

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MARCH 8th, 2016
CHAIRMAN MARVIN PERRILLOUX
VICE CHAIR MICHAEL WRIGHT

The Council of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session in the Rudolph Soraparu Chambers, Edgard, Louisiana on Tuesday, March 8th, 2016, at 6:30 PM.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ABSENT: None

Councilwoman Remondet led the Prayer. Councilman Boe led the Pledge.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY (2 minutes per citizen)

There was no public comment at this time.

Natalie Robottom - Proclamation - (Carry Over 2-24-16) March as Gambling Prevention Month

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Natalie Robottom - Proclamation - (Carry Over 2-24-16) March as American Red Cross Month

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Natalie Robottom - Proclamation - (Carry Over 2-24-16) March as National Developmental Disability Awareness Month

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Natalie Robottom - Presentation - (Carry Over 2-24-16) Steve Pavlovich of St. John Mosquito Control - Zika Virus

Natalie Robottom stated, "I think all of you may have received handouts, again this presentation was originally scheduled on the Eastbank. So you have handouts, were there enough to pass to the public? Okay we'll make sure to get those to you again, Steve Pavlovich with St. John Mosquito Control will address concerns and information about the ZIKA Virus."

Steve Pavlovich stated, "Thank you President Robottom, as Ms. Robottom had said this was originally planned to be a presentation through power point, but we thought it would be important to talk to you know rather than pushing it on to the next meeting, back across the river because this is such a hot topic and we are coming into mosquito season. What I basically want to talk to you about is some of the things you're hearing in the news. What ZIKA Virus is; what the facts about the disease are; what would we do if we have a positive response in the area; what people can do to guard themselves against the ZIKA Virus as well as mosquito bites in general and then to prevent those

particular mosquitos from breeding around their own yard, as well as talk a little bit about our normal operations and lastly to just to touch on some changes that we're making to our website to provide an educational component about ZIKA Virus and also extend some functionality as far as service request and ability for residents to contact us and educate themselves about ZIKA Virus. If you'd go to the first page, there's normally an animation here but basically the ZIKA Virus is a Flaviviridae Virus, similar to some of the other diseases that we have that we have exposed, that we have exposed to West Nile Virus, Chikungunya and Dengue. This particular virus is a little bit different than the rest of those in that, humans are not dead at host. Normally something like West Nile Virus is going to be perpetuated between a bird, mosquito, bird cycle, and then it's only by accident or a transmission to the human occurs but the virreinal or the amount of virus in the human does not reach high enough levels for that mosquito to bite a person and transmit again to another human. ZIKA Virus is a little bit different than that, for about a five to seven day or a little bit there about a period, the ZIKA Virus can be transmitted during that time when the human is infected where they could bite, that person go through a more of a seasoning in the mosquito and then that mosquito can go bite someone and then retransmit the disease. There are two potential mosquitos that transmit, most of the ZIKA Virus is happening in South America right now, it was originally found in 1947 in the ZIKA Forest of Uganda, there were some small local outbreaks but it really was until 2007 before really appeared in the New World and the most recent outbreak in 2015 in Brazil and a lot of Central and South America. We are seeing it in the United States but ZIKA Virus is not being transmitted locally as of yet. As a result of that, the transmission possibilities are the concern this time of year is rather low, but we do have the two mosquitos that would most likely transmit the disease. The primary vector is one we call the Aegypti, which is the Yellow Fever Mosquito, it's not the most prevalent mosquito, we do have it in the New Orleans area, but it's not the most prevalent container breeding mosquito and of the sixty something varieties that we have, it's one of the population of mosquitos, however the secondary vector of the potential secondary vector is one we call the Asian Tiger Mosquito and it's that second mosquito picture there. This is a mosquito that breeds in containers just as the Yellow Fever Mosquito, but it is very common, it's ubiquitous, it's throughout everyone's back yard. If ZIKA Virus were to be brought to the area and a transmission locally were to accrue this would be the most likely mosquito that would transmit it. If you'd go to the next page basically are we at risk and what are the current risk levels? The current risk levels are actually low, the biggest risk is of people going to areas that, where ZIKA Virus is being transmitted and is a demic and these are the areas of South America, Central America and some of the Caribbean and is basically the CDC, as well as the Department of Health are issuing travel advisories to people considering going to those areas that they've considered whether they have to go and need to be in those areas and the disease itself is rather a mild disease, it is sort of non-descript, a roughly one and five people would show any symptoms at all, the mortality from the disease is very, very low, so people aren't going to be dying from the disease but the concern is the possible link a with something called Microcephaly and those birth defects. And there haven't been a definitive link even in the South American countries, but it looks very probable for those type of problems and again, if you go to the next page the symptoms themselves are similar to a lot of other encephalitis disease we have, as well as some other diseases, it's very well non-descript. It's muscle and joint pain, a rash, a low red rash on most parts of the body, a headache, which is very similar to some of the diseases that are also of the Flaviviridae Virus in type. And again, people are generally affected to be re-infected of a mosquito for about 5-7 days and so when those people were to come back, they would want to limit their exposure to mosquito bites if they were exposed to ZIKA Virus. There have been some instances in the United States where they've indicated that ZIKA Virus may be being transmitted sexually and generally from the male to the female and have advised also those people to use condoms or other type of protection to prevent that type of transmission, if they were to be concerned about the possibility of ZIKA

Virus. "What is mosquito control's plan and what are we doing?" We've already started putting out additional traps and specifically these are Ovitrap, if you look on the next page at the bottom right hand corner, you can see these are sort of non-descript traps, they are a water solution with a substrate that allows mosquitos to lay their eggs on the substrate, the substrate can then be brought back to laboratory, those eggs can be counted, speciated and then a one further step as we do on that as we're going to hatch out on those mosquito eggs to see which species of the container breathers that we have and really monitor that Aegypti out of the population and then concentrate on those efforts that we do see higher populations. Currently right now we've already started this program and the container breeding mosquitos are low and this is not uncommon for this type of year, but we want to get the word out to residents as well, that we want them to help us because we are going to be concerned about ZIKA Virus, it's going to be mosquitos that are breeding around the home. It's not the mosquitos out in the marsh, it's not the mosquitos out in the ditch it's not a septic mosquito. These mosquitos are going to be exclusively breeding in containers around the home area and we need the residents' help to reduce those amounts of containers that are out there. To that end, we've increased the amount of public education, each of you have a couple of pamphlets that we're using. I've been informed by Ms. Baileigh Rebowe Helm that they'll be also placing these in the Parish President's Office, so we have some extras there and also these inspectors are using these in their daily duties, they're going out and doing extra inspections and as they encounter people, they'll be distributing these pamphlets in areas that they're concerned about for containers and so forth. Also, we're going to be doing focus treatments as I had mentioned, towards in targeting these container breeding mosquitos and again the concern is low at this point, both because the mosquito population is not there as of yet in these containers and we haven't had any local transmission and there may not be any local transmission but, when we have these people coming back with ZIKA Virus and it certainly, we need to be preemptive and we're making those precautions in that regard. We'll be providing additional adulticiding treatments as a result and focusing efforts but adulticiding and education in those areas. What we are going to do if there is a positive sample and what I mean by "positive sample" is one that actually is transmitted in St. John or in the New Orleans Region, is will be going through a modified West Nile response protocol. And this will be again a door to door or a canvassing of pamphlets informing the public and asking again for their support and eliminating containers around the yard, doing inspections, trying to get access to people's yards by asking for their permission, at this point we would actually help them by eliminating the containers in their yard and not relying on just them to do it by themselves and then in areas where we will find positive for the adult of those particular container breeders, we would be doing possible hand fogging of those yards and then doing additional trappings and testing, and then we're looking at additional control techniques which include: the use of truck mounted night time spray equipment to apply larvaciding products that would actually address the Larva Mosquito and so we're testing some products and some equipment, a you know different configuration to where this product can be sprayed through or via truck, go down the road and actually control mosquito larvae in some of these containers, so that's some of the new technology or changes in the way technology is used to address this new emerging situation that we're having. One of the thing that we always stress throughout the year and part of our public education program and we usually in the mid to late summer months do a big West Nile push on contracted radio, is for the residents to help by protecting themselves, make sure that doors and windows fit tightly, that screens have been repaired that if they are going to be outside during those times that peek mosquito activity that they use some type of repellent. The unique thing about these two particular type of mosquitos is that they are more of a daytime biter, it's up to about that dusk time, although they will be out in the wee hour, not the wee hours but the early hours of the evening. They're not the most prominent mosquito after the sun has gone down, more of a salt marsh and some of the more mosquitos is what we're going to be seeing there, so this is one that you're going to have to watch out for in the late

afternoon and certainly we ask people to go through their yard and help us by removing a lot of these things that you don't think about, the tires, the kiddie pools, a pool, a bucket that they're collecting rain water in, certainly a bird bath or a fountain in the front yard. If it can't be emptied if you can flush it out on a weekly at least a weekly basis, it helps to prevent these type of mosquitos and then if again on the preventative measures that the EPA as well as the CDC recommends that the residents use some type of repellent and those repellents are listed: Deet, Picaridin, IR3535, we would definitely recommend that they use it following the label directions. The last couple of pages and I'll go through them very briefly, it's just to show you the facility for some of the new council members that have come on, we'd be happy for you to come out and take a tour of that and then to break down some of the programs that are in normal operations. We basically break the operation into 5 phases, the biggest phase is inspection and surveillance, this is actually collecting the data, we put out a variety of traps which were on the 1st page, the next page rather, doing rain gauges, one of the things we've added is the Ovitrap, we do landing rates, we have about 14 permanently mounted New Jersey Light Traps that collect 3 times a week and we also do surveillance inspections and then use rainfall data. All of this data is combined to prioritize where we need to go spray, the Larva as well as the adults and that is also taken into account with customer service request and complaints and so forth, that people are call in to see where we need, have the most need. The next thing is actually addressing the Larvial, the immature mosquito and we do that by various means we have the ability to do that by ground, truck, aerial, we use a variety of bacterial, hormonal products to do this and most of these things are very species specific only to mosquitos, you can spray these things in a ditch a dog or something can go right after that and can drink that water and then not affect the dog and just go after the mosquito even other aquatic and vertebrates are not affected by these products. Something that most people are familiar with is ground adulticiding nest, the trucks, the backpacks you know the sprayers' then aerial adulticiding is one thing when we reach structural levels or we have concerns for disease and aerial adulticiding may be something that's more needed if the ZIKA Virus were to come into the area. And also we have our own laboratory and facility that you showed earlier, we have the laboratory that's based in St. Charles Parish that we actually take the samples from around the River Parish Region and bring those test them and most of the samples then will go to LSU Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory and then we use our laboratories as a confirmatory test if ZIKA not ZIKA, Encephalitis or if one of the other mosquito born diseases is shown there and several different traps that we use specifically for acquiring mosquitos for testing. Part of our Public Education Program we'll go out to schools and I'd mentioned we've done the radio campaigns but if you do know of a Civic Association event, seems like here in St. John Parish I've done a lot of Rotary Clubs and those type of things, but if you do have public or civic meeting that you'd like to give a presentation or for us to give a presentation on about Mosquito Control or the ZIKA Virus, please contact us and let us know. Some of the things that we do in addition to our normal services is we test each of the insecticides at least once a year, we do a resistance testing and efficacy testing, all of our vehicles and equipment are tested for both calibration and droplet testing and then we have barrier equipment. So if there is a public function, a fair, a relay for life, a football game we use a lot of those types of pieces to apply a barrier around the facility before the event and usually this is done a day or two before the event and it's in combination with the actual spraying that we do. It doesn't kill the mosquito but it precludes new mosquitos from coming back in there, it acts more as a repellent in that. And the last page is just talking about our website redevelopment. We are currently in the process, as you can see on that last page of adding ZIKA information to the website as well as setting up a service request or revamping the service request icon so that people can come in and if they're having a problem in a specific are they can notify us and then it'll be dispatched out to the secretary and then therefore any control that would need to be implemented as a result. Sorry to be so long but I'd take any questions that you may have."

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "Any questions from the council?"

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thanks, it's always super informative, we can tell you're very passionate about it, I always learn more about mosquitos that I ever thought I would you know care to know about. But it's very informational but you, you know came to give the presentation, there were a lot of things in here that I never even considered that you know, standing water and things like that, that you just don't think about so I think that's good for our residents. You know when it gets as hot as it does here and the peak of the summer and the humidity, we can have mosquito control do everything that they can and we will still have mosquitos. So there's just, give information to our residents to help them be as diligent as possible and even ourselves because we know like I said, even with all of the spraying that we're doing, we still can run into problems and we don't want people to you know get sick or anything like that over something that can be prevented."

Steve Pavlovich stated, "And this is a concern again at least from what know of ZIKA Virus now is going to be mainly if it does come and be propagated here in the United States, it's mainly going to be a backyard mosquito problem and so we can't stress that enough."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Right, it seems like the two I guess here you listed the Southern House and the Asian Tiger they were most common in Louisiana and the Gulf Coast."

Steve Pavlovich stated, "Those are the most common. The Southern House is not, that's a West Nile transmitter but not really been implemented in transmitting the ZIKA Virus, but that is the most common one that we'd be concerned about for West Nile transmission."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you very much."

Steve Pavlovich stated, "You're welcome."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Yes, the ZIKA Virus does it affects just the embryo, will it affect any adults?"

Steve Pavlovich stated, "It does affect adults, either there are some mild flu like symptoms or some sort of non-descript, it does mimic some other diseases Dengue, also has a rash that sometimes associate with the West, it could be similar to a West Nile, they're very mild 1 in 5 would show any symptoms at all and even those 1 and 5 really may not even know that they would have a ZIKA Virus. The concern in Brazil and some other countries that are actually having out breaks is the potential link with something called Microcephalie which is the fetus being affected, the head of the fetus being affected during the 1st trimester of the pregnancy. There hasn't been a definitive link between ZIKA Virus and Microsephallie but it looks pretty probable at this point and so that's why the advisory is our there with the CDC that if people is going to be traveling to those areas that is the big risk now. The big risk is not the local mosquito population or that ZIKA Virus is being propagated here in the United States because it hasn't happened yet. But if you're going to be, the CDC and the Health Department if they're going to those areas to make sure that they protect themselves and especially pregnant women are considering going to these areas that they may reconsider going to any of those areas that are infected by ZIKA Virus."

Councilman Snyder asked, "So that's the concern when it's transmitted sexually, the fact that the baby may get infected or the partner may get infected?"

Steve Pavlovich stated, "Yeah the sexually transmission has been limited to a couple of cases that we know about so far and it's been from male and female

only and not the other way around as of yet but, you know again that is the concern is not that that woman is getting the disease but that she could be in her 1st trimester of pregnancy and then be infected with that ZIKA Virus so that's the concern."

Councilman Snyder stated, *"I did hear it on WWL today that it was transmitted sexually also. It just came out today it sound like it was a new thing."*

Steve Pavlovich stated, *"Thank you."*

Councilman Snyder stated, *"Thank you."*

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEMS: Approval of Minutes - February 24th, 2016, Regular Meeting; Permit Approval - "Sings and Strings Festival" - Garyville Timbermill Association - Sunday, April 10th, 2016; Councilman Sorapuru - Re-appointment of Nora Pierre to the Economic Development Board; Councilman Becnel - Re-appointment of Leroy Mitchell to the Economic Development Board; Councilman Madere - Re-appointment of Robert Taylor to the Economic Development Board; Councilman Boe - Re-appointment of Jake Lyford to the Animal Control Board.

MOTION: Councilman Becnel moved and Councilman Sorapuru seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda items: Approval of Minutes - February 24th, 2016, Regular Meeting; Permit Approval - "Sings and Strings Festival" - Garyville Timbermill Association - Sunday, April 10th, 2016; Councilman Sorapuru - Re-appointment of Nora Pierre to the Economic Development Board; Councilman Becnel - Re-appointment of Leroy Mitchell to the Economic Development Board; Councilman Madere - Re-appointment of Robert Taylor to the Economic Development Board; Councilman Boe - Re-appointment of Jake Lyford to the Animal Control Board. The motion passed unanimously.

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)

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

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) (N. Robottom)

Alexandra Carter stated, *"The proposed rezoning increases conformity with the Code, the Future Land Use map, and existing development patterns of the surrounding area. On February 15, 2016, the recommendation was unanimously approved by the Planning Commission and Administration recommends approval."*

Councilwoman Hotard stated, *"Thank you and thanks Alex for all your work on this item. I just want to reiterate this for the residents I know it appeared to be confusing because it's going from a commercial designation to a residential one and there's already a home on the property, so there was a little bit of confusion some residents thought, it was the other way around going from residential to commercial but actually when zoning first came in, there's another house on Carrollwood Drive and this one the corner were considered commercial and so they were zoned commercial but there's actually a house on both pieces of the property, so like bringing it to R-1 you know has it conformed with the existing use that is now, because there is a house*

on the property so this is actually a good thing. So I want to thank you, you know for clearing it all up along the way and just to let the residents know again what's going on. Thank you."

Councilman Snyder asked, *"Why was it R in the first place anybody know?"*

Alexandra Carter stated, *"When the parish official zoning map was adopted it was R-1 and then..."*

Councilman Snyder interrupting asked, *"It's always been R-1?"*

Alexandra Carter stated, *"Yeah it was originally zoned R-1 but then a request came I think it was a year or two later and it was rezoned as per that request from R-1 to C-1 along with the house next door on the corner."*

Councilman Snyder asked, *"Ok so it was R-1 and went to C-1 and now we're going back to R-1."*

Alexandra Carter stated, *"Now we're going back to R-1 and this discussion was reiterated with the Planning Commission. And so basically the owner thought they would use it as a commercial like a neighborhood commercial use and since then decided they want to return it back to its residential capacity."*

Councilman Snyder stated, *"Okay thank you Alex."*

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilman Boe seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 16-07. The motion passed unanimously.

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)(N. Robotom)

Alexandra Carter stated, *"This study recommends increased levels of evaluation and reporting when changes are proposed to the Zoning Code, as well as authorizes the use of temporary, interim development standards while a study is underway. This recommendation was unanimously approved by the Planning Commission and Administration recommends approval."*

Councilman Snyder stated, *"I was at the Planning & Zoning meeting and they had plenty discussion on that and that's going to help us out a lot as far as our Ordinance on cleaning up things and things of that nature, so I was and that's why I was for this Alex and good job on it. Thank you."*

Councilman Boe stated, *"Alex I know you run the department whose job it is to say "No" and that's a tough one where other departments get to help people and make them a little bit happier on their way out. We know that the code can sometimes be restricted and updated, thank you guys for this work and if this helps you guys get to a "Yes" for our developers, property owners and trying to improve their property, that's a good thing for St. John. Thank you."*

MOTION: Councilman Snyder moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 16-08. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

MOTION: Councilman Boe moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to accept the recommendations of the finance committee. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:

Brian Nunes - Debris Removal Updated

Brian Nunes stated, "Good evening Council, I just wanted to provide you'll with a quick update of what we've been doing out in the field. The Public Works Department continues to work diligently on storm clean-up. Public Works crews along with crews from other parishes have been working from dawn to dusk, 7 days a week since that storm hit. Through close of business yesterday our crews have hauled a total of 7,111 cubic yards of vegetated debris and 2,915 cubic yards of C&D or Construction Demolition Debris. In addition of hauling off the debris, our crews have also been cleaning the debris out the ditches and the canals, just in general because it needed to be done but also in anticipation of this anticipated rain over the next few days. Our crews will continue to work until the job is completed. The Public Works Department and the Administration would also like to extend a sincere thank you to the following parishes who have loaned us their equipment and personnel to assist us in our time of need. As with Jefferson Parish, St. Charles Parish, St. Bernard Parish, Lafourche Parish, East Baton Rouge Parish and Terrebonne Parish and Tangipahoa, sorry left them out the list, I apologize. Thank you though that's my update, just to let you know where we are. I don't have today's numbers yet I'll have those in the morning and I believe you'll be on the email but that'll go out first thing."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yeah Mr. Nunes I just got to give you a hand because I guarantee you your guys been...I know what I had in Cambridge and District 6 you know that's Riverlands, Cambridge and The Colony and they've been responsive plus trying to do their other work, their normal work. So you know picking up 10,000 cubic yards of stuff, that's and we don't even have the right equipment to do it you know, the trucks that came in are the right equipment. We've been using our trucks and that was just dump trucks and those guys been doing a great job on trying to clean up our area. I would just like to say to some of the people that haven't gotten their area touched yet or some people that haven't gotten it all picked up yet, we made one run through that, just remember our parish workers are doing all this work and they are doing the best they can and there's no such thing as "this one getting this done first, that one getting there's done first". They're going into areas and just cleaning them up, now they have to make a second run but that's what they're doing right now so those guys, Utilities Department along with the your group there, they're, you'll be doing a great job that's all I got to say."

Brian Nunes stated, "Thank you."

Councilman Madere stated, "Mr. Nunes I'd also like to "Congratulate" I hate to use the word congratulate because I mean it was a disaster. Just the fact that the Public Works help perform and also I would like to thank you and Mr. Verdell because I didn't call in a couple of request you know in District 3, I knew it wasn't hit as hard as in the LaPlace area but you'll still were able to come out there and pick-up some of the debris over there too, because I wouldn't want the citizens over in my area to feel as though they were being left out. In fact Mr. Verdell sent a couple of trucks in there and they picked up a lot of areas you and and I know that there's some more that's

being placed but that's a tremendous task that you have set ahead of ya'll you know, this weather coming in here just going to slow you down a little bit you know but once again, I applaud the effort that you'll put in and also to the workers because they were out there 7 days a week. Thank you."

Councilman Wright stated, "Mr. Nunes same thing, just want to applaud you guys, administration and thank our surrounding parishes. I can proudly say I received zero phone calls from constituents regarding debris and complaints and that's speaks volumes because usually we're the first one contacted in these disasters, so kudos to you guys."

Councilman Boe stated, "Mike I forwarded you a few emails, no I'm joking. I just want to thank the administration, Ms. Saulny, Baptism by Fire thank you for being there, Jobe thanks for stepping up and running the EOC. Normally after a hurricane, we're in hurricane mode for weeks, the whole community understands, they accept a little bit of a delay, within hours the rest of this parish was back up and running and so there was you know, more bigger sense of urgency and a higher expectation and I think with your crews and administration's efforts and the support of our surrounding parishes we cannot understate the importance of that. We were able to get this debris picked up as quickly as possible. And we know we've got more to do but, you know thank you guys, I think neighborhoods are slowly getting back to normal as individual homes began the efforts of recovery and repair but it was absolutely important that those trucks, the calve ray came in from the other parishes and I know we would do the same thing in future disasters if another parish needed it. Thank you."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Thank you Mr. Nunes. Thank you the departments and everybody that participated."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Everyone is saying thank you, I'll my thanks as well. And also to our residents, our Public Works crews were ready to pick it all up and our residents were ready to put it out. So it worked in tandem, so I want to thank them but yeah Brian your staff, everyone in your department, I mean immediately as the tornado hit and it was safe to do so, the crews were on the ground. So I endure your leadership you know that was able to happen so I just want to say thanks and also to Mr. Kendrick, thanks to him as well, you know we got all this picked up, I mean you drive through and if it weren't for some of the construction crews and things like that you wouldn't really know, whereas before for Isaac you saw all the debris on the ground, so thank you a lot for your effort."

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

Councilman Snyder asked that this item be removed from the agenda.

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

Councilman Madere asked that this item be removed from the agenda.

Larry Snyder - (Carry Over 2-24-16) Update on building at Airline and Cambridge with illegal sign

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

Larry Snyder - (Carry Over 2-24-16) Update on Canal maintenance for large Canals

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

Larry Snyder - (Carry Over 2-24-16) Schedule for concrete streets and sidewalk repairs

Councilman Snyder stated, "That's one I had some issues with and a we'd write up work request and I don't know if I have something else on here pertaining to that but we write up a work request because I know I wrote some up on street repairs and sidewalk repairs but I haven't seen anything yet, I'm just wondering, do we have a list we're making, put them together and then later on we're going to go ahead and start when we get our concrete people in here for bids we're going to do the work orders or what you know? Because there's one I had on there for a couple of years now I think."

Brian Nunes stated, "I do apologize if there is one for a couple of years, I'm not a part of that but, you see we have 2 list cause a some of the smaller jobs we prefer to do in house. It saves the parish money and it gets done quicker. But some of these bigger jobs you have to break out two or three panels and replace a whole bunch of you know maybe the base or the sub-base. We like to let the contractor to that and let our guys focus on, we have 4 concrete finishers, so some of these bigger jobs we really can't do. So we do have 2 list, one is for contractor and one is for our parish employees."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well when these drains on the streets start to sink, you know what I'm talking about the drains on the concrete you see on the side, they break all the concrete around break and they start to sink on one side. Does that affect the drainage or would it affect the drainage and if we get it fixed?"

Brian Nunes stated, "Well it depends on what's going on. If it's a water leak that's causing..."

Councilman Snyder stated, "No, no!"

Brian Nunes stated, "If it's a drain or say it's a catch basin, sure that..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "It's a catch basin right, it's a catch basin I wrote it up I wrote it up last week. I just wrote it up last week or this week I wrote it up."

Brian Nunes stated, "That could affect..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "Ascension of Our Lord Church right there"

Brian Nunes stated, "It's a case by case I'd have to look at it."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay well alright. Well I got it written up so I'd appreciate it if you can get somebody out there to look at that cause it's breaking up and it looks like it has some drainage problems. That's what I'm concerned about."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you and thanks Mr. Snyder for having this item on the agenda. Brian if we could get a look at and I know this, it may need to be a capital project but on Greenwood you know we have a couple of really bad areas in between Madewood and I guess maybe that's Ridgefield but there's a lot of areas and they're really, really, really bad. I know we've put some hot mix in some of them but it's kind of just breaking up. If we can look at that section, I mean we may be able to do couple of panel replacements, if we can do the panel replacements, if we can put that on the priority list, it's just a really bad area."

Brian Nunes stated, "I do believe that's been brought up before, it is a priority for us. So that's one of..."

Councilwoman Hotard interrupting asked, "Will it be something we can have the contractor do as panel replacements?"

Brian Nunes stated, "At least some of it. I can't tell you we can do the"

whole street because that's expensive."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Right and some of the sections are in worse shape than others but that bad enough we need to address them sooner than later."

Brian Nunes stated, "You're right I agree. The kick off meeting was actually supposed to be held about 2 weeks ago, we all kind of know what happened so we are attempting to reschedule with both the asphalt and the concrete personnel right now."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Ok and thanks for taking care of the problem we had at Catalpa and Carrollwood. I know we have some underline issues that need to be addressed but in the interim it helps, we really have a lot of extra traffic through that area right now just with rebuilding efforts and those types of things. So at least we have it to where it's safe you know to travel on until we can go ahead and do a full project there."

Brian Nunes stated, "That is on the list for sure."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you."

Councilman Wright stated, "Brian two things real quick. I want to make sure that West 5th sidewalks are still on the list. I know a lot of them were heavily damaged and you and I discussed maybe about a month or two ago, replacing a lot of those, at least the ones that need to be replaced."

Brian Nunes stated, "We have discussed, we're looking at a number of things. One the Westbank Sidewalk project, if we had funds left over we were going to dedicate those towards West 5th, if we don't then we can start looking at doing it in house I'm sure."

Councilman Wright stated, "And secondly have we compiled the list yet for road repairs?"

Brian Nunes stated, "Yes we have. I have a copy of it right here if you'd like to look at it."

Councilman Wright stated, "If you can just have it emailed to the council?"

Brian Nunes stated, "I sure can. I have a hard copy but I'll email it, this one doesn't have a legend on it, unfortunately I didn't put a legend on in time because of a few colored differences. But I can put the legend on it, email it in the morning."

Councilman Wright stated, "Ok great!"

Larry Snyder - (Carry Over 2-24-16) District VI - Acknowledgement of new businesses and types

Councilman Snyder stated, "Actually why I put that there is because when, you remember when we first got in office 4 or 5 years ago, we had a business come in our area and people called me after I got selected, people called me and want to know why we let a business like that come in our neighborhood, I said, "I didn't know nothing about it. It was done way before I got in there." So now I just want to be sure that we have an updated list on businesses that come in and we do get them, I got to admit, we do get when someone put an application in on a new business coming into our area, but from there I like to be informed because from there that's when everything starts you know that's when the process starts for getting permits and all that stuff so, if we can get that early, if we can get that on time then we can get with our neighborhood and see if our people in our and our constituents in our district to see if they have any feelings about this particular type of business coming into the area. So that's why I put that on

the agenda."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thanks and Mr. Snyder I'm with you on that, I remember the business. Alex is there something that we can do because often times when we get a copy of the Occupation License the business is open. So you know people apply for a sales tax number at Nathan Stein's office and I even asked them and actually Jackie if you can follow-up with them first thing in the morning, the council did make a request, that from his office when someone actually comes and applies for that Tax ID number which is a step prior to applying for an Occupational License that we're notified. But even prior to then, when a permit request may come in for a sign, you know everybody starts at a different place. But once we get the occupational license often times the business is already open, so we need to have some type of mechanism in place that's going to notify us before the ball gets rolling so if it is a business that may adversely affect the neighborhood we know about it and if there's some concerns that we can kind of get involved in it at the front end."

Natalie Robottom stated, "I think we've discussed that with some of the new staff with coming up with a mechanism for doing that you're correct. Much of what we evaluate in Planning & Zoning is zoning appropriateness, so other than that we really have no mechanism to stop a business from going in certain areas if they meet the requirements in zoning requirements but, it is sometimes fairly late by the time you guys get this. We're going to double check and Alex wasn't here, but I'm almost sure Angelic established a process of emailing all off the documents to the Council Office before everything is final, instead of waiting until it's approved, that you're getting it prior to that and maybe that it slipped but we've also asked to possibly divide it by, instead of sending the entire list to the entire list, just sending it by District, but again some of you might want to know more that. So we can decide on how you want that, we were going to do like we've been doing, sending by what's happening in your district, but as Council Members you may be interested in what's happening throughout the parish. So we'll make a decision on what you want to receive or how it could be filtered but we, she is committed to working on something to get to you a little bit earlier than you've been getting it."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "And maybe even working with the Utility Department because again the Occupational License even when we get them from Angelic, prior to them being approved it's still often times was the last step. They already had signs, they had utilities turned on they were ready to turn the key on operating business when they came to apply for the Occupational License so it was one of the last steps. So maybe if we can have some coordination with Raymond, you know utilities seems like one of the things maybe happens first at a business location, we just get some type of notification or some identifying factor that a new business is coming in and I don't believe that we can rely only on an Occupational License because often times it's the last step and many times we have businesses that are operating without one. So we may not even be aware but we know they have light, we know they have water, they may not have an Occupational License so we may not even know about it. So we, I think we need to look at some other trigger on that than Occupational License."

Natalie Robottom stated, "And we'll have to look at that because I don't know that Raymond will know whether they have an Occupational License. So that's going to require..."

Councilwoman Hotard interrupting stated, "No but when they come in to get utilities for a business location then we know, okay a business is going to operate here. They may never get an Occupational License."

Natalie Robottom stated, "So again, we will look at what we think can give you the best representation of what's happening at the earliest time frame to get it to you but we're actually working on our new system that hopefully

will talk to each other, so it'll be easier to cross reference who has an Occupational License and utility billing, so hopefully it can spit out that information."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Good, ok thank you."

Councilman Snyder stated, "If I'm not mistaken I think what you sent us I know Angelic used to do it and I think I got one today of a business coming into my area. That's just the application am I right or wrong?"

Alexandra Carter stated, "What you'll get after an Occupational License is approved with 1st zoning compliance, we create a report online and that's sent to Jackie and then Jackie sends that information to you guys. So that's not when the Occupational License is approved per say because Planning & Zoning doesn't approve it, the Sheriff's Office approves it. So we're just looking at zoning compliance, so we're the 1st step in their approval process. But Councilwoman Hotard is accurate in saying that you know it is the last thing a business usually does. So it may be that we receive an application for a renovation or for a new business construction that's usually the 1st step and that's where we would introduce this information to you guys. Not when they have gotten their building plans approved, they come in and they've gotten building code compliance and they do their signs and then the last thing they do is their Occupational License. So I think that's, I think part of the ball that was dropped on this was, we don't do administration meetings as often, we've been speeding up the process to get to them in and out more quickly, which they're loving but because of that we haven't been doing the administration meeting we've been doing the planning and review more quickly. And you guys got that notice, with the administration meeting just kind of that blast of this is what is on the agenda so you knew what projects were coming up. So we're realizing that so we're accommodate the transition and have more administration meetings and more outreaching, make sure you guys know what's going in your districts sooner."

Councilman Snyder stated, "So with all that said Alex, with all that said. What I got today was that an application, just the application?"

Alexandra Carter stated, "Yes you're going to get the application."

Councilman Snyder stated, "That's alright. That's what I wanted to know."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "I understand Ms. Hotard's frustration being in that department it was always very allusive to be able to catch that business to talk to them before they spent money where they can get the tax incentives and they waited to spend their money and I had also thought Tax ID information is the best way to go, but some people might have applied for a Tax ID do all the work, spend money and write it off as a tax deduction and never open. So that was sort of illusive to and I think we're limited on the information we can get from there because it is privileged information because we're talking about tax information but hey, you're searching for a way, but it was always tough thing to get a hold on because sometimes they move into a spot and the waters on, the electricity is on and they'll transfer the information later, so a anyway you can find a better way will be fine and will be great for everybody."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Let me just clarify really quick. From the sales tax office, what I asked for them to provide to us was not the customer's tax identification number but that you know a business is coming but again, sometimes that still after they've turned on utilities, it's the last step. So we probably have to look at something else but it was just something that happened before the Occupational License, so we would get it a little bit sooner but just notice from them, hey we've got application for a business at you know, 123 ABS Street to operate, whatever it is but again I'm kind of thinking that to catch it even sooner it may have to maybe go into utility or something and try and catch them the best way the best way that they can."

Councilman Madere stated, "Ms. Carter, I just need you to make one statement."

Alexandra Carter stated, "Sure."

Councilman Madere stated, "There's no ordinance or anything restriction as far as how many business, a particular tax business because I had a lady call me and climbed all over me because we are allowing another washateria open up."

Alexandra Carter stated, "There isn't I would say sort of a density, you have to just think about one business, having the same business and the parish with 50 of the same business, there's no limit on how many you can have."

Councilman Madere stated, "Right and no as far as no distance or anything?"

Alexandra Carter stated, "Right, when it comes to some license do have distance requirements with regards to schools and churches and playgrounds but I don't think a washateria or laundry mat would have that type of distance requirement."

Councilman Madere stated, "Right, that's basically the information I passed out you know but that didn't work."

Alexandra Carter stated, "Right you can't make everybody happy."

Councilman Madere stated, "That's right, ok."

Larry Snyder - (Carry Over 2-24-16) Enforcement of high grass ordinance during winter months

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

Larry Snyder - (Carry Over 2-24-16) Work requests - process for completion and status communications to citizens

Councilman Snyder asked that this item be removed from the agenda.

Larry Snyder - (Carry Over 2-24-16) Golf carts new laws, District Attorney Interpretation

Councilman Snyder stated, "Have you'll look at that yet, at it all because I don't want to sell my golf cart."

Jeff Perilloux stated, "Good evening council members. Mr. Snyder I actually attended the meeting that the Sheriff had, I guess that was 3 weeks ago or so to discuss the golf cart laws. Our office is preparing a memo. We have a preliminary memo that was provided to us by one the District Assistant Attorneys' who was assigned to do a little research on the golf cart laws. We're going to provide the Parish Council with a follow-up formal position, within the next 2 weeks, we are aware obviously that the state legislature did in fact pass a law that took affect earlier this year and the Sheriff has indicated that he intends to inforce that law. And so, ultimately the options that are available to the Council will be available in the memorandum that we'll be providing within the next 2 weeks and then we'll go from there as a government entity."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay, I sure appreciate that. Because I've gone trying to get a certificate sticker and nobody knows anything about it. Not even Louisiana's Driver's License Bureau so. Alright thank you sir. That's all I can say."

Larry Snyder - (Carry Over 2-24-16) Creation of new job positions and who is responsible for creating positions

Councilman Snyder asked that this item be removed from the agenda.

Larry Snyder - (Carry Over 2-24-16) Citizens, reporting violations of our codes - being identified

Councilman Snyder asked that this item be removed from the agenda.

Larry Sorapuru - Discussion regarding future plans for the Reserve/Edgard Ferry

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Yes administration I'd like to get an update. I know the Edgard Ferry has been going around in circles and we need to know what's going to happen to the funds that were allocated to the Parish and we need to know what direction we need to go."

Natalie Robottom stated, "The state failed to allocate funds for the ferry, although we applied funding through CDBG as well as our Resiliency Grant, it was declined and we did not receive the grant for Resiliency. However, we do have a meeting scheduled with the new Secretary of DOT, I think next month. They're very much aware that the ferry and funding for returning the ferry is one of the topics, so we're going to continue to pursue that, however the CDBG application was not approved, the Resiliency Grant application was not approved and at this point funding is not in the state's budget for the ferry. Additionally, because of the amount of time that has lapsed, we had a lease agreement with the Archdiocese for use of the landing which they no longer have available to us and it's my understanding Ingram Barge has purchased the property that the landing was on the Eastbank. So we have some hurdles to climb but we are going to start with the first one which is funding through DOT. And obviously, all of our delegations supports that and we're going to go directly to the Secretary."

Larry Sorapuru - Bishop Frank - Milesville Memorial Church renovation - permitting process - 129 Apple Street - LaPlace

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Let me just make a comment on this. South Central was requested to come to the meeting, they're not here but we can discuss but if you want them at the next meeting you can make a motion to administration to have them at the next meeting so we all can be on the same page."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Yes Chairman, I do request they come in. Pastor Frank has been working on his church for almost 3 years right now and he's going through hoops and hurdles trying to upkeep Milesville Church and renovate his building. He came to me I went and visited his church, he had spent monies on funding on blueprints, I did talk with his engineer on the telephone, I think his engineer is here tonight, so he's going around in circles with this project and we need to move him forward and get him on his way. So South Central didn't call or anything administration, they didn't and say anything that they were not coming?"

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Ms. Carter you come up?"

Alexandra Carter stated, "I spoke with Planner of Ura and his supervisor regarding this case. At this time, we're waiting for a revised set of plans that address comments that were distributed to the engineer. Right now the way that they've portrayed to me is that it can't be approved because they can't determine that he built in a safe manner consistent with building code requirements. So we're waiting for updates to plans before they can approve. But there are ready to approve once those amendments are made. And I have comments with me if anybody would like to see the comments from South Central."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "And I did request, I was out and I met with Bishop Frank myself with Mr. Sorapuru and see that what he'd want to do to his building, you know I'm all for churches and having a worship place to go, but I suggest that myself, Councilman Sorapuru, Bishop Frank and his engineer

meet with South Central Engineer and Ms. Carter, and we have a meeting to discuss, put on the table, see the plans so we can move forward and get this church going. If you are open for Mr. Sorapuru because you're a representative."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "We can do that and Pastor Frank would you want to come up and say a few words?"

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Pastor Frank you can come up, identify yourself?"

Bishop Frank stated, "Good evening everybody. First of all I just want to say thank you for the people here in our Parish, Ms. Alex, they've been wonderful us. But it look like we hit a wall when we got to South Central Planning, no communication, I think that was the biggest problem because this gentleman in the back and I want to thank him for coming because you'll keep him in you'll prayers because he lost his wife today, but he still made it to our meeting, so you'll pray for him. But everybody's been kind of cooperating and like I say when we got to South Central the gentleman we had working on our plans, this gentleman back here went to talk to him to see if he could serve me in the right direction, but a it looked like he kind of hit a wall when he, there's was no communication or anything, so I think if he would have did more communicating, he did a lot of emailing and with people do things, I don't know a lot about computers so I'm in the dark to. But Mr. Johnson had been trying to talk to Mr. Craig but he didn't get very far with him so I contacted our Parish President and I want to thank her that she got the ball rolling a little for us and we've been back and forth just trying to get people involved with it. So we just trying to get it, it's been 3 years now going on 4, all I want is to be back home. I know it's been a big lost to us, we're losing some of our membership because of being displaced so long, people move on. So I'm just asking this committee just to help us and just more or less do a little more communicating with our engineer, Mr. Johnson he's been working trying to get it done but nothing has been really happening for us."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Well Mr. Sorapuru, can you shup up this meeting, include me in it Mr. Frank, Bishop Frank because I met with him and Ms. Carter, South Central and Mr. Frank engineer and we have a meeting and we discuss the future plans and let's get 1 set of plans that we can live by and he can proceed with his building."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Most definitely. (Cannot understand Councilman's Sorapuru due to turning away from the mic while speaking)

Bishop Frank stated, "Thank you."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Thank you Bishop Frank."

Larry Snyder - Resolution to Isaac repairs program and tornado damage repairs

Councilman Snyder asked that this item be removed from the agenda.

Larry Snyder - Discussion regarding Isaac repairs - assigning work to contractors

Councilman Snyder stated, "We had some high level discussions on it. Really what I'm trying to do is get this going, ok. I know we have to go through the bidding process and I think we've done that."

Natalie Robottom stated, "We did, you're right."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yeah, we went through the bidding process right. So now we would sign the contractors already?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes, the contractors just have to get them to sign the documents."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yeah okay. How long that's going to take?"

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Ms. Robottom come up to the podium."

Councilman Snyder asked, "If it's going to take 2 weeks that's fine. I don't have a problem you know I just..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "I think in your packet if you haven't received it, we do have a list of whose assigned to what, we did review the contract document, again with OCD, LEC and the District Attorney's Office, so we feel comfortable with moving forward. The bidding process worked fine, we're going to moving on the others and we're anxious to get this started as well."

Councilman Snyder asked, "And we got that list together to start on that one?"

Natalie Robottom asked, "The 30?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "No, the people that were on the Isaac thing and got the tornado problem?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes!"

Councilman Snyder asked, "So we're doing what we can do to try and resolve that issue?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Absolutely. What we have is anidauctal information that individuals who were slated to have repairs thorough Hurricane Isaac if they received tornado damage that some of those dollars can be reallocated to assist them with the reasoning being; if we were going in and making repairs in your home and now you've lost your roof, that will be problematic. So none of them, I think 1 is in that first round of 25 that we're going to have to go back and reassess and inspect, but we are working on that process, we can pull out the 30, re-inspect, determine cost estimates and a procedure for reallocating and we do feel we'll be able to address those needs."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Ok, thank you mam."

Larry Snyder - Vegetation/Construction trash pick-up progress

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yeah I just want to say again "Good job guys!"

OLD BUSINESS:

Jaclyn Hotard - (Carry Over 2-24-16) Recommendation for Parish Health Insurance

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I'd like to carry this item over one more time. Actually it was originally on the agenda for the meeting that was Tuesday the day we had the Tornado event and I had an opportunity to meet with administration and I haven't finalized everything on this item and just the last 2 weeks have been more tornado items so I'd like to carry it over one more time and come back with a recommendation. Thank you."

Julia Remonet - (Carry Over 2-24-16) Resolution - R16-10 - A Resolution supporting efforts to pursue adoption of a complete streets policy for St. John the Baptist Parish

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

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "At this time I'd like to suspend the rules to add Resolution R16-12 by Mr. Boe - A Resolution requesting the administration work with the council to introduce an ordinance and develop procedures regarding tornado and severe weather warnings. I need a motion to suspend the rules. It has to be unanimous for us to go forward with it."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you. I just want to make a quick comment, I appreciate the resolution coming forward, however I do want to point out that we had a commitment from administration to work on this item, we've been in discussions with the administration we know that it's something that we need to address during emergencies that we find alternative ways and other ways to notify our residents, so I do want to put that out there that however, it's quit allowable to have a resolution to do this, I do believe that the administration was going to proceed with finding a solution to this problem without a resolution. I will support it, although there have been communications prior to this and I have all confidence that they were going to find a resolution without this resolution, thank you."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Thank you Ms. Hotard. I had the same sentiments and I know we have been working on them, we have passed some legislation on that to improve the EOC and I know some of it was funding and I know we proceeded in the right path to go alarm for warning our residents. But I'm going to support it to move forward and hopefully in the next month or so we can have a sit down and talk about it."

Jeff Perilloux stated, "Your discussion should be limited right now to whether or not you're going to suspend the rules."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Okay, I'm sorry."

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to suspend the rules to add Resolution R16-12. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Boe stated, "Thank you Mr. Chairman. I just wanted to make a comment and this resolution was in no means meant to suggest that there wasn't work being done. But we do know there were questions and a recent Advocate article regarding St. James Parish, there were I know I received a lot of questions from the public and this was simply means to let them know that both the Council and Administration are cooperating on resolving this issue. That we understand that increasing notification is important, that's a complicated process that there are procedures that have to be developed, possible ordinances that have to be drafted and there might be some budgetary things that we have to look at, and our finances will have to be determined if we can afford to get the level of notification that some other parishes have. So, this resolution was simply to put into the public's fear that we're working together, I know that Councilwoman Hotard and Councilman Perrilloux have been having many discussions with the administration and I spoke to the EOC Director today and had some communications with Ms. Robottom, so I'd appreciate your support, this is just a means of notifying the public that they can expect some progress in the future."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yes I think it's a good idea to get this done because I was asked also about something this, some kind of alarm system that we can set up. I just think that in notifying people. Everybody don't have a computer, everybody don't have a smartphone, everybody don't listen to WWL. I think we should make sure that we really investigate this to make sure that everybody through some source can get information on exactly what is going on with the weather. I realized soon as things like this happens, we want to go to our smartphone and pick it up and send out message over the smartphone, everybody not into that. But one thing about it almost everybody I know listen to a radio, I like WWL, I like WWL but I know a lot of people listen at 93 and 102FM you know and that's the kind we should, I'm serious I'm just being real here you know. We need to do it right if we want to do it, let's do it right and I can see some of these youngsters out there that you know when there's a storm brewing, they're bumping in their car but if you bump in

there and say, look we got a tornado that's going to hit down in Reserve, LaPlace or Garyville, they might listen. You know they might listen then you see. So I'm just being real here, so if you're going to do it, let's do it right, thank you."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes I agree with everything Mr. Snyder and Mr. Boe said because I was questioned this morning, a resident asked me you know why the sirens weren't used, why this wasn't used for the tornados, so I think this is just a way of letting them know we are aware and trying to make things better and to allow them to have all the advantages needed when this type of weather or episodes approaches us. So I think it's a good thing and I'll have a better answer for that individual next time."

Councilman Wright stated, "Just to add a little disclaimer to my comments a couple of items ago, I did receive some questions on this, so thank you guys for working on this."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "And thank you Mr. Boe."

MOTION: Councilman Boe moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to approve Resolution R16-12 - A Resolution requesting the administration work with the council to introduce an ordinance and develop procedures regarding tornado and severe weather warnings. **WHEREAS**, severe weather can strike St. John the Baptist Parish at any moment; and **WHEREAS**, the flooding associated with Hurricane Isaac and the destruction left by the February 23, 2016 tornado are examples of events when increased notification of the public could have increased the chance of protecting life and property; and **WHEREAS**, fixed used sirens have been installed by Entergy Waterford 3 for notification purposes and the Parish has the ability to utilize them in certain situations when proper procedures are in place; and **WHEREAS**, an ordinance has been proposed by a Councilman and the Council, with the advice and cooperation of the administration, desires to implement adequate procedures to afford our residents increased notification of a possible emergency during a tornado or severe weather event. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council that: Section 1: The Council hereby requests the administration work with the Council to introduce an ordinance and develop procedures regarding tornado and severe weather warnings. The motion passed unanimously.

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:

16-11 An ordinance to declare certain immovable property as surplus, no longer used or needed for public purpose and to be sold (N. Robottom)

PRESIDENT REPORT:

Good evening. What a difference two weeks makes for St. John Parish. I want to start by continuing to offer my prayers and support to all of our family, friends and neighbors affected by the tornado. I want to commend these residents on their resiliency and strength during such a hard time and encourage them that they are not alone, but we are with them, fighting for them and allocating whatever we can to help them. I would be remised if I didn't mention - and there are too many to name individually - all of the Pastors, churches, groups, organizations, businesses, restaurants, and volunteers who have assisted our Parish with supplies, resources, thousands of meals and donations in the past two weeks. To the Parishes and officials who have loaned us your grapppler trucks and crews to help with debris and clean up - thank you. Your generosity is beyond measure and we cannot show enough gratitude for everything you are doing and have done for our community. Thank you again to the faith-based leaders - we had the largest prayer breakfast in St. John the Saturday after the storm- with over 60 Pastors joining together to pray for our Parish and commit to working together moving forward. This is a great accomplishment. Thank you to Hope Reigns - the all-volunteer disaster organization who dispatched here after the storm and worked on 117 homes and helped residents with over 200 home projects. We look forward to your group returning return soon to assist with rebuilding. I want to also mention my team - my staff, who since the disaster, have been working around the clock, tirelessly, doing their jobs and serving the residents of this Parish. We are making progress - it is evident as we prepare for rebuilding. Our assessment shows close to 600 structures were impacted by the severe weather event and I truly feel we have worked diligently since that dreadful hour in getting the Parish recovered. To date, _____ cubic yards of vegetative debris and _____ cubic yards of construction debris has been collected. The Long Term Recovery Group formed during Hurricane Isaac is reactivated - and more information will be announced soon on locations to drop off construction supplies and additional donations for rebuilding efforts. A hotline for affected residents to contact volunteers to assist with their homes will also be announced once finalized. Dr. Gail Gillespie, a licensed psychologist, will provide tips and tools for children and adults who are experiencing anxiety, fear, disturbing thoughts and insomnia after the recent tornado during a free community workshop, Thursday, March 10 from 6:30pm-8:00pm at the LaPlace Elementary School Cafeteria. NO RSVP is needed. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints will be hosting a giveaway for tornado victims at their church on tomorrow, Wednesday, March 9 from 7-8pm. The church is located at 15 Palmetto Dr., in LaPlace. Second Harvest will be holding a special food distribution for tornado victims Saturday, March 12, at the St. John Theatre on the Reserve from 10am-12noon. Disaster relief supplies will also be given out during this time. Although last weekend was very hectic - I want to acknowledge Riverlands Christian Church for a very nice Black History Month Program held recently where honor was given to the St. John Parish African American officials with a service entitled "St. John is Making History Again." Good luck to our 12 and 13 year olds who will bid for the National titles this weekend in St. Charles Parish. Thanks to all for a great basketball season and we hope to see you on the baseball field. Baseball and softball registration for youth ages 5-14 has been extended to March 18. Please register at the Parks & Recreation Office, 200 Regala Park Rd. in Reserve or by contacting the department at 652-9569. Coaches are needed. You are invited to kick off Spring with our annual Easter in the Park event Saturday, March 19. The event will be held at the Hwy 51 Park in LaPlace and at the West Bank Complex in Edgard from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Children ages 2-12 are invited to participate in an Easter egg hunt beginning at 11:30 and visit with the Easter bunny. Food, refreshments and prizes will also be provided for participants.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:15 PM, Councilman Becnel moved and Councilman Sorapuru seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

/s/Marvin Perrilloux
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
Council Secretary