

**Minutes of April 19, 2022 – Special Meeting
Mayor and Board of Selectmen
City of Plaquemine, Louisiana**

The Mayor and Board of Selectmen met for a Special Meeting at Plaquemine City Hall, second floor courtroom, 23640 Railroad Avenue, City of Plaquemine, Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana, 70764 on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 6:30 p.m., with the following members present:

Present: Mayor Edwin M. Reeves, Jr. and Selectmen Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Thomas D. LeBlanc, Shannon P. Courtade and Selectwoman Geraldine H. Mellion

Absent: Selectwoman Wanda B. Jones

The Pledge of Allegiance followed the Clerk's evidence of proper notice for the calling of the meeting.

Fire Chief Darren Ramirez addressed the incident that occurred at Dow Chemical Plant on Monday, April 18, 2022.

Police Chief Kenneth Payne reported that LA 1 Southbound will be closed from Hwy 77 to Belleview Road on Tuesday, April 26, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

A proclamation was presented to Mrs. Margaret Randle expressing appreciation and gratitude for the twenty-one years of public service to the city by Selectman Jimmie Randle, Jr. A moment of silence was observed for the passing of Selectman Jimmie Randle, Jr. who passed away on Saturday, April 2, 2022.

Item 01. PUBLIC COMMENTS (MUST REGISTER WITH THE CLERK).

There were no public comments.

Item 02. TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MARGARET ROBILLARD RANDLE AS SELECTWOMAN, DISTRICT VI FOR THE CITY OF PLAQUEMINE, PROCLAIM A SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL THE VACANCY AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. offered the following resolution, seconded by Selectman Thomas D. LeBlanc:

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MARGARET ROBILLARD RANDLE AS SELECTWOMAN, DISTRICT VI FOR THE CITY OF PLAQUEMINE, PROCLAIM A SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL THE VACANCY AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the Office of Selectman, District VI, City of Plaquemine, Iberville Parish, Louisiana, due to the untimely death of the Honorable Jimmie Randle, Jr. on April 2, 2022; and

WHEREAS, La. R. S. 18:602(A) authorizes the City of Plaquemine, through its Board of Selectmen, to appoint a person to fill the vacancy in the Office of Selectman, District VI, who meets the qualifications of the Office; and

WHEREAS, La. R. S. 18:602(E)(2)(a) provides that if the unexpired term of the Office of Selectmen is greater than eighteen months, the governing authority for the City of Plaquemine shall issue a proclamation ordering a special election to fill this vacancy and further specify, in accordance with La. R. S. 18:402 the dates on which the primary and general election shall be held, and further in accordance with La. R. S. 18:467, 467.1 and 468, the dates of the qualifying period for candidates in the special election; and

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine, through its Board of Selectmen, after careful consideration and deliberation, believe Margaret Robillard Randle, who meets the qualifications of the Office, should be appointed to fill the vacancy in the Office of Selectwoman, District VI for the City of Plaquemine and shall assume the duties and serve as Selectwoman, District VI until a candidate is duly elected to the Office of Selectman, District VI; and

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine, through its Board of Selectmen, hereby proclaim and order a Special Election to fill the vacancy in the Office of Selectman, District VI, and further in accordance with La. R. S. 18:402 to set the following dates on which the primary and general election shall be held,

and further in accordance with La. R. S. 18:467, 467.1 and 468, hereby set the dates of the qualifying period for candidates in the special election as follows, to-wit:

Primary Election: November 8, 2022
General Election: December 10, 2022
Qualifying Dates for Candidates: July 20, 2022 through July 22, 2022

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Plaquemine, through its Board of Selectmen, hereby appoint Margaret Robillard Randle as Selectwoman, District VI for the City of Plaquemine and Margaret Robillard Randle shall assume the duties and serve as Selectwoman, District VI for the City of Plaquemine until a candidate is duly elected to fill the vacancy in the Office of Selectman, District VI; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Plaquemine, through its Board of Selectmen, hereby proclaim and order a Special Election to fill the vacancy in the Office of Selectman, District VI, and further in accordance with La. R. S. 18:402 hereby set the following dates on which the primary and general election shall be held, and further in accordance with La. R. S. 18:467, 467.1 and 468, hereby set the dates of the qualifying period for candidates in the special election as follows, to-wit:

Primary Election: November 8, 2022
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The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Geraldine H. Mellion, Thomas D. LeBlanc and Shannon P. Courtade

Nays: None

Absent: Wanda B. Jones

The Oath of Office was administered to Selectwoman Margaret Robillard Randle by Attorney Maurice Hall.

Item 03. ADJOURNMENT.

Selectwoman Margaret R. Randle moved, seconded by Selectman Shannon P. Courtade that the City of Plaquemine adjourn at 6:49 p.m.

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Geraldine H. Mellion, Thomas D. LeBlanc, Shannon P. Courtade and Margaret R. Randle

Nays: None

Absent: Wanda B. Jones

CITY OF PLAQUEMINE

/s/Edwin M. "Ed" Reeves, Mayor

/s/Roxane M. Richard, LCMC