

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH
TUESDAY, APRIL 12TH, 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 McToby Chambers, LaPlace, Louisiana on Tuesday, April 12, 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 Remonet, Councilwoman District II, Lennix Madere, Councilman District III, Michael Wright, Councilman District V, Marvin Perrilloux, Councilman District IV, Larry Snyder, Councilman District VI, Jaclyn Hotard, Councilwoman-at-Large, Div. B

ABSENT: Buddy Boe

Councilman Snyder led the Prayer. Councilman Wright led the Pledge.

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

MOTION: Councilman Madere and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to re-adjourn to the regular council meeting. The motion passed with Councilman Boe absent.

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

There were no comments from the public.

INTRODUCTION OF BUSINESSES:

Vince Lucia - Presentation - Vincent Rollo - LWCC Dividend's Presentation

Mr. Vincent Rollo and Gerri Presley presented the parish with two LWCC Dividend Checks, declaring its 13th dividend with the total amount of \$94,500,000.00. The Parish Council was presented a check in the amount of \$349,455.00 and the Office of Fire Services received a check in the amount of \$188,689.00. The parish was thanked for their business and putting their trust in LWCC.

Natalie Robottom - Proclamation - April as Fair Housing Month

Natalie Robottom read the proclamation for April as Fair Housing Month.

Trina Henderson stated, "As you all are aware, HUD has various programs under its umbrella. The Housing Authority of St. John the Baptist Parish has not only a low rent program, but we also have a Housing Choice Voucher Program, most know that program as the Section 8 Program. That program is one of those programs that HUD utilizes to further the fair housing, Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunities Mission. With that program, families are not just slighted for housing developments, they have an opportunity with this

program to utilize and choose housing throughout St. John the Baptist Parish. In assisting the Housing Authority, in furthering, the Office of Fair Housing, one of the things I'm going to ask for you all to consider, if you know of anyone who has rental property, I encourage them to partner with the Housing Authority so that we can increase the missions of the Office of Fair Housing. And also, as many of you all are aware, we're on that platform of redevelopment. It's a slow process but we're getting there, that's another one of the initiatives that Housing Authority of St. John the Baptist Parish is looking into, in increasing affordable housing for program participants and anyone of low income or moderate income, basically to have that most vital need shelter. So once again, thank you on behalf of the Housing Authority and I just ask everyone support in seeing us through our mission and making that everyone who is entitled to, which all of us are, housing wherever we choose to do so without discrimination. Thank you!"

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I'd like to say, thank you! I'm looking forward to this new project that we endeavor with the Housing, to make it like the one we visited in New Orleans, I'm looking forward to that happening in St. John Parish."

Trina Henderson stated, "So are we. Thank you!"

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Thank you."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you, I'm sorry I do have a comment and kind of along the lines of what Councilman Perrilloux said, I do want to say thank you. I know that when you stepped into this job, things weren't as smooth maybe as they are now and maybe we're still getting on the road to you know a smoother road but I know it was definitely a challenge. We were a troubled agency and I know it took a lot of hard work to actually get from there to where you are today. So I do applaud your efforts, I know a lot of times it doesn't get said, but I do appreciate it, you know we appreciate all that you had to do to bring the agency to where it is. Still knowing that there is a lot of work left to do, but you came from a long way behind, you know when you first came in."

Trina Henderson stated, "We still have our challenges. The trouble status and just to let you all know, it's a rocky road. We're back to trouble status for our PHA Program by 1 point and a lot that has to do with our redevelopment, taking those units offline because of the number of vacancies. But one of the things that we have developed over the years is a real close relationship with the local HUD Office. So every plight, every obstacle that we face you know, they're right along with us, as well as you are. So just know, last year I missed it by that 1 point, but just know that we are working to basically improve the agency over time. Thank you all."

Natalie Robottom - Proclamation - April 10th-16th as 911 Telecommunications Week

Natalie Robottom read the proclamation for April 10th - 16th as 911 Telecommunications Week.

Marvin Perrilloux/Natalie Robottom - Proclamation - Sydney Stewart - 10 year old author of "Beautiful, Wonderful, Marvelous Me"

Natalie Robottom read and presented the proclamation to Sydney Stewart - 10 year old author of "Beautiful, Wonderful, Marvelous Me".

CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to suspend the rules to add Councilwoman Hotard - Appointment of James Duhe, Jr. to the Animal Control Advisory Board. The motion passed with Councilman Perrilloux and Boe absent.

ITEMS: Approval of Minutes - March 22nd, 2016, Regular Meeting; Councilman Sorapuru - Re-appointment of Timothy Keller to the Recreational Advisory Board; Councilman Becnel - Appointment of Michelle Jenkins to the River Parish Tourist Commission.

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda items: Approval of Minutes - March 22nd, 2016, Regular Meeting; Councilman Sorapuru - Re-appointment of Timothy Keller to the Recreational Advisory Board; Councilman Becnel - Appointment of Michelle Jenkins to the River Parish Tourist Commission; Councilwoman Hotard - Appointment of James Duhe, Jr, to the Animal Control Advisory Board. The motion passed with Councilman Perrilloux and Boe absent.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES:

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

The above ordinance will be tabled over to the next agenda.

16-11 (Carry Over 3-22-16) An ordinance to declare certain immovable property as surplus, no longer used or needed for public purpose and to be sold (N. Robottom)

LaVerne Saulny stated, *"Thank you. The subject property is a 40" wide strip of undesignated land which fronts Spruce Street at Captain G. Bourgeois Street to the rear of 1205 LA Highway 628 in LaPlace, LA. It is no longer needed for a public purpose. Administration requests that it be declared as surplus and authorization granted to advertise the sale of said property."*

MOTION: Councilman Snyder moved and Councilwoman Remondet seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 16-11. The motion passed with Councilman Boe and Councilwoman Hotard absent.

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)

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes we have Mr. Jason Akers here to address the issue but also Mr. Hugh Martin as well. Several months ago we came before the council and requested that we go out for a refunding measure for I think the 2009 bonds, we anticipated a savings of about \$50,000.00 a year, we have a very good team and obviously a great buyers and it appears that we will be getting \$100,000.00 a year. So we encourage you all to move forward with the recommendation, we're very excited, we will continue to reach out and try and do this every opportunity we get because these savings are tax payer dollars that we utilized on other projects and you know although it's a bad time for some people, it's a good time for government and we're fortunate to be able to get these types of prices as well as; you know how we're managing our finances puts us in a better position, so Mr. Akers."

Jason Akers stated, "Thank you Mr. Chairman, Jason Akers with Foley & Judell along with Mr. Hugh Martin, we service bond counsel to the parish. Before I start I'd also like to recognize in the audience today, Shaun Toups who works with Dan B. Thompson at Government Consultants, who serves as your Financial Advisor and also Whitney Lared who works with Colby Cortez at Stifel Nicolaus who was originally retained as Underwriter and I say originally retained because I want to take just a minute to explain to you what's happened in the context of this transaction and then Mr. Snyder I'm going to answer a few questions you're going to ask before you're going to ask them, so if you would just give me a second I'm going to get to them. When you gave us permission to start moving forward, we actually, you authorized Stifel to serve as Underwriter with the respect to a transaction, they would go out on the public market and as happens sometimes from time to time, the interest rates and the market prices for general obligation bonds actually moved against the parish. And so by the time we got to the point where we were ready to sell, unfortunately the market didn't support a transaction that would give you a net present value benefit of at least 3%, which means that after you take all the future savings and you net present value them back to today's dollars you have to save at least 3% in total interest cost versus what you would have had. Unfortunately the market didn't support it, but the team pivoted at that point, your team consisting of government consultants and Stifel Nicolaus and our firm. We pivoted and we actually identified a bank purchaser to purchase and hold the bonds to maturity and that bank is J.P. Morgan Chase, which is one of the larger banks in the country and many of you are very familiar with. And J.P. Morgan has offered to purchase the bonds at a net rate of 2.10% through maturity and that final maturity is March 1 of 2029. That matches the original scheduled final maturity for the bonds. Because of that low interest rate which I'll admit and I'll speak for the team, kind of caught us by surprise when we finally got to talk in specifics. The savings as we discussed went from an initial savings of around \$50,000.00 a year to a savings of just slightly under \$100,000.00 a year, \$95 to about \$99,000.00 each year for the next 13 years, so it's a total savings of over \$1.2 Million and those are real tax dollar savings to the taxpayers. So we have made some changes to the Ordinance compared to the ones you've seen previously to provide for the private placement, the general matter remains the same, you're selling bonds that are going to take out higher

interest bearing bonds and you're going to put the new debt into place, just like when you refinance your house, you're not paying on 2 mortgages, you're only paying on 1 at this point. You're going to save money as a result and those savings that we quoted are after payment of any and all cost that are associated with the transaction. So that \$1.2 Million and it's almost a \$1,225,000.000 is net of any cost that have been incurred by the parish and connection of the refinancing. We did not extend the final maturity and we do not have to go back because of the savings, it don't have to go back to voters for approval of this. If you have any questions, if there is anything I didn't address I certainly want to address it for you."

MOTION: Councilman Snyder moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 16-13. The motion passed with Councilman Boe absent.

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)

Alexandra Carter stated, *"This ordinance permits the Parish to begin a new hearing procedure for code violations when sites are not willingly brought into compliance. As part of this procedure, a hearing will be scheduled and judgment issued to encourage resolution of open code violations. Administration worked with legal on this proposal and recommends approval."*

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilwoman Hotard seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 16-14. The motion passed with Councilman Boe absent.

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)

Alexandra Carter stated, *"This re-subdivision was unanimously approved by the Planning Commission on March 21, 2016. Administration recommends approval."*

MOTION: Councilman Becnel moved and Councilman Sorapuru seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 16-15. The motion passed with Councilman Boe absent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Snyder stated, *"I'd like to ask we accept the report of the insurance committed meeting held earlier."*

MOTION: Councilman Snyder moved and Councilwoman Hotard seconded the motion to accept the recommendations of the insurance committee meeting. The motion passed with 1 abstaining (Councilwoman Remondet) and 1 absent (Councilman Boe).

Councilwoman Hotard stated, *"At this time I would ask that the council accept the recommendations of the finance committee. We did have a lengthy finance*

agenda, I appreciate all of our patience on getting through that, but again I'd like to ask that the council accept the recommendation of the finance committee."

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to accept the recommendations of the finance committee meeting. The motion passed Councilman Boe absent.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

The above item was discussed at the Insurance Committee Meeting and may be removed from the agenda.

DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:

Myra Alexis-Valentine - Presentation - Scott Reddoch of Royal Engineers & Consultants, LLC - Hurricane Isaac CDBG Program

LaVerne Saulny stated, "A few council meetings ago I know you had requested administration to give you an update regarding CDBG Programs and so we have here tonight, Mr. Scott Reddoch who is a consultant with Royal Engineering who is going to give you an update. And also, before I bring him on I just want to bring to your attention a flyer that each of you have, which is a new initiative that the Grants Department has implemented primarily to answer whatever questions by one on one questions that any of your constituent's may have that are participants in the program and so I would ask the council members to encourage your participants who are part of this program to call the number that's listed on the flyer as well as another CDBG line, which is not on your flyer but I would like to give you this number: (504)417-6402 for appointments."

Scott Reddoch stated, "This is a quarterly update for the CDBG Housing Program. We're currently accessing St. John Parish with a very large disaster grant recovery program, we have continually made positive progress throughout the recovery process. This presentation is purpose in order to give the counsel and parish constituents a current status of each of the programs as well as expanding upon the task and the various life cycles and timeline of different things that are within the program. The program is divided into 4 housing programs currently they have: Homeowner Rehabilitation Program, Small Rental Rehab Program, Elevation Program and the Homebuyer Assistance Program. Each of these programs obviously serve as a specific need that was identified, the needs assessment that HUD and the state perform for us. The Homeowner Rehab Program is a grant for eligible homeowners to rehabilitate, reconstruct and elevate single family homes that sustained damages during Hurricane Isaac. The small Rental Rehabilitation Program is a forgivable deferred loan for eligible property owners to rehab, reconstruct and elevate small rental properties which are between one and four units. The Elevation only program is a grant for eligible homeowners to elevate their single family home if it's located within a flood zone. The Homebuyer Assistance Program is a forgivable soft second mortgage eligible homebuyers to assist in closing costs and purchase of a single family home within St. John Parish. A

slide show presentation of the Program Overview included: Current Housing Programs, Phase Descriptions, Implementation Schedule, Applicant Summary- Parish Wide (Current Phase) Parish Wide, Small Business Grants & Loans and the Applicant Summary was presented in each Council Member's District."

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

This plan proposal was approved by the Utility Board on Tuesday, April 5th and Planning and Zoning's review is complete. A meeting was held with all parties involved on March 23, 2016 and an agreement reached that plan comments needed to be addressed by the project engineer via amendments to the existing plans to ensure compliance with the International Building Code [IBC] and the safety of the proposed church. To date, South Central's plan comments remain unaddressed by the applicant.

Kurt Becnel - (Carry Over 3-22-16) Deshawne Edwards - E. 2nd Street Conditions

Councilman Becnel stated, "They responded to me saying that E. 2nd Street has been added to 2017 Road Improvement but, I had a conversation with him today and we still have some questions, now but, I want to just read what she said, I know ya'll have this in your packets."

Natalie Robottom asked, "Now this is the street that you brought last week right? Right? We have it we actually accessed it and it is a public road, it is on the list, it wasn't on our list originally but we are going to add it and it is a public road so it will be added to the list."

Councilman Becnel stated, "But my question was this; looking at the condition of the street, ma'am if you walk down that street you could break your ankle. So you mean to tell me if we got to wait till 2017, so my question to you is this; I just got on this Council, I don't know what the criteria is so I wrote it down. What is the determining factor or procedure you all have in place as far as determining what and when a street is asphalted?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Actually they used to never be asphalted. But over the last I guess since 2010, we've put together a list from the staff outside in the field and we also get recommendations from the council members. So we have roads on the list that council members who were before you and some who were there with you that have submitted to us and they may have been submitted prior to E. 2nd Street. So we completed the 2015 list but it's all based on money, we have a certain amount of dollars that we spend every year so we try to do as many roads as possible and we do try to prioritize based on their condition. So at the end of the year we were unable to do all the roads submitted so we've carried some over to 2016. Right now we have a list of 2017 roads already because the amount and the estimates that we are basing it on are already exceeding the amount of money that's budgeted for the road work. So we have had some discussion about doing a comprehensive road program which I think we need because right now it's helter skelter. We send people out and we think a road is bad, or council members recommend roads but there's not a true pattern, it's not really prioritized so we do it based on recommendations, clearly when one road is significantly worse than others, we try and take care of that first, some are more astatic but when we know about it we add it. Now I can tell you specifically I've ridden the Westbank, I

asked specifically for roads on the Westbank, we have several in Pleasure Bend, we've done several I think E. 6th Street was recently provided to us, as a list now again, you're the representative now but that was provided to us in 2015, so it's on the list to be done this year, E. 2nd was not. But once we got it last week we added it already. So for you all we ask you know you're in your districts, you ride every street so if you see there's a need please let us know, sometimes we get request and they're private roads. This road is a public road and so immediately we added it to the list, it's that simple. You have a road that you want done in your district, you give it to us, we'll access it, add it to the list. Now again, we're in the middle almost you know we've pretty much put together our list for 2016 and again, if we complete the list and we have money left, we're going to move on to the next roads. But we only include what we think we can afford to pay on this year's budget. But annually we put a budget in for asphaltting roads. And to be honest with you, over the last 5 years we've done 99 roads. So we were behind but we're catching up, that one has already been added."

Councilman Becnel stated, "Because I was just checking in my District for this year you'll only have 2 streets that ya'll going to do is E. 6th and Orange Loop in District I."

Natalie Robottom stated, "That was a request to, again some of those request came in before you were elected so, they were put on the list and weren't able to have been gotten to last year so we moved it this year but they will be done."

Councilman Becnel stated, "Ok so you're telling me like a few people then called me on the Westbank and some of their streets are in what I consider deplorable condition, so you're advising me to go ahead and just..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "Just give us a list, give them to us right. As you can see if you go back and look you can see all the roads that have previously been done in your district, so maybe this year there's only been 2 but there's been other years when there may have been 10."

Councilman Becnel stated, "You see it's confusing because some people tell me I just, like I said, because I just got elected and they say; Kurt how could they do 2 streets then bounce over and do 2?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "But please come sit with us if you know you are aware of some that maybe we haven't done. But they're all on line, every road by every area so you can go back and see what year they were done, if they were done but if you have some that you want us to look at, please get those to us and that is the process, this isn't necessary."

Councilman Becnel stated, "Okay...thank you."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes I got to say that this administration have done a real good job as far as preparing the roads. I had some issues 2014 and concerning some roads, cause 2014 we didn't get any in District III and last year we got a half of road, we got a half of a half, they did only E. 12th Street which was previously done the year before and by splitting that District that road, so basically I received a half of a half. Now I do know..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "Mr. Madere I'd be happy to sit with you but we've got millions of dollars of road, millions..."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Hold on Ms. Robottom, we are talking about E. 2nd Street. Mr. Perilloux we're talking about E. 2nd Street correct?"

Jeff Perilloux stated, "That's on the agenda, if there's a specific road that you need to talk about put it on the next agenda."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "We're talking about E. 2nd Street."

Counsel asked Council Members to only discuss E. 2nd Street, exactly what is on the agenda.

Lennix Madere - Statement - Employee/Council Issues

Councilman Madere stated, "As personnel issues are confidential and cannot be addressed in a public meetings, all questions about employees or employee issues should be addressed through the Parish President. As I put on that agenda, I said a statement..."

Jeff Perilloux stated, "Mr. Chairman, I just want to make sure that the council understands that you cannot talk about any specific individuals or personnel matters or specific positions that might lead one to know who you are actually talking about. So if you have general comments those are ok, but as far as any specific personnel comments, I would advise that those should not be discussed in an opening meeting."

Councilman Madere stated, "Right and I personally understand that. Ok, there's no names, just statement and the statement that I'm going to make, pertaining to situations that I have encountered as a Councilman on this Council. Okay, the first statement I want to make is; the council in general, individually we do not control this parish, but as a council as a group we are the controlling body of this parish. And my concern is from the very top to the bottom in the middle, that the council has to respect administration, administration has to respect the council, directors have to respect the administration, directors have to respect employees and employees have to respect directors. And all of us have to respect the general public, who is our top person in charge of us in each and every district. Okay, respect starts from the top, to the bottom to the middle to the very end. That's the statement I'm making, because I have seen some situations that have not been or honored the way it should be. Now as a councilman, I'm going to respect every individual who respects me, okay and that include citizens. I'm going to take a lot more because I'm in the public and I work for them. I'm going to take criticism on the phone, I'm going to take criticism out in the public because this is the job I decided and these are the people I want to represent. Do you have some misunderstanding with them? Sure, everyone. There's not a place in the world where you don't misunderstanding from the top to the bottom but I also understand that I have to do my very best to keep my composure and make sure everything is done right. And that's what I'm looking for, for St. John the Baptist Parish as a whole and employees, employees are also constituents of mine, they vote and they pay taxes, they have the right to communicate with anyone just like any citizen in the parish in my district have the right to call me and talk to me about any situation.

They have that right too and no one is going to take that right away, no one is going to say anything concerning that, that's their right, they are citizens, they are employees, they are my constituents, they voted for me, I represent them and I represent everyone in this parish and I have a problem if someone have a problem with that. That's the statement I'm making, respect from the top to the bottom to the middle to the citizens of St. John the Baptist Parish. And no one or any group or anyone can interfere with that. Thank you!"

Lennix Madere - Sewerage/Drainage concerns in District III

Councilman Madere stated, "Mr. Nunes I received an email from a lady and she said she emailed Public Works and first she emailed Mr. Verdell and she copied me, so it came through to me but never got to Verdell, she didn't have the right email but I went to spoke to them and she said emailed Public Works and she called in, On E. 17th Street which is the very best draining street in our parish in the back end because the guy keep it clean by the railroad track, they said they made a call months ago, I think in 206, the drive way 206 there's a blockage underneath there and they actually got out there themselves and tried to unblock it, they said they made several calls, people came out and said they were coming back and no one never came back to handle that situation, so I told her I had drainage on the agenda and I was going to give that address and information to you tonight, so you can go out there and check that. You know we can't give orders or directive you know, but we can suggest, you know what the suggestion is? You know what the suggestion is? Now concerning the drainage issue, I spoke to you a couple of weeks ago about having a meeting with the ones that's designing the phases of the drainage in our district I think it's Phase III Ms. Robottom?"

Brian Nunes stated, "Phase III."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yeah right. Remember I asked you, you were supposed to set me up to talk to that guy?"

Brian Nunes stated, "Yeah we didn't have that meeting."

Councilman Madere stated, "Right we didn't have the meeting. We were supposed to have that meeting, yeah. Okay because my concern is the same as it's always been concerning that project and I think I explained that to ya'll at one time before. We coming from the back to Sweet Lorraine with these big 46" pipes or something like that?"

Brian Nunes stated, "48"

Councilman Madere stated, "48" pipes, yeah between 46 and 48" pipes. And I was saying that you know in order to make that a successful project, that's why I wanted to meet with that guy because I was going to ask him point blank, putting those 46" pipes back there, is not really going to improve that drainage, okay it's not really going to improve that drainage. Because 46" pipes back there and think he said he have 8 or 12 railroad crossing pipes back there, in order for any drainage system to work, all areas must be open and clear for this water to get out. If there is any type of blockage and again, that's why I wanted to confront him with that information because he's not going to tell me that because he put the pipes there the water is

automatically going to get through. You have to make sure the railroad is clear. And the water to the front of the street by Hwy. 44 and the River Road they have a problem getting to the back already, so we haven't done anything to address that area how all the water to get back there to those 46" pipes, and that is the question I want to ask him. How does he plan on doing that or how do putting those 46" going to improve drainage to the front?"

Brian Nunes stated, "There's a couple of issues there; one the engineer cannot dictate that the railroad clean out there, their culverts, so he just gets it to the railroad now, if those things are blocked that's the railroad's responsibility. It can't be in the design."

Councilman Madere stated, "Ok but I ask him and he should make those comments when he presents that to us because when I asked at the meeting across the river, he was there and he said; oh the water can get through it. Well I told him and I said; you're assuming that it's open."

Brian Nunes stated, "Right, he said there's enough capacity under the railroad for it to flow."

Councilman Madere stated, "Right if it's open."

Brian Nunes stated, "Right!"

Councilman Madere stated, "Right if it's open. So that's what I mean when they make these comments to us about these projects, they should say; if or when this is over. That's a better understanding because I don't want people believing just because you put the 46" pipe everything is going to be dandy, it's going to be good. Ok and you never answered my question about to the front."

Brian Nunes stated, "Well the second part of that, if you waste all your money, I don't want to say waste, I don't want to say waste, if you spend all your money on the river road side to fix all of that, but then you have the same problems in the back of under sized culverts, then you just blocking it there."

Councilman Madere stated, "Right, you know what the solution of that is? Fix the whole street and that's what I've been saying, that's the solution to that. Because you fix the back, you got the problem to the front, you fix the problem to the front you got the problem to the back. So if you, so my thing is if we're going to make an improvement in drainage on four streets, then we should do what it takes to make sure that we fix it because if not, that's false advertisement. Not on your part, as far as advertising, we're trying to fix the drainage on those four streets, so I understood what you said but if I put it to the front got a problem in the back, I put it in the back got a problem in the front. I recognize that problem."

Brian Nunes stated, "Well if you remember what we did at Phase I, was a \$3 Million drainage project in Reserve and then we went in Phase II, that \$3 Million was a bond issue project and that counted as a match for Phase II, so that's how we got Phase II. Now Phase III is what we're talking about, which again is a bond project so once it's completed I think we should try and use that as a match again, then we can get a Phase IV which can..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Well in order for one to work you had to get Phase II, basically so in order for three to work you will need four."

Brian Nunes stated, "Number three is going to work but four is to complete the project that's what...once we start something let's go all the way and finish it."

Councilman Madere stated, "Right that's what I'm saying I said that from the beginning that you know if we going to do four streets do it all the way. Or even if you don't put pipes all the way, I mentioned that before and put the right size culverts by everybody driveway, then that will work. Then it'll work, then all the culverts are the same and in fact, Mr. Snyder was with me and I think Mr. Perrilloux might have been there, we had a meeting in the council office with Kirk the one who had the hundred year drainage project, you know he did a study, remember we had that meeting? And I asked him at that time, with the pipes that we have now, if we keep them clean, how much would that improve drainage? And at that time he told me that would be a 75% improvement if we can just keep them open. Okay but his whole thing was based on a hundred year storm. Bigger pipes under the railroad, bigger pipes and all that thing, so what I'm basically saying is that, if we at least can make sure that the front end of the street have the right size culverts, then that Phase III is going to work."

Brian Nunes stated, "I agree, the one thing he says about keeping it clean, the easiest way to keep a system clean is to just to enclose the whole thing. So I mean that's why we try to do it that way, close it off..."

Councilman Madere asked, "That's a motion?"

Brian Nunes stated, "Yeah, that's how you keep it clean, you close it up."

Councilman Madere stated, "Or the second best thing is to make sure you all have the right size pipe."

Brian Nunes stated, "Right, that's always."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay, so that's the thing I wanted to get across. I would like to still set that meeting up with them, ok!"

Brian Nunes stated, "I'll call them tomorrow."

Councilman Madere stated, "All right, thank you!"

Blake Fogleman stated, "Yes sir"

Councilman Madere stated, "Mr. Blake Fogleman, ok I think at the last meeting I told you about a pipe a sewer line covered by in Homewood when we had that big rain again it was standing straight up again and water pouring out of it."

Blake Fogleman stated, "Then we're missing on communication, we sent personnel at every rain to multiples that we heard and I got no reports back of any..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Well next time I'm going to have to put it on video, I'm a have to stand on top that pipe until they come."

Blake Fogleman stated, "Like I said, maybe let us meet off line and let me or you tell me and maybe we'll go together and I'll see exactly where it is."

Lennix Madere - Upkeep of Parish Properties and Safety Concerns

Once a more specific request for information is provided, a response can be drafted or a meeting schedule to discuss.

Larry Snyder - Street/Curb/Sidewalk Repair Parish wide

A complete list of identified repairs is being divided by districts for presentation to the Council. Work orders have been issued for in-house work, P.O.'s have been issued for contractor work, and estimates are being provided by the contractor for remaining work. The contractor is tentatively scheduled to begin work this week weather permitting.

Larry Snyder - DA's Opinion - New Position

The above item will be discussed at the Council Retreat on April 16-17, 2016.

Larry Snyder - Grass cutting on major canals - Responsible party

Public Works Department

Kurt Becnel - Audrey Mason - 124 Mason Lane - Property conditions

The conditions of the grounds in question are unacceptable. The Public Works Department is initiating clean-up measures around the property and will obtain quotes to install a privacy fence.

Larry Sorapuru - Catherine Schons - Home Elevation

Due to the confidential nature of applicants in this program, individual cases cannot be discussed at a public meeting. All program inquiries should be directed to Myra Alexis-Valentine at 985-652-9569 by the applicant.

Lennix Madere/Jaclyn Hotard - Progressive Waste Solutions

Progressive staff will be attending the meeting to address any concerns the council and administration may have.

NEW BUSINESS:

Natalie Robottom - Resolution - R16-17 - A Resolution adopting Highway 54 in Garyville, LA as a Bicycle Route from Highway 61 (Airline Highway) to the Kansas City Railroad

Natalie Robottom stated, "This resolution allows the Parish to apply for a DOTD permit to install signage along LA 54 and to have it designated as a Bicycle Route from Hwy 61 to the Kansas City Railroad. Administration

recommends approval."

MOTION: Councilwoman Remondet moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to approve Resolution R16-17. A resolution adopting Highway 54 in Garyville, LA as a Bicycle Route from Highway 61 (Airline Highway) to the Kansas City Railroad. The motion passed with Councilman Madere and Boe absent.

Jobe' Boucvalt - Authorization to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between St. John the Baptist Parish and New Wine Fellowship for Emergency Response Services

Jobe' Boucvalt stated, "Renewal of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishes the responsibilities of both parties for the use of the New Wine Facilities during Emergencies & Disasters. Having an MOU in place is recommended by GOSHEP & FEMA as a requirement for FEMA reimbursement. The agreement is for 4 years with an expiration date of May 31, 2020. Administration recommends approval."

MOTION: Councilman Snyder moved and Councilman Sorapuru seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between St. John the Baptist Parish and New Wine Fellowship for Emergency Response Services. The motion passed with Councilman Madere and Boe absent.

Buddy Boe - Resolution - R16-19 - A Resolution urging Congress to maintain the OCS Revenue Sharing Arrangements passed under the Gulf of Mexico Energy and Security Act of 2006

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

Alexandra Carter - Resolution - R16-20 - A Resolution requesting and authorizing the Department of Planning and Zoning and the Planning Commission to conduct a study of the text of Chapter 29. - Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions and Chapter 113. - Zoning, specifically those provisions related to adult uses with the intent of adequately regulating the location and hours of operation of adult use facilities; establishing interim regulations during the course of the study; and providing for related matters

Alexandra Carter stated, "Current regulations prohibit adult land uses. The proposed resolution initiates a study of the regulation of adult uses in Chapter 29 and establishes interim regulations. Administration recommends approval."

MOTION: Councilman Wright moved and Councilman Remondet seconded the motion to approve Resolution R16-20. A resolution requesting and authorizing the Department of Planning and Zoning and the Planning Commission to conduct a study of the text of Chapter 29. - Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions and Chapter 113. - Zoning, specifically those provisions related to adult uses with the intent of adequately regulating the location and hours of operation of adult use facilities; establishing interim regulations during the course of the study; and providing for related matters. The motion passed with Councilman Boe absent.

Alexandra Carter - Resolution - R16-21 - A Resolution requesting

and authorizing the Department of Planning and Zoning and the Planning Commission to conduct a study of the text of Chapter 113. - Zoning, specifically those provisions related nonconforming uses, with the intent of evaluating the expansion and alteration of existing nonconforming uses; establishing interim regulations during the course of the study; and providing for related matters

Alexandra Carter stated, "Existing regulations prohibit the expansion, alteration, and improvement of nonconforming uses parish-wide. These standards often result in spot-zoning throughout the community to accommodate nonconforming uses, which has the unintended consequence of permitting more intense land uses than appropriate. The proposed study takes a closer look at regulations related to nonconforming land uses and in the interim acknowledge existing single-family dwellings located within commercial districts as conforming. Administration recommends approval."

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to approve Resolution R16-21. A resolution requesting and authorizing to conduct a study of the text of Chapter 113. - Zoning, specifically those provisions related nonconforming uses, with the intent of evaluating the expansion and alteration of existing nonconforming uses; establishing interim regulations during the course of the study; and providing for related matters. The motion passed with Councilman Boe absent.

There was no executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

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

Water bill issues - 133 Beechgrove, Reserve, LA

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

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

Any and all pending legal matters

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

There were no ordinances at this time.

PRESIDENT REPORT:

Good Evening - Let me begin by thanking those of you who voted in the recent election for your support of the millage renewals for the Library and Health Unit. The renewals allow the Parish to continue funding these much needed services. We appreciate your confidence and look forward to continuing to provide these services for years to come. Thank you again. Team St. John

Saved the Day at the St. John Relay for Life event recently and sold pasta to benefit the American Cancer Society. Thanks to the committee for their efforts, the survivors and all residents who came and supported the event that we hope will be bigger and better next year. Congratulations to Laplace resident and Chef Natasha Clement on capturing first place and \$50,000 on the Food Network television show "All Star Academy." The dish taking her over the top in the finale was a Louisiana Favorite - shrimp and grits. Natasha has worked in the food industry for over 20 years and we applaud her for this outstanding accomplishment. Thank you to the River Parishes Chamber of Commerce for hosting the annual Parish President's Forum last week. The forum was interactive and informative. I enjoyed the opportunity to update our business leaders from the River Region about economic development, transportation, state tax changes and more. Congratulations to the Sings & Strings Committee and Garyville Timbermill Association for a successful festival on Sunday. The weather was perfect and all who attended seemed to enjoy themselves. On Monday, CASA hosted a Child Abuse Prevention Month Ceremony at Thomas F. Daley Memorial Park. The group was presented with a proclamation Designating April as Child Abuse Prevention month and pinwheels were planted by the CASA organization, volunteers and students from the St. John Head Start Center and Little Leaders Academy. Thanks to everyone who attended. Reminder - Anyone wishing to volunteer with the organization can contact CASA at (985)536-8384. Congratulations to Firefighter Travis Etie on receiving the American Legion 2nd District Firefighter of the Year Award. Travis will be presented with the award on Thursday, April 21st at 7:00 p.m. at the Southeast War Veterans Home in Reserve. He will move on to the state competition in the next few weeks. Congratulations Travis and we are very proud of you. Good luck to the Office of Fire Services as they compete in the Louisiana State Fireman's Association Competitive Drills Saturday in New Iberia. We know you will represent St. John well and bring home the first place trophy, three years in a row! The Health and Human Services Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program ends Friday, April 15, 2016. This year's tax preparation quota was 120 and 150 have already been prepared and reviewed by staff. As of today, 142 have been accepted by the IRS. Residents' meeting program criteria can still be assisted through Friday. Please call Health and Human Services for appointment at (985) 652-9569. Mark your calendar for our Annual Spring Clean Sweep and Parish wide Clean-Up Day scheduled to take place on Saturday, April 23. Participants will meet at Thomas F. Daley Memorial Park in LaPlace at 8:30 a.m. that day to pick up supplies and then dispatch throughout St. John to clean. Volunteers will meet back at the park at 11:30 a.m. for food and refreshments. Anyone interested in participating is asked to sign-up online at www.sjbparish.com or contact Baileigh at 652-9569. Household Hazardous Materials Collection Day will take place this Saturday, April 16, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. 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. St. John Theatre will hold auditions for their July production, The Wizard of Oz, Wednesday and Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the theatre in Reserve. Auditions are open to ages 6 and up. The Recreation and Health and Human Services Departments are advertising for lifeguards and summer workers for summer programs. Applications can be found on the parish website at: sjbparish.com, the Recreation Department at REGALA Gym, Westbank Council Office and the Health and Human Services Office in Reserve. Motorists should be reminded that the I-10 westbound off ramp to Belle Terre Blvd and

the Westbound on ramp to Belle Terre Blvd will be closed nightly from 8pm - 6am for overpass repair work. The closure is expected to be in place until June so please use detours if traveling through this area during the closure time. All first responders are aware of the closure and have made alternate arrangements for response. Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT :

At 10:15 PM, Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilman Boe absent.

/s/Marvin Perrilloux
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
Council Secretary