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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH, 2016

CHAIRMAN MARVIN PERRILLOUX

VICE-CHAIR MICHAEL WRIGHT

The Council of the Parish of St. John the Baptist Parish, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session in the Joel McTopy Chambers, LaPlace, Louisiana on Wednesday, February 24, 2016, at 3:00 PM.

CALL TO ORDER:

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL: Kurt Becnel, Councilman District I, Julia Remondet, Councilwoman District II, Lennix Madere, Councilman District III, Michael Wright, Councilman District V, Marvin Perrilloux, District IV, Buddy Boe, Councilman District VII, Jaclyn Hotard, Councilwoman-at-Large, Div. B

ABSENT: Larry Sorapuru, Jr., Larry Snyder

Councilwoman Hotard led the Prayer. Councilman Becnel led the Pledge.

Legal Counsel Jeff Perilloux and Keith Green, Jr. were present.

INTRODUCTION OF BUSINESSES:

Natalie Robottom/Lennix Madere - Recognition - (Carry Over 1-26-16) Krewe of D'Arc 2016 King Junardo Hoyt and Queen Darlene Fresh

The above item will be carried over to the next agenda.

Natalie Robottom - Proclamation - March as Gambling Prevention Month

The above item will be carried over to the next agenda.

Natalie Robottom - Proclamation - March as American Red Cross Month

The above item will be carried over to the next agenda.

Natalie Robottom - Proclamation - March as National Developmental Disability Awareness Month

The above item will be carried over to the next agenda.

Natalie Robottom - Presentation - Steve Pavlovich of St. John Mosquito Control - Zika Virus

The above item will be carried over to the next agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I'd like to suspend the rules to add a couple of things to the consent agenda item: Kurt Becnel - Appointment of Randolph Farve, Jr. to the Animal Advisory Board and Jaclyn Hotard - Re-appointment of Eliza Eugene to the Economic Development Board."

MOTION: Councilman Madere and Councilman Boe seconded the motion to suspend the rules to add to the Kurt Becnel - Appointment of Randolph Farve, Jr. to the Animal Advisory Board and Jaclyn Hotard - Re-appointment of Eliza Eugene to the Economic Development Board on the consent agenda. The motion passed with Councilman Sorapuru and Snyder absent.

ITEMS: Approval of Minutes - February 10th, 2016, Regular Meeting; Permit Approval - Frisco Fest 13th Annual Bike Ride Saturday 3/5/16 & Fun Run - Sunday 3/6/16; Councilman Perrilloux - Appointment of James S. Oubre, Jr. to the Economic Development Board; Appointment of Councilman Larry Sorapuru to the River Region Caucus; Appointment of Councilwoman Julia Remonet as an alternate member of the River Region Caucus; Councilman Boe - Appointment of Rickey Deslatte to the Coastal Zone Advisory Committee; Councilman Wright - Appointment of Danny Guidry to the Coastal Zone Advisory Committee; Councilman Madere - Appointment of Eliza Eugene to the River Parish Tourist Commission; Councilman Becnel - Appointment of Randolph Farve, Jr. to the Animal Advisory Board; Councilwoman Hotard - Re-appointment of Eliza Eugene to the Economic Development Board.

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Boe seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda items: Approval of Minutes - February 10th, 2016, Regular Meeting; Permit Approval - Frisco Fest 13th Annual Bike Ride Saturday 3/5/16 & Fun Run - Sunday 3/6/16; Councilman Perrilloux - Appointment of James S. Oubre, Jr. to the Economic Development Board; Appointment of Councilman Larry Sorapuru to the River Region Caucus; Appointment of Councilwoman Julia Remonet as an alternate member of the River Region Caucus; Councilman Boe - Appointment of Rickey Deslatte to the Coastal Zone Advisory Committee; Councilman Wright - Appointment of Danny Guidry to the Coastal Zone Advisory Committee; Councilman Madere - Appointment of Eliza Eugene to the River Parish Tourist Commission; Councilman Becnel - Appointment of Rudolph Farve, Jr. to the Animal Advisory Board; Councilwoman Hotard - Re-appointment of Eliza Eugene to the Economic Development Board. The motion passed with Councilman Sorapuru and Snyder absent.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES:

16-04 (Tabled 2-10-16) An ordinance to propose amending the St. John the Baptist Home Rule Charter by submitting the proposal to the qualified electors of the Parish of St. John the Baptist and to place said proposal on the ballot of the next available election in the spring of 2016. By amending ART. V by replacing Sections B,D, and E with: Section B - Submission of Budgets, Section D - Action on Budgets and Section E - Adoption of Budgets. (B. Boe)

Councilman Boe asked that this be carried over to the next agenda.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Hotard stated, *"At this time I'd to ask that the council accept the recommendations of the finance committee."*

MOTION: Councilman Wright moved and Councilwoman Remonet seconded the motion to accept the recommendations of the finance committee. The motion passed with Councilman Sorapuru and Snyder absent.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jaclyn Hotard - Recommendation for Parish Health Insurance

Councilwoman Hotard asked that this be carried over to the next agenda.

Julia Remondet - Resolution - R16-10 - A Resolution supporting efforts to pursue adoption of a complete streets policy for St. John the Baptist Parish

Councilwoman Remondet asked that this be carried over to the next agenda.

Natalie Robottom - Resolution - R16-11 - A Resolution authorizing the St. John Parish Grant Administrator to administer the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant FY 2016-2017 (LCDBG) project in the event funding is awarded

Natalie Robottom stated, "This application was submitted for an FY 2016-2017 LCDBG Grant in the amount of \$526,426.00 this is to address low to moderate income needs in Census Tract 711 located on the West Bank of St. John the Baptist Parish. If approved, these grant funds will assist with rehabilitation of the Water Treatment Clarifier at the Edgard Water Plant. Administration recommends approval."

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilwoman Hotard seconded the motion to approve Resolution R16-11. A resolution authorizing the St. John Parish Grant Administrator to administer the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant FY 2016-2017 (LCDBG) project in the event funding is awarded. The motion passed with Councilman Sorapuru and Snyder absent.

DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:

Larry Snyder - (Carry Over 10-13-14) Discussion Lions Water Plant Phase VIII design

The above item will be carried over to the next agenda.

Lennix Madere - (Carry Over 10-27-15) Road concerns in District III

The above item will be carried over to the next agenda.

Larry Snyder - Update on building at Airline and Cambridge with illegal sign

The above item will be carried over to the next agenda.

Larry Snyder - Update on Canal maintenance for large Canals

The above item will be carried over to the next agenda.

Larry Snyder - Schedule for concrete streets and sidewalk repairs

The above item will be carried over to the next agenda.

Larry Snyder - District VI - Acknowledgement of new businesses and types

The above item will be carried over to the next agenda.

Larry Snyder - Enforcement of high grass ordinance during winter months

The above item will be carried over to the next agenda.

Larry Snyder - Work requests - process for completion and status communications to citizens

The above item will be carried over to the next agenda.

Larry Snyder - Golf carts new laws, District Attorney Interpretation

The above item will be carried over to the next agenda.

Larry Snyder - Creation of new job positions and who is responsible for creating positions

The above item will be carried over to the next agenda.

Larry Snyder - Citizens, reporting violations of our codes - being identified

The above item will be carried over to the next agenda.

OLD BUSINESS:

Natalie Robottom - (Tabled 2-10-16) Re-appointment of Joey Scontrino to the South Louisiana Port Commission

MOTION: Councilwoman Remondet and Councilman Becnel seconded the motion to remove Natalie Robottom - Re-appointment of Joey Scontrino the South Louisiana Port Commission from the table. The motion passed with Councilman Sorapuru and Snyder absent.

Natalie Robottom stated, *"This item was discussed at the last meeting, I know Mr. Sorapuru has not arrived back from DC but he had concerns that he wanted to discuss with the Office of Public Safety and Port regarding some issues and concerns of residents. Those meetings were held, we think everyone have been contacted regarding this appointment which is the term appointment on the Port, the recommendation is for re-appointment of Mr. Scontrino and we will forward this on to the Governor's Office for appointment and confirmation by the Senate."*

MOTION: Councilwoman Remondet and Councilwoman Hotard seconded the motion to approve the Re-appointment of Joey Scontrino to the South Louisiana Port Commission. The motion passed with Councilman Sorapuru and Snyder absent.

There was no Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Lennix Madere - Update and concerns regarding home on E. 30th Street - regarding health and safety conditions

Larry Snyder - Building at Cambridge and Airline Hwy. graffiti removal

Parish Buildings - Security

Water bill issues - 133 Beechgrove, Reserve, LA

Lennix Madere - St. John the Baptist Parish vs. Myrtle F. Victor, Roba Inc. and Adair Asset Management, LLC, 40th JDC, #63827

Any and all pending legal matters

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

16-07: An ordinance approving the rezoning of lot 163 of the Carrollwood Subdivision, located in Sections 21 & 23, T-11-S, R-7-E, Laplace, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana, from the Commercial One [C-1] to the Residential One [R-1] zoning district. (PZR-16-1046)

16-08: An ordinance amending Chapter 113. - Zoning, Article II. - Administration and Enforcement, Division 3. - Amendments, to (1) clarify the planning procedure to call a text study with the intent to produce recommendations to amend the text of Chapter 113. - Zoning for consideration by the Planning Commission and Parish Council, and (2) authorize, upon approval by the Parish Council, the adoption of temporary, interim development standards while a text study is underway, as necessary. (Parishwide)

PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Working to continue to clear roads from debris, tree limbs and power lines 8000 customers out of power - estimated time of restoration: Thursday, February 25th. SCHOOL CLOSURES AT THIS TIME: Public Schools will remain closed until Monday; St. Joan of Arc to return tomorrow; SCL Technical College will return tomorrow; Riverside to return Friday; Waiting on additional school updates will release. As we encourage you to assist with cleaning up your homes and businesses, please be reminded to protect yourselves from contractor fraud. Remember, it is important to obtain more than one estimate for repairs and to check on the qualifications and credentials of anyone working on your home. More information will be passed out through our damage assessment teams and on communication channels. Also quick reminder - generators should never be used indoors due to carbon monoxide. Please place generators outdoors if you are using them. Donation sites to receive available resources such as tarps and ice will be announced through these systems once confirmed. MONITOR RADIO, NEWS STATIONS, PARISH FB AND WEBSITE AT SJBPARRISH.COM FOR UPDATES. CANCELLED EVENTS: Thursday, February 25th - Edgard Council on Aging Renovations - 10:00 a.m. - Edgard Senior Center, 155 E. 3rd St. Waterline Under the River Project - 11:00 am - Edgard Water Plant, 2899 LA-18; Friday, February 26th - New Fire Trucks - 10:00 a.m. - St. John Community Center Parking Lot.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 3:25 PM, Councilman Becnel moved and Councilwoman Remondet seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilman Sorapuru and Snyder absent.

/s/Marvin Perrilloux

/s/Jackie Landeche

COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

Council Secretary