

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS**  
**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2015**  
**CHAIRMAN MICHAEL WRIGHT**  
**VICE CHAIR MARVIN PERRILLOUX**

The Council of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session in the Joel McTopy Chambers, LaPlace, Louisiana on Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015, at 6:30 PM.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**PRESENT AT ROLL CALL:** Lennix Madere, Councilman District III, Larry Snyder, Councilman District VI, Art Smith, Councilman District I, Lucien Gauff, Council-at-Large, Div. A, Michael Wright, Councilman District V, Cheryl Millet, Councilwoman District VII, Ranney Wilson, Councilman District II, Jaclyn Hotard, Council-at-Large, Div. B, Marvin Perrilloux, Councilman District IV

**ABSENT:** None

Councilman Gauff led the Prayer. Councilman Perrilloux led the Pledge.

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

**Lucien Gauff - New Business - Esquire Elite Barbering**

Esquire Elite Barbering were present at the meeting and explained their services and what they offer to St. John Parish. They are located on Belle Terre Avenue in LaPlace.

**Natalie Robottom/Larry Snyder - Proclamation - Leroy D. Williams**

Natalie Robottom read the proclamation for Mr. Leroy D. Williams.

**Natalie Robottom/Lucien Gauff/Cheryl Millet - Proclamation - Rotary Club 110 Years Anniversary**

Natalie Robottom read the proclamation for the Rotary Club 110 Years Anniversary.

**Natalie Robottom - Presentation - US National Guard Spouse of the Year Recognition, Jovanda Fields**

Natalie Robottom presented the Louisiana National Guard Spouse of the Year Recognition award to Jovanda Fields.

**Consent Agenda**

**Items:** Approval of Minutes - February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Regular Meeting;  
Permit Approval - Frisco Fest 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Bike Ride - 3-7-15 @ 8:00 AM;  
Permit Approval - Frisco Fest 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Fun Run - 3-8-15 @ 8:30 AM

**MOTION:** Councilman Smith moved and Councilwoman Millet seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda items consisting of Approval of Minutes - February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Regular Meeting; Permit Approval - Frisco

Fest 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Bike Ride - 3-7-15 @ 8:00 AM; Permit Approval - Frisco  
Fest 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Fun Run - 3-8-15 @ 8:30 AM. The motion passed with  
Councilman Perrilloux absent.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES:**

**15-03** (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance to amend the St. John the Baptist Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 113, Article V. Supplementary Regulations, By adding Section 113-484, as follows: Sec. 113-484. Special Regulations for Automobile Sales Establishments - New, Used, and Rental (N. Robottom)

Angelic Keller stated, *"The regulations for automobile sales establishments are currently located in different code sections. This ordinance places all regulations in one section in an effort to provide better access to permit staff and applicants. Administration recommends approval."*

**MOTION:** Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Gauff seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 15-03. The motion passed with Councilman Wilson absent.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilwoman Millet stated, *"I would like to make a motion to accept the recommendations of the finance committee."*

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Millet moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the motion to accept the recommendations of the finance committee. The motion passed unanimously.

**DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:**

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

Councilman Snyder asked that this item be carried over.

**Ranney Wilson - Extension of Museum Street to Hwy. 54**

Mike Coburn stated, *"This item will require research into the property and its owners as well as coordination with DOTD and possibly a wetlands determination. Once administration determines a possible path forward we will be better prepared to answer this item."*

**Ranney Wilson - Burt Cashio - drainage**

Councilman Wilson asked that this item be carried over.

**Ranney Wilson - Vincent Simon - Water bill issue**

Councilman Wilson asked that this item be removed from the agenda the matter has been handled.

**Marvin Perrilloux - Update on drainage project on Belle Terre**

Mike Coburn stated, *"This is a joint project between the Parish and*

*DOTD to address street flooding near the post office. The Parish is currently addressing the utility relocation portion of the project in preparation for DOTD to let the project in May of 2015.*

**Marvin Perrilloux - Opening the rear of LaPlace Park Streets for school buses**

*Brian Nunes stated, "This item, which connects Gardenia St. to Camelia Ave, has been included in the 2015 Road Improvement Program."*

*Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I do want to dispel any rumors this is not to connect to another subdivision this is to open the rear streets in LaPlace Park to help the busses to have better access and for the safety of the children."*

**Lennix Madere - Update on house at 205 E. 30<sup>th</sup> Street**

*Angelic Keller stated, "There is a discrepancy between the ownership information in the Assessor's records and Clerk of Court records suggesting possible ownership by a mortgage company that initiated foreclosure in 2008. As such, the property may have been incorrectly adjudicated to the parish in 2009, but Administration is continuing to research this issue."*

**Lennix Madere - drainage issues on E. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street**

*There was a lengthy discussion on the drainage issues going on involving E. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street. PEC, the project engineer for the wastewater line repairs is aware of the problems on E. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street and they are in the process of correcting the problem with the road also. A temporary fix will be provided until the permanent patch can be placed.*

**Lennix Madere - Road repairs on E. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street**

*This item was discussed above.*

**Lennix Madere - Update on stump removal at Reserve Boat Launch**

*Brian Nunes stated, "The Reserve Canal was dredged in 2013 by the United States Coast Guard and again in 2014 by Three Deuces, as funded by FEMA. We are not aware of any additional concerns with stumps, but will look into additional concerns once information is provided."*

**Lennix Madere - Update on the Bike path from Our Lady of Grace to W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street**

*Mike Coburn stated, "DOTD is conducting final review of the plans for Phase III of the bike path, with the anticipation of letting the project in May of 2015. If this schedule holds, construction should begin in August of 2015."*

**Kerry Watkins - Recreation Director - Department Report**

*Kerry Watkins gave a brief departmental report on things happening in the Recreation Department different partnerships that he is working on for the parish. He also commented on the recent St. John Day at the*

Pelican's game in New Orleans and said we had a pretty good turn out and it looking forward to more events like this coming for the parish.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Ranney Wilson/Lennix Madere - Drainage and Drainage equipment**

This item was carried over.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Natalie Robottom - Resolution - R15-07 - A Resolution in support of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed rule on the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone that would tighten current federal air pollution rules and increase the number of counties impacted by the proposed rule from 227 to a range of 358-558 counties or more**

Natalie Robottom stated, "As discussed at the previous two council meetings, Administration recommends approval of this resolution in support of preventing the US EPA from moving forward with the proposed rule on National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone."

**MOTION:** Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the motion to approve Resolution R15-07. A Resolution in support of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed rule on the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone that would tighten current federal air pollution rules and increase the number of counties impacted by the proposed rule from 227 to a range of 358-558 counties or more. The motion passed with Councilman Snyder absent.

**Jaclyn Hotard/Michael Wright - Resolution - R15-08 - A Resolution naming the Highway 51 Park the "Thomas F. Daley Memorial Park"**

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I will go ahead and read the Resolution. **WHEREAS**, Thomas F. Daley was a long time dedicated public servant serving as an Assistant District Attorney, District Court Judge, Appellate Court Judge and most recently as District Attorney for St. John the Baptist Parish; **WHEREAS**, our community was greatly served by Thomas F. Daley's passion and desire to make a difference in our community; **WHEREAS**, Thomas F. Daley's legacy will long be remembered and is worthy of honor; **WHEREAS**, the St. John the Baptist Parish Council is grateful to Thomas F. Daley for his years of service as both a trusted legal advisor to Parish government and his years as a public servant; **WHEREAS**, Thomas F. Daley's dedication to his community was reflected in his well-known passion for protecting green space, tree planting endeavors, litter clean-up campaigns, civic involvement and so much more; **WHEREAS**, the St. John the Baptist Parish Council desires to recognize Thomas F. Daley's achievements by honoring his name; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the members of the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, do hereby name the Highway 51 Park "Thomas F. Daley Memorial Park"."

The entire council spoke on behalf of Mr. Daley and the impact he made in their lives and in the parish of St. John the Baptist. He will be forever remembered and memorialized now at the Highway 51 Park.

**MOTION:** Councilman Hotard moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the motion to approve Resolution R15-08. A Resolution naming the Highway 51 Park the "Thomas F. Daley Memorial Park". The motion passed unanimously.

**Hugh Martin/Jason Ackers - Resolution R15-09 - A Resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith**

Hugh Martin, Bond Counsel, stated, "The notice of Public Hearing regarding this resolution was given at the January 13, 2015 meeting and Administration recommends approval. This is a tax renewal that funds the parish courthouse and jail."

**MOTION:** Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Smith seconded the motion to approve Resolution R15-09. A Resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith. The motion passed unanimously.

There was no executive session.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Legal Options regarding litigation against the Parish President for Charter violation and the hiring of special legal counsel

Property/Casualty Insurance Agent - 1) Claims, any/all property, casualty, and Workman comp claims 2) Claims, procedures and disposition 3) Coverage's, any/all material changes

Larry Snyder - Hurricane Preparation plans

Ranney Wilson - Vincent Simon - Water bill issues

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

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, 40<sup>th</sup> JDC, #63827

Lennix Madere - Water bills - amoeba update

Water District #1 System issues/State DHH order

Any and all pending legal matters

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

**15-04** An ordinance to revise Section 113-444(1) Major Corridor Overlay District Boundaries on U.S. Highway 61 to read: (1) U.S. Hwy. 61 between Dupont Rd. in Reserve and the St. Charles Parish line

(R. Wilson)

- 15-05** An ordinance to amend the St. John the Baptist Code of Ordinances to establish, under the provisions of Art. III (A) (7) (c) (v) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter, the St. John the Baptist Parish Health Care Advisory Board, as follows:  
Chapter 21 - Health Care Advisory Board (C. Millet)
- 15-06** An ordinance granting approval of a Re-subdivision of seven portions of LaPlace Plantation into a lot herein designated as Lot 1-RO of the Robert Ory Tract, situated in Section 23, T-11-S, R-7-E, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana  
(PZS-15-1105) (N. Robottom)
- 15-07** An ordinance granting approval of a Re-subdivision of a portion of Belle Pointe Plantation into Tracts BPP-1, DLS-1 and Parcel STP, located in Sections 17, 18, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 100 & 101, T-11-S, R-7-S, Southeastern Land District, East of the Mississippi, Reserve, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana  
(PZS-15-1108) (N. Robottom)
- 15-08** An ordinance granting approval of a Re-subdivision of Lot 5, Lot 6 & Lot 7, Block 2-A, Reserve Industrial Park into lots herein designated as Lots 5A & 7A, Block 2-A, Reserve Industrial Park, situated in Sections 32 & 57, T-11-S, R-6-E Reserve, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana (PZS-15-1106)  
(N. Robottom)

**PARISH PRESIDENT REPORT**

Natalie Robottom stated, *“Good Evening- I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Mardi Gras despite the chilly weather. Both the DuMonde and Towahpahsah parades were very crowded and seemed to be a great time for all. The Du Monde Ball held at the Community Center was also a very nice event and well attended. Thank you to my staff and all involved in both parades and the ball for their hard work and dedication. We recently held a wrap-up meeting to discuss issues, concerns and plans for improvement. Managing both parades requires a coordinated effort and teamwork and we are looking forward to next year. Last weekend, I received the prestigious honor to revisit my high school in Abbeville as an invitee mentor for the Children and Youth Planning Board’s, “Pathways to Success” program. The program brings professionals who have achieved and acquired success to speak directly to students who have yet to form their own paths. I played teacher for the day and provided words of wisdom to Abbeville High students, shared my professional journey with them and also shared information regarding our great Parish. Thank you to Mrs. Davenport for spearheading this important and motivating event. It was an honor to be involved and I know the lessons of hard work, morality and integrity will stay with the students indefinitely as they go on to choose careers. As we close out Black History Month, it has been a treat to be an invited guest to various events throughout St. John. On Friday, I had the pleasure of visiting a live black history wax museum at Voice of Truth Ministries Church. The Program and museum, hosted Sr. Pastor Lauria Adams and members of Voice of Truth ministries, demonstrated the achievements of famous and renowned African Americans who have and are still making history. Martin Luther King, Jr, Maya Angelo, Al Sharpton, the Sheriff*

and myself were some of the many portrayed. It was a shining commemoration to the African American race and we thank you for sharing it with us. On Sunday, I was the guest speaker at a celebration of Black History Month titled "On the Shoulders of Giants" held at Victorious Life Family Worship Center with Pastor Renita J Graber. This was a very inspirational event and one that was filled with youth, laughter and fellowship. An informational meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 24th at 10:00 am in the Council Chambers for contractors interested in providing services for the Community Development Block Grant housing elevation program. An additional meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the chambers for interested contractors regarding the other CDBG Housing programs including the Homeowner Rehabilitation Program, Homebuyer Assistance program and small rental rehabilitation program. Small businesses and non-profit organizations impacted by Hurricane Isaac are encouraged to apply for the Small Business Loan and Grant program for assistance with unmet needs following the disaster. Through the grant, funding will be available as a 20% grant and 80% low interest loan to affected small businesses. For more information, please contact the Economic Development Department at 652-9569 or at [l.saulny@sjbparish.com](mailto:l.saulny@sjbparish.com). More information will be released once finalized. Small Businesses are also invited to attend a free seminar on business certifications and programs on Thursday, February 26, 2015 from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm at the Business Training Center located at SCL Technical College in Reserve. The Center is also offering its cost-effective Fast Trac Program for local businesses this March. This 10 session program provides information to help start and grow a business at a cost of only \$100. FastTrac starts March 5 and will continue for ten weeks on Thursdays. To learn more about the program or to register please contact program manager Wayne Aucoin at 985-479-1247 or through email at [sjohnbtc@lsbdc.org](mailto:sjohnbtc@lsbdc.org). Please save the date for our annual Spring Clean Sweep to take place on Saturday, April 11 from 8:00 a.m. until noon. You can register your group online at [www.sjbparish.com](http://www.sjbparish.com) or by calling Dana Milioto at 652-9569. Thank you to our residents and business owners for your patience during KCS railroad maintenance a few weeks ago. Repairs are complete and we appreciate your cooperation."

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 9:15 PM, Councilman Smith moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilman Perrilloux absent.

/s/Michael Wright  
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche  
Council Secretary