

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MARCH 22nd, 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 Tuesday, March 22, 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 VI, Buddy Boe, Councilman District VII, Jaclyn Hotard, Councilwoman-at-Large, Div. B

ABSENT: None

Councilman Boe led the Prayer. Councilman Madere led the Pledge.

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

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

There were no comments from the public.

INTRODUCTION OF BUSINESSES:

Kurt Becnel/Cynthia Clifton - Presentation - LSU Agriculture Center - Associate Extension Agent

Councilman Becnel stated, "Okay thank you Mr. Chairman. I was approached or contacted by Ms. Clifton about a week and a half ago, she wanted to introduce herself to the parish and let us know what she does. She's the Parish Chair for the LSU Ag Center in Edgard."

Cynthia Clifton stated, "Good evening, my name is Cynthia Clifton and I'm the Parish Chair and I'm also the area Nutrition Agent for the parish and I go through the parish and do nutrition classes for the senior citizens, for the schools and anybody in the community that needs to know something about nutrition. And for the Homer Joseph Center I have done a series of nutrition classes for the Homer Joseph Center and also with exercise in the classes that we've done. I also have the rest of my staff that's going to introduce themselves."

Victoria Kendrick stated, "Hi my name is Victoria Kendrick, I'm the 4-H Extension Associate for St. John Parish. I just started in January so I just wanted to introduce myself. I'm very excited to be in St. John, I'm from Virginia so I recently moved here. There are 15 schools in St. John that have active 4-H Clubs and then there's also different project clubs. For example, we have the Junior Leader Club right now at the St. John Library in LaPlace and they're actually making Easter Baskets for foster kids and their meeting

is over with, in about 10 minutes. So that's something exciting that we're doing. But I just wanted to introduce myself and let you know that I'm excited to be here and if there's any way that we can be active, we want to have a big presence in the community for helping and being active with our youth."

Sara Isom stated, "Good evening, my name is Sara Isom. I'm the Administrative Coordinator.

Rene Schmidt stated, "Good evening Council, many of you may know me and for those who don't, I'm Rene Schmidt I'm the domicile of the group. I just recently retired back in October but I'm back again. That was to help out with ensuring we had no interruptions in services. Our services in terms of meeting the needs of clientele in the parish, relating to the horticultural needs and the farmer's needs and any needs that we can provide in terms of helping people to help themselves and that's what we do. But I'm glad to be back and I think I have a few good years left and appreciate the opportunity to be County Agent for St. John Parish."

Cynthia Clifton stated, "Thank you. Thank you'll so much for having us."

Councilman Becnel stated, "Alright thank you."

Natalie Robottom - Proclamation - April as Keep St. John Beautiful Month

Natalie Robottom read the proclamation for April as Keep St. John Beautiful Month. Za Maurin was present to accept the proclamation.

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I'd like to suspend the rules to bring a couple of items up. I'd like to suspend the rules to bring Ms. Hotard recommendations for Parish Health Insurance and also to add Evan Stein to the EDC Committee by Councilman Boe."

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Boe seconded the motion to suspend the rules to bring a couple of items up. I'd like to suspend the rules to bring Ms. Hotard recommendations for Parish Health Insurance and also to add Evan Stein to the EDC Committee by Councilman Boe. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEMS: Approval of Minutes - March 8th, 2016, Regular Meeting; Permit Approval - Block Party - Williamsburg - Sunday, March 27th, 2016; Permit Approval - Sings & Strings Festival 5k Run - Garyville Timbermill Festival - Sunday, April 10th, 2016; Permit Approval - Stations of the Cross Procession - March 25th, 2016 beginning at 1:00 PM; Councilwoman Hotard - Appointment of Michelle Jenkins to the Economic Development Committee.

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I just wanted to make sure on the finance minutes Jackie, if you can double check and make sure in that in those minutes that all the bids we opened at the previous meeting that they're in there."

Jackie Landeche stated, "They are, we had an issue with the common drive file and when I made the copies Friday, the correct one didn't copy. But they are there now and everything was sent to you'll all this morning and that was on the finance."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you."

Jackie Landeche stated, "Yes ma'am."

Councilman Snyder stated, "This block party on Williamsburg, when was that application turned in?"

Jackie Landeche stated, "The day before the agenda meeting."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Oh yeah!"

Jackie Landeche stated, "They brought it to us, yes sir."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Because I didn't get a notification of that. Am I supposed to get one? It would be nice, wouldn't it? When they have something in my district like that. Where did it come from? Planning & Zoning? The permit I mean the permit to do this?"

Jackie Landeche stated, "Civil Defense."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Civil Defense?"

Jackie Landeche stated, "Jobe' yes, yes sir."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Is there anyone here from the Civil Defense department or maybe Ms. Robottom can explain this to me?"

Jackie Landeche stated, "Yeah the Sheriff signs off on it also."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes, actually Mr. Boucvalt is not here but it's my understanding the application was turned in to your office to Ms. Landeche."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Oh yeah!"

Jackie Landeche stated, "It was sent to Jobe'. Because I don't approve it. The Sheriff approves it and Civil Defense approves it."

Natalie Robottom stated, "And so she sends it out and then it goes back for inclusion on the agenda."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well I didn't get a memo I didn't get the memo put it that way you know."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Well maybe we can establish a policy that..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "Well seems like we need to do something."

Natalie Robottom stated, "When your office receives it that maybe a copy can

be disbursed to the council members."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Or maybe we can put something on that application that the Councilman in that district needs to sign it. If I'm not mistaken there are some things, if I'm not mistaken there may be a spot on there where I do have to sign."

Councilman Wright stated, "Council Chairman."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Council chair after they approve it."

Councilman Wright stated, "Council Chairman lives in District IV."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "No, it signs all permits when it comes to Council Chair."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Right!"

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "And if you want when Jackie receive it, she can send a notification to all the council members saying; such and such a party is coming to your area or block party."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I'm saying the application. I think the application should be signed by the district by that district representative. So he knows what's going on in his district."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I'd have to get legal because I think that's specified in the Charter the Council Chair signs the permit, correct?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well that's fine. I can understand signing the permit, but I'm talking about the application."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "You just may not be aware of it."

Councilman Snyder stated, "No, no, no, no, no. I'm saying look into signing the application just like we do for applications for speed bumps, it has to go through the District's Councilman or some other thing that goes on and it has to go through the District Councilman and they got to sign it."

Councilman Boe stated, "I was just going to say, Councilman Snyder I think our chance to deny it is when it comes in front of us. But I do think we should be notified, I don't want to slow up the process by having to be a signature on the application but cause I have a vote at a council meeting but, it would be nice to get a heads up because for example, this by the time it gets to us, if we deny it now they've already made plans, they've already expended some funds for these events, whether it's a race, a can shake or a block party. So if there were concerns, you knowing this 2 weeks ago would have been nicer so you had more time."

Councilman Snyder stated, "No, no, no that's not what, that's not it at all."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Mr. Green or Mr. Perilloux, can we get a process where we can, it can go to the council person, that having this block party and see if they want to signature it and move it on?"

Jeff Perilloux stated, "I would have to look at the existing process to be quit frank with you, I'm not familiar with the specifics before I make a recommendation. But I certainly can get something out to you all in the next week or so after our office takes a look at it. But I'm not prepared to answer any specific questions about that tonight."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I'll let our Council Secretary speak on that item because she receives them all the time."

Councilman Madere stated, "I understand what Mr. Snyder is saying, cause I have a similar not problem but something on the agenda that's sort of fitting to this category. I think as a council person that represents the people in the district, some people will like that block and some people will be against that block party. Everyone is not happy with block parties down streets. So I think and the application don't always go to the secretary first, but it has to go to Jobe'. So I think what Mr. Snyder is saying, before anything is approved and signed, we should know what's going on in our district and not have it brought to me at the council meeting. I think that's basically what he's saying, now it's ok to surprise me with it because it's not my district. But I don't want to get surprised at a council meeting about something going on in my district, people will call me and say; they got a block party going on. I don't know nothing about it, so the whole thing about being a representative of your district, is knowing what is going on inside of your district at all times. So you can answer a question when someone calls me about a block party. And my answer tonight would have been; I don't know nothing about a block party, then I get here there's a block party. So I think that's what Mr. Snyder is saying, we don't want to be surprised by anything in our district and we should know what goes on in our district whether it comes from our secretary or it comes from Jobe' but it needs to come from someone and I think that's basically what he's saying."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Mr. Madere, that's why I asked legal to look into the process to see how we path forward and move on."

Councilman Madere stated, "I'm not saying we're not doing it. I'm just explaining what Mr. Snyder was trying to get across that some people didn't quit understand."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "We got that point."

Councilman Madere stated, "I hope so."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "We got that point."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I hope the point got over I'd like to be notified also Mr. Chairman."

Jackie Landeche stated, "And just so you know to, there are a few steps that like if it's a block party, everybody on that block every person on that block at that address has to sign permission, giving permission, then Civil Defense goes to each person to make sure they did sign it. So there's a lot that happens before it comes to us, the Sheriff's office also goes to make sure they have security and everything, so before it gets to you'll, instead

of giving to you'll first because it may not even be approved by the Sheriff's office or by Civil Defense, they have to go through many steps and it does take them a little while because it is you know gathering that information. This was a late one, we normally do get things pretty far ahead of time because people kind of know we need a good space to do that. This was a late one, it was their 4th Annual Easter one we've done it before so I think that's why they kind of you know pushed it through so that the gentleman have this for this."

Councilman Snyder stated, "That's no problem with that because I know exactly where it's going to be at. I go to it every year, I go to it every year. Right next door to the Justice of the Peace."

Councilman Madere stated, "We need one more step. We just need one more step."

Councilman Snyder stated, "My point, what if I may not be invited? Doesn't matter you know, but the point about it is, last year I was involved with that because I initiated the application because the guy came to my house. You know I'm just wondering and that's why I'm sitting here thinking this, there's some place where I'm supposed to sign thing before the application or initiate it cause last year I did something last year, I just can't remember right now, but thanks anyhow."

MOTION: Councilman Becnel moved and Councilman Boe seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda items: Approval of Minutes - March 8th, 2016, Regular Meeting; Permit Approval - Block Party - Williamsburg - Sunday, March 27th, 2016; Permit Approval - Sings & Strings Festival 5k Run - Garyville Timbermill Festival - Sunday, April 10th, 2016; Permit Approval - Stations of the Cross Procession - March 25th, 2016 beginning at 1:00 PM; Councilwoman Hotard - Appointment of Michelle Jenkins to the Economic Development Committee; Councilman Boe - Appointment of Evan Stein to the Economic Development Board. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you Councilman Perrilloux. My intention is to carry this item over again. However, we do have someone here who would like to speak on this item."

Tony Songy Lockett stated, "I'm here this evening on behalf of Mr. Alfred Songy, Sr., he is my father, he is unable to attend the meeting. I'm here basically because I had a sarcastic conversation with Human Resources back on Thursday of last week. I was told that Mr. Songy has to pay a \$207.00 a month premium for medical insurance. Well I'm here to tell you tonight that he will not pay that and I'm going to give you the reason why he will not pay it. Well first of all, he's worked for the parish for a number of years, he's retired and then in back in 1980 he was a backhoe operator, he was working an trash flew in his eye, there was no safety gear no glasses, no hats, no helmets whatever you call it and he contracted a virus. And the virus is called Herpes Simplex Keratitis and basically what it is, it is an infection of the cornea, is also known as Eye Herpes. Eye Herpes is the inflammation of the cornea is the clear dome that circles the front of your eye. So as I move

on to say, if that virus reactivates at any moment he's at risk of losing his eye sight if he doesn't seek medical attention right away. Now some of you may look at it as vision, but it's far beyond vision. Because about 3 or 4 years ago, his cornea got really infected and inflamed and it was very thin and the medical staff was afraid that it would rupture. If it would rupture then he would have to go into a cornea transplant surgery immediately or again, he could lose the eye. So then at that point who would be at fault, so the parish has been committed to paying his medical expenses ever since 1980 they've been taking care of his eyes since the 80's. And back through 1970 when he got hired back with the Police Jury they never did pay for any type of insurance. So I'm here today to say that he will not pay \$207.00 a month for any premium because he got hurt on the job and they're going to continue to support him in those efforts. Now we never did take litigation against the parish since the 80's, so if at any point he has to pay a premium, I'm telling you all today, it's no threat by far, but it leaves me no other alternative other than to seek litigation against this parish. And that's basically where I'm at. Any questions for me?"

Jeff Perilloux stated, "We've got to quit talking."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "No questions Ms. Songy but when you say litigation, I'm sorry I had to stop you. We'll proceed with that, you can talk with, we can discuss that off the air but not here."

Tony Songy Lockett stated, "That's fine and I'm just speaking to my point, I'm willing to have any type of dialog with you all, we can sit down to the table, we can meet whenever you want to meet prior to us taking any actions. I'm good with that."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "No and actually we're very close to a resolution that will assist this situation and in 2 weeks a plan to come forward with that motion. Thank you."

Tony Songy Lockett stated, "Thank you."

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 above ordinance will be tabled over to the next agenda.

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)

The above ordinance will 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 Madere moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to accept the recommendations of the finance committee. The motion passed with unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Natalie Robottom - Resolution - R16-13 - A resolution agreeing to dissolve the Coastal Coalition and allowing Vermillion Parish Police Jury to withdraw the funds from the Gulf Coast Bank in Abbeville and refund back to the respective parishes

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes several of you I think attended the Police Jury Association Meeting the Coastal Caucus Meeting and this was a request made there to parishes who are members of the Coastal Coalition and it is to resolve the coalition, it was replace by PACE and then LaPACE. There was a delay in getting the actual document to you because we were awaiting a specific letter to St. John, however we were informed because St. John didn't pay their dues and weren't not going to receive a refund, it wasn't necessary to send us a letter but, they are asking that we pass a resolution to dissolve the coalition, which has not existed for many, many years and has now been replaced. So I ask that you approve the resolution to dissolve the Coastal Coalition."

Councilman Boe stated, "I just want to say and let the public know that Ms. Robottom is the President, the current President of the organization that replaced this one. So dissolving this allows the new organization to move forward without any of its past issues popping its heads up, so I asked everybody to support this."

Councilman Snyder stated, "That refund how much is that refund and where would it go?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Actually we didn't pay, so we're not getting it but it range from \$200.00 - \$400.00, now keep in mind this was way before any of us but they did submit a copy of the payments of the other parishes and so each parish that actually submitted a payment will receive the reimbursement. I'm not sure where they're going to distribute it though, but we're not getting it."

MOTION: Councilman Boe moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to approve Resolution R16-13. A resolution agreeing to dissolve the Coastal Coalition and allowing Vermillion Parish Police Jury to withdraw the funds from the Gulf Coast Bank in Abbeville and refund back to the respective parishes. The motion passed with Councilman Madere and Councilwoman absent.

Natalie Robottom - Resolution - R16-15 - A resolution to establish a Louisiana Disaster Funding Assistance Program to assist residents, municipalities, political subdivisions and parish governments in the event of a disaster that is not federal declared

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes this was also approved at the Police Jury

Association and many of the Council Members here were in attendance. As a result of the recent weather events and a lack of financial assistance from the federal government, a resolution was drafted imploring the Governor and the Legislature to establish a funding assistance program for local governments when there is no federal disaster declaration. The resolution was presented to and approved by both the Coastal Caucus Committee and full membership of the Police Jury Association. Administration recommends approval."

Councilman Boe stated, "Ms. Robottom I just want to thank you for bringing this to us and hopefully we'll sent this to our state legislative team so that they can work on this. We all know we needed it, after the tornado and now 30 something parishes in Louisiana need it because of the flooding. Even though some met the federal declaration, some won't but this is absolutely vital, it's another way to help communities get back on their feet after a disaster and I think this is a great thing for us and our lobbyist and our legislative team to all focus on it to stay."

Councilman Snyder stated, "We're asking the state to establish this and finance this or is there is some discussion at the meeting up there on exactly how's it's going to be financed? Is it going to be some type of insurance?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "It could be, our request is that they develop a program but in other places it can be a portion of your insurance payments but the problem is there's not a mechanism to generate funds nor is there one to distribute funds when the municipality doesn't reach threshold. There's currently interim emergency board, however it's a requirement the legislature put funding in it and then you have to go before the legislature to take money out. Which clearly would delay any assistance we can get, so what we're asking is, they develop a program similar to what the state does in terms of determining a threshold having some predetermined criteria for how you access those dollars and you know there's a team of people, sometimes when it affects you alone, you're out there by yourself, what we're finding is many of our neighbors are going through the same thing, but just for informational purposes, a letter was written to the President, FEMA Administrator, it was copied to the Governor and the Governor attached our letter and has made a request to FEMA for a declaration and they actually acknowledged receipt and we're waiting that information but, we do have our congressman as well working with us to push that forward with that, a lot of the requirements is that your state has the ability to help you. Where our state does not have the ability to help any of us right now because of the nature of all the disasters, so their capacity is limited, our capacity is limited because we're still recovering from Isaac, so there's a lot of reasons why in spite of the threshold criteria that we feel our area should be part of that declaration."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Ok thank you."

MOTION: Councilman Snyder moved and Councilwoman Remondet seconded the motion to approve Resolution R16-15. A resolution to establish a Louisiana Disaster Funding Assistance Program to assist residents, municipalities, political subdivisions and parish governments in the event of a disaster that is not federal declared. The motion passes with Councilman Madere, Wright and

Councilwoman Hotard absent.

Natalie Robottom - Resolution - R16-16 - A resolution to adopt the St. John the Baptist Parish Financial Management Policy

Natalie Robottom stated, "Apologies again, this was a last minute entry because we wanted to review it one more time and have input from one of our new members of our staff. This is a policy that was in existence, we made some revisions to it, at the request of the Office of Community Development-Disaster Recovery. We were just part of an audit, an OIG HUD audit for our Isaac funds and the recommendation was to add some things to our existing policy. There is a need to approve this fairly quickly and response to the OIG audit, so again we're asking that the council approve it. It's just an amendment to an existing document."

Councilman Boe stated, "Ms. Robottom and thank you guys for providing it today. My request would only be, if there's a draft we need to get it when it's on the agenda cause then the public's been notified, they think we have all the information, we understand there might be new amendments and changes that can be included after, but anything like this, especially this 14 page policy. We know it's amending an existing one, it's a good policy it's needed it's going to help us have better financial control but, in the future even if it's half baked, we need to review it once it's on the agenda."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Thank you Mr. Boe because that was my question. I received that document and 14 pages was a lot for me to read in an hour and a half. And you know we get it and with some highlighted where the changes were, highlight it in color so we can see. You said time sensitive, how much time sensitive is this document?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "It needs to get approved before the end of the month."

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "Before the end of the month? Okay, I'll support this but in the future..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "And I apologize I didn't get it, okay so I hear you. I didn't get it until the revisions were made so I understand your problem because I have the same one. So, shouldn't happen again."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Thank you Mr. Snyder."

Councilman Snyder asked, "All the revisions came from the audit, the one that was changed?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "They actually made some recommendations but we also had a different set of eyes that identified some things that our Finance Department felt made the policy better and so it was incorporated into the document."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Ok thank you ma'am."

MOTION: Councilwoman Remondet moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to approve Resolution R16-16. A resolution to adopt the St. John the Baptist Parish Financial Management Policy. The motion passed with Councilman Wright

and Madere absent.

Jobe' Boucvalt - Authorization to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the St. John Parish School Board for Emergency Buses

Travis Perrilloux, Assistant Director of Public Safety stated, "This agreement is a component of the parish's emergency plan for bus service in the event of a natural disaster or emergency. Administration recommends approval of this renewal."

Councilman Snyder asked, "This will be pretty much the same contract we had with them last year?"

Travis Perrilloux stated, "Yes, that emulates the exact same contract."

Councilman Boe stated, "The administrative report says (see revised agreement). Was the one in the books the revised agreement or there was another revision?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "I think we sent an attachment with..."

Travis Perrilloux stated, "We did we sent an attachment."

Councilman Boe stated, "Okay and that was the latest version?"

Travis Perrilloux stated, "Yes"

Councilman Boe stated, "Ok, thank you."

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilman Becnel seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to enter a Memorandum of Understanding with the St. John Parish School Board for Emergency Buses. The motion passed Councilman Wright and Madere absent.

Jobe' Boucvalt - Authorization to enter into a Cooperate Endeavor Agreement between the Parish and the Sheriff's Office for transfer of radio equipment

Travis Perrilloux stated, "This agreement is to formalize the transfer of ownership of radios and equipment from the St. John Sheriff's Office to the Office of Emergency Preparedness. Administration recommends approval."

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "Was these the radios, the Motorola's that the council received for Isaac?"

Travis Perrilloux stated, "No sir."

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "That's not that?"

Travis Perrilloux stated, "It was all of them."

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "It was all of them?"

Travis Perrilloux stated, "Everything we have on the parish side, this is all of them."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Ok alright thank you."

MOTION: Councilman Boe moved and Councilman Sorapuru seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to into a Cooperate Endeavor Agreement between the Parish and the Sheriff's Office for transfer of radio equipment. The motion passed with Councilman Madere absent.

DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:

Larry Sorapuru - (Carry Over 3-8-16) Bishop Frank - Milesville Memorial Church renovation - permitting process - 129 Apple Street - LaPlace

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

Larry Snyder - Update on the CDBG Funding - Hurricane Isaac Projects

Natalie Robottom stated, "Actually based on our last meeting I think a document was forwarded to you all, the weekly report. There should be representatives from Royal at the next meeting to make a formal presentation to the public, but the document should have been sent to you all dated March 18th with updates on where we are in the program."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yes I got the document and it's a lot of repetitive stuff you know from the beginning to the end and my concern is, I don't see where the work is being done and that's the calls I get. I get people calling me who have damaged from this last tornado and also on that program. Now they don't know what to do, they don't know what's happening and nobody is contacting them. And we haven't started any work yet with the contractors, am I right?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "It's my understanding that some of the awards were made on the 25 houses and the contract documents are being signed, however; the funding is available and we have a meeting I think in the morning or Thursday with the entity that's providing that funding to make sure that we're on tracking for spending."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yes ma'am and the rest..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "I can't answer you Mr. Snyder. I got the report that you got, if there's some specific questions we'll be happy to get with you on that, but I think our anticipation was that we going to provide the copy and have the presentations next week, so we didn't come prepared to present tonight. But if you have specific residents or specific questions, we can get that to you. We also need to look at the format, I think Mr. Perrilloux suggested that we might get together to see, what is useful to you. We provide what we thought you wanted, which was by district, by number, by program, but if that's not the format that you want, then we'll be happy to work with you'll on that."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Who laid that spreadsheet out?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "I think it was Royal and Ms. Valentine."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well they got a lot of mistakes on it. Half of the districts on there is wrong, they got some Districts VI in Reserve some Districts V's in Reserve some District IIII's in District VI, so you know I don't know if they use those numbers or those spreadsheets to get an average on where all this at but they need to look at that, I think. It's no big thing now, if it takes too much time that's fine. But my concern is the fact that and we will talk and you know what my next question is going to be, the people that had damage and the people that also qualified for this thing. So when I come, I need to talk to somebody face to face."

Natalie Robottom stated, "And our meeting tomorrow I think it's tomorrow, can address that what we've been told preliminarily is people who had damage for Isaac and sustained damage for the tornado, should be eligible under the Isaac Funds, because it would not make sense for us to fix let's say; the countertops, the cabinets if they lost their roof, so how we go about doing that is what the agency is going to be providing to us. But you know we've identified those home owners and the houses that were impacted twice and you know that's already in progress."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well if your administration does that that'll be the best thing you can do for a lot of people. A lot of people got really messed up, you understand me and they don't know where to go right now, they just, just hanging."

Natalie Robottom stated, "That was one of the first questions we've asked and we've heard it from different sources that is possible so we want to put that on paper and make sure that it's followed through."

Councilman Snyder stated, "And who's making and I know you're making these decisions but who's..."

Natalie Robottom stated, "No that's not mine. Actually the Office of Community Development Disaster Recovery, Mr. Pat Forbes will be in town as well as Ms. Sandra Gunner, tomorrow to go through all of our programs under Isaac, they were also involved in the OIG audit making sure that things were being documented and recorded properly, which is why this policy needed to be adopted but that is a number one concern and moving these projects forward, our meeting was somewhat delayed, it was I think it was scheduled the day of the tornado or shortly after that, so we've had to you know push some things back, but it is scheduled this week."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Alright thank you ma'am, that's good."

Larry Snyder - Debris clean up

Councilman Snyder stated, "The only reason why I put that on the agenda is because you'll did a great job. They did a good job of getting the 1st and 2nd basket, getting it cleaned up and I just had to, I go through my district and I see from day to day you know improvement that our parish is doing all the clean-up. Now I think we have to get another of couple of weeks of that intense clean-up, if we can get that done then we can get that last bunch of stuff that's hanging out there and get that out the streets because we're getting into Spring now, we're going to start having some rain and it's going to be every place. So that's the reason I put it on there to let you know

that Public Works Department, they did a great job of cleaning up but, let's get this last little bit off the streets now and we still have those, do we still have those volunteer trucks from outside the...

Natalie Robottom stated, "That's what I was just getting ready to give you a quick update on that. This week I think yesterday was one of the last days that we had the trucks that had been with us the whole time. We can reach out, they needed their vehicles back we've been using them 7 days a week, 12 hour shifts. We also for residents outside of the area that was impacted, we assigned one our trucks to continue picking up you know regular debris, so it may be taking a little bit longer since all 3 trucks aren't there, but our focus continues to be on the area that was damaged. We are considering some other options to do exactly what you said, get this done, but at this point we're down to as of today the parishes 3 trucks."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Just those 3? They're going to still work those 7 days to get it cleaned up?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Actually they're working back to their regular shifts, but we are looking at some other options in terms of assistance, it brings in again, some of the things that we're dealing with and I'm sure you guys received it, you know there's some funding requirements associated with the continued 12 hour 7 day a week that has caused us to have wire in money to help, so we're trying to do as much as we can while maintaining some semblance of being able to afford it, until we can get some assistance cause at this point the parish is funding this 100%. And obviously it wasn't anything we had planned for so we didn't budget for that. But we are going to reach out to some of the people who may have come initially and can come back to help us, but St. Charles Parish we can't thank them enough, they were here through from the beginning until yesterday. But you know expectedly so they need their grabber trucks back in St. Charles Parish. They have residents that they need to assist as well. So we're going to continue to work with maybe some of the others who came early and left. I actually you know had an offer I think from President Roussel in St. James, I know they had some issues to but, they may be able to help us out as well. But we're putting together a plan to finish this up as much as possible because they did make a lot of head way but they made it with a lot of help. And we've gotten the majority of up but there's still some that we're going to continue to work on."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Should we have paid our dues, we could have used that money there to pay those people. Thank you ma'am."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you and thank you Mr. Snyder for putting this item on the agenda. I have two: one's a question one's a comment. I did also want to send a special thanks to Mr. Kindrick, I see that he's here, our Assistant Director of Public Works. Sometimes I think you have a clone because I see you everywhere and you answer every phone call, so maybe Tweet, you know how he says he gets those midnight calls, you know he might need to get some assistance with that. But I do it doesn't get unnoticed that you're always there, you're always responsive even if you have to go to a residence home and just work through a situation and I just want to say thank you. Secondly, I'd like to ask, we have a couple of situations where people have pushed debris to the edge of the street and so once they've kind of picked up

what was in between the street and the sidewalk, there's still some of the pile but the whole entire pile wouldn't fit right there in the servitude, so now what's left is technically maybe not on servitude anymore. So what can we do if their contractors or however was there pushing the debris out, can't come back?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "We may still have help through our long term recovery group, but as you know we're not allowed to go onto individual's private property, when we had the volunteer groups in initially, they were helping to move that debris to the area where we could pick it up, so we do have a number for long term recovery where they are accepting work orders to assist as we manage volunteers coming in, we can possibly help in that way, but just for informational purposes we are not allowed to go on to the private property. And we had this situation with Isaac, there was damage all over we had to get permission from every level of FEMA, we had to get the residents to sign something to allow us to go on their property, so there were a few hoops but if you can provide us information on maybe specific areas that we need to target, possibly we can work through our long term recovery group to address that."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I'll do that. I'll turn them over and sometimes even just when they're picking up the debris there's a push and a pull that just goes with getting everything. So it just you know sometimes they put everything as much as they can to the servitude and then just from the mechanics of picking it up some of the debris has gone back on to their area. But I'll get some addresses and send you that information. Thank you."

Councilman Madere stated, "Ms. Robottom, the long term recovery group. Where are they located at, they still at New Wine where they had that office before?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "They're still at New Wine, I do but I don't have it in front of me but I'll announce it in my president's remarks, there's a phone number where you can call, we are continuing to get volunteer help, we're also continuing to request donations for materials and financial assistance, but some of the workers that are coming in will be doing some of the work."

Councilman Madere stated, "And what time does that office open, what time they open and what time do they close? Cause I went there one day I was told to go but they were closed, I went that morning."

Natalie Robottom stated, "I'll have to get that to you. It may be on my desk."

Councilman Madere stated, "Alright thank you."

Councilman Boe stated, "I thank you Mr. Chairman. Ms. Robottom I had sent an email to Public Works once or twice about the canal banks behind Ridgefield Drive, can we make a pass to make sure there's no debris remaining back there? The homes that back-up to that canal I've had a few phone calls that there's still debris back there since the tornado. Thank you."

Councilman Snyder asked, "That Long Term Recovery Group, are they over there every day?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "I'll have to check. Does somebody in here know? I may have it on my notes, so I'll get back with you on it and possibly it'll be addressed in president's remarks, the time and number and how they can be reached. I'm almost sure you can do it online to but I'll have to get that to you."

Councilman Snyder stated, "You mentioned something about work orders, they're working off of?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "They're going to do it the same way they've done it before, where people call in or request assistance, there's an assessment made to determine what's needed and then they track who they send, how long is it going to take and what might be needed to fix that. So they're going to manage it similar to what they did for Hurricane Isaac on a smaller scale."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yes ma'am thank you."

Kurt Becnel - Deshawne Edwards - E. 2nd Street Conditions

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

Kurt Becnel - Michael Dede - Castle Drive - Property erosion

Councilman Becnel stated, "Yes Mr. Chairman. I have a statement I need to make and Ms. Jackie is going to pass out a spreadsheet to all of you all cause this is going to lead up to what I'm saying with Mr. Dede (that's his name). Just pass it around give Ms. Robottom one, Ms. Saulny, if you'll need more copies I have some. If I need a little house cleaning order a little house cleaning or bring you'll up to date on what's going on. Anyone else need one? Anyone else? Everybody has one? Here's the deal...what you'll have in front of you all is when I became Councilman I created a spreadsheet with everybody I contacted and the end results. Now, when I ran for Councilman the first thing I said, I will not let myself or anyone in my District be disrespected and I'll say it again: It'll be a cold day in hell before that happen. Because what I'm leading to, if you look on this spreadsheet, I'm having issues with certain people. Now I had inner communication with some of the Directors, a good example is: Rhonda, she responded very quick I commend you on that; Blake Fogleman, very quick I commend you; Alex Carter, but what I'm leading to and I want to say this before I get to this, my prayers go out to people with the Tornado victims because I don't want them to think that I'm singling that what I'm saying is affecting them. This is the deal; look at the spreadsheet on page 2...

Councilman Perrilloux interrupting stated, "Mr. Becnel, let me just interrupt you a minute. I think the only item on this spreadsheet that we're going to discuss is the Michael Dede, Castle Drive Project..."

Councilman Becnel interrupting stated, "That's what I'm getting to right now."

That's the only one I'm getting to."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Ok thank you."

Councilman Becnel stated, "Listen, when I say disrespect this is what I call disrespect. Michael Dede called me and he had an issue and Art Smith was trying to handle it and it didn't get done. So, I went over there I looked at it, I decided I wrote his report up okay, now like I said, an Assistant to Brian responded to me, I forwarded the response to Michael. Michael mentioned to me he still had questions and would like to meet with the Director not an Assistant not that he disagree with the Assistant, Mrs. Robottom or whatever, I'm just saying. But the problem is this, if he asked to speak to the Assistant and he called them 5 times and he did not answer him, that's a bad reflection Brian Nunes that is bad, you know he ignored him, he has proof he emailed him, he called him 5 times and you know what; if he went over there because I'm a say this, you know that's our constituents, that's my constituents tax dollars paying his salary and all he had to do was go over there and see that man for 5 minutes and Mr. Dede probably wouldn't even be in here tonight because he probably would have got his answer. But what I'm going to say is this and I mean it, nobody is going to disrespect me or my constituents. What is it to pick up the phone and call me or call him? And I'm saying this and they're using the parish truck, taking it home but you can't go 5 minutes and visit that man cause this could have been solved, I'm telling you, it could have been solved if he would have went over there and I don't like it and I'm letting you'll know now, this is the kind of Councilman I am, I'm a no non-sense guy and I'm very detailed and what I'm going to do. This is just the beginning, this is a report, a spreadsheet of everybody I communicate with and I will let you all know that's just the beginning. So all I want is respect with this man and this ditch that the problem he was having, the issue he was having. But it really just irks me that we were being ignored and I'll say it again; our tax dollars pay everyone's salary in here. Now on that issue I'm going to let Mr. Dede come up and explain what the deal is, what's going on?"

Michael Dede stated, "Good evening my name is Michael Dede. (Pictures are being passed around) My name is Michael Dede and I live at 555 Castle Drive. As you can see by the pictures, I'm here concerning the ditches in the front and the rear of my home. When I moved here in 2003 the ditch was about 5 feet wide, it's a little over 10 feet wide right now. I actually live at the end of Castle Drive and when the water gets down it is traveling at you know a nice little rate of speed. And it's been washing away eroding my property for years and I've tried many of times to contact different people about this. As you can see there's a few emails in there, I tried emailing people a lot of emails I ended up deleting them because I didn't think it would get this far. But also the water never drains out of the canal, it's infested with mosquitos, snakes, every once in a while I see a couple of alligators in there and it's actually wide enough you can sit a boat in it, you know a flat bottom boat. In 2003, I actually purchased about 60 feet of culverts, and that's when I build my home and I went to the Planning & Zoning to get a permit to have these culverts installed. When I got there the lady told me you don't need it because the contractor had already purchased a permit and she said it was good for 6 months. So she said you just need to have them installed. So I'd seen some of the guys from the parish and I told them I had the culverts and they told me they don't do that I would have to pay somebody

to do it, which I paid \$850.00 to have those culverts installed. A few years later I found out that the parish had installed those culverts. And in November I called Councilman Smith out, he came out to my home, he took a look at the ditches and he said; man this is terrible, he said; look I'm going to have this closed in for you. I'm going to get in touch with Verdell and have Verdell call you. So a week went by, I called Mr. Smith back to see what was going on, he said; Verdell didn't call you? I said no I never got a call. So this went on all the way up to the end of December calling Mr. Smith, he saying Verdell you know he should have called you by now, whatever; I never received the call. So come January Mr. Becnel took office. I called him he came out, he took a look at the problem and said he was going to present it to Mr. Nunes and see if we can get a response. Well we got a response but it was from Mr. Verdell and the response was that; for some reason that this resident has a problem understanding the process. We told him if he buy the culverts and the dirt we're going to install them. But it's more than just culverts, my property is eroding, it's infested with mosquitos and snakes and alligators and is also it's full of weeds, actually yesterday they cleaned the ditch out. And you know and that's all I have to say right now, that's the bottom line of it."

Councilman Becnel stated, "Well I think what he's trying to say is; what kind of solution there is that we offer from Administration or whatever with the problem that he's having? I mean I went over there and I saw it, you know like I said, he also mentioned to me and this is what I was saying; had Mr. Nunes went over there and Mr. Nunes would have said; Well you know what? Mr. Dede the parish can only do so much or whatever. The man was willing to buy his own dirt if he had to. But that's what I keep going back to respect, get over there and tell him that and he wouldn't be here tonight probably. You know and like he said, you heard what he said earlier? He called him several times and that is bad, but I'm just trying to say, what kind of solution we're going to have, how can we assist this man?"

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Mr. Kindrick, I don't see Mr. Nunes here, could you come up here for his representation please? Oh I'm sorry it's up to Ms. Robottom to. I'm sorry."

Verdell Kindrick, Assistant Director of Public Works asked, "Now what you need, what you want to know?"

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I want to know; I'm looking at these pictures, does this ditch has an outlet that maybe you can have an outlet to drain the water out of? I'm not familiar with that area. Does it have an outlet that we maybe reimage some of this situation? I understand he said it might clean the weeds and stuff out the ditch but, do we have an outlet where this can drain at?"

Verdell Kindrick stated, "This is one of the problems we have on Castle Drive that we have been working with probably about 6 months ago, we had the marsh buggy on the back end cleaning it out. So we've been back there cleaning it out you know that we've been having a lot of rain and it's just like the Eastbank. When the tide come up, same way on the Westbank, water comes up and when it goes down everything goes down and dry out. I understand what's he's talking about and again my position at the particular time and I never heard from Councilman Smith, not one time concerning your issue. I just want to clarify that, I know he probably said that but I just want to clarify that,

cause everybody knows me here. If somebody call me I do go and check any problem that they have, so I didn't hear anything from Councilman Smith. Again his issue is that, he needs to get his covers like we said before and we're you know get his dirt and we go down and close it up. Now, he do has some erosion and I do agree with that, but all the erosion what he's talking about we can fix that. But the only thing we can't do is buy his culverts for his culvert. If he supply the culvert we'll be able to take care of everything over there. That's all that's happening in that area there. So far as the snakes and the mosquitos, well you're living right next in the back...

Councilman Perrilloux interrupting stated, "As far as the mosquitos we can ask for extra spraying and Mr. Becnel can call the Mosquito Control ask for extra spraying. But I mean Mr. Becnel and Mr. Dede you heard from Mr. Kindrick and if you get the culverts, they'll come and put them down. I don't know what the extent of that is, so maybe you all may want to address Mr. Becnel."

Michael Dede stated, "Well as far as the culverts, if you, I would invite you'll to come out and take a look at my property."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I will."

Michael Dede stated, "It's just the erosion so bad that I would like for the parish to purchase the culverts and install those culverts for me. They had not, the problem they had in front of Castle Drive about I'd say 6 or 7 months ago wasn't now where near as bad as my property. They installed culverts in front the whole entire homes, replaced driveways and supplied the dirt. And I think the problem I'm having is much worse than there problem. And like Mr. Becnel said, I am a taxpayer and you know I deserve the same respect, the same service as everybody else in St. John the Baptist Parish."

Councilman Becnel stated, "So what I'm saying is, he said they paid for the culverts up front, why you can't pay for his? (Natalie Robottom shaking her head no) You didn't, alright well correct me. I stand correct me, that's why we're here. He said they paid for it, now you'll saying they didn't so. I mean..."

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "Ms. Robottom can you go to the podium for a minute?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "No Mr. Kindrick."

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "Well we did not pay for a culverts? Correct?"

Verdell Kindrick stated, "No"

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "That's what I'm understanding we did not. Okay?"

Verdell Kindrick stated, "Let me clarify this now. If you got a driveway that blocking the drainage system, we have the right to go there and change that culvert underneath that driveway. But we not putting culverts in nobody yard per say no, no! Only driveways and if Mr. Dede can agree, from the front of Castle Drive right there by the swimming pool going toward the back, it was

flooded there the whole time every time it rained and since we changed those culverts in the driveway, we don't have any flooding up front period, none no more and nobody complained about the front. And went to the back we checked everybody's driveway, everybody looks good it's clean. Only that little section what he's concerned about, if he get that closed he won't have any problem. That's you know and again, the dirt his issue with his erosion we do have a problem with that but I that we can handle that problem. So for as the culvert, well that's up to the administration."

Councilman Madere stated, "I think, correct me if I'm wrong. When we do change culverts or a driveway by someone, most of the time that's grant money or FEMA money if we get a project to put culverts down the streets and the parish is not paying for that."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Actually when, you know we've down projects we've done whole streets and again that's when we pay for culverts and the whole process. I knows specifically that some of the residents on Castle Drive actually bought their own culverts, got a permit, so some of them may have culverts but we did not purchase those. But when, as Mr. Kindrick said there's an interference with our drainage there was a project that went in and tried to clear that out. Looking at your picture it appears that you know there's people on the staff that can determine the correct size of the culverts and then we can deal with your erosion and making sure cover it with you know the amount of dirt or fill that's necessary to keep the ditch at the width that it's supposed to be. But someone when you submit for a permit, they go out and make a determination on elevation, on size and you purchase, we install and then we can take care of the erosion. But we cannot purchase the culverts and we do not purchase culverts to close private property."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes and that's what I was saying. Anytime we have a drainage project, that money is not parish funded money that's money from maybe a grant or something like that. But I think earlier you made a statement that when you first wanted to buy the culverts they told you, you had to install them yourself. I think that was a misstatement whoever made that."

Natalie Robottom stated, (Could not hear her statement about an Ordinance from where she was seated)

Councilman Madere asked, "About what year did you ask for that?"

Michael Dede stated, "That was in 2003."

Councilman Madere stated, "Well okay that ordinance was passed. Ordinance was passed already. You know so that was the wrong information given to you. Information should have been, if you had purchased it that the parish wouldn't install it. I think that was something that was on the book a long time ago."

Natalie Robottom stated, "No it actually wasn't."

Councilman Madere asked, "It wasn't?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Okay so there was an ordinance approved that if the

residents paid for them and paid for the dirt we would install them. That was not in place the entire time and so it could have been you know that that was the case then. But since then an ordinance was approved that allows us to utilize parish equipment and manpower to install, based on a permit and purchase of the materials."

Councilman Madere stated, "Ok now I recollect, I recollect because I just got on this Council in 2012, that we had a discussion about possibly raising the fee about installing culverts for someone like that. Ok, so that was in place before 2000, so when he called they gave him the wrong information cause I just been on this Council since 2012 and when we talked about that all that other stuff that was way passed 2000 that was in place. In fact, we talked about raising the fee cause it was so low. So that was in place when he asked for that information and that information was given to him wrong, I don't know who gave it to him but he gave it to him wrong at that time. Ok that was in place already, I do believe if we found the process that we have now, that he buys the culverts and we put in place and the dirt that he purchase and when the parish spreads it out, we'll fill in that eroded area you know it will become solid again in a solid base. So that's what I'm saying that will take erosion that ditch like you say has gotten that big, you know 10 feet. But when they put pipe in the middle they have to fill in that dirt to cover that pipe, so that will take care of that erosion on your property. But I will like to say one thing, you're probably at the end of the street huh?"

Michael Dede stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Madere stated, "Ok there's a railroad track over there huh?"

Michael Dede stated, "There's a railroad track past that way."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay my point exactly. That's why we have this erosion because water backs up can't get passed those railroad tracks and that water sits back there and it's constantly being pushed back there to your property and that's why your stuff is getting eaten up. If that railroad was clear that water would move on by your property and out of there. And that's the issue I have with the railroad, it cause a lot of the erosion we have around here cause they're not cleaning up, they're not cleaning up. And I'm still on the railroad back and I'm going to stay on their back until they clean those canals out and our water can flow freely. The water would get out it would not sit there ok."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Just a quick question back to Mr. Dede and Mr. Becnel. Do you have a current permit?"

Michael Dede stated, "No I don't."

Natalie Robottom asked, "Are you interested in purchasing the culverts and requesting installation by our parish?"

Michael Dede asked, "Will the parish supply the dirt?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "I think there's a process for that, obviously there's a portion of your property that damaged due to erosion, so I'm sure there will be some participation there, but I don't want to speak to that,

without you going through the permit process."

Michael Dede stated, "I would like to know, what part the parish going to pay before I go and buy a permit because..."

Councilman Perrilloux interrupting stated, "Let's talk about the specifics, we'll talk outside the meeting about the specifics we have to do for Mr. Dede property. We'll talk about what he needs and we'll set up a meeting and I'll go visit Mr. Becnel, we set up a meeting and see what we can do."

Natalie Robottom stated, "And we can do something preliminarily before you pay, you know you don't have to pay if you're not, if you don't want to but we still have to get the correct information, get the right size, get information to let you know what that might be. We also, for residents to know, we have a contract on culverts. We get them for you, you pay for them at a cost rather than having to purchase them on your own. So, there's some benefits from going through that process but we definitely want to put the right size culvert and I think by doing that you will take care of the erosion. This has been a long process, we have we actually purchased a marsh buggy for this area. So the cleaning that was done on the Westbank was based on that. You look at the pictures, I want to think behind your home is maybe a wooded area, is that what it is?"

Michael Dede stated, "Yes it's actually wooded area. There's actually a ditch behind my home also, it used to be about 3 feet wide it's approximately 6 feet wide now."

Natalie Robottom asked, "And so what you can see is, obviously his property his backs to an area that's fairly undeveloped but that should not be the case in the front."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Yes Mike, I just want to say, I did get a call from Mr. Becnel and he told me that he was working with you on this project. I did ride down your street and you're right, you have a about 10-12 foot opening in front of your house, you have a ditch in back of your house that drains into that front ditch. But just putting culverts down is not going to solve your problem, it'll solve the erosion problem but the water is not going back."

Michael Dede stated, "That's correct."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "And Mr. Madere is working with us also and Mr. Perrilloux with the railroad and Mr. Boe, trying to get all the culverts under the railroad tracks cleaned out so we're going to be working on that but like this situation could have been addressed a lot sooner, it didn't have to come to this, response time is very slow and slack with this operation, Mr. Kindrick is doing the best job he can do, right now, with the assets he have but the flooding is not going to stop. You on that dead street, all the water is coming to you right now so we need to look at long range plan to make sure that not only you'll stop the erosion but the water moves swift. And I'll be assisting Mr. Becnel with that."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Thank you! Mr. Dede thank you for coming. I'll come out with Mr. Becnel to and see what's the problem."

Michael Dede stated, "Appreciate it."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Thank you!"

Lennix Madere - Internal/External hiring procedures

Councilman Madere stated, "I think Ms. Freemont wants to explain something to me. We spoke on the phone and I think all the council people would like to hear this to."

Nykya Freemont stated, "Internal and external hiring procedures, once a need for a new position has been or to fill a new position has been identified by the department, a staffing requisition is filled out and it's sent to Finance for approval to make sure there's money in the budget, it's approved by the CAO, CFO and the Parish President. Once that's approved the position is posted, it's posted for 10 calendar days, at that point the Director starts reviewing applications, we go through once we have the list of applicants that the Directors are interested in interviewing, that list is sent to the Parish President for approval, once we have her approval, we began interviewing. It's normally a panel of 3 people on the interview committee, the interviews are scored. Generally it's the person with the highest score who is offered a position, of course that is approved by the Parish President. Sometimes there other factors that go into the decision outside of their score, their experience of course counts, their background and that's the just of our process."

Councilman Madere stated, "Ok I basically understand the whole process. But my concern and putting this on the agenda was the fact that; when I first got in office and I had an applicant and we were looking for a certain individual and they said they were going to hire internally. I believe in hiring internally and allowing the individual who works for us an opportunity to move up, position wise and I don't think in all cases that's what's happening. I think if the 4 of us are sitting here and there's a position that becomes available and out the 4 we all applied but only 2 meet the total qualifications that's put out. If those 2 meet that qualification, they definitely should get an interview, okay that to me should be an interview, you should get it. Not only they get the job but they should get an interview. Now, if both of them do real well, score well and you have to make a decision, then that decision might be based on who had the most years of experience. I don't know what Ms. Robottom choose as a difference, but I think all employees should at least get an interview and be able to move up if it wasn't for the parish. And in some cases we bypass individuals who apply and hire someone from outside. I definitely believe promoting within and if no one meet the qualification, then I'll look outside, that's the way I look at it. And I don't know if that's happening totally all the time."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Actually it is, but we also look at the skill set and sometimes there's knowledge about the person's work experience. So that also plays a part into the decision. It's a lengthy process, one of the jobs I think explained to you we had 102 applicants for 1 job, which you know can be very much labor intensive. So the applicants are reviewed, their skill set, their education, their pass performance are considered. There quite a few of our employees, who have moved up and been elevated and promoted and

when that's appropriate that occurs. That's not always the case and obviously if individuals have been interviewed several times then the individual department head already knows or if the individual works for them or they work with them they already know that performance level or that skill level. So we do try to be fair but every job does not go to somebody who's working for us, it is an interview process, they're very set interview questions, there is scoring and we look at a lot of things before making a decision. But there's not an automatic because you work for the parish that you will get a job over somebody who does not. It's based on your skill set, your education, your professionalism and what the job requires."

Councilman Madere stated, "So let me ask you something. Who determines their skill set if that individuals performing a job as a secretary and have been performing that job for several years and then that position is similar as far as a secretary job, okay I mean that individual, I won't say give that individual a job but they should be at least guaranteed and interview. Because I think what happened is, when an employee apply for a job and they meet all the qualifications and not to get an interview, is to me that individual is upset. And I don't want to have upset employees, okay I do understand that they may not get every job they apply for, but if they meet the qualifications if it's 10 things and they meet all 10, then I would be expecting an interview at least an interview. And I didn't say the job but at least an interview. That's what I'm concerned about."

Natalie Robottom stated, "And again, we look at everything. We look the most qualified individuals to serve the job. We have secretaries across very many different departments and they don't all do the same thing. So although you may be functioning well in the capacity you're in, you may not be at the skill level for another position. We interview some of the same people over and over, some of the same people apply for every job. So we already know what they can do. You know if you've worked with us, you've worked with us for 5 years 6 years, we already know. We know your work history, we know attendance we know your abilities we already know that. So that's not necessarily something we have to interview you again or for every job, we already know that. That's the benefit of having people who either have worked as temps or worked for you and again, we try not to deny anybody an opportunity for a job. We advertise internally and externally, nobody is prohibited from submitting an application. However, we do look at the application, the history, the writing you know depending on the job you're applying for and that is what goes into it. The team that interviews is a very specific scoring system, they ask the same questions, they score it, they average it and that is what is submitted to me. I also look very closely at applications, sometimes they send applicants to me that I might know something about and some I add, some I take off. Again, it's based on performance, it's based on performance and repeated I can pull somebody's previous interview and get those same questions, so I already know what you said last time."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay I understand, I understand what you're saying I definitely do. My next question is then; how much input, I know you have the, basically you have the ultimate say so as far as who interviews and who gets the job. How much input do that Director have in terms of helping you select that individual?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Usually the Director, possibly and Assistant Director or somebody in the department, it's usually the interviews conducted by the people who will be working with the employee. So their recommendation weighs very highly and their rank when they are sent to me as Ms. Freemont says, typically the first, the person with the highest score sometimes we hire 2 so the first 2 scores are the individuals that are selected. But sometimes for example in one of the later cases, the person didn't interview that well but they had worked for them as a temp, knew the system, knew the routine knew everything and the recommendation actually went to the third, instead of the second. So, it's all individualized and that was a direct recommendation of the Director, but typically the interview committee is made up of people who'd be working in that department and I rely very heavily on their recommendation. But I do read every application and I do read the interview questions and responses and I look to continuity. I look to see, did all 3 of them score them the same or did somebody skew the results, you know by knowing somebody. So I look at all of those things before accepting a recommendation and it does take a lot of time. So you know and we make mistakes, we hire people that it doesn't work out. You have a probationary period, if you survive it, you know you're on if you don't, but those are things that are shared with them from the very beginning. So you know we can't, we don't lock up all the jobs internally, we do accept outside applicants as we should but we do look at everyone carefully and we try to place the best people in the right spots for the jobs that we have available."

Councilman Madere stated, "Right and I'm going to just you know all that I'd like to say is that, everything that you say sounds fine, okay sounds good but I just hope that the Directors you understand, play a very important part in the decision, I know you said you do listen to them a lot you know, I know that's really good because they're the one that have to work with that individual. So that's why you know, I hope so."

Natalie Robottom stated, "That's correct, they're all here you can ask them."

Councilman Madere stated, "Alright thank you."

Lennix Madere - Drainage problems - E. 16th Street and N.W. 2nd Street - Homewood Pumps

Councilman Madere stated, "Before Mr. Verdell said anything, I you know whenever you put something on the agenda we get phone calls and the reason why we get these phone calls so they can have an idea what it is what we're going to ask them so they can be prepared for the meeting. That's exactly what happened, okay and no one wants to be surprised when they get up to the mic okay so that go back to what I said about that block party, no one wants to be surprised. Ok so that's why you make these phone calls to us so you're not surprised. And whenever I call and someone call me I answer their question as much as I can, like Ms. Freemont for giving me that information, she gave it to me over the phone, but I think it should be applied to everyone that come to the council meeting and everyone that's watching to also know the answer to the question, whatever I put on the agenda. Now like I said, when you call me you give me sufficient answers, then I know, what I like when you give the answer to me in a meeting, then everyone who watch the meeting know that may tell someone or have that problem or concern. Now you

stop me if I'm wrong, you told me; one reason why we can't clean those canals on 16th Street and on NW 2nd Street because the river is high right now and we can't do any digging, basically right ok?"

Verdell Kindrick stated, "Correct"

Councilman Madere stated, "So that's all, I understand that all this is on hold until the river go down?"

Verdell Kindrick stated, "Correct"

Councilman Madere stated, "And you assure me that when the river go down that we're going to start taking care of those problems?"

Verdell Kindrick stated, "As soon as the river go down if I'm not, if my operator is not on another job working on that job, then definitely we're going to start back..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Right I understand you have some priorities some other people might have been in front of me I understand that. But I just want the residents to know that I did address these situations and did have the answer and they're hearing it from you. They're hearing it right here at the council meeting. That's why when I don't like to hear someone call me and give me an answer and they expect me to take it off the agenda, no it's not going to come off the agenda I want everyone to know and hear the answer. And I agree with you and I understand totally that you can't dig the canal on E 16th Street you can't dig the one on NW 2nd Street to the back, we talked about it. Now whenever it do happen then those individuals will get a lot of relief as far as water because the water will be able to go down the canals. But once again, we run into that road block which is we know, the almighty railroad, until they do their part they're still going to have a problem even if we do our part. And so that's very important that we get the railroad situation and stay on their back until we get some results from them and I'm going to stay on their back as long as I'm in this council chair cause he got to get off of it. Long time ago people got railroad but we're going to railroad the railroad cause they go to open it up. And I know and I understand but I just want the residents to know that I'm not forgetting about the drainage problem, I wanted to make sure why they not digging and I wanted explain, and we want to re-dig we may have a problem cause it's the railroad. Ok and I thank you for your phone call and that information that you gave."

Verdell Kindrick stated, "Thank you."

Councilman Madere stated, "Thank you."

Lennix Madere - Sewerage concerns in District III

Councilman Madere stated, "Your turn Blake."

Blake Fogleman stated, "How you doing Councilman?"

Councilman Madere stated, "Ok and I talked to Reed called me earlier."

Blake Fogleman stated, "Yeah I apologize. I texted him, I was caught up in meetings all day long."

Councilman Madere stated, "You have to apologize because I'll either hear from you or from your assistant it don't make a difference you know cause I know you'll work good together and Reed always a just like Verdell, they always respond when I call him. So I didn't have any problem with Reed calling me. I think we talked about and at one time I was told one time St. John the Baptist, my district was a rural area and I was kind of upset they called Reserve a rural area. Because Reserve like I say a long time ago was the heartbeat of St. John Parish. Everywhere that we'd ride on Airline down all these fancy buildings you understand, people used to hunt back there in cane field you understand, so I understand Reserve is the backbone of St. John the Baptist Parish. Now I objected to the word "rural" at that time when it was told to me. I don't object to it now, because I went to the Police Jury meeting and they have laws that they give to rural areas so call me rural, call me anything you want but give me the money. I'll accept it now, give me give me money. So we need to look into these rural bunch of money that we have. Development growth ok, I say we develop, they going to give me money, I'm going to develop, but give me the money so we can develop some more. Alright, so we going to look into these rural grants for drainage, for sewage because we have a very old sewage system, it's not getting any younger it's getting older and I think I mentioned about running smoke test. I do believe if you have 500 people in my district that have cracked pipes, if they knew that their pipe was cracked and contribute to the problem, I guarantee 60% of them or 65% would fix it. Ok, but you can't fix a problem if we don't know I have a problem and no one can tell when they let water and when they use their restroom or anything that the water is not going through that properly and when it rain that water actually get in their system through their pipe in their yard. So I think we should run a smoke test and let these individuals know, address on 23rd Street, 335 you have a cracked pipe. So they understand, not only are they complaining about the problem, they're part of the problem and I do believe if they knew they were part of the problem they would do something about it to help improve it. And I do believe we need to try and do some kind of way to let these individuals know cause we do know there's infiltration getting into our system from homes in our areas. I'm basically right?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "Yes sir, that's built into any of design and any calculation for infiltration in the pipe. Yes sir."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay so I think we're going to have to look into some of these rural grants and we're just going to have to be rural for a very long time."

Blake Fogleman stated, "To add to that point we are members of the LRWA which is Louisiana Rural Water Association..."

Councilman Madere interrupting asked, "You're part of that?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Madere stated, "Sign us up!"

Blake Fogleman stated, "We have expressed our news with that and spoke to different consultants, as well as Ms. Valentine to stay on top of those types of grants that come through. So..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Cause I know the guy at the Policy Jury gave me a whole booklet and stuff about rural areas and he said give him a call and he would come there and take a look at."

Blake Fogleman stated, "I can't tell you if rural. I..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "We're rural, we are rural we are rural. Ok recon, we are rural. It's got to pass an Ordinance, we're rural it's just money. One other thing I want to say, one other thing I want to say; when it rains, okay I have to go back and get the address."

Blake Fogleman stated, "Yes sir. I don't know if we have the address, I know which one we're speaking of..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "The railroad track when you cross the railroad track in that track area..."

Blake Fogleman interrupting stated, "We don't have any records of that overflow that call being... (Could not understand Blake's statement due to Councilman Madere speaking at the same time)."

Councilman Madere stated, "I started to take a picture of it but I'm going to show you the next time we have a bad rain. That culvert is actually standing straight up in the air and water is pouring out of it into Homewood."

Blake Fogleman stated, "The culvert? The manhole?"

Councilman Madere stated, "Not the culvert the drain. That manhole."

Blake Fogleman stated, "Manhole, through a manhole."

Councilman Madere stated, "Through a manhole. It's actually raised up, straight up and water coming out of it."

Blake Fogleman stated, ""You take a picture and you'd probably get my Manager and Assistant Director's picture in that as well because they are watching the radar as of the phone call today and they'll make sure that they're out there as well."

Councilman Madere stated, "Oh don't worry when they get a hard rain I'll be there."

Blake Fogleman stated, "They want to see it as well..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "But they'll see me on the radar."

Blake Fogleman stated, "I always recommend if there is an overflow, if anyone does see an overflow that they do call it in because that is our way of tracking as well as, it's taking care of the issues. We report those type of overflows to DEQ. So if there's one unknown to us, I want to make sure that's

it's accounted for...

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "I'll make sure, I'll make sure tomorrow I give you the address of that particular locations so when we do have a hard rain like that, you'll can go back and check it out. Cause I saw it on the last two occasions it's been raising up. And I think that's about it."

Blake Fogleman stated, "Just real quick to give you some, I don't know if Reed passed this along. I think you spoke about a 17th Street at one point that overflow?"

Councilman Madere stated, "Yeah, yeah!"

Blake Fogleman stated, "I think he assured you that that problem was taken care of. I saw them actually taking care of it today. We are aware of the issue, there's 2 things that are going to help you out in that area and stop that from happening in the future, one is going to be that oxidation pond that's going to be implemented, once that's designed and constructed it's going to shift the way that lift stations flow, which is going to dump in a different collection system..."

Councilman Madere stated, "Now let's back track a minute. Now what you said about 17th Street, they took care?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "There was one, he spoke to me about one call and I'm not going to name a specific address here but on one call on 17th Street that had a specific overflow, not wet weather overflow or because of intense rain overflow. I don't know and I'll speak to you offline if that's what you'd like but just that area in general, I guess what I'm trying to tell you is that there's 2 phases of work that's being implemented, I know you've been on sewer in the Reserve area, there actually is 2 phases of work that's going to help out the infrastructure as well as the treatment out there."

Councilman Madere stated, "Well Reed know more about it, cause he was in place at the time. It's the same location and what it is, it's not so much the rain it's in that field that pipe."

Blake Fogleman stated, "Pipe correct. That is being corrected as well as implementation of some additional of some ungraded pumps in that area..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "But I just want to tell you about that word (corrected). Okay you said it been corrected?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay I was told it was corrected 2 years ago, ok so this time it's corrected? Ok alright!"

Blake Fogleman stated, "Yes sir, I'll show you that."

Councilman Madere stated, "Ok alright!"

Lennix Madere - Upkeep of Parish Parks and Safety Concerns

Councilman Madere stated, "Step up Kerry. Ok and once again I spoke to Mr. Watkin on the phone and you know we came to a conclusion on a couple of items you know we took care of that off camera. Okay and once again, the main concern is just communication. I went to the park last week and Belle Pointe, the park wasn't cut and then I sort of assumed it may have been concerning the water but the water was almost to the cement on the East St. by East St. John, yeah on the walk path by East St. John. But the rest of the park look as though it was pretty stable. So I sort of figured maybe you didn't cut it because of the water situation, ok and I went back a couple of days later and the water had receded and still the park hadn't been cut and then I was informed that maybe it was because they were having Easter Egg Hunt and I said that wasn't the case because we not having Easter Egg Hunt in Belle Pointe Park. I understand about 51, but then I found out through talking to you that it was really because that ground was too wet for the machine to get on the surface. Right?"

Kerry Watkins stated, "Correct"

Councilman Madere stated, "Correct! Okay and so the only thing is, is when it's just a little matter of a little bit communication and you know if the guy communicate to you and I know he must communicate to you that he couldn't cut it because of the, who make that determination, him or you?"

Kerry Watkins stated, "The Inspector."

Councilman Madere stated, "The inspector and who is that Inspector?"

Kerry Watkins stated, "Rev. Brown"

Councilman Madere stated, "Rev. Brown, well then I would ask Rev. Brown or whoever make that determination to just simply shoot me an email you know saying; we won't be cutting Belle Pointe Park on schedule this time and that way I know what the situation is if I pass and 2 feet tall grass, I'm the Councilman, I have to be concerned why. It's like that you know, so I don't someone calling me and complaining the grass is not cut, I want to have an answer for them."

Kerry Watkins stated, "Actually it was cut on schedule. It was cut on schedule, it was cut that following Wednesday. I think you walked the park that Tuesday and it was cut that Wednesday."

Councilman Madere stated, "No, I walked that park that Monday."

Kerry Watkins stated, "It was cut that Wednesday."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yeah, it was cut that Wednesday?"

Kerry Watkins stated, "Yes"

Councilman Madere stated, "Well they need to get the schedule little bit cause that grass was about that high. Okay we have an Ordinance, 10 inches and we was very close to 10 inches. You know so and now that it's growing season, the schedule have to increase. It's what twice a month?"

Kerry Watkins stated, "Off season that was like the winter season, but now it picks up so I want to say 3 times a month."

Councilman Madere asked, "3 times a month?"

Kerry Watkins stated, "Yes"

Councilman Madere asked, "So 3 times a month? So we shouldn't have anything look close to that?"

Kerry Watkins stated, "No"

Councilman Madere stated, "Ok alright. But anytime there's some kind of fact that they're not going to cut it, you know I'll talk to Rev. Brown, just shoot me an email let me know. Alright? Ok another situation we know you taken care of that."

Kerry Watkins stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Madere stated, "Alright thank you, see it wasn't that bad."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I want to touch on that safety concern. A may not be in your department, but there was a bowl of water in my district. The grass was so high you can't see the stop sign. So it's a safety thing so I was just wondering if we can that taken care of on St. Andrews. I know one side of the canal is clean over there, nice and manicured. Come on answer me to this."

Natalie Robottom stated, "We just need a little bit more specific information. Are you talking about the grass or something on the canal? On St. Andrews?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "On a safety concern that's why I had to bring it up."

Natalie Robottom stated, "A safety concern with the grass too high near the stop sign on St. Andrews Blvd. and Cambridge?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "Right"

Natalie Robottom stated, "I just want to get the right because I think sometimes it's our staff that's cutting it, some areas we have contracted..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "No it's our staff that cuts it."

Natalie Robottom stated, "It's ours? Okay and you we need to gear up its grass growing season so, we have to get back in to cutting more often than we typically did just... "

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "Well I think this the month where we cut it what twice a month or something like that?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "And we just, we need to, we really need to get back into it. But keep in mind we have people who don't typically work with the

grapplers, like were having people assigned with the to help pick up debris from the grounds, so everybody is not on their regular schedule yet, but we should be moving to that next week, so we are working on getting that list finalized in terms of; how often and who's going to be cutting what. So, we have a note of that, I'm sure Mr. Kindrick has it."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yeah I didn't, I haven't talked to him about it yet."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Ok"

Councilman Snyder stated, "But it was a safety concern, that's why I had to bring it up. Thank you ma'am."

OLD BUSINESS:

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 stated, "Yes I wanted to bring this up. The administration is working with the Regional Planning Commission on this. And it's a part of the Smart Growth America called the National Completes Streets Coalition developed in 2004. Ms. Robottom you wanted to say something about it?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "I think several of you attended our first meeting. We're in the process of scheduling a series of workshops, which kind of gets the parish on track with developing plans for future growth and repairs that will address safety, quality of transportation and the networks for connectivity throughout the parish. We do appreciate your support for this, it is a long term process but we do have guidance from people who've done it before and actually we've started looking at incorporating some of the new information into some of our new projects. So we're going to continue to schedule, I think the next one is scheduled for April the 10th, again you know everything was around the tornados, so whatever we had planned was cancelled so, we're trying to get back on track with that, but we'll make sure to send out an invite and it's actually a pretty full day."

Councilwoman Remonet stated, "Thank you. This is more of an opportunity for us to expand our streets, provide walking areas for those that walk to the store or bicycles and things like that. So I think it's very positive."

Councilman Boe stated, "Ms. Robottom I just want to thank CAO Saulny and the Planning & Zoning Director Alex, they've helped draft some of this language and I know they're working on an Ordinance and we will look forward to adopting some form of a Completes Streets Policy later on this year and in conjunction with future historic districts which are; our old Main Street areas this will go right in line with that, so I appreciate all of your work and I ask everyone to support this."

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Becnel seconded the motion to approve Resolution R16-10. A resolution supporting efforts to pursue adoption of a complete streets policy for St. John the Baptist Parish.

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilwoman Remondet seconded the motion to go into executive session to discuss water bill issues - 133 Beechgrove, Reserve, LA 40th JDC #66791 and Lennix Madere - pending possible legal matter - E. 27th Street. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to go back into regular session. The motion passed unanimously.

There was no action taken as a result of 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

Lennix Madere - Pending possible legal matter - E. 27th Street

Any and all pending legal matters

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

16-13 An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2016 of the St. John the Baptist Parish, State of Louisiana; prescribing the form, fixing the details and providing for the rights of the owners thereof; providing for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and the application of the proceeds thereof to the refunding of certain bonds of said Parish; and providing for other matters in connection therewith (N. Robottom)

16-14 An ordinance to amend St. John the Baptist Parish Code of Ordinances to create Chapter 2.5 - Code Enforcement by Administrative Adjudication, to establish and authorize a Procedure for administrative adjudication and position of Administrative hearing officer (s), to read as follows: Chapter 2.5 Code Enforcement by Administrative Adjudication Sec. 2.5 - 1. Authorize and establishment (N. Robottom)

16-15 An ordinance approving a re-subdivision of lots B-1 and C-1 of the west half of block 33 of Hope Plantation Subdivision into lots herein designated as lot B-1A and Lot C-1A of the west half of block 33 of Hope Plantation, situated in Section 12, T-11-S, R-6-E, Garyville, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana (N. Robottom)

PRESIDENT REPORT:

Good Evening - As we recently discovered, we can experience inclement weather outside of hurricane season and receiving emergency notifications can be critical for you and your family's safety. If you have not done so already, we urge you to please sign up to receive Parish emergency alerts via phone, text or email at sjbparish.com by clicking the "Stay Connected" icon or call the Communications office at (985)652-9569. St. John remains on the road to recovery after the recent tornado. The St. John Long Term Recovery Group, comprising of government officials and local faith-based and nonprofit leaders, has been established to spearhead recovery efforts and primarily help those who are uninsured, underinsured, elderly and disabled. Residents still needing assistance are asked to call the volunteer hotline at (985)359-0460 to request assistance or request through the St. John recovery website at www.stjohnrecovery.com. Thank you to all who donated toward recovery, most recently, Denka, Marathon, and the LaPlace Raising Cane's. Those who want to give monetary donations can do so through the SJUW tornado fund. We hope to hear from FEMA this week regarding further assistance for our area. St. John the Baptist Parish will be hosting an informative event for tornado victims on Thursday, March 31 from 5:00pm-8:00pm at 1900 Greenwood Drive, LaPlace, LA 70068. The event is come and go - Information will be available regarding recovery including permitting, contractor fraud, small business information, grants, etc. A list of vendors and additional information can be found at sjbparish.com. I appreciated the invitation to serve as the guest speaker at the Denka/DuPont and ArcelorMittal/Air Products community meetings last week and hoped the Parish updates were informative and helpful. It was a fun morning hunting Easter eggs with our Parish youth on both sides of the River during our annual Easter in the Park event Saturday. Food, refreshments prizes and photos with the Easter Bunny were provided. Pictures from the event can be found online at sjbparish.com. Congratulations to our 12 and 14 year old Bidy Basketball All Star Teams on their successful season and making it to Nationals. We also want to acknowledge Patrick Martin Jr., Derron Taylor and DeJaun Daniels, for being selected as All Americans. Congratulations to all of our teams on a wonderful season and we look forward to baseball season! Many of our athletes attended St. John Night at the Pelicans game on Sunday. More than 100 Parish youth received the opportunity to take pictures and play on the Court, watch the Pelican Players warm up and meet players and coaches. Attendees also received Basketball Cups and Jerseys as well as jambalaya, chips and drinks. During the game the group was highlighted on the video screen as the group of the night. Thanks also goes out to Raising Cane's for providing free Achievement Award Certificates to each child that included a free kids combo to the local restaurant. On April 9, voters will be asked to renew two existing millages. These millages provide funding for all Parish libraries and the Parish Health Unit. This is NOT a new tax or a tax increase - it is simply renewals. Please vote early Saturday, March 26 through Saturday, April 2 at the Registrar of Voters Offices located in the Percy Hebert Building in LaPlace or the Parish Courthouse in Edgard. Early voting hours are from 8:30am until 6:00pm. The renewal of these mileages are critical if we are to continue to moving forward as a Parish. We kicked off April as beautification month last Friday with the Leaders Against Litter walk along Belle Terre Blvd. and Airline. We want to encourage everyone to come out for the Parishwide Cleanup day which will take place on Saturday, April 23. Participants will meet at Thomas F.

Daley Memorial Park in LaPlace at 8:30am that day to pick up supplies and then dispatch throughout St. John to clean. Volunteers will meet back at the park at 11:30am for food and refreshments. Anyone interested in participating is asked to sign-up online at www.sjbparish.com or contact our office at (985)652-9569. Household Hazardous Materials Collection Day will take place on Saturday, April 16, 2016 from 9:00am-1:00pm at Plaza LaPlace Shopping Center located at 1921 W. Airline Hwy. in LaPlace (New Wine Parking Lot). Residents can drop off paint, solvents, auto batteries, used oil, and computers for proper disposal. Visit www.hhmed.com for a complete list of acceptable materials. Just a reminder - Parish Offices will be closed on Friday, March 25 in observance of Good Friday. Happy Easter and may it be an enjoyable one with your friends and family. Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:40 PM, Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

/s/Marvin Perrilloux
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
Council Secretary