources necessary to assist in completing the detailed design of the Port Administration Building; and

WHEREAS, Lanier & Associates will subcontract Meyer Engineering, Ltd. to assist with the engineering services associated with the detailed design of the Port Administration Building; and

WHEREAS, Issuing Task Order #17 to Lanier & Associates for detailed design and engineering services is in the best interest of the Port; and

WHEREAS, the total cost for this service is \$624,700.00;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH LOUISIANA GATEWAY PORT THAT:

SECTION 1

It hereby authorizes Charles D. Tillotson, Executive Director of the Port, to issue Task Order #17 to Lanier & Associates for the engineering services associated with the detailed design of the Popich Administration Building.

SECTION 2

The Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District 2025 Operating Expenditure Budget, General Operations Division, is amended by appropriating \$624,700.00 from the Port's Unrestricted Fund Balance, as follows:

Fund: 445 Port Harbor Fund			
Dept/Div: 490-2460 General Operations			
Object	Description	Inc/Dec	Amendment
532.601	Professional Services- Planning & Engineering	Inc	627,700

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.

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 L. 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 12th day of June, 2025.

R E S O L U T I O N N O . 25-179

On Motion of Commissioner Schulz, seconded by Commissioner LaFrance and on roll call, all members present voting “YES”, the following Resolution was adopted:

A Resolution authorizing Executive Director, Charles D. Tillotson, of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District to re-enter into a 12-month Professional Services Agreement with Rockwood Steel to provide grant writing and administration services; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

DIGEST: The Port wishes to re-enter into a 12-month Professional Services Agreement with Rockwood Steel to assist in acquiring grant funds and their administration to support the Port’s infrastructure growth and development projects. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Plaquemines Parish Council, as the sole governing authority of the Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District (the "Port) to implement the Port’s development objectives, specifically with regards to contracting for professional consulting services as directed by the Executive Director, Charles D. Tillotson who wishes to request that authority be given to re-enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Rockwood Steel to provide grant writing and administration services; and

WHEREAS, the previous contract established through Ordinance 24-124 appropriated \$100,000 to pay fees to Rockwood Steel as the grant work was done, expires on June 26, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the services provided by Rockwood Steel under this agreement have been integral to the Port’s successful acquisition of extensive grant funding, resulting in the awarding of millions of dollars in grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the Port recognizes the necessity of continuing these services to sustain and further the progress made in acquiring grant funding and appropriated funding in the 2025 Port, Harbor and Terminal District, Operating Expenditure Budget;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH LOUISIANA GATEWAY PORT THAT it hereby authorizes Charles D. Tillotson, Executive Director of the Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District to enter into and execute a Professional Services Agreement with Rockwood Steel to provide grant writing and administration services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH LOUISIANA GATEWAY PORT 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-180

On Motion of Commissioner Schulz, seconded by Commissioner Jurisich and on roll call, all members present and voting “YES”, the following Resolution was adopted:

A Resolution authorizing and directing Charles D. Tillotson, Executive Director of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District (“the Port”) to enter into lease negotiations with a confidential customer for a project known as “Gateway Trade Lane” and will be Confidential until further notice; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

DIGEST: The Port wishes to enter into lease negotiations with a Confidential Customer. The identity of the customer and the contents of such discussions are confidential until further notice. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Parish Council/Commission as the sole governing authority for Plaquemines Port, Harbor, and Terminal District seeks to enter into lease negotiations with a Confidential Client; and

WHEREAS, the identity of the Client, as well as the terms of the lease negotiations are protected under “Gateway Trade Lane,” pursuant to La. R.S. 44:22.1; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution gives the Executive Director authority to enter into lease negotiations with the Confidential Client, referenced herein;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH LOUISIANA GATEWAY PORT THAT resolution authorizing and directing the Plaquemines Port, Harbor, and Terminal District (“Port”) Executive Director, Charles Tillotson, to enter into enter into lease negotiations with a Confidential Customer protected under La. R.S. 44:22.1, upon terms and conditions approved by the Plaquemines Parish Council/Commission as the sole governing authority of Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District (the “Council”); and otherwise, to provide with respect thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH LOUISIANA GATEWAY PORT THAT the Secretary of this Council/Commission 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-181

On motion of Commissioner Schulz, seconded by Commissioner LaFrance, and on roll call all members present and voting “YES”, the following Resolution was adopted:

A Resolution amending Resolution #24-356, clarifying the cost share for the Port Sulphur Tower Site Addition project with Plaquemines Parish Sheriff's Office (PPSO); and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

DIGEST: The purpose of this Resolution is to clarify the cost share between the Port and PPSO regarding the Port Sulphur Tower Site Addition project. *This digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, Resolution 24-356 authorized this project; and

WHEREAS, the Port has received Port Security Grant funding to fund the project totaling \$906,345.00 and is approved in the Port's 2025 budget; and

WHEREAS, the federal share is 75% totaling \$679,758.75 and the local cost share is 25% for a total of \$226,586.25; and

WHEREAS, the local cost share between the Port and PPSO is \$113,293.13 each;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH LOUISIANA GATEWAY PORT THAT it hereby amends Resolution #24-356, clarifying the cost share for the Port Sulphur Tower Site Addition project with Plaquemines Parish Sheriff's Office (PPSO).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH LOUISIANA GATEWAY PORT 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-182

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

A Resolution authorizing the Executive Director, Charles D. Tillotson, of Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District ("the Port"), to enter into and execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the United States Coast Guard (USCG) for shared use of surveillance cameras and access to the Coast Guard communications tower in Venice, LA; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

DIGEST: The Port will enter into an MOA with the USCG to use their communications tower in Venice, LA, and for the USCG to use the Port's cameras. *This digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, the USCG, Sector New Orleans, has requested access to selected Port camera feeds to enhance their maritime domain awareness and support ongoing search and rescue, law enforcement, and homeland security missions within the Port's jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the USCG owns and operates a communications tower located in Venice, Louisiana, that may support Port operations by improving connectivity and facilitating data relay for surveillance and communication purposes; and

WHEREAS, both parties have a mutual interest in improving maritime safety, security, and emergency coordination through shared infrastructure and real-time information exchange;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH LOUISIANA GATEWAY

PORT THAT it hereby authorizes Charles D. Tillotson, Executive Director of Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District, to enter into and execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the United States Coast Guard (USCG) for shared use of surveillance cameras and access to the Coast Guard communications tower in Venice, LA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH LOUISIANA GATEWAY PORT 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-183

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

A Resolution authorizing the Charles D. Tillotson, Executive Director of Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District (“the Port”), to enter into and execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) as required by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA); and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

DIGEST: The Port will enter into and execute a MOU with the RPC as a federal requirement of FTA to continue receiving funding for its ferry service. *This digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, the Port operates the Ferry Department and is a designated transit operator receiving federal transit funding from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA); and

WHEREAS, the FTA requires that all transit operators receiving FTA funding through a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) must have a current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on file with the designated MPO for their region; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) is the designated MPO for the Greater New Orleans region, which includes Plaquemines Parish; and

WHEREAS, under the previous ownership of the Ferry Department, Plaquemines Parish Government (PPG), maintained a compliant MOU with the RPC, but such an agreement is no longer valid or applicable following the transfer of ferry operations to the Port; and

WHEREAS, in order to maintain FTA eligibility and compliance with federal planning and funding requirements, the Port must enter into and execute a new MOU with the RPC outlining mutual roles, responsibilities, and coordination procedures for transportation planning, programming, and funding;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH LOUISIANA GATEWAY PORT THAT it hereby authorize the Executive Director of Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District, Charles Tillotson, to enter into and execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) as required by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH LOUISIANA GATEWAY PORT 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-184

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

A Resolution authorizing Charles D. Tillotson, Executive Director of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District, to enter into and execute a Master Services Agreement (MSA) with IEM on a task order basis to increase the Port’s security enhancement measures; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

DIGEST: The Port wants to enter into a task order-based MSA with IEM to help enhance its security presence on the Mississippi River and within the Port’s district. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, Ordinance 24-197 approved IEM to update the Port’s Security Plan, vulnerability assessment, and maritime policies; and

WHEREAS, IEM International, Inc. (IEM) offers Port access to well-trained emergency management professionals led by a project management team dedicated to technical excellence and transparent, accountable, and ethical leadership; and

WHEREAS, the agreement is task order-based, and any task order over a certain threshold will be brought to the Port Commission to approve;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH LOUISIANA GATEWAY PORT THAT it hereby authorizes Charles D. Tillotson, Executive Director of the Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District to enter into a Master Services Agreement (MSA) with IEM on a task order basis to increase the Port’s security enhancement measures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH LOUISIANA GATEWAY PORT 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-185

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

A Resolution to approve a change order from Louisiana Caterpillar for the overhaul of the Port’s fireboat engines; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

DIGEST: The Port fireboat engines are being overhauled by Louisiana Caterpillar and several items have increased the cost of all four engines. *This digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, the Port entered into a service agreement with Louisiana Caterpillar for the in-shop overhaul and dynamometer testing of four main engines(C-18) for the Port’s fireboats; and

WHEREAS, the Port adopted Resolution 25-42, which authorized an increase of \$52,000, totaling \$286,000, for the project; and

WHEREAS, the change order covers the cost of repairing clutches and exhaust systems; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the change order increased the project by \$150,000, bringing the overhaul of all four C-18 engines to \$436,000; and

WHEREAS, the proposed change order reflecting this increased scope and cost has been submitted for formal approval, and funding is available within the Rescue Department’s approved FY2025 budget;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH LOUISIANA GATEWAY PORT THAT it hereby authorizes Charles D. Tillotson, Executive Director of the Port, to approve a change order for the overhaul of the Port’s fireboat engines.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH LOUISIANA GATEWAY PORT 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.

There be no matters to address under Agenda Item 7, “New Business”, Commissioner Schulz moved to Agenda Item 8, “Approval of minutes”. Without objection, so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-186

On motion of Commissioner Newsom seconded by Commissioner LaFrance and on roll call all members present and voting “YES”, except Commissioner Edwards who voted “NO”, 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 from May 22, 2025, regular meeting.

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.

There being no further business to come before this Council, on motion Commissioner Newsom, seconded by Commissioner LaFrance and on roll call all members present voting “YES, except Commissioner Edwards who voted “NO”, the meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary

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