

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, APRIL 22nd, 2014
CHAIRMAN MARVIN PERRILLOUX
VICE CHAIR MICHAEL WRIGHT

The Council of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session in the Joel McTopy Chambers, LaPlace, Louisiana on Tuesday, April 22nd, 2014, at 6:30 PM.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ABSENT: Lucien Gauff

Councilwoman Hotard led the Prayer. Councilman Wright led the Pledge.

Legal Counsel Jeff Perilloux, Billy O'Regan and Carl Butler were present.

INTRODUCTION OF BUSINESSES

New Business - Wayne Vicknair - AMP printing

This item will be carried over to the next meeting.

New Business - Letha Haynes - Pelican Healthcare

Mrs. Letha Haynes was present and gave a brief presentation on her new business in LaPlace, Pelican Healthcare.

Natalie Robottom - Proclamation - May 1st - Day of Prayer

Natalie Robottom read the proclamation for May 1st - Day of Prayer.

Marvin Perrilloux - Presentation - Lisa Schilling - South Central Human Services Authority (SCLHSA)

This item will be carried over to the next council meeting.

Natalie Robottom - Acknowledgement - St. John Fire Department - Louisiana Firefighters Competitive Drills Challenge

The St. John Fire Department was recognized for winning the Louisiana Firefighters Competitive Drills Challenge. The council commended them on a job well done and encouraged them to keep up the good work.

Natalie Robottom - Proclamation - 9-1-1 Telecommunicator Appreciation Week

Natalie Robottom read the proclamation for 9-1-1 Telecommunicator

Appreciation Week.

Natalie Robottom - Proclamation - Mental Health Awareness Month

Natalie Robottom read the proclamation for Mental Health Awareness Month.

Consent Agenda

Items: Approval of Minutes - April 8th, 2014, Regular Meeting; Natalie Robottom - Re-appointment of Tammy Houston to the Civil Service Board by Southern University and A&M College System; Natalie Robottom - Re-appointment of Louise Liledahl to the Civil Service Board by the River Region Chamber of Commerce; Permit Approval - 1 mile/5k race - True Blue Run - Saturday, April 26th beginning at 8:15 AM - Hwy. 51 Park

MOTION: Councilman Smith moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of Approval of Minutes - April 8th, 2014, Regular Meeting; Natalie Robottom - Re-appointment of Tammy Houston to the Civil Service Board by Southern University and A&M College System; Natalie Robottom - Re-appointment of Louise Liledahl to the Civil Service Board by the River Region Chamber of Commerce; Permit Approval - 1 mile/5k race - True Blue Run - Saturday, April 26th beginning at 8:15 AM - Hwy. 51 Park. The motion passed with Councilwoman Millet and Councilman Gauff absent.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES:

14-07 (Public Hearing Held) (Tabled 04-08-14) An ordinance to amend Chapter 26 of the St. John the Baptist Parish Code of Ordinances as follows: By adding Article III. Graffiti Abatement. (L. Snyder)

MOTION: Councilman Snyder moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to remove Ordinance 14-07 from the table. The motion passed with Councilmen Madere, Gauff and Councilwoman Millet absent.

Angelic Sutherland stated, *"Administration recommends amending the ordinance to exclude signs that are legally permitted through the parish. For clarification, we are concerned that the property owner or victim may incur a penalty or fine if the graffiti is not removed from their property within a specified period of time. However, administration will enforce the ordinance as approved by the council."*

Jeff Perilloux, Legal Counsel, stated, *"We have actually worked on this ordinance with Mr. Snyder for several months now and after reviewing the ordinance with the administration and going over some concerns I am prepared to make the recommendation to have you all amend the ordinance as proposed because the amendment that I am going to recommend does not affect the substance of the ordinance it can be voted on tonight and if you all choose you can also vote tonight to actually approve the ordinance. The amendment that I am going to recommend is to amend Section 26-30, the eighth line after the words public purpose or and there in insert for any sign constructed pursuant to a lawful permit, or. You need to make a motion to amend to insert this."*

MOTION: Councilman Snyder moved and Councilman Wilson seconded the motion to amend Ordinance 14-07. The motion passed with Councilwoman

Millet and Councilmen Madere and Gauff absent.

MOTION: Councilman Snyder moved and Councilman Smith seconded the motion to approve amended Ordinance 14-07. The motion passed with Councilwoman Millet and Councilmen Madere and Gauff absent.

14-09 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance to amend Chapters 113 and 14 of the St. John the Baptist Parish Code of Ordinances as follows:
Temporary sign Ordinance (J. Hotard and L. Snyder)

Angelic Sutherland stated, *"Administration supports the proposed revisions to the temporary sign ordinance submitted by the Economic Development Committee and therefore recommends approval"*

Councilwoman Hotard stated, *"I would also like to thank Councilman Snyder we worked together on this and are actually looking at the entire sign ordinances just trying to make some changes that will benefit our small businesses and possible help them to increase advertisement and things like that during the seasonal times. So again thank you to Councilman Snyder and thank you to legal counsel and we will continue to look at this ordinance and make changes as necessary to help our small businesses or any business. So thank you."*

Councilman Snyder stated, *"I would like to thank Ms. Hotard and the EDC for coming up with this idea that they gave us to look at that to try to help improve some of the businesses during high times of sales during the summer and the holidays. So I think it was a good ordinance and thank you very much."*

Councilman Wilson asked, *"What does the change state?"*

Councilwoman Hotard stated, *"It is in the booklet but the fee would be reduced from \$90.00 to \$35.00 and it would extend the time from 14 days to 21 days."*

Angelic Sutherland stated, *"I just wanted to comment on what Ms. Hotard was saying about getting together for changes to the other sign ordinances if you once you guys make any proposed changes if you could submit those to me because we are actually performing a lot of changes to the sign ordinance as well as others through the resiliency grant with UNO which once we finalize that we were going to present it to the council but if you want to send your proposed changes so that we can include those as well."*

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 14-09. The motion passed with Councilman Gauff absent.

14-10 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance granting approval for a Family Re-subdivision as per St. John the Baptist Parish Ordinance dated February 8, 1982 of Lot 5 & Lot 6 of the Cambre Partition into Lots herein designated as Lots 5A-1, Lot 5A-2, Lot 5A-3 & Lot 5A-4 of the Cambre Partition, situated in Section 32, T-11-S, R-6-E, Reserve, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana (PZS-14-1082) (N. Robottom)

Angelic Sutherland stated, *"This family re-subdivision was unanimously"*

approved by the Planning Commission at the March 17th meeting and administration recommends approval."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Are these lots the same size? Do we know off hand? Are they all the same size and what is the size?"

Angelic Sutherland stated, "I'm not sure that information was actually sent the whole packet and the staff report was sent when it went to the planning commission and the council. I think there is a map of the property in the booklet along with the ordinance when it was introduced but I don't have the actual lot sizes."

Councilman Snyder asked, "If we are going to have a lot isn't there a stipulation that they have to be a certain size?"

Angelic Sutherland stated, "Yes there is depending on what zoning district you are in. When P&Z accepts those applications we make sure before we even send it to the commission that it meets those sizes if not it has to go to the ZBA for a variance all that was taken care of prior to going to the planning commission."

Councilman Snyder asked, "So we can assume that they are at least 65 x 100?"

Angelic Sutherland stated, "I believe that is the requirement for all of them."

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved and Councilman Smith seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 14-10. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard and Councilman Gauff absent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Snyder stated, "I would like to ask for a motion on my behalf to accept the recommendations of the finance committee."

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

DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:

Lennix Madere - Homer Joseph Center

Councilman Madere stated, "As you can see I moved away from my council seat because I am not coming to you as a councilman at this particular time. I am coming here as a citizen of District III. I am pretty sure that everyone is aware of the sort of conflict between myself and administration over the Homer Joseph Center and I believe speaking for the people in my district and throughout the parish I think I was put in a position to make decisions based on the needs of the people in my district and at the last meeting we were supposed to have a meeting with Mrs. Robottom in her office and we did. I saw that meeting as being counter-productive not being what I was looking for or not the solution I was looking for. So I decided to take this to the people in my District. The ones that watch the council meeting and those who knew nothing about it and I have I guess you can say a petition from the

people in my district that is asking this administration to fix the walls that I have complained about. Now I started yesterday about 2:30 PM as of today I have 145 signatures from District III and also surrounding districts. I didn't limit this to District III because I consider it to be a parish wide situation that everyone should be concerned about. I have 145 signatures and if I had started this a week ago I would have no doubt that I could have thousands of signatures asking and urging the administration to do what is right concerning not only my district but any other district that may have a similar situation. I am not asking them to repair anything that is fixed. I am asking them to repair something that needs to be repaired and I think the citizens have spoken loudly and clearly because I have spoken to 145 and I have 145 signatures and I think they speak loud and clear that they would like to see those walls repaired. I showed the pictures that the administration showed the other night and those are not the walls that I am talking about, the ones that were up on the TV screen. The walls that I am talking about I have my own pictures of those walls and I have close up pictures and there is a big difference from the walls that were on the TV screen. So after doing this I would say we have 145 signatures and I think the people that put me in office and the people who put this administration in office is saying that they want you to do your job. Thank you."

Carl Butler, Administrative Legal Counsel, stated, "I take Mr. Madere's statement as a political statement which was discussed before and I just want to reiterate for the record that it is the collective opinion of the District Attorney's office that the administration and management of the parish buildings lies souly with the executive branch of government and it is not a legislative function. We have talked to Mr. Madere about this and I think he understands that and again I appreciate your political statement here tonight but that statement has no bearing on what we believe is the legal question here and that is who has the authority to manage and administer the public buildings from day to day and it is our opinion that that ability and authority lies with the administration only."

Councilman Madere stated, "I understand about administration having the day to day operations of this building. I am not questioning who has the day to day ability to administer and govern this building but I do believe the voters have the soul power over everything even the ones who govern these buildings because just like myself I am here for four years I am not guaranteed six, seven or eight so in order for me to keep this seat I have to do what the governing body, which is the voters of the parish, ask me to do and this is the way you stay in the position that you want to be in by doing the will of the people and the will of the people in District III and the 145 signatures that I have are saying loud and clear what they want. There are no ifs, ands or buts about it this is what they are saying and if 145 are not enough I will get 545 or I will get 1,045 because the soul responsibility and the soul control of this governing body of this entire parish are the voters in the parish and they are the ones that control. We only listen and do their will. Thank you."

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "I would like to maybe get a recommendation from administration. I know Mr. Butler you are not a member of the administration but I mean are we just at an impasse here or are you guys going to repair the building? I would like to hear from the

administration what the recommendation is."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Basically we have made repairs to the building, we added all of the furniture the technology and everything is necessary for the functionality of that building. As I discussed with Mr. Madere funding is an issue for that department their employees are currently being funded by my department because there are not enough funds to run and pay for some of the employees currently in there. Our focus is trying to help our residents whether they are youth or adults access computers through Wi-Fi, printers, learning how to do resumes, interview skills, health nutrition and that is our focus. I feel very strongly that that is what is necessary or needed by that community. The building has been vacant for a number of years and even when it was opened it was rarely used. Our goal is to utilize this facility to help both the children in after school programs through the summer and adults to make them more employable and our focus is going to be on programing. The building is safe. It is structurally sound. We have invested significant amounts of money into that building and are very confident that for the purposes intended that the building is in I guess better shape than some of the facilities that our full time working employees are in. I am done."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes I heard the last comment too that we are done. We are not done. The voters are not done and the citizens and voters of District III are not done. I am not done until the voters who put me in office tell me I'm done and the 145 that I spoke to told me that we are not done. This is not an I situation it is a WE, we the people. We the people control government. The government doesn't control the people so no we are not done and we didn't ask to discuss the programs. I definitely support the program and I want the community to be involved in fact a young lady spoke to me today and said she would love to take part in the program and I told her to go to the building it will be opened today and I told her that we have some tremendous programs so it has never been a question as to how the program is. I am questioning where the program is being placed and like I said if it belongs to this parish then every single wall in there should be looking the same and I went in that building yesterday again and the previous council may have spent money on that building but never followed up to see how the work came out. I will follow up on anything that is done in my district from digging ditches to doing anything to make sure that it is done right that is why right now we are repairing the front of five streets that should have been handled right the first time around and wasn't. So my goal is to make sure that everything whether it is brand new or old is fixed up to the way it should be that is my determination, that is my goal and that is my promise to the people in my district. Now whoever don't like it or don't care about it that is your personal problem but my problem is taking care of this district that is the way I feel tonight, that is the way I am going to feel tomorrow and that is the way I am going to feel until I am out of this seat but I want to make sure that every single thing in my district is done right and I am not saying that it hasn't been done right but this is one time that we do not agree. We do not agree on this and I will say we are not done if it takes to 2016 and beyond if I am lucky to be here I will fight until every wall in that building is the same way and done the right way and that is my promise tonight and I won't be done until it takes shape and happens. Thank you."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Mr. Madere I agree with you we have looked at this and we visited that building and actually that building should have been repaired right the first time. There is an old saying do it right the first time and it won't come back to haunt you. It is haunting us now because we didn't do it right the first time because it was in a poor neighborhood and somebody thought that was good enough, that is not going to happen. We had people in that building for months to do the work on that building. Where was the supervision? Why didn't they see it wasn't being done right? That is what upsets me about this entire thing. We are going to be asked tonight to give away a piece of land for a million dollars for nothing but we can't fix that building with people in house. We have people in house that can do that work for under \$8,000.00 if that much. So Mr. Madere take care of your district and take care of your people and I am with you."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I would just like to say you know it is tough that we have come to this point where we can agree to disagree or we can't make concessions with each other to go forward. I think this is ridiculous that we are arguing over this. We know 5 months ago when I said it we should have taken care of it and we didn't. We are at this point we shouldn't be bucking heads like this we should be making concessions with each other and moving this parish forward and I am just ashamed to see that is where we are at right now and continuing. We have to change. I don't know how to move it forward Mr. Madere but I am supporting you we will see what happens in the near future and maybe we can do something differently."

Cheryl Millet - (Carry Over 3-25-14) Atmos gas hook-up

Councilwoman Millet asked that we carry this item over.

Ranney Wilson - (Carry Over 4-8-14) Discussion regarding the Charter

Councilman Wilson commented that he is going to carry this item over also and at the next meeting he will have some ordinances to introduce.

Jaclyn Hotard - Repairs to Carrollwood Drive - third request

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "This item we can combine with the parish wide streets. I just want to get a recommendation from administration on the repairs to Carrollwood Drive. You don't really have to read everything on the administrative report I read that but the question specifically is are we going to or is there any intention of the administration to repair Carrollwood Drive from Dominican to Greenwood. So it is really just a yes or no. I don't need all the paragraphs of information."

Brian Nunes stated, "Okay without reading everything that is in the report the simple answer on that one is from Dominican to Greenwood this year is not included in the program no."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Okay and I just want to make the statement that I have made this request since 2010. It is 2014. We have asked every year to put some funds aside to repair the road. We have black topped it three times probably in the near future it will need it again. It is maybe not in the worst shape right now but it is starting

to have some areas that are sinking because the base is bad. I know Mrs. Robottom was here as the CAO when we overlaid it for the 2nd or 3rd time it was done prior to she or I coming in here but I just wanted to get an official statement from the administration because the residents have been asking about it and I don't want to turn this into the Joseph Center you know the residents have asked for four years. I have asked for four years and the answer from the administration is you don't intend to do it so thank you."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "You know last year when we talked about Carrollwood and I asked along with Ms. Hotard to make sure that we put some money on the side and I was told by administration the bond issue project Cheryl, put it in your bond issue. Well we did that too and it isn't in the bond issue either so I don't know how we plan on taking care of the residents that live on Carrollwood because every attempt that we make to have this street taken care of, similar to the Homer Joseph Center, is rejected. The people of this parish have requested this be done. We are taking care of their needs. This is a very busy street we have school buses, we have 18 wheelers that come down this street. This is a heavily traveled road and before it becomes a problem we are trying to be proactive and fix it. What do you want me to do now stand on my head to get it done? I have done everything that you have asked me to do and yet it still will not be done. Why?"

Randy Vincent stated, "Astatically Carrollwood is in good shape. We realize that you guys have put it on the list but we try to prioritize that list. We have found nothing wrong with Carrollwood in terms of the ability or its functionality, the ability of vehicles to move up and down that road. Now we have had conversations with other council members about roads in everybody's district and what everybody sees as a priority. Now I will call on all of the council members to talk about their support for Carrollwood because we do not have it at the top of the list based on what we have evaluated with the assistance of our parish engineers. So if the rest of the council members can speak to their position on Carrollwood I think that would add to this conversation."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "Let me ask you something you know maybe Carrollwood does look okay today but we have a bond issue that just came through to include Carrollwood on it because in three or two more years when we have to go back to it when the pot holes are so bad where am I getting the money then? I am being proactive not reactive and it is time this parish starts being a little bit more proactive then reactive and maybe we wouldn't have the problems that we have with drainage if we were more proactive then reactive."

Randy Vincent stated, "Well I will speak to the road issues not to drainage at this time. The issue is as a matter of fact there is still money available in the bond issue for decisions to be made about what to be done with the bond money so again I think the council should weigh in, all council members should weigh in because all of you guys have a say in which roads are repaired. So let's get the direction from all of the council."

Councilman Wilson stated, "I think the administration shows where it is going but I want to remind everybody we own the budget. We own the dollars and we can move them as we see fit to move them that is the

only thing that we have working for us. We do own the budget and we can change it at every council meeting is we choose to."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you Mr. Vincent. I do appreciate your comments and again my item was just to get an answer from the administration on their intentions for Carrollwood Drive not to necessarily poll the council here tonight on the roads because we don't have the list in front of us with all of the correct estimates but just to give you a little bit of a historical perspective the road has actually been scraped up and asphalted three times in the last 12 years and it was actually done at least once that I know of prior to Natalie being the CAO and that was my first term. We overlaid it I believe the second time it was originally a concrete road and the reason why and this is from the engineers that we have to keep tearing it up and overlay it is just because they have problems with the base we are trying to join this asphalt road to a concrete road but eventually it is going to deteriorate again. So if we even overlaid it right now which I agree it is probably more of an aesthetic thing instead of the traveling on the road but given the fact that we will be overlaying it again when we do in the next year for the fourth time you could have just paid to do it right the first time and I think that kind of chimes into what Cheryl is talking about is we just keep throwing this good money after bad and it is not a good business practice. So I respect and appreciate what you are saying but it is really not applicable to this situation because the road again is constantly deteriorating to a point where we can't repair it, we are scraping it up and overlaying it again and maybe when they first did that 14 or 15 years ago they were limited with funds so what we said in 2010 is that okay we don't want to absorb the cost of doing it right in one hit let's budget. We did Ridgefield. We did Greenwood and phase III of that was to finish Dominican to Greenwood. So it is not just this one road out of the clear blue sky. There was a plan. At least at that time there was a plan it seems like we are lacking plans right now but that was the plan and then we also had Airline to Dominican we had to resurface that because we had just resurfaced it and then with the Wal-Mart extension that was falling apart. So in 2008 or 2009 we were able to get Wal-Mart to tribute to that portion but the plan was always to complete it while we did know again that it would take a bigger hit to the budget all at once it might have been \$80,000.00 or \$90,000.00 to put asphalt. It would have cost us \$400,000.00 or \$500,000.00 to go with the concrete and we knew that was the long term plan because again if we overlay it one more time we could have just done it with concrete. So again I appreciate your comments. I am not looking to poll the council tonight. My soul intention was to just find out what administrations intentions were and as Brian said there are no intentions at this time Carrollwood is not on the list and it is not a priority. So thank you I am done with this item."

Jaclyn Hotard - Cambridge Drive repairs - third request

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Brian did forward me a map of Cambridge and part of the reason why I have these items on here with third request is there seems to be some type of communication issue. I know on Carrollwood Drive I sent emails to president Robottom they were never responded to. I am not sure what is the best way at council meetings we are being told we could get the information prior to but I attempt to do that and I don't get it so I am kind of spinning my

wheels with just trying to get information from the administration and on this item I had sent an email and I believe I resent it to you from February or March on those items and I had not received any follow up. Going forward if it is possible when we do send a request once the work is completed if we just got an email to say hey this was taken care of or some type of follow up it doesn't need to be an agenda item and we don't need to talk about it at the council meeting. So if we can try to improve a little bit on the communication that would be great also."

Brian Nunes stated, "Definitely if it was a request from February I may have missed it I do apologize if that happened but I hope I did give you the information that you were looking for."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "You did thank you."

Jaclyn Hotard - Parish wide streets

This item was addressed earlier.

Lucien Gauff - Louisiana Technical College

Earl Man, Director of South Central Technical College, stated, "I have with me tonight Cindy Poskey the Campus Dean from the Reserve Campus and Michael Palamone a local business leader and a fund raiser for this project. I am going to talk briefly about Act 360 which is what this is all about tonight and Mrs. Poskey will tell you about specifically the project that is going to happen here in St. John the Baptist Parish and we will go from that point. During the 2013 Legislative Session there was an act passed called Act 360 that received a lot of information in the press, across the state there were 26 projects at 244 million dollars basically it is a bond issue to build community and technical colleges across the state. Originally this project there was one small project for St. John the Baptist Parish, through the work of our business community and Senator Gary Smith and our legislators in this area they went back and there were three projects added in the state and you can understand in a large state project how many people are fighting to get added in. Well these folks worked together and we got added to the project properly. As a result of that statewide there are a lot of people watching us right now and what we have been able to do. So right now we have 8.1 million dollars in bond money ready to build on site out of that 244 million statewide. There are a lot of projects going on with 26 projects but to have one in our community is a very important thing because we came very close to not having it and we thank those people that worked hard to pull this together and if we start to start specifically about our campus, our community and what we want to do in our community and the good in our community I am going to move to Mrs. Poskey and let her talk about that a little bit and we will all be available for questions for you as this thing goes through."

Cindy Poskey, Campus Dean, stated, "I will try to keep this brief what is happening in SJBP with this 8.6 million is a project that provides for a 50% expansion for our campus, to the facility and to the people of St. John Parish. This is truly quote/unquote economic development and workforce development. With this legislation comes a 12% match that is something that we can't get around in any way and we have been working towards this match. What I want to share with you this evening

was specifically what is going to happen to this campus here in REGALA Park. We handed out a packet and you can see a little bit of history on this campus what has happened in the last ten years as few as ten years ago we had about 250 students on that campus right now we have a foot traffic of about 1,000, 50% of those are from SJBP, of those we also provide the work ready youth was is known as the old GED program that is about 225 residents of SJBP where we look at them as a pipeline, a pipeline into the workforce. Also you will see in your packet to save you time the information on what we do with the secondary system here. We have been asked where is your partnership and where does that lie and I think you will see that in the packet as well. When you look at this plan right now on the left hand side is where we exist right now with the expansion we are going to have a welding complex, a technology advance center and that technology center for advancement this will be the small businesses training center which currently we house for you will move to that facility. We will also have our assessment center, a placement center and are pretty proud of that because people like to say they have career, no we put our people to work. We have close to 90% placement of our students who complete the program. The other thing is every program is going to be impacted by this expansion. Yes it will be a 9,000 square foot increase to our process technology there is no secret for the demand for that program, instrumentation, industrial maintenance it will increase its footprint by 50%, air conditioning and refrigeration, our nursing programs, our medical programs. I really invite you and encourage you to come to the facility until you see what I am talking about and where we are all nested right now and the expansion that is coming and the opportunity that it is going to bring in today's daily advocate paper it seems to be that there are a lot of these projects around the state and local government agencies just like yourself are investing in those campuses. In the local Lafayette paper it shared with the investment of St. Martin Parish and what they were doing with South Louisiana Community College, the same thing followed suit in St. Tammany, the same thing in Alexandria it is looked at as an investment and how we can broaden training and provide the training because the jobs are here, that is the beauty of this, it is not that the jobs aren't here they are here what we are trying to do is to prepare the workforce so they stay right here with these jobs. Ten of our graduates have a 10 million dollar impact, economic impact on your area that is pretty good and that is annual. So what we are producing we can brag. LSU can't say that. UNO can't say that but ours come out with high wages, highly skilled and increased quality of life. It is just going to turn around and go right back into your tax base so you can put it into your roads and centers. Because we have to come up with a 12% match we had to come up with a campaign fund raising committee and Mike Palamone former chair of the River Chamber of Commerce is the chair of that committee and I will let him just say a few words."

Mike Palamone stated, "This is a huge benefit for SJBP we are talking about major opportunity for the young students of the school systems of this parish to get training that will lead them towards a career in our major industries that surround this parish as well as the entire river region good career, good paying, great benefits and we have the industry support for this program. It started out with a 10% match. The legislative raised it to a 12% match. We have got close to if not \$450,000.00. The land donation that we are talking about here will put us over the top to get us into that first wave of bond for 2015 that is so important given the job opportunities that exist right now in the

River Parishes due to the expansions and the retirements that are going to be occurring in our facilities right now. So this is a win. Additionally the curb appeal that is going to occur once we complete this facility on Airline with a major sign here acknowledging the campus which was never done most of you will drive down there and say what is that, this will stand out and as we go forward and we build the building it will be on the corner (showing a picture) tell me that isn't beautiful for SJBP. Every high school and middle school student will benefit by this expansion. Mrs. Poskey has done an awesome job with creating what we call the big three which is processing tech, instrumentation and welding in the Louisiana Community Technical College system. There are programs that want to mirror what she does. We have it right here and it is totally supported by the business and industries and the facilities that are in this parish and St. James and St. Charles Parish. This is a win/win for SJBP. We have included in your package what we believe to be some of the benefits that directly affect SJBP. The River Region Chamber of Commerce is behind this. The business community is behind this and let me tell you the facilities and plants that are in this parish as well as the entire River Region are putting their money where their mouth is their mouth is the support and the match that is required to expand this facility."

Councilman Wilson stated, "I mention this to kids all the time and I know many of them who have gone through the school and have been successful in getting a job in the upper money bracket. I support it fully and this is bringing jobs for teachers also. We have been trying to get this property to you all since 1984 when I sat on this first council in 1984 and I am ready to give it up again. If it will save you time I will make a motion right now for the property."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "There is an ordinance on the agenda and it wasn't advertised that way so it would be unfair and inappropriate."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Do the companies around here offer scholarships?"

Earl Man stated, "Actually I knew this was going to come up but I was about to make the statement when I got the appropriate time. I believe in some of our conversations you had asked about scholarships and it really triggered some things with the colleges as a hold. This weekend we are doing a college wide fund raiser which is a bass fishing tournament it is the first time a technical college has ever done a fund raiser that is something that isn't normally done for technical colleges but we are doing it this weekend. We are going to actively being pursuing scholarships for the students of this area. What happens is when businesses move to the area they are willing to help out and if we go to them and actually organize it it is going to work."

Cindy Poskey stated, "Just to answer you Mr. Snyder Marathon gives \$15,000.00 every year for students and high school graduates that are residents of St. John Parish. Dow Chemical gives \$10,000.00 but only one of the scholarships they divide them into three, goes to St. John Parish. There are several companies in the area like NALCO that gives to the River Parishes education foundation committee and then they turn around and award scholarships for students that are residents of St. John. So we do have some companies that specifically award scholarships for residents of St. John Parish. There are many avenues for students

of St. John Parish to access scholarships probably the biggest thing is getting it to the campus."

Councilman Snyder stated, "My issue all along has been something along those lines and when we spoke before those were my issues. We are being asked to give up land that is close to a million dollars and I think it needs to be fair to the people of this parish. This is public money. Our land then our public schools should have benefit from it. That is a lot of money do you know how many people that could educate if we gave that money to our school system and give them scholarships to go back there or to go to another technical school and we could educate a lot of kids that can't afford to go to school. They have it here but they don't have it there but those scholarships you are offering are only for people that are going into production technology classes, people that are going into instrumentation classes or they put people that are going into Dow, Valero is there anything that you offer for medical classes or nursing aids?"

Cindy Poskey stated, "No sir they are putting their money where they have the jobs you are correct on that but when you say investment we have 700 students right now in St. John the Baptist Parish that get dual enrollment before they even graduate from high school. They are not paying anything for that and they are starting their credit. If we put a price tag on that we have some students that are walking out of high school right now with 12 to 15 credits that is a whole semester they haven't paid a dime yet but we are able to award them that credit. You are looking at anywhere from \$750.00 to \$1,200.00 a semester that they are saving because they had that jump start and we have been doing this since 2009 saving these students money to start to continue not to start they already started in high school but to continue their education that is like a scholarship, that is something that we have put in place. The other thing that is going to be of benefit to the students of St. John is the jump start program because those students are going to be able to get their diploma complete the whole program before they walk across that stage for high school and they will pay nothing for that. It is coming that is one thing that is going to be good about jump start but how are we going to handle that I don't know because we don't have the space. We are going to need more facilities we know that and we are going to have to do more things in the high school using their facilities. We have the smallest welding shop in the state of Louisiana I am ashamed to say but I say it because people need to know it. We have 15 booths sitting right here in the river region. We are becoming very engaged because the jobs are here they don't need to be trained to go anywhere else the jobs are here. It is almost like an invisible scholarship for the students to take advantage of in all fields. The new enrollment will apply to biomedical. It is all of the career technical education."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Can I come over there and speak with you about this because I need to understand this better because we were trying to get \$8,000.00 to fix a building over there and we can get it but we are asking now to give away close to a million dollars' worth of land so I need to get my head around this. Of course I want to see education grow in this parish. Of course I want to see the percentages grow we need that but I want to be sure that if we are using public money to do things like this that we can get some benefits from it for our children."

Mike Palamone stated, "That is what we are about."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I understand that but some can afford and some can't."

Mike Palamone stated, "We offered the last time we met we said anytime any of the council people want to come out to the campus Cindy will go through the entire thing and will show you where the grants coordinators are and how all of our students of this parish can access that. We welcome that visit from any council member as well as the parish president."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I would like to thank you for coming out and presenting us with this information I know the item on the agenda is only for a presentation purpose you guys will be back in two weeks when we can actually debate the donation of the property but I do want to applaud your efforts. I think it is really important that we do work together and that we do bridge the gap with connecting our kids with the jobs that are available in the area that they live. We seem to have a little gap there and when industry does look at our area they look at the type of skilled workforce in the area of the jobs that they need for their business so I definitely support the school and your efforts and I would like to thank you for keeping some of those things on the forefront about reaching out to our kids here in St. John Parish. So again I guess I will see you back in two weeks when we can fully debate it and give the public an opportunity to listen to the debate and the dialogue."

Councilman Madere stated, "I met with you all a couple of weeks ago and at that time I also expressed what Mr. Snyder had touched on with the scholarships for the kids and not necessarily the scholarships that you mentioned with the different plants that we have out here. I think I made that clear that I am looking for scholarships beyond those that kids can go into any field that they want at that technical school and I understand what you are saying with the high schools and the kids getting credits I definitely support that but the kid that has the credits still when he gets out of high school needs funding to continue that and that is what we are looking at. Even though they partnership with the school and they have so many credits it doesn't do them any good if they can't go forward with that if they don't have any money and I think you also spoke to me that you were going to start the fund raisers that would allow you to offer scholarships to us because at that time you said you can't give away state money and we can't give away public money. So if we give you this land and we are giving away public money even though I know it is going to benefit the public but we are looking for another positive way for it to benefit the public in terms of scholarships. We are expecting to receive about \$100,000.00 through your fund raisers so that the kids can choose any subject at that technical university and I think that is where we are at right now and I am going to attend that meeting with Mr. Snyder so that we can continue this conversation but I do understand the partnership with the schools but beyond that 12th grade year money is still needed to complete."

Councilman Wright stated, "I just want to thank you guys and I just want to share briefly what I shared with Mrs. Poskey when we met. This

isn't just an educational issue it is more of an economic development issue also. We are being asked to make an investment into our community and in turn imagine the type of industry that we are going to attract with this type of incentive. Once we bring that industry here if it was here ten years ago imagine the scholarships that would be available now just for St. John Parish residents. So look at it to as more of an economic development investment because we are constantly asking for more economic development on the West Bank and on the East Bank. So this is an issue for both education and economic development to boost our tax base."

Art Smith - Summer Recreation?

Debra Poche, Assistant Director of Recreation, stated, "Recreation programs planned for this summer are available to all residents. They include: Summer Camp, Swimming, the Ashley Kelly Swim Program, water aerobics, baseball, free play basketball, Zumba and activities for individuals with special needs. All programs are advertised in the newspaper, on the website, on the public access channels, and Facebook and are open to parish residents."

Art Smith - Abandoned houses in District I

Angelic Sutherland stated, "An updated work order list for each district is provided to council members at each council meeting that includes the status of all violations. However, since January, 2 demolition judgments were obtained in District 1; 2 properties were demolished and 2 are being demolished by their owners. The Parish demolished 1 property and 1 is being scheduled for demolition. Since 2012, 15 properties have been demolished in District 1."

Lennix Madere - Railroad culverts

Brian Nunes commented that this is an ongoing issue that is being addressed with the railroad. As updates become available, they will be provided to the council. Many of the council members asked to please be included in any meetings that might be happening.

Lennix Madere - Homewood drainage

Brian Nunes commented the recent street flooding was a result of a high intensity storm that passed through the area. Subsurface drainage systems are typically designed for a 10-year storm event. Using the DOTD Hydraulics Manual for Urban Drainage Design, the intensity for a 10-year storm with a 2 hour storm duration and a runoff coefficient, the storm intensity would be around 0.79 inches per hour. The recent storm resulted in a recorded rainfall of 1.88 inches over the 2 hour period and therefore an average of 0.94 inches per hour. The result is an overloaded drainage system. However, once the storm passed, the system was able to catch up and the water drained from the streets. Following high intensity storms, water is expected to drain properly within two hours after the rain has stopped. If it does not, then there is a problem with the system. Parish crews continuously monitor drainage throughout the parish during rain events to address issues with pumping stations. No problems were detected during the most recent storm.

Cheryl Millet - Bond Issue

This item was addressed above.

Cheryl Millet - Ridgefield Canal drainage

Councilwoman Millet asked that the Ridgefield canal be addressed as far as the cleaning of the canal before the hurricane season to allow better drainage flow to the area. Mr. Nunes commented that they are in the process of trying to clean out all of the canals and get them all flowing for the coming hurricane season.

Larry Snyder - Drainage - Madewood, West Frisco and North East Cambridge areas

Mr. Nunes commented on the drainage in this area just as he had said before they are trying to work on all of the canals in the areas and cleaning out of all of the culverts to find the problems before hurricane season to get everything flowing correctly and draining properly. A lengthy discussion ensued and Mr. Snyder just wanted to make sure that they were working on getting everything draining correctly in the areas.

Councilwoman Millet excused herself from the meeting at 9:05 PM.

Lennix Madere - Infiltration District III

Mr. Gerald Babin with PEC and Suncoast Underground were present at the council meeting and proceeded to answer Mr. Madere's concerns in District III. The work is still in the process and being handled on a daily basis. They are trying to do as much as they can in the time that they have and get this project finished to Mr. Madere's expectations. Mr. Madere commented that he is following this project very carefully and will call with any concerns or problems that he sees arising.

Councilwoman Hotard excused herself from the meeting at 9:15 PM.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ranney Wilson/Lennix Madere - Drainage and Drainage equipment

Councilman Wilson briefly commented on getting the drainage equipment for his area. The heavy rain fall recently was a sign that we need to get stuff into this area so that the water can start flowing to the canals and start working to repair that area.

NEW BUSINESS:

Marvin Perrilloux - Resolution - R14-16 - A resolution requesting the STATE OF LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE to rename Louisiana Highway 3179 in Reserve within St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana, to "Martin Luther King, Jr. Highway".

MOTION: Councilman Snyder moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Resolution R14-16 - A resolution requesting the STATE OF LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE to rename Louisiana Highway 3179 in Reserve within St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana, to "Martin Luther King,

Jr. Highway". **WHEREAS**, in an attempt to recognize the many contributions made by Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. and to honor his legacy as a courageous and patriotic leader, and voice for unity of Americans of all races and ethnic origins across the United States, including here in St. John the Baptist Parish, and **WHEREAS**, Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. is remembered as a person of integrity, honor, character and peace who was instrumental in the Civil Rights movement and whose life was dedicated to the cause of freedom; **NOW BE IT RESOLVED**, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council that it does hereby urge, implore and request the STATE OF LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE to rename Louisiana Highway 3179 in Reserve within St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana to "Martin Luther King, Jr. Highway". The motion passed with Councilwomen Hotard and Millet and Councilman Gauff absent.

Lucien Gauff - Resolution - R14-17 - A resolution approving the application for grant funds from the FHWA RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM FOR LOUISIANA (FRTPL), as established by CFDA 20.219

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Wilson seconded the motion to approve Resolution R14-17 - A resolution approving the application for grant funds from the FHWA RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM FOR LOUISIANA (FRTPL), as established by CFDA 20.219 **WHEREAS**, the US Federal Government provides funds to the State of Louisiana for grants to state, local and non-profit organizations to acquire, develop and/or maintain motorized and non-motorized trails; and, **WHEREAS**, the FRTPL has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the program within the state and setting up necessary procedures governing project application under the program; and, **WHEREAS**, said procedures require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of the application before the submission of said application **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the St. John the Baptist Parish Council does hereby: 1. Approve the filing of an application with FRTPL; and 2. Certify that the said applicant has or will have available prior to commencement of any work on the project included in this application, sufficient funds to build (including 20% local match), operate and maintain the project; and 3. Appoint the Parish President as authorized representative of the Parish of St. John the Baptist to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to application, letter of commitment agreement, amendments, payment requests and completion report, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project. The motion passed with Council members Gauff, Hotard and Millet absent.

There was no executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Lennix Madere - 205 E. 30th Street

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

Parish Buildings - Security

Abandoned Vehicles

Code Enforcement - Personnel matters

Water bill issues

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

St. John the Baptist Parish vs. Roussel Welding and Metal Works, Inc., et al. Case No. 64187 Div. B

Any and all pending legal matters

Councilwoman Hotard excused herself from the meeting at 9:30 PM.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

14-11 An ordinance authorizing the incurring of debt and issuance of Eighteen Million Dollars (\$18,000,000) of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2014, of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana; prescribing the form, terms and conditions of said Bonds; designating the date, denomination and place of payment of said Bonds; providing for the payment thereof in principal and interest; and providing for other matters in connection therewith (N. Robottom)

14-12 An ordinance granting approval for the Parish President to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement and an Intergovernmental Transfer, copies of which are attached hereto, transferring to THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, for the use and benefit of the LOUISIANA COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM, property belonging to this Parish described on EXHIBIT 2, which is determined to be not needed for public purposes. The economic benefit to the Parish is equal to or exceeds the appraised value of \$857,000.00 (N. Robottom)

14-13 An ordinance granting approval to Re-subdivide Lot 7D, Block 1-A, Reserve Industrial Park into lots herein designated as Lots 7D-1 & 7D-2, Block 1-A, Reserve Industrial Park, situated in Section 36, T-11-S, R-6-E, Reserve, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana (PZS-14-1083) (N. Robottom)

14-14 An ordinance granting approval to Re-subdivide a portion of Wego Plantation north of La Hwy. 3127 into Tracts 1, 2, 3 & 4, located in Sections 9-12 & 65-70, T-12-S, R-18-E, Southeastern Land District, West of the Mississippi River, Edgard, St. John the Baptist, Louisiana (PZS-14-1085) (N. Robottom)

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Natalie Robottom stated, *"Good evening - I hope everyone had a very nice Easter and enjoyed the beautiful weather this weekend. The Easter in the Park Celebrations were well attended at both locations with over 200 kids on the East Bank and 100 kids on the West Bank. Attendees were able to take photos with the Easter Bunny, participate in an Easter Egg Hunt and enjoy pizza and other refreshments with their*

family and friends. Thanks to all the Parish employees and volunteers who helped make this a great event. I want to commend the groups and residents who participated in our Clean Up weekend recently. DA Tom Daley, Judge Snowdy myself and numerous other community leaders led anti-littering efforts by picking up over 50 trash bags of litter along Airline Hwy during the Leaders Against Litter Golden Litter Grab Friday, April 11. St. John joined over 600 leaders across the state in this effort. Thanks to Greg "ZA" Maurin for spearheading this event. The following day, over 300 volunteers from government agencies, churches, schools, community and neighborhood organizations, council members and Parish employees covered the Parish picking up trash and other litter during our Annual Spring Clean Sweep. The groups later celebrated a great cleanup effort with music and refreshments at Hwy 51 Park. We are asking our residents to continue to help clean up neighborhoods and common areas throughout the community year round. A Fall Clean Sweep Event will be held on September 20, 2014 so mark your calendars now and register early on our website. RTC Reserve Telecommunications will be commemorating its new location with a Ribbon Cutting tomorrow, Wednesday, April 23, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at 105 RTC Drive in Reserve. Refreshments will be served. St. John Parish will host a 2014 Summer Youth Job Fair on Saturday, May 3 from 10 am to 1 pm at the St. John Parish Community Center, 2900 New Highway 51 in LaPlace. The Job Fair is open to all high school and college students 16-24 years of age that are enrolled in school and have a St. John Parish zip code. Businesses are invited to set up booths/tables for applications and interviews. For more information, please call 985-359-9954 or 504-818-8499. The Recreation Department is partnering with the 40th Judicial District Children & Youth Services Planning Board & Prevention Committee to host its 2nd annual free Fishing Camp this Saturday, April 26 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Bonnet Carre Spillway. Youth ages 8 to 15 are invited to attend - fishing poles and bait, as well as lunch and snacks will be provided. Volunteers are needed. To register or volunteer please contact Bernell Charles at 504-570-4885. The Recreation department is looking for certified lifeguards for its upcoming summer activities. Applications can be found on the parish website or at the Parks & Recreation Office. The St. John Parish Library Board will host an open house at the Central Library in LaPlace this weekend to celebrate the library's recent renovations. The Open House will take place Saturday, April 26 from 10 am to 12:00 noon at the Library, located at 2920 Highway 51. St. John Day at the Capitol will take place on Thursday, May 1. St. John Parish public and private school 8th grade students have been invited to attend. Students will meet with local legislators, tour the Capitol and eat lunch on the grounds' of the Governor's Mansion ending with a tour of the Mansion. We look forward to seeing you there. Any questions about this event can be directed to the Communications Department at 985-652-9569. River Parishes Hospital will hold a Senior Health Fair on Thursday, May 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the St. John Council on Aging Center located at 214 Regala Park Rd. Free health screenings and health information about blood sugar, blood pressure, and vision fall risk will be offered. Dr. Jose Cusco, an internal Medicine Physician will discuss Congestive Heart Failure. Lunch will be provided. For more information, call the Hospital at 985-653-1644. Free Cholesterol Screenings in recognition of National Hospital Week will also be offered by the Hospital on Monday, May 12 - Friday, May 16 from 8:00 am to 10:00 am. Anyone interested can visit the Hospital Screening Room located in the back entrance of the hospital at 500 Rue De Sante,

LaPlace. Early voting for the May 3 election is open through Saturday, April 26 (excluding Sunday) from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Registrar of Voters Offices located in the Percy Hebert Building and the West Bank Courthouse. In preparation for construction of the West Lac Des Allemands Shoreline Protection Project, commercial and recreational fishermen, boaters and other outdoor enthusiasts are asked to remove all lines, traps, nets and other fishing gear and equipment from the construction area and material transport lanes no later than Monday, April 28, 2014. Any items that remain after this date will be considered to be abandoned and will be removed and disposed of by the construction contractor. Intersection improvements will continue at Belle Terre Blvd. /Airline Hwy through Friday, April 25, 2014. Alternating lane closures, reduced speed limits and delays should be expected in this area until work is complete."

CORRESPONDENCE/COUNCIL BRIEFS

All of the council commented on the past events of the week and congratulated all the River Parish teams on jobs well done and wished everyone a wonderful week.

ADJOURNMENT :

At 9:48 PM, Councilman Wright moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilwomen Hotard and Millet and Councilman Gauff absent.

/s/Marvin Perrilloux
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
Council Secretary