

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, APRIL 9TH, 2019
THOMAS MALIK - CHAIRMAN
MARVIN PERRILLOUX - VICE-CHAIR

The Council of the Parish of St. John the Baptist Parish, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session in the St. John the Baptist Parish Government Complex Chambers, LaPlace, Louisiana on Tuesday, April 9th, 2019, 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 Remonet, Councilwoman District II, Lennix Madere, Councilman District III, Marvin Perrilloux, Councilman District IV, Larry Snyder, Councilman District VI, Thomas Malik, Councilman District VII, Jaclyn Hotard, Councilwoman-at-Large, Div. B

ABSENT: Michael Wright

Councilman Sorapuru led the Prayer. Councilwoman Remonet led the Pledge.

Legal Counsel Keith Green, Jr., Christopher Cortez and Law Clerk, Kennilyn Schmill was present.

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to go back into the finance meeting. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to go back into regular meeting. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

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

Good Evening, my name is Elmira Duhe. Presently I manage, I'm the Supervisor of the Garyville Library. And I wanted to address a few concerns I have regarding the newest appointment to the Library Board, his name is Blaine Tatje. He was appointed by Julie Remonet who's voting district the Garyville/Mt. Airy area, and some parts of Reserve. I think that's District II, Mr. Tatje is not in Ms. Remonet's voting district, because she did not appoint anyone from out of her voting district, this is causing the Garyville Library to be without proper representation on the Library Board. Patrons from the area have often asked me in the library about being on the Board, however, this did not happen. There is an ordinance I believe that you have, stating that members from their voting district should be appointed to the Library Board of Control. So I have a concern about that, I would also like to point out that Blaine Tatje's mother, Natalie Tatje, gains financially from the St. John Parish Library, as she receives a commission on the premiums that the Library pays. And I believe this appointment to the Board is highly unethical. I just think it's a conflict of interest and should be looked in to. My suggested solution, is to remove Blaine Tatje from the Library Board of Control, because the appointment is unethical, and he's not in the voting district of Julia Remonet. And secondly, appoint an individual...

Councilman Malik interrupting stated, "I'm sorry Ms. Duhe, that's your 2 minutes. Thank you for your comments."

Elmira Duhe stated, "You're welcome."

Councilman Malik asked, "Is there anyone from the public would like to a statement?"

Shondrelle Perrilloux, 1118 Main Street in pursue to the ordinance that was tabled from Councilman Larry Sorapuru to direct administration to locate the necessary monies to complete the contractual obligation to Star Maintenance Janitorial Services, LLC. I would ask that the Council strongly consider reallocation with my years of experience with working and attending council meetings and studying the historical data of the Council and according to my research that it is a possible means to have funds reallocated. I have seen it done, in fact my program was actually one of the programs that had the funds reallocated, so therefore, I feel that it's unfair with my research I have researched all the data and I have not found not one contract that has taken this long to make a decision on. Council please consider, that Dale is a very, very, active member of our community, he have given a lot to our community, Star Maintenance should not be prohibited to exercise a contract that they was awarded by the Council. Thank you."

Councilman Malik stated, "Thank you for your comments ma'am. Yes sir, please state your name."

My name is Carlos R. Diaz, and I'm the Supervisor of the Roland Borne, Sr. Memorial Library in Edgard, LA. And my issue sir is the St. John the Baptist Parish Library System. I'd like to thank the St. John the Parish Council, the Parish Government, and it's Administration for allowing me the opportunity to speak today. I'm speaking on behalf of many staff members assigned to St. John the Baptist Parish Library System. Collectively I'm here to voice our concerns regarding the Library Board of Control's unprofessional behavior. These are our chief grievances. The board micromanages staff members, precluding them of doing their jobs, the board's abuse of power is holey unacceptable, they're public servants not emperors, the board has castigated certain staff members, this is an unnecessary punitive action. The board refused to let certain staff members speak during the public comment portion of board meetings, affectively censoring them. This is a grossly violation of the first amendment. The board has bullied certain staff members and engaged in threatening behavior, the board has created an environment where employees fear retaliation the board has cast a pall on the library creating a toxic place. Some board members have violated their oath when they accepted this position. Finally, these particular board members should be held accountable for their actions and misbehavior. Last, but definitely not least, all employees should be protected against retaliatory action. Basically we just want to be treated with dignity and respect. Thank you kindly for the privilege of your time, that is all."

Councilman Malik stated, "Thank you sir."

Good Evening Council Members. I'm Walter Wells, this is about the Janitorial Contract. I'm with All the Time Janitorial. I've currently been keeping this building clean, since, since it opened back in November I believe, November/December, it's been about 5 months. And I think I've been doing a pretty good job, I think, I haven't had any complaints. But I could be wrong, but when this took place when this contract first came up, I think you guys had a vote and the vote I don't think it kind of passed when you guys did it. So, in saying that, I would think you guys would go back and kind of redo it, redo the vote or try to make the public happy with what's going on with this Janitorial Contract.

I don't want to ruff nobody's feathers, but I think I think that was wrong. You know because I think me and Star Janitorial/Star Maintenance was in competition with each other, and I thought, that's why I haven't got up and really spoke nothing or said nothing about what's going on, because I thought we was awarded the contract. But now it seems like it's a big fight over this or that, so I think yawl should take that under consideration if you don't mind. Thank you sir."

Councilman Malik stated, "Thank you, thank you for comments sir. Do we have anybody else from the public that would like to come up?"

My name is Richard Dale Wolfe, I'm part owner of Star Maintenance. I just think I need to clear the air up on what's going on. This gentleman that just left from up here, is the same gentleman that Administration recommended at \$10,000 a month. If you look at that, and Administration is requesting five (5) persons to clean the building, if you look at that and taken it under consideration, those five (5) people at minimum wage, couldn't afford to run this operation. These people came here and they were recommended and they're now cleaning the building. They've been cleaning this building for about 5-6 months. Is that fair? That's all I'm a say."

Councilman Malik stated, "Thank you Mr. Wolfe. Are there any other comments from the public? There are none. Thank you!"

INTRODUCTION OF BUSINESSES

Natalie Robottom - Proclamation - April 14th - 20th as 911 Telecommunications Week

Natalie Robottom, Parish President, read the proclamation for April 14th - 20th as 911 Telecommunications Week.

Natalie Robottom - Proclamation - April 9th as National Library Workers Day

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Natalie Robottom - Proclamation - April as Child Abuse Prevention Month

Natalie Robottom, Parish President, read the proclamation for April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

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

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CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEMS: Approval of Minutes - March 26th, 2019, Regular Meeting; Approval of Minutes - April 2nd, 2019, Special Meeting; Resolutions - Annual Sewer Plant Audits (R19-09 through R19-15); Permit Approval - St. Joan of Arc Fair Fun/Run - Saturday, April 27th, 2019 beginning at 8:00 AM

Natalie Robottom stated, "I was out of the office for this afternoon. But there were a couple of events that were scheduled and approved by this Council, I think "Sings and Strings", and the March that I'm assuming may be back for a change in date..."

Councilman Malik interrupting stated, "Yeah."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Ok. So I didn't know if we had time, to give them to come back or not. But I just wanted to bring it to your attention, we thought about that this morning and whether or not you'd have to do something at this meeting to avoid from calling a Special Meeting to make the change. But if you guys are on it..."

Councilman Malik interrupting stated, "Yep."

Jackie Landeche stated, "We had spoken to Mr. Coburn with "Strings and Strings", and then we had spoken to Mr. Taylor the last time. So they're both are well aware."

Councilman Malik stated, "They're both aware."

Natalie Robottom stated, "And it won't be before the next meeting?"

Jackie Landeche stated, "I told them that."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Okay, trying to save ya'll a Special Meeting."

MOTION: Councilman Snyder moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the motion to approve consent agenda items consisting of Approval of Minutes - March 26th, 2019, Regular Meeting; Approval of Minutes - April 2nd, 2019, Special Meeting; Resolutions - Annual Sewer Plant Audits (R19-09 through R19-15); Permit Approval - St. Joan of Arc Fair Fun/Run - Saturday, April 27th, 2019 beginning at 8:00 AM. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES:

19-10 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the rezoning of Lot SJ-1A, Reine Subdivision, located in the area generally bounded by Kimball Drive, Jaubert Lane, the St. John the Baptist/St. Charles Parish line, and East Airline Highway from the Residential District One (R-1) to the Industrial District One (I-1) zoning districts, as shown in Exhibit 1 attached (PZR-18-1124) (N. Robottom)

Rene Pastorek stated, "This rezoning request was recommended for approval unanimously by the Planning Commission at its March 18th meeting. Based on consistency with the surrounding land uses, the existing neighborhood character, and the goals of the Comprehensive Plan, Administration recommends approval."

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 19-10. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

19-11 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the re-subdivision of Lot 9-A, J.B. Audiffred Subdivision into Lots 9-A-1 and 9-A-2, J.B. Audiffred Subdivision, located in the area generally bounded by East 15th St., East 17th St., the Y&MV Railroad, and Hwy. 44, Reserve, LA, as shown in a survey prepared by Stephen P. Flynn, P.L.S. on January 4, 2019 (PZS-19-1209) (N. Robottom)

Rene Pastorek stated, "Administration recommends this item be tabled until the Parish Utility Board has reviewed and approved the requested re-subdivision."

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to TABLE Ordinance 19-11. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Becnel stated, "Yes, I ask that the Council accept the minutes of the finance meeting."

MOTION: Councilman Becnel moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the finance meeting. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

OLD BUSINESS:

Larry Sorapuru - (Tabled 03-26-19) Request to cancel the Andouille Festival (Action needed)

MOTION: Councilman Sorapuru moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to remove Larry Sorapuru - Request to cancel the Andouille Festival from the TABLE. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

Natalie Robottom stated, "Administration does not support canceling the festival as it represents the name-sake of the Parish as the Andouille Capital of the World and is an Economic Development and quality of life event for the community. The event generates funds for non-profits, schools, civic organizations and small businesses that go back into the community. It also supports our restaurants, stores, gas stations and hotels for the 3-day weekend. There are 2 ways to reduce the cost of the festival - increase revenues and decrease expenditures, both have been recommended in the past. The cost of the festival and booth rentals has remained the same since 2009 (10 years) while costs have increased annually. There are plans to increase sponsorships, the Parish's ride percentage and to pre-sell prints. There are also plans to reduce expenditures through decreasing the number of bands, eliminating events with significant losses and little attendance, restructuring some of the existing contracts, which have started, and reducing the number of employees for certain days and hours worked. As I shared with my staff, if we kept them at the same level because the rate of pay increases every year, we'd still be increasing you know it appears that we're increasing our spending, but we may have less people. So we have to manage that better as a mechanism for helping out at the fair. It can't be done without our workers. We have a large number of volunteers that are there, we actually pay the Sheriff's Office, we pay Security, but we need some of our employees there, keeping in mind that when they're working they're paid overtime. So this adds to their cost, but we can't necessarily do it without them. It's unlikely that the festival will ever create a surplus at the current prices, it's just not possible I think we attempted to go up on the gate, that's was unsuccessful, but our goal is to reduce the losses. I did not know this and I don't know if this is true, but people reading about this, say the Jazz Fest loses money. The Jazz Fest Organization, but the musicians, the booth rentals, the vendors, they make money, but it's a great event for the city. So it's up to you guys, but, I strongly recommend that you not do that, and I assure you it's a lot of work for us. But I think that's a bad call, other parishes have their name-sake festivals and pageants. Again, we talked about non-profits, but you have to have a non-profit that can afford to front the cost of the festival. There are none! There are none in this area, unless you're trying to go outside, I think there was one at one point we gave the festival to somebody else they lost money, and gave it back to us. It's not a money making feeding for the organization that's putting it on. But is it an important aspect of our community? Absolutely! And for the people

who have attended it for years, and who continue attend it, we're going to continue to try and cut cost and increase the money that we bring in. But, keep in mind it's unlikely that it will ever equal out, because our cost keep going up, and our revenues are not keeping pace. So that's my comment, I think you guys have gotten lots of feedback since the item went on the agenda, I just wanted to make sure my position was clear, because the initial call I got was, I was recommending cancelling. I want to put on the record that is not my recommendation."

Councilman Malik stated, "That's my recommendation as well. Yeah keep it keep it here."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes, I agree with everything Ms. Robottom just said. When I first became a Councilman in 2012, I went to Economic Development meeting and that's when I found out at that time that the festival was losing about \$150,000 at the time. And my comment at that time was, not knowing you know how this thing operate at that time. It was explained to me that the festival is not to make money for the parish, it's to make money for the vendors and to advertise their businesses and everything out there. And plus you get a tax revenues back from these vendors and everything that's in the parish. Plus, like Ms. Robottom said, we are known at the 'Andouille Capital of the World', you understand, then we're going to cancel what we're known for, so that don't really make a lot of sense. Ms. Tori Buckles, who was Economic Director at that time, I mentioned to her about reaching out and getting sponsorship, okay and I think at that time Marathon was not onboard with us, but since that Marathon have come onboard with us, and we have a lot of other industries in this parish that we should go after to come onboard to come and help the say way with Marathon. You know we Nalco, we have DuPont we have Denka, you understand, we need to reach out and like Ms. Robottom said, this festival 'll probably never be a money maker as always will probably be in a deficit, but it brings so much more to the parish other than just money. Okay, it bring recognition, it bring people it bring tourist, so even though the parish themselves as far as who putting it on may not see the financial benefit. But as a whole, the people in the parish see the benefit and the vendors okay..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "Mr. Madere I just want to add to since you called them out. All of those companies are sponsors, they're just not at the level. Marathon is our title sponsor, but we've been extremely successful with many of the other plants, and we kind of analyze what took place there and we are actually seeking you know more from more people. I think our letters have gone out, sometimes it's important to make a visit, we typically send letters, but if you're you know sometimes a company wants to see you. And we did that a couple of years ago, so we're going to do that again to put a face in front of the people we're asking for money. And so, you know that's clearly one way."

Councilman Madere stated, "And there is some other vendors that we can probably reach out to. Okay like Recreation Department, we buy a lot of supplies from a lot of different companies you understand, so we can send out letters and reach out to those individuals there, and anything that we can to help reduce the amount of money that the parish is you know that. It look bad but it's not bad, okay, it's really very beneficial to the parish that we keep the festival. And I'm definitely not in favor of canceling it, by no means okay! Like I say, where there are areas we can cut you know expenses, and now as far as messing with the bands, I don't know about that I like the bands. [LAUGHTER] I like the bands so I don't think we'll be cutting any bands, but there are some other things that we can. Like they say 'Trim the Fat' you know."

Natalie Robottom stated, "The bands are really good! But what we looked at and some of the people that were here before, we didn't have as many, they may have played a little longer, but in trying to be more diverse we did increase the number, well when you increase the number you increase the cost. And so we do some negotiations to try and get it down, but we've had request to have DJ's in between the bands, cuz people like hearing that that might you know help out as well. But we're going to be looking at everything, and you know we do every year look at everything and we're going to be looking again. But just know it's not out of a conscience decision to just spend money, one we try and make it nice, so we didn't always use the same tents and signs. And again, if you go to other festivals the cost is different. We provide the booth, the tent, the power, the water most places you pay for a booth. You bring your own tent, you have to have your own water, we provide a lot of what makes our festival run well, and that's how we want it to look. We would like for it to look you know like what it appears, but those things have cost associated with them. You know all the porta-lets and stuff we try and make you know, hand washing machines that we try to put out for people to have that we never had those things before, but on these hot days you want to try and have things for them. So it's an ongoing effort, we do take input from you all, if you saw things that you'd like changed, but we are going to be looking at more sponsorships and cutting expenses."

Councilman Madere stated, "Alright."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "Yes I just wanted to mention, one thing is I noticed that we didn't have many local food vendors. I'd like to see us concentrate on local first..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "We did! They were almost all."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "Ok. And one other thing I was looking at profit made on drinks, a tighter control on what you ice down especially that last day, makes a difference because a lot of vendors don't take back cold beer, you're giving that away after you want to make sure that you reduce that. But really only one year we made money, and that was the year of Katrina. I didn't want to it, I thought everything was too terrible you said let's do it, it was the only thing going on good in the state, and we made money that year. But that's the only year."

Natalie Robottom stated, "We're continuing to look at the drinks, and I think Robert sent out the information. But when we looked at it, we could really tell what happened. We had a bad day Friday, or Saturday? A horrible day, it rained we had no people, everything was down, attendance was down our drink sales were down. You can calculate when things happen, but you can't control the weather. So we did have a slow day that affected our sales we've done different things, size of beer, you know we only change the cost of the beer so, might have to decrease the size of the beer..."

Councilwoman Remondet interrupting stated, "You can't predict what's going to happen with that."

Natalie Robottom stated, "You know so...you're right, but this year that was down and the attendance was down but we had a really bad day, I think it was Saturday, that whatever the rain day was it affected everything."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "And if you're thinking about DJ's that might cut that cost a bit with the bands, because not always are you're going to look for a

live band. Thank you."

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NEW BUSINESS:

Natalie Robottom - Resolution - R19-16 - A Resolution authorizing the Parish President to execute a professional services contract with GEC, Inc. for engineering services for the LA SAFE Airline and Main Complete Streets Project contingent upon successful negotiations of fees pursuant to a cost reasonableness review and approval by the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration and the Office of Community Development - Disaster Recovery Unit (OCD-DRU) and approval of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between St. John the Baptist Parish and OCD-DRU

Natalie Robottom stated, "I'd like to touch on a couple of things that you just read. Typically our agreements with firms are based on the Parish's curve. This grant was specific to saying that is not allowed. Okay! They would not allow us to have a fee based contract, which is what our parish curve indicates. Whatever the cost of the project that's the percentage you get. They specifically required that the firm recommended that you negotiate a reasonable rate, and of course there's some you know rates out that we'd be looking at. But, that's different from what our Council usually does you know it's a fee curve, that's based on the cost of the event this is what this language says that we're not going to be able to do that. We need to negotiate with the firm recommended to stay within a certain framework, but we can't use the curve, which is why we're not setting a price. The other component of it, and we are this is a grant, there's a draft CEA that was developed by OCD, that's still floating around. Each parish had a separate CEA, so we will all so have to sign that saying we agree to the terms of the contract with OCD, we'll follow the rules in the CEA as soon as they get it to us. So both of these are kind of in conjunction. But my report reads, G.E.C., Inc. received the highest cumulative score after an extensive review of 12 Qualification Statements for this project. This was done in accordance with federal procurement guidelines established in 2 CFR 200.318 and the State of Louisiana's LA SAFE Grantee Program Policies and Procedures adopted by Council on December 26th, 2018. G.E.C., Inc. was found to be the most advantageous based on qualification and experience. This \$6M project selected with community input is time-sensitive, complex and unique to the grant. This one has a 4 year timeframe to have it completed, that's associated with the money. Again, it's very specific to the grant, it's a resiliency initiative with green infrastructure to take a look at so it's not a typical go design a road and build it. All proposals and scores were reviewed by representatives of OCD and the "Verification of Professional Services Eligibility" was issued for GEC, with evidence of approval by the OCD DRU Labor Compliance Office (that document was attached to your Admin report). Administration recommends approval, but we do have representatives from the Offices of Community Development, their Consultant Firm and I think a Representative of the company here."

Good Evening Council, thank you for the opportunity to address the Council. Chris Cortez on behalf of the District Attorney's Office. You should've all received an amended Legal Report this afternoon around 4:40 PM. In particular that amended report addresses this Resolution from the stand point of District Attorney's Office, basically that amended Legal Report should reflect that Administration provided this information to the District Attorney's Office today at 3:57 PM, via email attached with the Administrative Report. District Attorney's Office has not had an opportunity to conduct any review, legal analysis or other with respect to

this Resolution. However, if so requested we will continue that review for a later council meeting due to the late nature of it, we did not have an opportunity to fully review this information."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Excuse me, just for clarification. We didn't send that to them to review. I'm not sure where they got it, but that wasn't a request for us to review the Resolution. I don't think you ever, we ever send resolutions for review."

Chris Cortez stated, "If there's no request for it to review it, that's fine. We did receive it this afternoon, we felt that it was necessary to address on the record to make the record was clear with respect to the District Attorney's information concerning this item, just to make sure when we do a legal report from the District Attorney's Office, we attempt to address every item regardless of whether or not we were asked to make a resolution or come to a decision, or approve it legally or not. And in this situation due to the late nature, we wanted to make sure that the Council knew that we did have that information and did not have an opportunity to provide a review on it. We don't have an opinion as to one way or the other. With respect to the Resolution, we're just making the record clear."

Natalie Robottom stated, "And just for additional information, the Resolution was drafted in conjunction with OCD. Again, it's their money they put some terms in it, we clarified some of it, but the draft was provided by them. So if there are questions about it, they are here to address that, but the language is specific to the award and the grant, and I think there are something like 5 or 6 of these that were awarded I think. Some of you were actually at the award with the Governor, so everybody's having to do the same process."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Will this have to come back before us again, Ms. Robottom? I see where I see whereas your office is responsible from this point everything on. Signing all the contracts and on the behalf of the Parish."

Natalie Robottom stated, "That's typically and all of theirs. However because the amount is not set, we'll probably have to come back to you, you're authorizing us to start the negotiations with them, but we'll probably have to come back to you once that rate is set. The majority of that language is about like all the little paperwork that goes back and forth during the grant process, rather than coming for every document we get, I have the authority to sign those once we move forward with the grant."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Is this similar to what we do with our contractors and we make sure that they're board give them the authority to do the same things, is what you're saying?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay, and I a I don't know, I read of few of these things and I tell you, I don't know these things they got about 9 or 10 of them over there in our office..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "Twelve! Twelve! Get that straight."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Twelve in our office, and I kind of went through a few of them, so I don't know and you know most of them pretty good, and I didn't know what to look for you know. They all got the same kind of qualifications you know, so many so many PLs and stuff like that, and but you kind of get the feeling that

this is what this is all about you know street scape and stuff like that, and you see some of the pictures they put, that's mostly on what I went on some of the pictures I saw that those people turned in with their proposals. And I was impressed with most of them put it that way. Thank you."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "Mr. Malik, can we allow at some point the Representative from OCD to speak on the Grant?"

Councilman Malik asked, "That would be you sir?"

Good Evening! My name is Matthew Sanders. I'm with the State's Office of Community Development. So I'll just add to the couple of things that the Parish President said. So this is not actually state money, it's a Federal Community Development Block Grant, and so these aren't our rules per say, but we do have a fiduciary responsibility to insure that we're enforcing what's called 2 CFR 200, and that's from the Federal Code of Regulations that stipulates that we follow certain procurement procedures. In this case those procedures stipulate that there's a competitive process, and the result of that competitive process is the parish's intent to make an award to G.E.C. I'll just put on the record that, you know as we've provided technical assistance to the parish, we've been you know extremely impressed with the process that they've undertaken, I think you all mentioned the 12 proposals we concur, they were all of high quality and so, we feel pretty good about the process that's been undertaken here."

Councilman Malik stated, "Thank you sir, thank you for your comments."

MOTION: Councilman Sorapura moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Resolution R19-16. The motion passed with Councilwoman Remondet, Councilman Madere and Wright absent.

Natalie Robottom - Resolution - R19-17 - A Resolution authorizing the Parish President to submit a Grant Application to the Louisiana Office of Tourism (LOT) for funds in connection with the FY 19-20 Grant Cycle for the 2019 Andouille Festival

Natalie Robottom stated, "Just as you guys suggested. This Resolution, this is a competitive program that provides matching grant funds up to \$10,000 to reimburse a percentage of the cost of Qualifying Marketing Expenses associated with promotion of the 2019 Andouille Festival. So we recommend approval so we can apply for these dollars."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Did we send River Parish Tourist Commission a request for some sponsorship or do they do it already?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "They already do Mr. Snyder. But we'll ask for an increase. But they do sponsor some things now as well, but this I think would be a help for us as you know this is through I think the Lieutenant Governor's office."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Good. One other question since we're on this part of it we're talking about these sponsorship. Have we looked at we looked at using that building over there for any reason for anything?"

Natalie Robottom asked, "What building?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "Where we had that Andouille Festival at?"

Natalie Robottom asked, "That little building?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "The humongous building."

Councilman Malik stated, "Oh the Community Center."

Natalie Robottom asked, "Um, we actually do use it, you know obviously the area the restrooms are open, we had events in it. Our problem with that is, people don't see it so they don't go to it so we moved them back outside. We try all kinds of things, I mean it's nice it's a nice venue but people try like they're not even in that area, so they'll forget they're there and so they just...so that didn't work out for us. But we'll try some things again, but we have tried that and it didn't work out that well for us. For the people in there. They didn't get that traffic that they needed."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Have you looked at maybe putting a car show inside that building?"

Natalie Robottom asked, "We can talk to you about that, we had a car show plan last year, I don't know how that worked out, didn't work out well."

Councilman Snyder stated, "When you park a car a mile away from everything and these guys put all the money in to it, you don't get much presentation. But if they know they're going be inside like a building there, and people can go look at those beautiful cars..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "That might be something to put it in. I mean I think there's one door in the back that they can actually fit in..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "Yeah they can get in. I brought that up to our Director last year."

Natalie Robottom stated, "That might work in there. But yeah, it didn't work out well for us where it was but we did try. And we had people who wanted to help with it, so that's a good thing."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Oh yeah, oh yeah, alright, thank you."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Mr. Snyder answered my question already."

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilwoman Hotard Gaudet seconded the motion to approve Resolution R19-17. The motion passed with Councilman Remondet and Councilman Wright absent.

Larry Sorapuru - Direct the administration to locate the necessary monies to complete the contractual obligation to Star Maintenance Janitorial Services, LLC

Councilman Sorapuru moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to discuss the item - Direct the administration to locate the necessary monies to complete the contractual obligation to Star Maintenance Janitorial Services, LLC.

Natalie Robottom stated, "You know we'll probably have some more questions, but based on the two motions that were approved by the Council, a meeting was held with the owners of Star Maintenance to discuss or negotiate an acceptable price for their services. Based on the current budget and services being provided for the budgeted amount, a copy of the draft contract was provided to both owners for consideration. However, there's been no response to me, from either. Administration has no plans of amending the budget to add money, I thought we

made it clear that it would not be in good conscience and fiscal responsibility to add three hundred and something dollars for this reduced price to a contract when we're getting the building cleaned for the amount that's budgeted. However, that is in your authority as a legislative body, with budgetary responsibility, there've been a couple of opportunities I thought, that you all were going to amend the budget to find this money, however, you didn't and you know there may still be opportunity but my recommendation is very clear. Our teams scored these proposals, they've witnessed the work being done. The owner of the company has provided you information that says, he can do the work for the amount of money he proposed and make a 30% markup, and I think those documents were shared with all of you. So as the Administrator of the parish we're talking about money, it wouldn't be on our behalf to make that change. If that's something you guys are considering, you just need to get your six (6) votes to amend the budget and do so. But it administratively, that's not our plan. If we, the contract based on the RFP was a (4) year, I know Mr. Madere, ya'll talked about maybe a one year deal and doing four something different, but according to the DA we needed to follow what was in the RFP. So it's the four (4) term of the contract. Whatever we originally posed is not proposed, it's not a one (1) year deal, it's the full amount of time that we specified in the RFP. And again, even with the reduced cost it's still an excess of \$300,000 more, than what we're getting the service for now."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes, let me just clarify some things here. First of all, okay I want to correct a comment that was made at the beginning of the meeting when they had the two (2) minute comment. Okay, the contract was awarded to Star Maintenance okay, and the second motion was to negotiate the price down from the original price. Okay that everyone was really not satisfied with the original price, and through the negotiation, the price came down to \$14,600 a month. Okay, and the building being cleaned right now I think it's for \$10,000 or something a little more than that..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "Mr...I know you're [CROSSTALK] I know that's okay, I just want to make sure that when you get to the numbers..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Yeah..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "He probably has the exact numbers..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Yeah, yeah, but we're talking about a few dollars in that regard, so that's what it was never important. Okay, when we first made this motion to award this contract, first of all this is a Service Contract. So this contract doesn't go to the lowest bidder, okay the Council has the authority to pick who they want. And I think at the time I made the motion about this contract. I was looking at the fact I wanted to award it to someone local, okay..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "And Mr..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Wait, wait let me finish."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "I just want to remind you there were to other local firms..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "I know I understand all that! I understand everything you say I understand all that. Okay? I say let me get my point across what was the intent. Okay and the Council voted for Administration"

to negotiate the price down and I think the price came down to \$14,600. And I did some research on my own (which I normally do) and I think I mentioned it several times before, okay I've been speaking to several other contractors even to the ones who applied, the contractors that applied. None of them agreed it could be done for the price that was that the Council that you recommended. Okay and when I did the research, it came out to somewhere around or between fourteen and fifteen hundred dollars, I mean fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) a month to clean a building that size. But the requirement of five (5) people, three (3) I think full-time and two (2) part-time in the afternoon. Okay, so that's what this was all based on. And the price came down to like fourteen thousand six hundred dollars (\$14,600). And right now Administration is saying three hundred thousand (\$300,000), well you're talking about the life of the whole contract."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Right!"

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay, well I'm not talking about the life of the whole contract. Okay in that contract, they have a 30 day 'out clause'. So whoever get this contract for four (4) years it's not guaranteed for four (4) years, it's guaranteed for four (4) years if you do the job and if you do it well and if you don't do it well, contract is null and void okay, so it's not it's a year by year contract basically, okay, so what we asking I think the motion that may be made, okay you're not looking for three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) in this budget, you're looking for I think it was mentioned at the last meeting about thirty seven thousand dollars (\$37,000)?

Robert Figuero stated, "I believe so."

Councilman Madere stated, "Thirty-seven thousand dollars (\$37,000), that's what you're looking for. Thirty-seven (37), not three hundred thousand. Thirty-seven (\$37,000) thousand dollars in this budget, and Administration have the authority to find that we move money all around tonight. Okay and also, the Council have the authority (I looked at the Home Rule Charter), and there's a section in there that says that 'Any department or office where they have a surplus of money, you can move it or the Council can move it'."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Right!"

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay? Now let's make sure we understand this. Okay and I'm not talking about anybody else asking for money. I'm speaking on just what I'm talking about, okay? So right now for this year for the salary for Star Maintenance, is about thirty-seven thousand dollars (\$37,000) that Administration have to find to complete this contract for this year."

Natalie Robottom stated, "And that's true. But I don't know we can award the contract for the full value and not have the money in place..."

[CROSSTALK]

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Yes you can because every budget is year to year. No budget is approved..."

[CROSSTALK]

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "That's okay, it's still have to be put in the budget year by year..."

Natalie Robottom stated, "That's right"

Councilman Madere stated, "No one is awarded a contract and the budget is four (4) years as it's there. It's every year, okay? Next year the budget may be so bad you may be cutting more than just janitorial service. Okay so you do not award a contract and say you must have that money upfront at the beginning. It's a four (4) year contract, it's a year by year budget. Okay it's a year by year budget. So the year that you're dealing with right now is thirty-seven thousand dollars (\$37,000) for this year. Next year it's on the next Council to come in."

Natalie Robottom stated, "And you may be right on that..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Oh I'm a 100% right."

Natalie Robottom stated, "But I'm almost sure. In the Budget Act, there's a requirement that you not award a contract for which you do not have the funds."

Councilman Madere stated, "You have the funds for this year, and it's a year by year budget."

Natalie Robottom asked, "So you're offering a one (1) year contract?"

Councilman Madere stated, "Uh Ms. Robottom, it's a four (4) year contract. Okay but the budget is going to be amended year by year, okay? That's the way it is."

Councilman Malik stated, "Remember, we have to remain proper to quorum ok? Thank you! Thank you Councilman Madere."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "I want to offer a motion we need to direct the administration to locate the necessary monies to complete the contractual obligation to Star Maintenance Janitorial Services, LLC."

[CROSSTALK]

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "I thought ya'll were ready for the motion. I'm calling for the motion."

Councilman Malik stated, "We have the motion on the floor. We have a motion on the floor right now. Councilman Sorapuru made a motion to direct the administration to locate the necessary funds [PAUSE]"

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Yes."

Councilman Malik stated, "To complete the contractual obligation to Star Maintenance Janitorial Services, LLC. We have a second, is there a second?"

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "I'd like to offer that motion including this year's budget."

Councilman Malik stated, "For the budget of 2019."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Correct!"

Councilman Malik stated, "Okay, so the motion on the floor is to direct the administration to locate the necessary monies to complete the contractual obligation to Star Maintenance Janitorial Services, LLC. for the calendar year of 2019."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Correct!"

Councilman Malik stated, "We have a motion on the floor, do we have a second?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "If you want to find the money they got the money in the budget, go to the budget and get it out of there. Then we wouldn't be going through all of this. I don't know who told you that we can't amend the budget. We've did it more than once in the past, this Council, and we could do that. Go find it, do it! And we can't, how can we direct Ms. Robottom to amend the budget? We got to think a little bit here you know, I mean the money is there if you want to go find it go find it! We found it for Boogie Center, we found it for some of the other things we were trying to get the money for. We wrote up an Ordinance and we adopted and we found the money. Let's do it, I mean we keep pushing and pushing, we got a contract here that this Council done voted on already. We don't voted on it! Regardless how we feel about it we done voted on it, now we got to support it. So go find the money, that's what I'm telling you go find the money, it's there. Get with the District Attorney's office or one of the, or the secretary and let her put an Ordinance in and go find the money. That's it. We're just wasting time on this. Thank you."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Let me say Mr. Snyder, I agree with some of the things that you said, and from my understanding Ms. Hotard/Ms. Gaudet touched on it last time, and it was supposed to get clarification from the District Attorney (correct me if I'm wrong), once the budget is adopted is what I was told, that the Council can go back and amend it and move money around, that's what I was told. And Mr. Snyder is right on another part, the Council and Mr. Sorapuru, you had time to go in that budget to look and see what you wanted to do instead of directing Ms. Robottom to do that. That's your obligation as Council member, to look at the budget, and see what is available and what you can move around. That is your obligation, nothing of that was done. I can't support making her go do it, when you could have turned around and go look for it yourself. Go in the budget. Now, I can say at the time for the contract, it ain't about who own a contract who the business is, it was the amount and everybody agreed it was the amount of the contract, that what was the problem, it was the amount. I don't care if Olive Oil Blue turn Popeye on a contract. It was the amount, and we voted and I voted against the amount I'll do it again, I don't care who it is. But you had the obligation to go and look to see where we can move the money. Now Mr. Madere said it was negotiated, I don't know if that was negotiated with Ms. Robottom for the fourteen thousand (\$14,000) cuz from my understanding, when that price came a hundred forty (140) or whatever it was, Mr. Madere correct me, when it came Ms. Robottom I thought asked, what are being eliminated? Whether it's people, whether it's services, or whatever's going to be from the twenty-one (\$21,000) thousand or the fourteen thousand (\$14,000), what was being eliminated? I still haven't got that information yet of what going on, I didn't get the information from the meeting you might've had with Star Maintenance. I didn't receive nothing back from either vote or nothing. So I'm not going to vote on this because I don't have the information of the meeting that happened between you, I didn't get feedback I didn't get nothing on it, what was talked about. Another thing I said to Mr. Madere is, maybe the company can work on existing amount in the budget and at the 2020 Budget when becomes back to the Council, then you can negotiate you got new monies coming in. Whether it's high or low I don't know. We can look at it then and say okay, we'll do something for the 2020. But far as it is now, until I get information I can't vote that."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Just to a little bit there wasn't too much to discuss, I think the number came from Mr. Madere. But he may have talked to them or

somebody emailed it, well you brought it up at the meeting they may have emailed it to Robert. But when we asked for please explain you know if it was twenty-one (21) and now it's fourteen (14), are you eliminating something reducing something, we did not get a response. And in my meeting what I discussed was the budget amount, which is what we had. So this contract which was approved as legally sufficient, was approved with the full time (that was part of the RFP) and the amount of money available in the budget. And I gave them copies and I did not get a response."

Councilman Becnel stated, "Okay, so I'm confused. You see that was the most confusing day as a Councilman. That night there we voted they said it was right, it came back it was illegal. I'm confused, I'm like in a catch 22. Now the question is; we agreed to award the contract to them, did they ever have a meeting with you Ms. Robottom?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Becnel asked, "Okay and ya'll didn't negotiate the price the price down at all?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Because we have a budgeted amount, yeah they sent a number and what we asked for what are you reducing to get to that? So if your price was twenty-one (21), and now it's fourteen (14), are you still providing the same equal, or did you have to make some changes to your proposal to satisfy this lesser amount? We didn't get a response from that, so moving forward we and because the budget was never amended to reflect the higher amount, it's like we're negotiating based on the funds available. I do think and I know you guys had this discussion about the vote. The first vote is questionable, the second vote appeared to be valid, which was five (5)/four (4) to approve the contract and negotiate. So like I said I don't think the first one was, but the second appears to have been and that is the one we're acting off of, the one to negotiate a lower price."

Councilman Becnel stated, "Because I think what's confusing like Mr. Perrilloux said, it was all about the numbers in the beginning. And from a businessman point of view, they it's phrased at three hundred and twenty thousand dollars (\$320,000), that would be headline in the paper that this Council approved that. But based on what Mr. Madere said if it's like based on for the money for the rest of the year thirty-seven thousand (\$37,000), I don't really have a problem with it, but I'm still going to go back to that first vote we made. It's just confusing, it look like a lawsuit either way you go, cuz somebody could say it was the first vote counted the second one didn't then you come back, it was back and forth that night and a catch twenty-two. So I'm confused, alright. Thank you."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes that price of fourteen thousand six hundred (\$14,600) was not negotiated with me, I'm not authorizing to negotiate prices, that was done by Star Maintenance and I think Robert had communication with them through email. Now that price was sent to my email and I think it was sent to all the other Councilmen to, of that price that they came down to fourteen thousand (\$14,600). Okay and the conversation that I did have with them when I saw the price, was this the only change anything in the contract and the answer was 'no', services will remain the same. But they negotiated the price down to fourteen six (\$14,600) and that was not negotiated with me because I was not authorized by the Council to negotiate that price, it was done through Star Maintenance and Robert, and I think Robert is the one that maybe gave you that information."

Natalie Robottom stated, "I just think you on camera you confirmed it, you did something. You did a study or survey or something."

Councilman Madere stated, "Well I did my own study and said..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "That it came up to that..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "And I said on the study that I did and I said I talked to a couple of people, okay we/in this business alright, and they said for a building that size, anywhere between fourteen thousand (\$14,000), fifteen thousand (\$15,000) in that ball park. Okay, that's what I said every time I came back to this Council and talked about the price. Okay, nah that's I got that from other people and I also spoke to some of the other individuals who proposed the thing okay? And in fact, I'm not going to call the person name, but the price that they were somewhere around about fourteen (\$14,000), they say with that price right there, they might make seventeen hundred dollars (\$1700). So I'm just based upon that. Okay? Now, you know it's up to this Council..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "I just want to go back to that. And you're right, there could have been other people who told you that. But the people who are doing the job now are telling you (I guess they're still here),

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "They not telling me anything."

Natalie Robottom stated, "He was up here earlier. And said, I'm doing the job for the amount of money in your budget. So it's nice to say you check with this one you check, but the reality is, we have a firm that submitted a price, they have been up here repeatedly saying; I'm standing by my price. Their price was based on the work they did in this building before we came into it. They were working for the contractors who built it and they were cleaning it, so they knew this building. So they submitted a price based on their actions, I'm only saying they are here, you cannot discount them saying they can do this work. They been doing it since November, for the price we're providing they sent you information, I think they sent the paper information they gave ya'll their profit loss breakdown that shows what they can do, the amount of money they're making off of this existing contract for this amount of money, which was a 30% markup. And they're here today saying the number they submitted they can clean this building, and they are cleaning it and they stand by their price. Now I think the owners' here, if ya'll have some questions about..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Uh wait, wait, hold on, hold on, hold on..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "He was here. I don't know..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Well, well, hold on, hold on. First of all, let me just stop right there. Okay, he's running the meeting. Okay so if he want to give him a chance to speak I think he can handle that."

Councilman Malik stated, "Well we, yeah."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay I think he can handle that. So let's get that straight. Now let me just get a couple of other things straight. Okay, the guy that spoke, okay and I don't know why any council member or yourself, are confused with the vote, because the DA gave us all the written clarification of what happened that night. Okay it was some confusion at the first, but then she

clarified that the first motion was approved and legal, and also the second one that told you need to negotiate the price, was also a motion that was legal and approved. Okay, so there's no misunderstanding about the two (2) motions. So, and that was written in fact I should have brought it with me but it was sent to everyone, each council members and to administration, clarifying what happened that night...

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "Right."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay so there's no question about..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "And then I think ya'll had a training that showed ya'll it was wrong..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Let me finish. No, no, no. Okay, there was no misunderstanding as to what two (2) motions was legal, both was legal. Okay and that was clarified by them. So as far what anybody else is saying about what they can and cannot do, no one on this Council said they couldn't. Okay, this was about awarding a contract that the Council, a service contract. And that's what was awarded. Okay what we only should be dealing with, is negotiating the price and not was somebody else been doing or what they can do or what they say they can do for that price. Because the motion clearly state who the Council said at that meeting who they were going to award the contract to. And the second motion was for administration to negotiate the price down. Okay, and that's the only two (2) things that should be discussed and not about the quality of work that somebody else is doing, who have not been legally awarded the contract. That's what we should be talking about tonight, okay? It's trying to get this situation straightened up. So this is not about I could do it better than somebody else. That's off the table now. It's about the two (2) motions..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "I don't think it's better, it's about for the budgeted amount..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "I didn't say better, I said what it's about. Right, now I understand and I did go back and read the Charter, okay? And it is a spot in there transfer of money. Okay, you have the ability to transfer money, okay in the line item where the money is not being used, and it also state what I read today, that the Council can do the same thing."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Right."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay? So Mr. Sorapuru can go and find that money and the Council can do it like Mr. Snyder said. Okay and this under the Charter its AB, I think it's C. Okay?"

My name is Henry Wolfe, I worked 29 years for St. Charles Parish. The Council has the responsibility to award contracts. If the Parish President going to continue to do whatever she wants to do, then we don't need the Council. The Council passed the last amount the District Attorney got up and said, it passed! Period, it passed! We've been waiting since November last year, to have the Council to do something. All of the other times this lady has been running everything, since she do what she want, we're not going to cut anybody, in fact we're going to add staff. We're going to add people working for the first 30 days to make sure everything is alright. We're going to add, we have other companies and other people working, so we're going to add staff. That's a stupid question to ask us.

We know that they're going to try and do something to get us out in 30 days, so we're going to add staff. That's all I have to say."

Councilman Malik stated, "Thank you sir."

Natalie Robottom stated, "No, I couldn't do nothing."

Councilwoman Hotard Gaudet, "Thank you. I think you know Councilman Perrilloux brought up one of the items and we did say this two (2) weeks ago, about the proper way to amend the budget. And I believe I spoke directly to you Councilman Sorapuru, because the way that the motion is written; to direct the administration to locate the money. Well if they can't locate the money, or they say they can't locate the money, then you're back at square one and I said that two (2) weeks ago. The motion tonight whether it passes or fails, has zero affect. Just like two (2) weeks ago when I said, your motion would have zero affect. And I know that you know, 15 years ago we could not that we could, we didn't move money around that way but we know now and you've been through local public budget act that you have to amend the budget and that's what I said two (2) weeks ago. You have to introduce and ordinance to amend the budget, and we had questions about the legality of can we amend the budget after the budget has been dually adopted by the Council. I don't believe we've had the answer to that question. But even if we have the answer and we can amend the budget, you have to introduce a budget amendment. This item on the agenda as written, will have zero affect even if it's passed. Because all the administration has to say is; you directed us to find the money we can't find the money. And that's why I said two (2) weeks ago, I can't tell you how to do your job, but I said you need to introduce a budget amendment, and we do it all year long. So this has this is has no affect. The discussion about it has no affect. I think the only thing I got confused on (I'm sorry I stepped out to use the restroom and it's a twilight zone finding them back there) but, is I heard some conversations about a five (5) year contract or one (1) year, like to get through this year, and then renegotiate or something like that, I wasn't really clear about that. But I do know that this motion and this item on the agenda as written, has zero affect. It's not point. You have to introduce any budget amendment, you need to find out whether you can at this point or wait until the end of the year, whenever the budget is introduced, and I don't have that information in front of me. The only thing I do know is you can direct them to do something, but if they say I can't find it, then what are you going to say? Yeah you can, no you can't! No, the way to do it, and I agree, as the body that enters into contracts we say budget, then we need to properly amend the budget and we know the budget is set by an ordinance. The only way to amend an ordinance is through and ordinance. We should know that. You know and if we don't it's in our rules. So again, the question would be; 1) to maybe clear up what is the intent to go through the end of the year, I heard some questions about that, because it was the thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) additional, and then do something after this year. But again, you don't have it on the agenda the correct way as I stated two (2) weeks ago, that you needed to put forward an actual budget amendment and find out legally if you can do that after the budget has been adopted. If not, then the compromise might be to continue to perform the contract at the amount that is budgeted, and then amend your budget at the end of the year. But that would be something that Star Maintenance would have to say; okay we're willing to do that. And I don't know because I wasn't part of those negotiations. But...so I think that would be the question is; if they are able to do that until a budget amendment can be made, I'm not sure, and maybe a meeting with administration, with the individuals from Star Maintenance to hammer all this out? Because right, if the Council has selected them to enter into the contract with, that what's we need to do, and

then the motion was to negotiate that figure."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, *"Yes, I'd like to make a motion to withdraw..."*

Councilman Malik interrupting stated, *"We already have the motion on the floor."*

Councilman Madere stated, *"He want to withdraw his motion."*

Councilman Sorapuru stated, *"I want to withdraw the motion."*

Councilman Madere stated, *"And then I want to withdraw mine, second."*

Councilman Sorapuru stated, *"Motion to withdraw this motion."*

Councilman Malik stated, *"To withdraw your original motion, which was directed to the administration. So we have a, we're changing the motion here. So you want to withdraw your motion?"*

Councilman Sorapuru stated, *"Correct."*

Councilman Madere stated, *"I want to withdraw my second."*

Councilman Perrilloux stated, *"We need to move on."*

Councilman Malik stated, *"Yeah!"*

Henry Wolfe stated, *"We're willing to start at ten thousand (\$10,000), till the end of the year. We want to start May the 1st."*

Councilman Malik stated, *"Okay, thank you!"*

Walter Wells asked, *"Can I have a word sir?"*

Councilman Malik stated, *"We've already moved on with the agenda. I'm sorry."*

Councilwoman Hotard Gaudet asked, *"We moved on?"*

Councilman Malik stated, *"They withdrew the motion."*

Councilwoman Hotard Gaudet stated, *"Well I can offer a motion for discussion if you'd like. I just wanted to hear, I mean I'd like to get it some resolved at some point. So if I need a motion for discussion to figure out what is the, that would be a motion for discussion..."*

Councilman Malik interrupting asked, *"What's the proper way to bring this on the agenda to have a final resolution?"*

Councilwoman Hotard Gaudet asked, *"You're asking me?"*

Councilman Malik stated, *"No that's that, what I'm saying is I'm asking you is that what you're looking for? You're looking for what you have to do, discussion..."*

Councilwoman Hotard Gaudet interrupting stated, *"No sir, that's not what I'm looking for."*

Councilman Malik stated, "Ok."

Councilwoman Hotard Gaudet asked, "I'd like a motion for discussion to continue to discuss this item."

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard Gaudet moved and Councilwoman Remondet seconded the motion to continue discussion on Star Maintenance Janitorial Services, LLC.

Councilwoman Hotard Gaudet stated, "Thank you. The question I would have, I heard from the individual from Star Maintenance and my intention is so that we can resolve this item one way or another. Have a path forward or a plan on what's the next step. Is the next step to have these individuals meet with administration to get a number together or to figure out what the numbers are going to be tonight, because you can't even amend the budget if you don't even know what the number is, or if they're saying that they're going to work within the budget to the amount we have now, then that might be the way to resolve it. But to carry it over for two (2) more weeks, is not going anybody any good. So that's my intent to continue the dialogue because it seems like we just keep running around in circles every meeting. I'm dizzy. Ok! So if a...Mr. Wolfe, I heard a number and maybe this meeting can be held tomorrow. You know..."

Councilman Malik interrupting stated, "Cuz I don't think that a right now..."

Councilwoman Hotard Gaudet interrupting stated, "We can negotiate it

Councilman Malik interrupting stated, "Negotiating right now, I don't think this is...I don't think this is the proper way."

Councilwoman Hotard Gaudet stated, "I think I just wanted to demonstrate that there is a willingness of this party to fulfill the motion that the Council made. So Mr., the individuals from Star Maintenance, are you available to meet by the end of the week..."

Henry Wolfe interrupting stated, "We don't want to meet anymore. Not with this person. We will accept a thousand dollars a month till the end of the year. Nah you do what you want."

Councilman Malik asked, "A thousand dollars a month sir?"

Henry Wolfe stated, "Ten thousand (\$10,000) a month, we start May the 1st."

Councilman Malik stated, "Alright ladies and gentlemen, let's please maintain proper quorum. There is no motion that requires a vote. So where we left off at is Star Maintenance stating that they're willing to execute the contract for ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), beginning what was it, May I think he said. Which is May 1st, April is about 21 days or something like that. So..."

Councilwoman Hotard Gaudet stated, "But the motion that was approved by the Council originally was for Star Maintenance to negotiate with administration, so we can't accept a negotiation in this setting. That's why I asked if those folks from Star Maintenance could meet or it would be a requirement to meet with administration whether it's Rob, but it will be a requirement to meet, because that motion is to negotiate. We have some willingness on the parties of Star Maintenance to negotiate within the budget, but we can't sit here and make that negotiation."

Councilman Malik stated, "Yeah, So essentially what's going to happen is essentially what's going to happen is, I think Star Maintenance in good faith to continue on as offered ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) beginning May the 1st, to execute the contract. So, no it's not a motion for that. This is, no we're not making a motion. That's a statement, we are reiterating what Star Maintenance said to Parish Administration."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "I'd like to get a legal opinion on that."

Councilman Malik stated, "You know I think this has to be taken care of tomorrow, because we're going to joust all night on this. So anyway, we're moving on."

DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:

Larry Snyder - Discussion regarding possible Charter changes

Councilman Snyder stated, "What I'd like what I'd like and asked last week, is that the Chairman set up a date where we could meet and get the public involved and talk about this, and I'm requesting that we do that tonight..."

Councilman Malik interrupting stated, "I'm sorry to cut you off. Mr. Snyder, excuse me Mr. Sorapuru, if you can have a discussion can ya'll please go into an ante room? Mr. Snyder you have the floor sir."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I think we need to set-up a meeting, and it's up to the Chairman to determine when you want that meeting. So we can discuss this and get the public involved in it. Special meeting to look at this Charter, at least start our discussion on it. And I'm requesting that you'd maybe we come in early on the next meeting or the day before the next meeting or the day after the next meeting. Our meeting here, call a Special Meeting and let's discuss this and see what our thoughts are, and get the public you know like a public forum. I think I had asked that last week or the last meeting, but I don't know if you had a chance to look at it yet."

Councilman Malik stated, "There is a couple of things that were kind of left hanging from the past meeting, but we had a number of members of the Council that were either in dispose, mainly we had a number of people that were pretty sick. So it hasn't yet, it hasn't been..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "I was one of them."

Councilman Malik stated, "Yeah, yes sir."

Councilman Snyder stated, "But anyhow, we need to come together to discuss this. That would be our focus on that Charter, and we can have the public there but I'm just it's up to you when you to have a Special Meeting like this. It could be before one of our meetings here, or maybe an hour before one of our meetings or something like that that'll be fine, or just let the public come in at another time and we can discuss it."

Councilman Malik stated, "Yep, yes sir."

Lennix Madere - (Carry Over 03-26-19) Update on drainage District III

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Lennix Madere/Larry Snyder - (Carry Over 03-26-19) Update on Utilities, operational and safety issues at all Waste Water plants

Reed Alexander stated, "An updated list was provided to the Council on March 22nd."

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Rene Pastorek - (Tabled 03-26-19) Belle Terre Complete Streets Proposal

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to remove Rene Pastorek - Belle Terre Complete Streets Proposal from the TABLE. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

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Lennix Madere - (Carry Over 03-26-19) Update on sidewalk issues on W.5th Street - area going towards the River Road

Councilman Madere stated, "Well I see what Administration had and I'm very happy with that. Very happy with that that they're going to start that as soon as the weather permitting, that they're going to take care of those sidewalks. Okay and thank Mr. Verdell for also you know taking there of that for me to. Especially to Administration."

Thomas Malik/Butch Perrilloux - (Tabled 03-26-19) Discussion regarding occupancy of the Parish President's Office in the Percy Herbert Building

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to remove Thomas Malik/Butch Perrilloux - Discussion regarding occupancy of the Parish President's Office in the Percy Herbert Building from the TABLE. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Yes, thank you. At this time I'd like to remove that item from the agenda. I had a discussion with the Sheriff and so Ms. Hotard about a week and a half ago. So we're going to remove this item at this time. Thank you."

Councilman Perrilloux excused himself from the meeting at 9:25 PM.

Larry Snyder - (Carry Over 03-26-19) Update/status on home lifting and home repair in District VI (Riverlands and Cambridge Subdivision)

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Thank you Councilman Snyder. Yes we did have conversation about it on last week. The Parish was awarded a FEMA grant in the amount of \$2,448,600 for home elevations with a 75%/25% home-owner match. Mrs. Valentine and Scott Reddoch with Royal Engineering met with 18 of the 22 homeowners eligible for this grant to discuss the program and the ICC funding process. Two homeowners opted out of the program and two homeowners have been unresponsive. To date, none of the homeowners indicated they have the 25% match, but the Director of Planning and Zoning is in communications with CPRA about their possible assistance with the homeowners' match."

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Larry Snyder - (carry Over 03-26-19) Update on Reverse Osmosis testing at the

Reserve Water Plant

Reed Alexander stated, "The pilot program which includes installation of equipment on site at the Lion's plant is tentatively scheduled to begin the week of April 22nd."

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Larry Snyder - (Carry Over 03-26-19) Update on electrical supply lifting at the LaPlace Water Supply Station (Ruddock) Waste water tanks rehab project

Reed Alexander stated, "On March 8th, myself and the Parish Engineer conducted an onsite visit with representatives of C&S Consultants at the Wallace Wastewater Treatment Plant. The group reviewed the third set of preliminary plans submitted by the company and the Parish Engineer recommended a third round of changes. Since then, a fourth set of revisions to the preliminary plans has been submitted and approved. The project will move to final design and once approved will go out for bids."

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Larry Snyder - (Carry Over 03-26-19) Discussion regarding the Parish's focus on drainage ditches and sub-surface draining, in neighborhoods (besides the Main Canals)

"The Reserve Drainage Project-Phase II is in the final permitting stage and other HMGP projects have been approved for design, but not construction. Due to changes in the Parish's risk profile, lack of enough funding for all projects and approval of the West Shore Levee Project, a meeting was held with GOHSEP representatives to discuss possible alternatives to some of the HMGP projects approved in 2013. These alternatives address some of the older areas of the Parish and the maligned culverts, as well as pumping capacity inside the West Shore Levee alignment."

Larry Sorapuru/Kurt Becnel - Update on cleaning of the Parish storage yard located on Capt. G. Bourgeois

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Marvin Perrilloux/Lennix Madere/Larry Sorapuru - Discussion regarding the Library Board Appointments

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Larry Sorapuru - Willie Roberts - Update on cleaning of Dugas Canal in Edgard

Verdell Kendrick stated, "This canal was included in the permits obtained in July of 2018. It is not a dredging permit, only snagging of the canal on the other side of Hwy 3127. The canal on the river side of Hwy 3127 is deemed non-discernible."

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Larry Sorapuru - Update on Wastewater Tanks on Westbank

This item was previously discussed in Councilman Snyder's agenda item.

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Councilwoman Hotard Gaudet excused herself from the meeting at 10:54 PM.

Lennix Madere - Update on abandoned houses parish wide

Rene Pastorek stated, "Planning and Zoning regularly inspects and issues violations for hazardous and unsafe buildings Parish wide. A report on abandoned houses is attached for review.

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There was no executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Parish Buildings - Security

Any and all pending legal matters

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

19-12 An ordinance to ensure the Parish President provides the District Attorney's office, as legal advisor to the Parish Governing Authority, with appropriate documents and sufficient time to perform a comprehensive legal review and analysis of all proposed agreements and/or contracts for legal sufficiency before they are submitted to the Parish Council for discussion and consideration by the Parish President and administration, thereby prohibiting the placement of any agreement and/or contract on a Council Meeting agenda or Council Finance Committee Meeting agenda that is not deemed "legally sufficient" by the District Attorney's office, to read as follows: (M. Perrilloux)

19-13 An ordinance amending ordinance 19-07 relative to the annual operating budgets for St. John the Baptist Parish General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Enterprise Funds, and Capital Project Funds for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2019 (N. Robottom)

19-14 An ordinance amending ordinance 18-45 relative to the annual Operating budgets for St. John the Baptist Parish General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Enterprise Funds, and Capital Project Funds for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2018 (N. Robottom)

PRESIDENT REPORT:

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CORRESPONDENCE/COUNCIL BRIEFS:

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes, before we close out this meeting, I'd just like to make a motion that this Holy Thursday that we vote to give the employees that day off. You know before Easter, I know they're off that Good Friday, okay but you know I think Holy Thursday I think a lot of people have to-should be at home to."

Jackie Landeche stated, "So that would be Thursday, April 18th?"

Councilman Madere stated, "Right, Thursday, April 18th."

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Becnel seconded the motion to give the parish employees off on Thursday, April 18th, 2019 in observance of the Easter Holidays. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard Gaudet and Councilmen Perrilloux and Wright absent.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 11:20 PM, Councilwoman Remondet moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard Gaudet, Councilman Perrilloux and Wright absent.

/s/Thomas Malik
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
COUNCIL SECRETARY