

Minutes of a special meeting of the Plaquemines Parish Port, Harbor and Terminal District being held in the Belle Chasse Council Chambers, 333 F. Edward Hebert Blvd., Bldg. 203, Belle Chasse, Louisiana on Monday, January 5, 2026, at 5:49 p.m. pursuant to notice to all members with a quorum present as follows:

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

ABSENT: None

Crystal Flood, Assistant Secretary

Charles Tillotson and staff were present representing the Port.

Commissioner Newsom moved to Agenda Item 3, "Ordinances and Resolution on Second Reading and Final Passage". Without objection, so ordered.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-1

The following ordinance was offered by Commissioner Newsom who moved its adoption:

An Ordinance adopting the Original Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026, and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

Digest: An Ordinance to adopt the 2026 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District submitted on October 23, 2025. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution*

WHEREAS, Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District administration submitted to the Plaquemines Parish Council as the governing authority of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District, on October 23, 2024, a Proposed 2026 Operating Budget pursuant to Port Budget Policy; and

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Parish Council as the governing authority of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District made available copies of the Proposed 2026 Operating Budget for public inspection, published a summary of the proposed budget in the Official Journal and advertised the time and place of public hearings; and

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Parish Council as the governing authority of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District held public hearings on the proposed Operating Budget on January 5, 2026;

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

SECTION 1

The estimate of revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025, is hereby adopted to serve as the Operating Budget for the Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District; copies of which are on file in the office of the Port Finance Department and in the office of the Plaquemines Parish Council Secretary.

SECTION 2

The Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District is authorized to spend budgeted funds in accordance with the Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District's Budget Policy adopted by the Plaquemines Parish Council as the governing authority of the Port.

SECTION 3

If any provision or item of this Ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications; and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable.

Commissioner Edwards 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, Stuart J. Guey, Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr., and Mark Cognevich

NAYS: Commissioners Chris Schulz, Patricia L. McCarty, Ronnie Newsom and Mitch Jurisich

ABSENT: None

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 5th day of January, 2026.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-2

The following ordinance was offered by Commissioner Newsom who moved its adoption:

An Ordinance adopting the Original Capital Improvement Budget for the Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District for the five-year period beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2030, and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

Digest: An Ordinance to adopt the 2026 Capital Improvement Budget for the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District proposed on October 23, 2025. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District administration submitted to the Plaquemines Parish Council serving as the governing authority of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District, on October 23, 2025, the Proposed Capital Improvement Budget pursuant to Port Budget Policy; and

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Parish Council serving as the governing authority of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District made available copies of the Proposed Capital Improvement Budget for public inspection, published a summary of the proposed budget in the Official Journal and advertised the time and place of public hearings; and

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Parish Council serving as the governing authority of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District held public hearings on the proposed Capital Improvement Budget on January 5, 2026;

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

SECTION 1

It hereby adopts the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District Capital Improvement Budget covering the period of five years beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2030; copies of which are on file in the office of the Port Finance Director and in the office of the Plaquemines Parish Council Secretary.

SECTION 2

The Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District is authorized to spend budgeted funds in accordance with the Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District's Budget Policy adopted by the Plaquemines Parish Council as the governing authority of the Port.

SECTION 3

If any provision or item of this Ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications; and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable.

Commissioner Cognevich 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, Stuart J. Guey, Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr. and Mark Cognevich

NAYS: Commissioners Chris Schulz, Patricia L. McCarty, Ronnie Newsom and Mitch Jurisich

ABSENT: None

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 5th day of January, 2026.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-3

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

An Ordinance establishing a policy of budgetary control for the Operating Budget of Expenditures for the Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026, and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

Digest: An Ordinance to establish a Policy of Budgetary Control for the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District proposed with the 2026 Operating and Capital Improvement Budget on October 23, 2025. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Parish Council as the governing authority of the Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District desires to establish a policy of budgetary control for operating expenditures for the 2026 Budget;

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

SECTION 1

The Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District is authorized to spend budgeted expenditure funds for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026, for Port Funds, controlled by the financial accounting software defined expenditure account components as follows:

1. Controlled by the Fund/Department/Division/Function
Port Departments
2. Controlled by the Project:
All Capital Projects (non-capital project funds)
3. Controlled by the Fund:
All Capital Projects Funds

SECTION 2

The financial accounting software package defines four possible function categories as follows:

Personal Services
Financial and Related Services
Operating Services and Supplies
Capital Outlay

SECTION 3

If any provision, or item of this Ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications; and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable.

Commissioner Cognevich 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, Stuart J. Guey, Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr. and Mark Cognevich

NAYS: Commissioners Chris Schulz, Patricia L. McCarty, Ronnie Newsom and Mitch Jurisich

ABSENT: None

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 5th day of January, 2026.

Commissioner Newsom moved to agenda item 4, "New Business, Introduction of Resolutions wherein suspension is being sought".

Commissioner Edwards offered a Motion to Suspend the Rules to consider an item on today's agenda titled, "A Resolution terminating the Employment Contract of Charles Tillotson, Executive Director of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor, and Terminal District, for cause; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto." The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schulz and by a vote of 4-5 with "NO" votes from Commissioners Champagne, Guey, Newsom, LaFrance and Cognevich the following suspension failed.

There being no further business to come before this Council, on Motion of Commissioner LaFrance, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, and on roll call all members present voting "YES", except Commissioner Schulz who "ABSTAINED", the meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Chairman

Asst. Secretary