

**IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES  
PUBLIC HEARING, TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023  
PROPOSED ORDINANCES**

The Parish Council of Iberville Parish, State of Louisiana, held a Public Hearing in the Council Meeting Room, 58050 Meriam Street, Plaquemine, Louisiana, on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. pursuant to a Notice of Public Hearing published on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023 in the Plaquemine Post South and posted on the Iberville Parish website.

The Council Vice Chairman, Leonard Jackson, called the hearing to order at 6:03 p.m. followed by the roll call with the following Council Members in attendance: Shalanda L. Allen, District 1; Thomas E. Dominique, Sr., District 3; Leonard Jackson, Sr., District 4; Steve C. Smith District 5; Raheem T. Pierce, District 6; Hunter S. Markins, District 8; Terry J. Bradford, District 9; Louis R. Kelley, Jr., District 10; Timothy J. Vallet, District 11; Bart B. Morgan, District 13.

Absent: Easley, Arnold, Jewell.

Chief Administrative Officer- Edward Songy, and Legal Counsel- Scott Stassi were also in attendance.

Mr. Songy read the following ordinances in entirety.

**ORDINANCE 1**      Ordinance to geographically merge precincts and establish polling locations for Iberville Parish

The floor was opened to comments and questions. There was no opposition to this ordinance from the public.

There being no further business to be conducted, the hearing was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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/s/ MACY WILLIAMSON  
COUNCIL CLERK

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/s/ MATTHEW H. JEWELL  
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

**IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023**

The Parish Council of Iberville Parish, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session, in the Council Meeting Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Courthouse Building, 58050 Meriam Street, Plaquemine, Louisiana, on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

The Council Vice Chairman, Leonard Jackson, Sr, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the roll call with the following Council Members in attendance: Shalanda L. Allen, District 1; Thomas E. Dominique, Sr., District 3; Leonard Jackson, Sr., District 4; Steve C. Smith District 5; Raheem T. Pierce, District 6; Ty J. Arnold, District 7; Hunter S. Markins, District 8; Terry J. Bradford, District 9; Louis R. Kelley, Jr., District 10; Timothy J. Vallet, District 11; Bart B. Morgan, District 13.

Absent: Easley, Jewell.

Parish President- J. Mitchell Ourso Jr., Chief Administrative Officer- Edward Songy, Jr., and Legal Counsel- Scott Stassi were also in attendance.

A quorum was present and due notice had been posted and published in the Plaquemine Post South newspaper on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Council Vice Chairman Jackson called for anyone wanting to make public comments to register with the Clerk. Erick Comeaux registered to speak before the council.

## ADDENDUM

None.

## PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

- A) Introduction of Newly Appointed Iberville Parish Library Director, Jennifer Seneca.
- Dr. Charlene Bishop came before the council to introduce the new director for the Iberville Parish Library system.
  - Jennifer Seneca is a native of Iberville and she is excited to be back to where she grew up. She is looking forward to her first library board meeting and she invited the council to the Iberville Parish Library meeting on Thursday.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Councilman Arnold, seconded by Councilman Pierce, it was moved to wave the reading of the minutes of April 18, 2023 and approve as written. The motion having been duly submitted to a vote was duly adopted by the following yea and nay votes on roll call:

YEAS: Allen, Dominique, Smith, Pierce, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Easley, Jewell.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Ourso reported on the following:

- The fee schedule for the Belleview park is being presented in an ordinance later in the meeting. The fee schedule is standard throughout different parishes that have turf fields.
- He just signed contract to drill two test wells by the Ochsner Facility. The current wells have been in operation for quite some time and are close to reaching their expiration. The two test wells will cost a couple hundred thousand dollars. It will secure the water for the west side of the parish.
- He stated they are taking bids for new parking lot for Belleview park. It will create 100 more spots and should cost around \$400,000. The horseshoe driveway will stay and the parking lot will go behind.
- He presented the council with an aerial picture of the city courthouse. Mats will be placed around the building to protect the trees and grass so heavy equipment can move around the building. A team has been assembled to determine what happened to the building and what caused the building's conditions to become so bad. The city of Plaquemine has been leasing the building from the Parish since 1980. The city of Plaquemine pays for the insurance for the building and the insurance is in the parish's name. The parish is waiting to see if any insurance will coverage the cost of repairs. The city will assume full cost responsibility for the repairs that are needed to repair the building. The council will be presented with an in-depth report regarding all the problems and repairs that need to be made.
- He stated that Sheriff Brett Stassi called him in reference to a residence down Talbot Drive and stated that action needed to be taken. He presented the council with documents regarding Justin Randall and that he was sent a cease and desist order to stop the commercial activity that is occurring at his residence. There have been multiple reports made to the sheriff's office involving complaints that occur from this residence. All the information was presented to the council.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Director, Randall Dunn stated that the parish has signed a contract with a contractor to complete the security project on the first floor of the courthouse. In reference to the old courthouse the insurance adjustor was looking for a peril or what caused the damage and he could not find a peril or anything that would have caused the damage at the city courthouse.

OLD BUSINESS

**ORDINANCE IPC# 005-23**

**ORDINANCE TO GEOGRAPHICALLY MERGE PRECINCTS AND ESTABLISH  
POLLING LOCATIONS FOR IBERVILLE PARISH**

**WHEREAS**, by adoption of Ordinance IPC #011-22, the Parish Governing Authority adopted a redistricting plan for use beginning with the regular elections in the Fall of 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, to accomplish the redistricting the Parish Governing Authority had to create additional precincts, which was accomplished also in Ordinance IPC #011-22; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to make the election process in the Parish more efficient, the Parish Governing Authority seeks to geographically merge precincts, to the extent that is practical and authorized by Louisiana law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parish Governing Authority is required to provide descriptions of each geographically merged precinct, to the extent that is practical and as authorized by Louisiana law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parish Governing Authority must assign polling locations to each of the precincts created.

**THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Parish Governing Authority, State of Louisiana, that the Governing Authority, hereby geographically merges the precincts set forth in Attachment A.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that the Governing Authority hereby restates the written descriptions and assigns polling locations for the effected precincts set forth in Attachment B.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that the digital shape files of the precincts submitted to the Secretary of State shall serve as the formal representation thereof, with the written descriptions contained herein being merely descriptions thereof.

**BE IT FINALLY ORDAINED**, that the precincts as set forth in the Attachments hereto, shall first take effect, for all purposes, with respect to the regularly scheduled elections in the Fall of 2023.

**Attachment A  
Precinct Geographic Mergers**

1. Geographically merge Precinct 6A with Precinct 3 into Precinct 3
2. Geographically merge Precinct 10A with Precinct 11 into Precinct 11
3. Geographically merge Precincts 13A, 20C and 14A into Precinct 14A
4. Geographically merge Precincts 20A, 20B and 19 into Precinct 19
5. Geographically merge Precinct 24A and Precinct 15B into Precinct 15B
6. Geographically merge Precinct 16 and Precinct 23 into Precinct 16

**Attachment B  
Precinct Descriptions and Polling Locations**

1. **Geographically merge Precinct 6A with Precinct 3 into Precinct 3**

*Maintains the current polling location of Precinct 3*

Beginning at the intersection of Aloysia Rd and the Missouri Pacific Railway, thence south along the railway to its intersection with Catherine Rd, thence northeast on Catherine Rd and its extension to the centerline of the Mississippi River, thence southeast along the river to its intersection with an extension of Bowie St, then south on the extension to its intersection with Bowie St then south on Bowie St for approximately 2.62 miles to its intersection with a drainage canal, then westerly along the canal to its intersection with a drainage canal, then north along the

canal and its extension for approximately 2.73 miles to its intersection with Missouri Pacific railway, then west on the railway to its intersection with Richland Rd, thence south on Richland Rd to its intersection with an unnamed road near the coordinates (-91.157735, 30.168179), thence westerly for .271 miles to its intersection with an unnamed road, thence south for .231 miles to a powerline, thence northwest along the powerline to its intersection with the point of beginning.

**2. Geographically merge Precinct 10A with Precinct 11 into Precinct 11**

*Maintains the current polling location of Precinct 11*

Beginning at the intersection of State Route 74 and the Iberville Parish boundary, then west on SR 74 to its intersection with a canal north of Delta Dr., thence north on the canal for 1.5 miles to an unnamed canal, thence southwest and south on the canal to Hwy 30, thence south on Hwy 30 to an unnamed canal north of East Iberville High School, thence southwest on the canal to the centerline of the Mississippi River, thence southerly and easterly on the Mississippi River to a the ferry landing; thence northerly and westerly along the ferry ramp to the National Leprasorium; thence northwesterly, southwesterly, and southeasterly around the hospital grounds back to LA Hwy. 141; thence northeasterly along LA Hwy. 141 to a ramp over levee; thence southerly on the ramp to the Mississippi River, thence east on the Mississippi River to the Parish boundary, thence north on the parish boundary to the point of beginning.

**3. Geographically merge Precincts 13A, 20C and 14A into Precinct 14A**

*Maintains the current polling location of Precinct 14A*

Beginning at the intersection of Federal St and Plaquemine St, then east on Plaquemine St to its intersection with the Missouri Pacific railway, then south on the railway to its intersection with Court St, then east on Court St and its extension to the center of the Mississippi River, then southeasterly along the river to its intersection with an extension of Evergreen Rd to the center of the river, then south on the extension of Evergreen Rd to its intersection of River Rd, then west on River Rd to its intersection with True Hope Ln, thence southwest on True Hope Ln to its intersection with Shaw St, thence northwest on Shaw St to its intersection with Luckey St, then north on Luckey St and an extension of Lucky St to its intersection with a unnamed road perpendicular to Luckey St near Starvin Marvin Recycling, then south on the driveway to its intersection with State Route 1, then north on SR 1 to its intersection with Eden St, then north on Eden St to its intersection with Desobry St, then west on Desorbry St to its intersection with the Missouri Pacific railway, then north on the railway to its intersection with Labauve Ave, then west on Labauve Ave to its intersection with Baist St, then north on Baist St to its intersection with WW Harleaux Blvd, then west on WW Harleaux Blvd to its intersection with Ferdinand St, then north on Ferdinand St to its intersection with Meriam St, then east on Meriam St to its intersection with Federal St, then north on Federal St to its intersection with Court St, then east on Court St to its intersection with Federal St, then north of Federal St to the point of beginning.

**4. Geographically merge Precincts 20A, 20B and 19 into Precinct 19**

*Maintains the current polling location of Precinct 19*

Beginning at the intersection of Main St the Missouri Pacific railway, the south on the railway to its intersection with Plaquemine St, then west on Plaquemine St to its intersection with Federal St, then south on Federal St to it intersection with Court St, then west on Court St to its intersection with Federal St, the south on Federal St to its intersection with Meriam St, then west on Meriam St to its intersection with Ferdinand St, then south on Ferdinand St to its intersection with WW Harleaux Blvd, then east on WW Harleaux Blvd to its intersection with Baist St, then south on Baist St to its intersection with Labauve Ave, the west on Labauve Ave to its intersection with Marshall St, then south on Marshall St to its intersection with Iron Farm Rd, then west on Iron Farm Rd to its intersection with Levy St, then north on Levy St to its intersection with WW Harleaux Blvd, then west on WW Harleaux Blvd to its intersection with Oak St, the north on Oak St and its extension to Bayou Plaquemine, then northeasterly on the bayou to its intersection with an extension of Julia St, then south on the extension to its intersection with Bayou Rd, then northerly on Bayou Rd to its intersection with Main St, then east on Main St to the point of beginning.

**5. Geographically merge Precinct 24A and Precinct 15B into Precinct 15B**

*Maintains the current polling location of Precinct 15B*

Beginning at the intersection of St. Louis Rd and State Route 1, thence west on St. Louis Rd to its intersection with a canal near the coordinates (-91.220965, 30.263857), thence south on the canal for 487 feet to its intersection with an unnamed canal, thence southwest on the canal for 1.7 miles to its intersection with another canal near the coordinates (-91.236065, 30.242702), thence northerly on the canal to its intersection with St. Louis Rd, thence east on St. Louis Rd to its intersection with Tenant Rd, thence north on Tenant Rd for .7 miles to its intersection with an unnamed canal north of Michelle Dr, thence northeast along the canal to its intersection with the Missouri Pacific railway, then north on the railway for 0.25 miles to its intersection with a canal 150 south of Gay St, then southwest on the canal for 0.867 miles to its intersection with a canal, then north on the canal for 750 feet to its intersection with a canal approximately 1000 perpendicular to Bellevue Dr, then southwest on the canal for 0.546 miles to its intersection with an extension of J Gerald Berret Blvd, then north on the extension and J Gerald Berret Blvd to its intersection with Bellevue Dr, then west on Bellevue Dr to its intersection with a canal approximately 150 feet east of Spring St, then south on the canal for 2.34 miles to its intersection with a canal, then west and south on the canal for 1.61 miles to its intersection with the Wilbert canal, then south on the canal for 2.36 miles to its intersection with a canal, then north and northeast on the canal for approximately 6.5 miles to its intersection with a tributary of Bayou La Butte, then east on the tributary for approximately 1.55 miles to its intersection with State Route 1, then north on SR 1 to the point of beginning.

**6. Geographically merge Precinct 16 and Precinct 23 into Precinct 16**

*Maintains the current polling location of Precinct 16*

Beginning at the intersection of WW Harleaux Blvd and Levy St, then south on Levy St to its intersection with Iron Farm Rd, then west on Iron Farm Rd to its intersection with Fleniken Ln, then north on Fleniken Ln to its intersection with canal located near the coordinates of (91.247314, 30.275377), thence westerly on the canal for .596 miles to its intersection with another canal near the coordinates (-91.255071, 30.270363), thence south and west on the canal to its intersection with Enterprise Blvd, then north on Enterprise Blvd to its intersection with Bayou Rd, then southwest on Bayou Rd for approximately 0.284 miles to its intersection with to its intersection with a powerline, then north on the powerline to Bayou Plaquemine, then northeasterly on the bayou to its intersection with and extension of Oak St, the south on the extension and Oak St to its intersection with WW Harleaux Blvd, then east on WW Harleaux Blvd to the point of beginning.

The foregoing ordinance which was previously introduced at the meeting of the Iberville Parish Council on April 18, 2023 and a summary thereof having been published in the official journal on April 27, 2023, the public hearing on this ordinance held on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Meeting Room, 58050 Meriam Street, Plaquemine, Louisiana, was brought up for final passage with a motion by Councilman Dominique, and seconded by Councilman Smith, having been duly submitted to a vote, the ordinance was duly adopted by the following yeas and nays vote on roll call:

YEAS: Allen, Dominique, Smith, Pierce, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Easley, Jewell.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A) Introduction of Ordinances**

- 1) Ordinance to declare the following properties to be surplus and to authorize the Parish administrator to sell the Parish of Iberville's interest in these properties at public sale pursuant to the terms of ordinance # 002-13

- 2) Ordinance to Adopt Fees for Rental of Fields at Belleview Park & Related Matters
- 3) Ordinance to geographically merge precincts and establish polling locations for Iberville Parish part II

Upon a motion by Councilman Kelley, seconded by Councilman Arnold, it was moved that a public hearing be held on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. on the introduced ordinances.

The motion having been duly submitted to a vote, was duly adopted by the following yea and nay votes on roll call:

YEAS: Allen, Dominique, Smith, Pierce, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Easley, Jewell.

The motion was declared adopted by the Vice Chairman on May 16, 2023.

#### RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Resolution Committee met on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 6:08 p.m., followed by the roll call with the following Resolution Committee Members only in attendance: Smith, Vallet, Pierce, Kelley, Markins, Jackson, Morgan, Dominique.

Absent: Arnold.

The following resolutions were read aloud by Mr. Songy:

- A) Resolution Authorizing Iberville Parish Council to join litigation with LA Attorney General related to flood insurance rating
- B) Resolution Approving ITEP Application for Mexichem Fluor, Inc., Koura Project, Application No. 20230016-ITE-\$406,199,361.00
- C) Resolution Approving ITEP Application for Mexichem Flour, Inc., Koura Project, Application No. 20230017-ITE-\$373,225,886.00

Erick Comeaux, Director of Operations for Koura, came before the council in support of two resolutions for Mexichem Flour. He stated that these two ITEPs are different than any other ITEP because Koura only makes one product which is a refrigerant called 134A. They started making that product in 1991 and it is nontoxic. Over the years new refrigerants products have been created that are less harmful to the ozone and the product that they currently produce has been outlawed by the EPA. They have until 2030-2035 to cease production. They will start a new scholarship program and paid internships to aid people within the community to join the industry.

Councilman Kelley made a recommendation to forward the resolutions to the regular meeting, seconded by Councilman Markins. The recommendation having been duly submitted to a vote was duly adopted by the following yea and nay votes on roll call by Resolution Committee Members only:

YEAS: Smith, Vallet, Pierce, Kelley, Markins, Jackson, Morgan, Dominique.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Arnold.

The recommendation was declared adopted by the Vice Chairman to forward these items to the regular meeting.

During the Regular Meeting:

## **RESOLUTION IPC# 2023-011**

### **RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT JOINING LITIGATION INSTITUTED BY ATTORNEY GENERAL OF LOUISIANA TO CHALLENGE FLOOD RISK RATING SYSTEM ESTABLISHED BY FEMA**

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Kelley, seconded by Councilman Markins.

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is updating the National Flood Insurance program's (NFIP) risk rating methodology through the implementation of a new pricing methodology, titled "Risk Rating 2.0: Equity in Action".

WHEREAS, FEMA states that Risk Rating 2.0 methodology leverages industry best practices and cutting-edge technology to enable FEMA to deliver rates that are actuarially sound, equitable, easier to understand and better reflect a property's flood.

WHEREAS, the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana, members of both the Louisiana legislature and federal legislature, member of state government, numerous Parish governments and many other entities in Louisiana and throughout the nation have grave concerns about the soundness of the Risk Rating 2.0 underlying methodology, its failure to properly take into account any of the numerous improvements Louisiana's Levee Boards have made to the flood protection systems, and its catastrophic effect on Louisiana's flood insurance rates and the ability of Louisiana's homeowners to purchase flood insurance.

WHEREAS, many of these entities have repeatedly raised their concerns to FEMA, have asked FEMA for documentation showing FEMA's underlying methodology, and have been passed from one federal office to the next without receiving any meaningful answers to their questions or documents showing FEMA's underlying methodology.

WHEREAS, FEMA has denied and continues to deny the efforts of those who are trying to protect their interests, the interests of their members, the interest of many Louisiana industries, and the interests of Louisiana citizens, making what is supposed to be "Equity in Action" an inequitable program across the entire State of Louisiana.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Iberville Parish Council joins the Attorney General of Louisiana in litigation against FEMA to challenge Risk Rating 2.0. and that the Council Clerk forward a copy of this resolution to the Attorney General for the State of Louisiana.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote was adopted on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023, by the following vote on roll call;

YEAS: Allen, Dominique, Smith, Pierce, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Easley, Jewell.

The resolution was declared adopted by the Vice Chairman on May 16, 2023.

## **RESOLUTION IPC# 2023-012**

### **RESOLUTION OF THE IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL APPROVING MEXICHEM FLUOR, INC. FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE INDUSTRIAL TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM IN IBERVILLE PARISH, LOUISIANA**

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Kelley, seconded by Councilman Markins.

WHEREAS, Louisiana Constitution of 1974, Article 7, Section 21(F) pursuant to the administrative procedure act, LA R.S. 49:950, et seq and LA R.S. 36:104 provide for the Board

of Commerce and Industry (BCI) with approval of the Governor to approve contracts for the exemption of ad valorem taxes of a new manufacturing facility or an addition to an existing manufacturing facility, on such terms and conditions as the BCI with the approval of the Governor deems in the best interest of the State;

WHEREAS, MEXICHEM FLUOR, INC has applied for an Industrial Tax Exemption APPLICATION (ITE), No. 20230016-ITE-\$406,199,361.00 and has the approval of the BCI for a contract granting the exemption;

WHEREAS, ITE contracts should be premised upon job and payroll creation or retention at new or expanded manufacturing facilities and that the percentage of exemption be 80% for a term of five years, and renewable for an additional term of five years from “ad valorem taxes” in accordance with Louisiana law.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Iberville Parish Council as follows, after public discussion held on May 16, 2023, the Iberville Parish Council approves the terms of the ITE contract (Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the State of Louisiana, Office of Economic Development and Mexichem Fluor, Inc. to the exemption contract between the BCI and Mexichem Fluor, Inc. with respect to the LiPF6 Salt manufacturing facility for Li-ion batteries located in Iberville Parish, Louisiana, based on the conditions contained in Contract For Exemption of Ad Valorem Taxes, Application Number 20230016-ITE, a copy of said contract is attached to this resolution and made a part hereof.

WHEREAS, the ITE Iberville Parish Impact Summary for All Affected Taxing Bodies for the ten-year tax abatement at 80% exemption rate prepared by the Iberville Parish Assessor’s Office is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

WHEREAS, in the event Mexichem Fluor, Inc. fails to complete its project, or fails to timely meet its performance objectives, job creation positions or, job retention positions requirements or maintaining payroll amounts as contained in ITE Contract No. 20230016 within the time and for the term agreed, or if Mexichem Fluor, Inc. reduces its employment number or payroll amount to less than 90% of the required amount, such shall constitute a default under the award agreement and LED and the Iberville Parish Council shall retain the rights to modify or terminate the terms and conditions of the ITE incentive according to Louisiana law.

The Iberville Parish Council authorized the LA Department of Economic Development and BCI to include this resolution to the ITE contract between the BCI and Mexichem Fluor, Inc.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the LA Department of Economic Development and BCI.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote was adopted on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023, by the following vote on roll call;

YEAS: Allen, Dominique, Smith, Pierce, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Easley, Jewell.

The resolution was declared adopted by the Vice Chairman on May 16, 2023.

#### **RESOLUTION IPC# 2023-013**

#### **RESOLUTION OF THE IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL APPROVING MEXICHEM FLUOR, INC. FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE INDUSTRIAL TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM IN IBERVILLE PARISH, LOUISIANA**

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Kelley, seconded by Councilman Markins.

WHEREAS, Louisiana Constitution of 1974, Article 7, Section 21(F) pursuant to the administrative procedure act, LA R.S. 49:950, et seq and LA R.S. 36:104 provide for the Board



of Commerce and Industry (BCI) with approval of the Governor to approve contracts for the exemption of ad valorem taxes of a new manufacturing facility or an addition to an existing manufacturing facility, on such terms and conditions as the BCI with the approval of the Governor deems in the best interest of the State;

WHEREAS, MEXICHEM FLUOR, INC has applied for an Industrial Tax Exemption APPLICATION (ITE), No. 20230017-ITE-\$373,225,886.00 and has the approval of the BCI for a contract granting the exemption;

WHEREAS, ITE contracts should be premised upon job and payroll creation or retention at new or expanded manufacturing facilities and that the percentage of exemption be 80% for a term of five years, and renewable for an additional term of five years from “ad valorem taxes” in accordance with Louisiana law.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Iberville Parish Council as follows, after public discussion held on May 16, 2023, the Iberville Parish Council approves the terms of the ITE contract (Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the State of Louisiana, Office of Economic Development and Mexichem Fluor, Inc. to the exemption contract between the BCI and Mexichem Fluor, Inc. with respect to the R-142b binder manufacturing facility for Li-ion batteries located in Iberville Parish, Louisiana, based on the conditions contained in Contract For Exemption of Ad Valorem Taxes, Application Number 20230017-ITE, a copy of said contract is attached to this resolution and made a part hereof.

WHEREAS, the ITE Iberville Parish Impact Summary for All Affected Taxing Bodies for the ten-year tax abatement at 80% exemption rate prepared by the Iberville Parish Assessor’s Office is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

WHEREAS, in the event Mexichem Fluor, Inc. fails to complete its project, or fails to timely meet its performance objectives, job creation positions or, job retention positions requirements or maintaining payroll amounts as contained in ITE Contract No. 20230017 within the time and for the term agreed, or if Mexichem Fluor, Inc. reduces its employment number or payroll amount to less than 90% of the required amount, such shall constitute a default under the award agreement and LED and the Iberville Parish Council shall retain the rights to modify or terminate the terms and conditions of the ITE incentive according to Louisiana law.

The Iberville Parish Council authorized the LA Department of Economic Development and BCI to include this resolution to the ITE contract between the BCI and Mexichem Fluor, Inc.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the LA Department of Economic Development and BCI.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote was adopted on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023, by the following vote on roll call;

YEAS: Allen, Dominique, Smith, Pierce, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Easley, Jewell.

The resolution was declared adopted by the Vice Chairman on May 16, 2023.

#### BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORT

None.

#### DISCUSSIONS

None.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Councilman Vallet, and seconded by Councilman Arnold, to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. The motion was unanimously adopted.

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/s/ MACY WILLIAMSON  
COUNCIL CLERK

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/s/ MATTHEW H. JEWELL  
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN