

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, APRIL 23rd, 2019
CHAIRMAN THOMAS MALIK
VICE-CHAIR MARVIN PERRILLOUX

The Council of the Parish of St. John the Baptist Parish, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session in the St. John the Baptist Parish Government Complex Chambers, LaPlace, Louisiana on Tuesday, April 23rd, 2019, at 6:30 PM.

CALL TO ORDER:

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL: Larry Sorapuru, Jr., Councilman-at-Large, Div. A, Kurt Becnel, Councilman District I, Julia Remonet, Councilwoman District II, Lennix Madere, Councilman District III, Marvin Perrilloux, Councilman District IV, Larry Snyder, Councilman District VI, Thomas Malik, Councilman District VII

ABSENT: Jaclyn Hotard Gaudet, Michael Wright

Councilman Snyder led the Prayer. Councilman Perrilloux led the Pledge.

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

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilwoman Remonet seconded the motion to go back in to regular session. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard Gaudet, Councilman Snyder and Wright absent.

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

There was no public comment at this time.

INTRODUCTION OF BUSINESSES

Thomas Malik - Presentation - Rev. Rod Aguillard

Rev. Rod Aguillard stated, "Thank you Tom for having me, and for getting me on docket, and I have 5 minutes?"

Councilman Malik stated, "Yes sir."

Rev. Rod Aguillard stated, "Ok. Thank the Councilmen for their service to our Parish, I've been here 50 years. Appreciate your service, and Natalie appreciate your service as our Parish President. I'm presenting to the Council a 'Lynne's House', and I've put a book in there that I wrote right after my daughter's death. She took her life in 2008, and out of that tragedy a vision was born to one day have Lynne's Houses to minister distressed women, women coming out of prisons, coming off a drugs, coming out of a domestic violence, whatever. And so I have a letter there the book is a gift to you and I hope you can have time to read it. I'm Ron Aguillard, I used to Pastor Reserve Christian Church, I'm now the CEO of NRP (Network Related Pastors), I'm over about 40 churches, across United States. And a, about three (3) years ago the network that I'm over gave me a gift of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to start Lynne's Houses, which was my heart and so about 10 months ago, Lynne's House became a reality. I want Melanie and Gina to come stand by me. They're young ladies in Life House Church, church I used to Pastor and they're part of our team ministry into Lynne's House. It's Melanie Passman and Gina Fortino, and they're a vital part of what we're doing.

And so we started taking in distressed women about 10 months ago, we've taken in four (4) so far, two (2) have finished the program and have been rescued and recovered and they're doing well and so we're very excited about that. Lynne's House, I'm offering it as a service to the parish and eventually to the three (3) parishes to the River Parish area. I'm meeting with the DA of our parish May 2nd, and then I hope to meet with the other District Attorneys, cuz they deal a lot with domestic violence. And so we have a 10 month program, well it's a six (6) month program with a Twelve Step Study involved in it for recovery, celebrate recovery, you may be familiar with it. I have a team of four (4) ladies going into Lynne's House to minister counseling and minister our program is based on God's Word, so we minister God's Word to and they're part of that team effort and of course counseling. And also, we're also going to help the ladies find employment, our local church can do some part-time work, \$10.00 an hour till they can find full employment. In closing, I met with Sheriff Tregre this past week and he's adopted the program for the parish prison for the ladies, these two (2) ladies have been cleared to go in and offer Lynne's House to the ladies. And if you look in there, there's requirements for Lynne's House. Not everyone not every lady is going to want Lynne's House, cuz it's a faith based program, and a, but we're going to offer it to recover and so the Sheriff has adopted it for the ladies prison and we'll be ministering to them and hoping to receive one of them. He told he only had six (6) ladies in prison, I said we'll we go after the one we value the one, and so it doesn't matter how many. But a, this my heart this is my vision, I'm over a network of pastors but this is number one, for me is to help our ladies in the region to recover. And so that's, that's basically it. Any questions?"

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Yes Brother Rod, thank you for your service at Reserve Church. I know it's a lot of my family members went there and still there. So is this program that you're offering, you have a site where it say, I know you're going to come in to the prisons. Do you have a site located in the parish, a physical address they can come?"

Rev. Rod Aguillard stated, "I bought 4.6 acres, the Sheriff department said not to give the address."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Ok."

Rev. Rod Aguillard stated, "But I'll bring you there I'll be glad to bring you there."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Ok."

Rev. Rod Aguillard stated, "And we have a 4.6 acres, it's in a wooded area in Reserve, it's isolated, got one (1) four (4) bedroom trailer, we've totally renovated it and it's ready to take in five (5) ladies. We got another Lynne's House on the old FEMA Park, but we're moving into the parish now to get it moved to be placed on the property it can hold, it's totally renovated, they're beautifully done I'd live in them they're that nice. And so we'll be able to house seven (7) women and eventually I talked to Tom, I'd like to build a home on the property, I'd have to go through the parish improvement to do that and so we'd like to be able to house another seven (7) ladies, it'll be a total of 14 ladies. By that time I need a full time lady, these ladies I'll come in during the week to minister to them. And so we don't have a full time overseer yet, it's all faith based so I'm raising money from the churches I minister to, it's all faith based and so I'm raising funds for it soon as I go. We're paying the land off right now, I paid \$80,000 for it (I don't mind saying that). But I'm in the

process of paying, once I get that paid off then the home would come a focus point. But we're so excited about this for our parish and for our ladies that have nowhere to go and we hope to have a home for them."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I think I think it's a good program, like you said they got six (6) in prison if you could reach one in there, that one can go back and get maybe another one and so forth, then you get them all."

Rev. Rod Aguillard stated, "I believe in the value of one (1). God said love the world that he gave himself to everyone, but who shall believe in him? The one (1), I'm one and this is one this is one, and so the Lord is always after the one, and he got me!"

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Thank you so much."

Councilman Malik stated, "Thank you very much Reverend. Ladies, thank you for coming in tonight!"

Rev. Rod Aguillard stated, "Okay, thank you!"

Thomas Malik/Julia Remondet - Presentation - Brian Tusa, LDEQ - reports of odor in the Mt. Airy area - Noranda/APEX/MPLX

Councilman Malik stated, "Mr. Tusa. Thank you for being here, we started communicating with Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, October 2018? I think yeah, October. And of course working out schedules and then we had the holidays and that kind of thing. So I appreciate you being here sir. Please if you can give a brief history and what LDEQ response has been."

Good Evening. I'm Brian Tusa, I'm the Southeast Regional Manager for this area. So I'm going to give you an overview of our basically our activities regarding odors in the Mt. Airy area to date. So around March of 2018 is when we started getting consistent odor complaints. As all complaints we investigate every complaint. So our inspectors would go out and try and see if they can identify any types of sources of any odors. As part of those investigations, they did identify one of the nearby facilities that was doing some tank cleaning operations, basically had some tanks open, we addressed those issues with the facility, and complaints continued to come in as they have been, we continued to investigate. Around November actually December, we had a really large spike in complaints. So, we once again we went and looked at and visited three (3) of the neighboring facilities right there in that area. We also requested that we get our Mobile Air Monitoring Lab down here. So they came down and sent the MAML (we call it a MAML) Mobile Air Monitoring Lab. The MAML came down and did some air monitoring January 8th thru the 10th. We still continue to see some complaints, wasn't a whole lot till recently, I believe a couple of weeks ago, April 15th we had another spike of complaints. Once again we visited the facilities, couple of facilities in the nearby area to check as we do with all of them, we check with facilities find out what activities were taking place, and if anything could give rise to those. Through these inspections we did find that in one of the facilities we did find some issues that may give rise to some odors, some spillage and stuff like that that we are in the process of you know communicating with our Enforcement Division, that'll be sent to them to handle. We have sent our inspector to check on progress and have noticed that they have started to take some actions to clean that cleanup, some of the areas that were noted. With the most recent spike and complaints, the two (2) facilities, both facilities were doing some transfer type operations, both of these facilities obviously they

handle a lot of the lower end crude end products, which are commonly your more odorless products. So it's hard to contain the odors but as our inspectors do, we go out there and we make sure that anything within our regulatory authority we'll try and make sure that they're operating in compliance with regulations and permits to minimize these odors as much as possible. So, that's to in a nut shell, that's pretty much what we've been doing. Now we have expended a lot of time and resource since March with these efforts to try and help identify these sources."

Councilman Malik stated, "Quick question for you. So the initial complaints, is LDEQ fairly certain that you've identified the cause of those odors that began? I think you said in June?"

Brian Tusa stated, "March."

Councilman Malik stated, "March."

Brian Tusa stated, "March is when we started getting them. And we didn't get the real uptake you know uptick until it was November, actually December is when we really got a large volume of them. To say we've identified the source, it is yeah I think the source is probably a combination of the industries in that area. We did identify some potential issues within one of those facilities that may contribute to you know some of the odors."

Councilman Malik asked, "Can you clarify potential?"

Brian Tusa asked, "Potential?"

Councilman Malik stated, "Yes sir."

Brian Tusa stated, "As in potential odors."

Councilman Malik stated, "Yes. Well you said there were some potential problems at one of the [CROSSTALK]."

Brian Tusa stated, "Well yeah, basically our inspector went in..."

Councilman Malik interrupting asked, "Are you talking about leaks, spills, oh okay."

Brian Tusa stated, "Yeah they had some leaks and some spills of some of the products from their lines, so obviously if it's not being contained in the lines and it gets out, you're going to smell more odors."

Councilman Malik stated, "Ok."

Brian Tusa stated, "Yeah, so we did identify some of that, and that's some of the issues that the facility is currently working on and that will be addressed with our Enforcement Division."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "Yes Brian thank you for coming out tonight. Are there any concerns of the smell or is that considered hazardous other than offensive to those that are sensitive to odors? I mean is it a dangerous smell we're getting from that or?"

Brian Tusa stated, "We haven't gotten any readings or anything that are or in

near any type of health standard levels. The materials that's involved you know these, they're dealing with asphalt and the #6 fuel oil, vacuumed gas oils, the carbon black oil it's all the low end not as volatile type materials and they just very smelly."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "I know one of the sites they had a/they were cleaning these old tanks, that it was open and I thought a lot of it was coming from that area as well."

Brian Tusa stated, "Yes at that time we did notice with that tank being open, obviously it was allowing more of these odors to be released to atmosphere, and we have since been in contact and notified been working with that facility, and they have been notified if that they intend to do any future tank cleaning, they are to notify our department to take appropriate action."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "Okay, appreciate the update. I know we been working closely with Travis Perrilloux with the EOC, and Cain Dufrene, the Fire Chief, we've made several and DEQs been out there when we go there, so we appreciate your help."

Brian Tusa stated, "Yeah we'll continue, if you'll need us you know how to reach us and we will continue to investigate all complaints that we get."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "Ok, okay thank you."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes, since he identify where the odor's coming from, is there any fines or anything that we level against these individual companies? Cuz one thing that concerned me was you say they had some pipes or something that was leaking?"

Brian Tusa stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Madere stated, "Now they had to be aware of that, okay and cuz every plant have maintenance crew and everything that go around and check things like that, so they had to be aware of that situation. So I just want to know if there's any plans as far as fines, or schedule that they going to go back and check? Because even though you say the odor may not be health/a hazard to health, just the fact that you have an odor in your house or you know it's very annoying you know."

Brian Tusa stated, "Yes, I mean absolutely. If we can, every time we go out and if we can identify any possible source that may be contributing to the odors, anything within our authority, we're going to try and enforce it to get the facilities to operate in the matter that they're supposed to. As far as the fines, the way our process works is; we gather the facts, we put together the reports that gets sent to our Enforcement Division, which at that point they'll look at the violations and then issue some type of enforcement action act to the facility to determine what actions need to be taken to correct it."

Councilman Madere stated, "I guess I was about ready to say some type of action you know be given to them. You know cuz I know I have a similar problem down in my District with Denka, and DEQ you know is trying to get the emission down you know to a safe level. You know so similar type plans is going to be used there? I mean a study to find out what is they can do to reduce."

Brian Tusa stated, "Our Enforcement Division is going to look at their permit and

the regulations, and anything that they need to do to comply with that. The Denka Facility is a little bit different, it's not the same type of facility and that also has to do with some EPA standards and stuff that we're working with the department on."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay, alright thank you."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Yes, thanks for coming down and when you get a call, when you get a call, you send people out do ya'll cross the river on the West Bank anytime or what's the circumference that you actually sample when you come out? Cuz we had a number of calls from the West Bank on odors."

Brian Tusa stated, "Yeah, if we get a call from the residents, we will typically go to those residential areas. Obviously unfortunately with the odors, a lot of times they're not there by the time we get out there. But we will take that time that those are, we still go and try and see if we can happen to identify it in those areas. We'll basically contact the facilities and at least inquire what activities were going on. Like I said when they just had the uptake in compliance on the 15th of this month, we checked with eh facilities and at the time both facilities were transferring some product, I think one of them was actually heating up some asphalt, which obviously could potentially cause a few more odors you know but yes, to answer your question, we do go to those residential areas where the complaints call from."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Well not particularly where they call from, you get a call from Mt. Airy, the winds blowing south it's going to come to the West Bank, and that's what I meant."

Brian Tusa stated, "Yes, yes."

Councilman Sorapuru asked, "Now do they have personnel that go out to the communities and testing themselves, when you get there are they/do they have their people on the grounds searching and looking and instead of having just Mr. Perrilloux out there by himself?"

Brian Tusa stated, "I'm not sure what the Parish facilities, I don't know if ya'll have someone to that responds, but typically they'll I mean one of the facilities says they actually have odor patrols and they'll wind up transferring..."

Councilman Sorapuru interrupting stated, "And that's one of my questions."

Brian Tusa stated, "And they'll kind of document, yeah at the time we were monitoring for odors we didn't detect anything, and we will typically go out with certain air instruments when our inspectors go out just to take readings. And we have been there when we have noticed odors and we get readings and we haven't had anything substantial at all."

Councilman Sorapuru asked, "Okay, do they have any type of alarm system set up where if there's something an odor out that they can pick-up, some sensors set-up to pick up the odor? Is there anything set up?"

Brian Tusa stated, "They do not have the stationary air sensory station or anything like that in that area no."

Councilman Sorapuru asked, "And that's they're using the heating system on those

tanks, they're heating up the oil?"

Brian Tusa stated, "Its part of the when they have to transfer it, you know they need to heat it, especially that asphalt it's just real thick, so they'll heat it to give it a lil more fluid so it's easier to transfer."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Okay, alright thank you."

Councilman Malik asked, "Real quick question. Is anybody from MPLX or APEX in the audience tonight? We sent invites out. No, okay. Yeah, I think in all fairness that would've been one of the questions for them. I know that some of these facilities have had do have third party air monitoring teams that they're paying for. So, but anyway, thank you."

Councilman Snyder stated, "You said there was tank open I heard Ms. Remondet, and you said there was a tank open that's where some of the odors was coming from?"

Brian Tusa stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Snyder stated, "There was some maintenance being done on that tank you said."

Brian Tusa stated, "Yeah they were cleaning the tank. And so part of the process what they would do they would cut out a very large section of the tank to get access to it."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Right."

Brian Tusa stated, "Basically we've had requested that in the future they need to get permission from us before they do that."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay. So do they have to show you procedures and things when you go over there to find out exactly how they're taking care of not polluting the atmosphere? I'm not quite sure I see these a tank being opened to the air like that, it just don't make it just don't sound right to me. It seems like it should have been cleaned up a little bit before that even happened."

Brian Tusa stated, "Right."

Councilman Snyder stated, "If they had to cut it open."

Brian Tusa stated, "But I mean I think these tanks, I'm not exactly sure their total procedure with the whole Industry as far as other options or whatnot but, when they go in to clean these tanks I guess they have to get access into it to really if it's a cleaning that they're going to need that room to do it. That's when we noticed the odors, and that's when we've since said we don't believe this is allowable with the way your permit's written now, so in the future if you plan to do any tank cleaning you need to notify us."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay so this is just an arbitrary question. If they notify you then what will you be able to do?"

Brian Tusa stated, "Well they would have to request a variance to that permit, or get a permit modification. So that would have go through our permits division and they would have to get approval."

Councilman Snyder asked, "So how would that help the people in Mt. Airy and Garyville with the odors and stuff like that, just getting approval?"

Brian Tusa stated, "Well if the approval's denied then they wouldn't be able to do it."

Councilman Snyder stated, "So, the chicken came first or the egg? You know because it's a, it's a lil strange that a tank could be open with oil in it or gasoline, cuz they do have gasoline up there also, am I right?"

Brian Tusa stated, "No, I'm sure the tank was pumped down it wasn't..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "Well I can understand that."

Brian Tusa stated, "They don't open it when there's product in it."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well if there's residuals in there it will come out, and it will have some residuals in there for sure. That's why I was this what prompted my attention to, if they open up a tank and didn't clean it out just pumped it down, you will always have odors. You will always have odors."

Brian Tusa stated, "I agree."

Councilman Snyder stated, "And until something happen with the procedures the way they cleaning that tank up, then we're always going to have problems in Mt. Airy and Garyville and the West Bank."

Brian Tusa stated, "Right!"

Councilman Snyder stated, "Thank you."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "Yes, again I want to thank Brian for coming. But some of these questions I think Travis could help us with, he's been doing the detailed work for DEQ and getting them out here and he'll have some more answers for us to help Brian on that. Cuz he's the first one on the ground handling that and calling DEQ and I know you've worked very, very well together and a I know Travis has spent a lot of time out by those industries. So I'd like to just give him a few minutes to let you know that we are working on our end, to do our part to work with DEQ. And as I said, we truly appreciate your help."

Brian Tusa stated, "Absolutely. Thank you."

Travis Perrilloux stated, "If I could just touch on that a second. And we are proactive with them and when they, as I can attest to what he stated. When his inspectors come out they're right there with us, typically when a call comes in it comes in through some of our residents in the Mt. Airy/Garyville area, they are proactive, I've been out there with them when they're air sampling and metering and riding through the neighborhoods, and again, it's like it feels like soon as we get out there, it's dissipated. Whatever it was, and sometimes we catch it, sometimes it has residuals that's still staggering in some of those areas but, this is something that we've been working on for, for well over a year now, seems like it's always something that comes out on a Saturday morning, or something that's in a time that which you wouldn't expect it 3 to 4 o'clock in the morning. But we are proactive on it and we're making sure that anything that's out in that area that would possibly affect the residents, we are proactive and I'm making sure that it's nothing hazardous that's coming out to

them."

Councilman Malik stated, "Yeah and I think and that's a very good point you make. I think there's two (2) different things, there's hazardous and then there's nauseous odors. And I think that's the start of the whole problem here, it's been going on for a long time, there's a lot of odors that's contaminating the a/a lot of the residents, and at times they've been forced out of their homes. So I guess you know the real question is, is and this is just an open-ended statement or rhetorical question. Is there a way to ventilate and capture those fumes without releasing them into the atmosphere? And this actually leads me to, to another question. Is, I know you've been out at these facilities, have they been cooperative? Are they being transparent?"

Brian Tusa stated, "For the most part yes! I mean other than finding the issues at one of the facilities, obviously they probably would rather us not be there to find those issues. Like I said, that's being sent to our Enforcement Division. Most of those issues were housekeeping type issues. You know where they could do a better job containing there materials and their products, which in turn should and hopefully would reduce some of the odors."

Councilman Malik stated, "Okay! And thank you once again, and I've had conversations with Mr. Perrilloux and our Chief for sitting in the back, who's trying to hide now. But, you know no one on the Council is against Industry, however what our concern is that industry complies with all standards. And that, industry does work diligently to you know it the community. We do not want to wind up like the facility in Texas, recently they had a pretty bad fire with three (3) flash, and there's been a number of fires Delaware City had one fairly recently, but there's been all these number of things. So you know, unfortunately the parish doesn't have a lot of teeth other than having these two (2) gentlemen go out, and that's why we're always relying on LDEQ and EPA. Once again, it's a tough thing to tell a resident that it's a nauseous odor it's not hazardous. When I've been in some of their houses and I know that the there's a chemical odor inside their home, you know and they're being driven out and that's our concern and that's a legitimate concern for our residents. So anything ya'll can do to help us and we'd very, very much appreciate that sir."

Brian Tusa stated, "Absolutely, anything we can do anything we can hold them to, as far as operating their facilities in a way that's going to minimize any odors, is going to make better for everybody."

Councilman Malik asked, "Would you care to comment any further on the lack of cooperation? For many of these facilities?"

Brian Tusa stated, "I mean not necessarily. Obviously the one facility was not happy when we was there. Like I said, would have probably rather us not find the areas that we did, so therefore, they probably could've been more cooperative. But like I said, the findings we have that's all been sent to our Enforcement Division, and they'll be evaluating everything."

Councilman Malik asked, "So there's more pending in the middle from you on this?"

Brian Tusa stated, "Yes."

Councilman Malik stated, "Okay, yes sir. And I can only assume that the language you're using is intentional not to because of this you know this continuing investigation and identifying anyone who's actually has these housekeeping issues

as you put it."

Brian Tusa asked, "As far as what facility?"

Councilman Malik stated, "Right."

Brian Tusa stated, "Yeah I mean it's all public record. It's, it was the APEX facility that was doing the tank cleaning and had the housekeeping issues."

Councilman Malik stated, "Okay."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes a final comment and I agree with Mr. Malik. I don't think anyone on this Council is against Industry. But I think it's the responsibility of everyone on the Council to do what we can to protect the citizens of St. John the Baptist Parish. Even against some things that may hazardous to their health, or either a things from plants that may not be hazardous but be very strong odor that they have to live with it every day. Okay and I think the citizens of St. John the Baptist Parish and throughout Louisiana, because yesterday was National Earth Day and the EPA and DEQ that's their job, you know to try and make sure to protect everything you know on earth and everything and all the citizens and all the odor and everything. So the only thing I'm going to request is that, DEQ, LDEQ (Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality) you know do their job. Okay and try and make sure everyone is complying and doing what they're supposed to do you know to get the emission down whether it's Denka whether it's Marathon whether it's those plants in Mr. Airy you know, up and down the river. Okay, you know the citizens is depending upon this department. Okay!"

Brian Tusa stated, "Absolutely."

Councilman Madere stated, "Thank you."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Just quickly Mr. Brian cuz I know I've talked to Mr. Perrilloux, I gave him some ideas to check for on the river and the odors like a sulfur or a rotten egg smell. But when you visit APEX did they, you looked at the procedures to see about revising their procedures or were they willing to do that? Revise the procedures when opening a tank?"

Brian Tusa stated, "Well the issues, yeah well based on their response they didn't think that the tank cleaning of the way they were doing their tank cleaning was in violation of their permit. And the way their permits written, it's we can understand why they wouldn't think that. Because it's based on emissions being released into the atmosphere, not necessarily their techniques on how they were cleaning their tanks. We have since reached out to our Permits Division for clarification and have told them that, in the future they're going to have either get a permit modification or a variance. So to prevent them from just going and opening another tank."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "And I'm familiar with the facility, I know about it but seem like they can revise their procedure and do some more water flushing and deodorize them before they open it."

Brian Tusa stated, "And that's what we're hoping is going to, it would likely be easier for them to take those measures, then to have to apply for a permit modification or variance."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Correct, and that's easy. Okay, thank you."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "Last comments. I know as I was in the Economic Development Department, I signed up for DEQ Notices of Permits within my Parish, I'm assuming you're notified of any permits from DEQ that's requested by Industry?"

Travis Perrilloux stated, "Yes we are."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "And I was just going to say, let's just monitor if they request a permit and we can go and fight it or object or whatever if we're not satisfied with the operations, once DEQ has given them some guidelines. That's my final thought on that, thank you."

Councilman Malik stated, "Thank you very much sir. I appreciate your time. Thank you Travis as well."

Natalie Robottom - Proclamation - May 4th, 2019 as Lemonade Day

Natalie Robottom, Parish President, read the proclamation for May 4th, 2019 as Lemonade Day.

Natalie Robottom - Proclamation - May 6-10, 2019 as National Economic Development Week

Natalie Robottom, Parish President, read the proclamation for May 6-10, 2019 as National Economic Development Week.

Natalie Robottom - Proclamation - May 5-11, 2019 as Public Service Recognition Week

Natalie Robottom, Parish President, read the proclamation for May 5-11, 2019 as Public Service Recognition Week.

Larry Sorapuru - Presentation - Dale Wolfe - Star Maintenance Janitorial

The above item was removed from the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEMS: Approval of Minutes - April 9th, 2019, Regular Meeting; Robert Figuero - Monthly Financial Report (March 2019)

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve consent agenda items consisting of Approval of Minutes - April 9th, 2019, Regular Meeting; Robert Figuero - Monthly Financial Report (March 2019). The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard Gaudet and Councilman Wright absent.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES:

19-11 (Public Hearing Held) (Tabled 04-09-19) An ordinance approving the re-subdivision of Lot 9-A, J.B. Audiffred Subdivision into Lots 9-A-1 and 9-A-2, J.B. Audiffred Subdivision, located in the area generally bounded by East 15th St., East 17th St., the Y&MV Railroad, and Hwy. 44, Reserve, LA, as shown in a survey prepared by Stephen P. Flynn, P.L.S. on January 4, 2019 (PZS-19-1209) (N. Robottom)

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Becnel seconded the motion to remove Ordinance 19-11 from the TABLE. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard Gaudet and Councilman Wright absent.

Rene Pastorek stated, *"This re-subdivision request was recommended for approval unanimously by the Planning Commission at its March 18th meeting and by the Utility Board at its April 16th meeting. Based on consistency with the surrounding neighborhood and the goals of the Comprehensive Plan, Administration recommends approval."*

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilwoman Remondet seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 19-11. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard Gaudet and Councilman Wright absent.

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

Councilman Perrilloux stated, *"I'd like to make a motion to TABLE Ordinance 19-12 until I look at it some more."*

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilwoman Remondet seconded the motion to TABLE Ordinance 19-12. The motion passed with 1 Nay (Snyder), Councilwoman Hotard Gaudet and Councilman Wright absent.

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

Robert Figuero stated, *"These amendments reflect 2018 purchase order amounts that were not dispersed in 2018, thus they were rolled over and added to the 2019 budget. This is a new process which is related to the new financial software. Administration recommends approval."*

MOTION: Councilman Becnel moved and Councilman Sorapuru seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 19-13. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard Gaudet and Councilman Wright absent.

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

Robert Figuero stated, *"These amendments update estimated revenues and expenditures to actual revenues and expenditures for 2018. These numbers will be adjusted to actual numbers following the annual audit. Administration recommends approval."*

Councilman Malik stated, *"I have a quick question. How much money we're talking*

being rolled over?"

Robert Figuero stated, "That was the last set...let's see. That was the last Ordinance but, approximately seven hundred and thirty-nine thousand, five Hundred thirty-nine thousand."

Councilman Malik stated, "Thank you very much."

MOTION: Councilman Becnel moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 19-14. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard Gaudet and Councilman Wright absent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Becnel stated, "I ask that the minutes of the finance meeting be accepted please."

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

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "Excuse me. Can I speak? I have a request, I think we have Executive Session, and Mr. Butler is sitting in the audience. I know the water's going to be an issue a little bit later on, can we suspend the rules and move that up on the agenda so we can take care of that business?"

Councilman Malik stated, "For Mr. Butler anything."

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman seconded the motion to suspend the rules to go into Executive Session to discuss R Bend Estates II, L.L.C. et al v. St. John the Baptist Parish, Docket #C-69795. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard Gaudet and Councilman Wright absent.

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Becnel seconded the motion to go back into regular session. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard Gaudet and Councilman Wright absent.

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "As a result of executive session there was no action."

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

R Bend Estates II, L.L.C. et al v. St. John the Baptist Parish, Docket #C-69795

Parish Buildings - Security

Any and all pending legal matters

NEW BUSINESS:

Larry Snyder - Discussion/Action regarding raising the electrical components at the LaPlace Water Supply Station

MOTION: Councilman Snyder moved and Councilman Sorapuru seconded the motion to TABLE - Larry Snyder - Discussion/Action regarding raising the electrical components at the LaPlace Water Supply Station. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard Gaudet and Councilman Wright absent.

Larry Snyder - Discussion/Action regarding exploring the option to replace the pumps at the Ruddock Wells with submersible pumps

MOTION: Councilman Snyder moved and Councilwoman Remondet seconded the motion to TABLE - Larry Snyder - Discussion/Action regarding exploring the option to replace the pumps at the Ruddock Wells with submersible pumps. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard Gaudet and Councilman Wright absent.

Larry Snyder - Discussion/Action regarding combining line items that pertain to drainage, in the 2019 Public Works budget

MOTION: Councilman Snyder moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to TABLE - Larry Snyder - Discussion/Action regarding combining line items that pertain to drainage, in the 2019 Public Works budget. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard Gaudet and Councilman Wright absent.

Larry Snyder - Discussion/Action regarding increased financing of drainage line items in 2019 Public Works budget

MOTION: Councilman Snyder moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to TABLE - Larry Snyder - Discussion/Action regarding increased financing of drainage line items in 2019 Public Works budget. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard Gaudet and Councilman Wright absent.

Larry Snyder/Larry Sorapuru/Lennix Madere - Discussion/Action in regards to the selection of a representative, to attend the Corp of Engineers and the Pontchartrain Levee District meetings and to provide the parish with updates, to train local businesses to prepare for this project and to report back the Council's input on the West Shore Levee Project to the Corp of Engineers and the Pontchartrain Levee District

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilwoman Remondet seconded the motion to TABLE - Larry Snyder/Larry Sorapuru/Lennix Madere - Discussion/Action in regards to the selection of a representative, to attend the Corp of Engineers and the Pontchartrain Levee District meetings and to provide the parish with updates, to train local businesses to prepare for this project and to report back the Council's input on the West Shore Levee Project to the Corp of Engineers and the Pontchartrain Levee District. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard Gaudet and Councilman Wright absent.

Natalie Robottom - Resolution - R19-18 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the St. James Parish Council, St. James Parish School Board and St. John the Baptist Parish School Board for installation of a new traffic signal located at the section of Highway 3127 and Highway 3213

Natalie Robottom stated, "This resolution supports entering to an agreement with the public entities referenced above to provide power for a new traffic light at Hwy. 3127 and Hwy. 3213. There was an agreement by LADOTD to install the light, as many of you are aware they've had several fatalities at that intersection, a meeting was called by our State Delegation, the Secretary of DOT was invited to St. James Parish and representatives from all four (4) of these entities were

there I think Mr. Sorapuru was in attendance, the Secretary was convinced to pay for the signal light. However, the problem was there's no power to that area. So the four (4) entities in this agreement, are agreeing to divide the cost to have Entergy install power at that intersection so DOT can connect the traffic light. This is extremely important, two (2) lives have been lost and continue to have accidents there, this is clearly for the public health and safety of our residents, this is not a donation, this is something we strongly support and encourage you all to support as well."

Councilman Malik asked, "What is the cost estimate for this project ma'am?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Each portion is \$23,500.00."

Councilman Malik stated, "Okay, each portion is \$23,500.00."

Natalie Robottom stated, "And four (4) people, four (4) entities."

Councilman Becnel stated, "I wanted to say this why we should pass it and I'm glad we're doing it, because just approximately two (2) weeks ago on a Saturday, I was on my way to Vacherie, and it's still confusing. Now they had a car in front of me and it said 'STOP', but then it looked like it said 'DON'T STOP', so the lady was yielding to the right, poor lady she hit dry brakes, and I had to go on the side of her. So it's still confusing, so anything we could do to put a light there to clear up that confusion, thank you! Cuz I experienced it, but it wasn't an accident, but the poor lady she was so confused and I mean she hit dry brakes, she didn't know it said 'STOP', but look like she was still yielding so anything we could do to help, I appreciate that. That would help."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Yes, I'm definitely in favor of this Resolution to get this red light there, because it's a dangerous location and look what it took to get there, a loss of a life..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "A couple of them."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "A couple of life, and then that's the reason I have been strongly fighting to get a light at 3179 and 61, just so we don't have a fatality where we have to put a light, now we lost a life. I hope DOTD wake up, and start looking at what's going on when we ask for something."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Yes, the last meeting I attended there was a follow-up meeting and they said it would be 4 to 6 months before the light could be installed, estimated time. Mr. Warren Coleman attended that meeting also and a few other residents from the West Bank also."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Mr. Perrilloux attended on my behalf as well, and again supposedly the delay was there was no power source. Now there's a school back there, well actually two (2), West St. John's there and St. James High, which is why all of the entities were asked to pitch in, and again I appreciate your support on this this is very important and I wouldn't want to be the delay in moving this project forward."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "And I'd like to thank Senator Ed Price and Representative Ken Brass, for a speedy recovery they did with this safety light that's going to be placed. And also thank the School Board (I mean a), Parish President, Timmy Roussel and Kevin George, Superintendent Kevin George was there also from the School Board and some of the School Board Members. And Administration for sending Travis and the residents that did attend. Thank yawl!"

Councilman Snyder asked, "Yes, this highway, that's the one in Vacherie? Cuz I heard the President mention something about West St. John. Which highway are we talking about here?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "3127."

Councilman Snyder asked, "It's the one coming off the bridge?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Snyder asked, "West St. John is..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "Right! But you have to go that way. That's where the accident was, there were bringing their child to school."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Oh I do understand that. But I was just wondering..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "And St. James is to the right."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I understand that. I think it's a good project, I've been there and I know what's going on but we just got to make sure our, I's are dotted and our T's are crossed. That's all I'm saying. Now I see where the District Attorney says we might have some problems with illegal gifts or something like that? You say we're not, can you explain that to me?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Absolutely, it's not a gift. It's not a donation. For the \$23,500.00 we're going to get a power pole with electricity, so we are getting something back. We are only paying the cost or portion of the cost to install that. So it cannot be a donation, because we're going to receive something for it. Again, you are charged with protecting the health and safety of your residents, we know historically that that's been a problem and there's no way this can be perceived to be anything related to a gift or donation."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I just want to be sure. Now is this thing, that light will be in our parish or/it's our parish?"

Councilman Malik stated, "Yeah."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Its kind a combination borderline."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Where the borderline at?"

Natalie Robottom asked, "Where's Travis? I think he stepped out. Well you were there. Mr. Sorapuru was at the meetings."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I don't have a problem with the meeting, I'm just trying to find out..."

Natalie Robottom stated, "I know, but he was there to tell you the boundaries. They had that discussion."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "When you're coming off of the bridge Larry, you're coming probably about..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting asked, "Is that in this parish or is it St. James Parish?"

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "It's in St. James Parish."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Ok."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "But you're coming off the bridge and then you coming in to St. James, probably about two and a half miles off of the bridge. Maybe not quite 2 miles."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Then you going back into St. James?"

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Into St. James."

Councilman Snyder asked, "So this light will be in St. James Parish?"

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Yes."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Okay, and that's enough to help with that?"

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Yes. And it's a four way partnership, and we're going to be coming back to look at one on 3127 and 640 in Edgard also. I spoke to Representative Gaines and about this also and Senator Ed Price, but we're going to get this one out of the way first and..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "I did not look at this link, did anyone go and look at that link and can explain to me what it said that we got that's on the agenda?"

Natalie Robottom asked, "What link?"

Councilman Sorapuru asked, "The link?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "Some link they got on here that came on the, that our legal people sent us to look at!"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes actually, we will not be participating in the construction of anything. The Department of Transportation will be doing that, which is why our agreements' not with them and I think that's where the link goes. Our agreement is with the other three entities, for installation of a power pole to support that. If we, if there's a light needed at 640, there's already power back there. So that won't be an issue. What the parishes are providing is power access so the Department of Transportation can construct and do what they need to do, but they are going to be funding the installation of the signal light. We're just helping to provide power to the area that will support that light. And I understand what you're saying Mr. Snyder, with regard to it not being in our parish, however it is the route to our schools. And to West St. John and it's used by a lot of our residents either going to the school or from the school or from work, and a couple of the incidents involved our residents. So, well you guys who live across the river can speak to it more. I know that's my route when I go places there, and it really is something that again, without identifying each resident that may use it, I know that our parish will benefit from that light and our residents will greatly benefit as well."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Don't have a problem with that part of it I really don't. Problem I got with it, is making sure that we're doing what we're supposed to be doing. It's almost like they're putting a light, putting a light in another parish and asking us to pay to help pay for it. That's what I was looking at,

that part of it and I didn't look at the link, so I didn't know what the link said, but look like I wasn't the only one that didn't look at the link. So, thank you."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes that light is really needed there and I don't look at it as being a donation to any other parish. I look at it as being an investment in life and the people in St. John Parish and anyone else that travel that highway. Okay, so if any parish contribute to saving the life of someone, it's not a donation, okay, it's not a donation. That's something that I think everyone would be part of. Alright, and I can understand the way the way, you actually start off in St. John Parish, but when you get down to 3127 you're actually coming off in St. James Parish. Sort of like the same way we have to go to Pleasure Bend, okay, same thing. Okay we have to go through St. James to get to Pleasure Bend. Alright so anything that doesn't have a light that we needed there, okay to help our residents that goes towards Pleasure Bend, that don't mean that, we're taking care of our citizens. Okay and for twenty-three thousand dollars (\$23,000), we wasting more money I think in my opinion with South Central [LAUGHTER] a month okay so I don't want to compare the two. So for twenty-three thousand dollars (\$23,000) for a light pole, okay to save some life and the only thing is the last time me and Mr. Snyder went down to Baton Rouge, I been trying to get a light by Martin Luther King Boulevard, where Mr. Perrilloux is talking about, even a 'caution light' right there would be a life saver, okay?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "And we've actually had some more discussions and we'll continue those with the Assistant to the Secretary and I think he's also aware he is very much aware of those request, so we're going to stay on top of that."

Councilman Madere stated, "And I think it's a black eye for the State or anyone to say it depends on how many casualties you have. Okay, so other words you're putting a life on the back of how many people die before you get one. That's not a good statement."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Right."

Councilman Becnel stated, "One more statement. Let me tell you why the light is going to be so important. Imagine trying to go across that road with fog, that's the dangerous part. So with them lights being there, cuz certain days we have fog we don't expect it and it come unexpected and I'm mean hey, it's going be awesome because of the fog. Cuz I'm telling you-that is a dangerous, dangerous intersection when it's foggy. Cuz you really don't know, so this is going to help. Thank you."

Councilman Malik stated, "Thank you sir. Yeah, twenty-three five hundred (\$23,500) is nothing to save a life."

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Becnel seconded the motion to approve Resolution - R19-18. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard Gaudet and Councilman Wright absent.

Larry Sorapuru - Invitation to the District Attorney as the Parish Legal Advisor for presence at all Levee Project meetings

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Yes, I've attended a number of meetings with the Pontchartrain Levee Board and their Attorney was always present, and I have some reservations about the way this whole project is unfolding, I just need to like to get complete clarity on what part we're going to play with the funding that we

have that's being put on the side for the upkeep on the pumps and on the levee, that's not really clearly defined. The Corp of Engineers, they really haven't been I think totally upfront with everything that's trying to take place, I just think we need to have some legal at the table to do some assessment on the process taking place."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yes, Mr. Sorapuru is right on I think we need something also, I don't know if we can direct the Parish President to look into this now, because it's not written down here like this on the agenda because we've been particular about our agenda lately. But I think we do need someone to look at for our interest as far as things like: land acquisitions, utilities and things of that nature you know that we're going to be responsible for. And I think if someone come in now, they can start looking at those things. You know they can start asking the right questions to the right people. So I think that's what we need, somebody at the table to look out for our benefits as far as that is concerned. Now can we do something tonight, to spur this on? It's up to you guys. Do we need to make a motion to do certain things, if Larry what to do something, it's his idea."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "What I wanted to add also, Mr. Perrilloux had spoken to Mr. Chris Gilmore, he was supposed to be coming to give us an update once a month I think. Mr. Perrilloux, he agreed to come once a month and give us, give the Council an update and that haven't that has not happened, you know. If the Council wishes to do that, I would like to make a motion that we send..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "Before...well go ahead and make your motion. Cuz we had somebody here that might be able to shed some light on some of what you're talking about."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Well we can talk first that's fine."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Well ya'll might need a motion I don't know!"

[CROSSTALK]

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Ok!"

Councilman Malik stated, "We're discussing it."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Discussing this. I understand what you're requesting, but there's a team of people who goes to those meetings from our office and you're there as well. And it is moving slowly, and unfortunately they're 15 minute meetings. The reason that Mr. Gilmore has not been coming back is because they aren't moving as quickly and there's, they're coming in repeating the same things over and over again. So it wasn't beneficial but, and I haven't been to the last two (2), but Mr. Dufrene, Rene Pastorek, and Communications Director have been on my behalf. Mr. Dufrene do you want to address maybe some of the questions that Mr. Sorapuru is posing here? Now we are not separate and apart, I just want to make this clear. All of you know we went to a signing ceremony and we all signed a document. That was a signing ceremony. There was nothing we actually signed, it was just a piece of paper."

Councilman Snyder's statement was Inaudible.

Natalie Robottom stated, "We individually, all of us individually that was a signing ceremony. The State Legislators have no roll in this project, they were

all there. The document was signed, but it was signed by the Corp, the Executive Director of CPRA, and the Pontchartrain Levee District. Because that is our non-federal partners. We have the Federal Government with Army Corp of Engineers, we're partners with the Levee District and CPRA the meetings are at the Levee Districts, that's why their Attorneys are present, who actually that is what they do. I did read the document that they signed, even though there wasn't a place for us to sign. You know my question was; how you're going to hold us to anything in here, we did not sign? But on our behalf, the Levee District has signed and again, it's fairly lengthy with regard to operations and maintenance, we will need an agreement a separate agreement that will dictate how that goes. We have St. Charles Parish next door to us, who's already doing that, so we do have something to look at. Mr. Sam Scholle, who actually manages our levees, comes to the meetings he's been working very closely with us. Asking some of the right questions about when the gates close, when can we run the pumps, and helping to set a standard that's based on our surge level not a model, what we know happens in our parish when there's a surge, when the wind blows a certain direction. So I'm going to defer Mr. Dufrene to address the current status and possibly any other questions that you may have. But you do have people there on your behalf."

Cain Dufrene stated, "Yeah, Good Evening Council. I know the meetings have been scaled back because they has been a lot of unproductive discussions going on because they're in the early stages, right! Right now they're just have a Forester on contract, who is actually surveying the proposed alignment to see what kind of tree clearing needs to be done. I know they're working on procuring a tree clearing company to start clearing the right-of-way for the levee, and after that part they'll have to all of their soil sampling and stuff like that to determine what kind of base they're dealing with when they do go to construct the levee. As of right now, there is no action for the parish to take, because they don't even know where they're putting some of these things. So they're kind of starting that discussion, once they figure out how this alignments going to work, the alignment since I've been going to the meetings shifted about 3 or 4 times, just to figure out you know like for instance, they didn't account for how tall the Interstate is at 55, how can they get under it with the right levee height. So, they found out that the Interstate actually rises a little bit so they had to push the levee back. So there's things like that that they're working through. I also brought up at one of the meetings, hey look, we have a permit with DNR to clear some canals, you may want to put those pump stations on the canals where actually already have been cleared. So they didn't know that, that's the information that they're getting from us now. But, the real benefit is having been having discussions with St. Charles Parish because they did this before. So they have an agreement in place with the Levee Districts, the Army Corp on this up keep this O&M cost that's going to be and how to really negotiate the right cost because they had some lessons learned on their side, and they're passing those on to us. So it's been real beneficial to us having those discussions, but I really think we're early in the game to start determining what our roles and cost are going to be, because we really don't know what it's going to be yet. It's still kind of in that early design phases on, how many gates we're going to have, how many pump stations right..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "How many pumps. I mean that's changed, forever we were saying there were going to be four pump stations. And of course when they analyzed the size of them, like wait a minute we need more stations near where the homes are in LaPlace. So they've added I think two (2) more, so it's not really at a point where this is what we're getting, the soil sampling and boring will determine exactly where they can build, but they hadn't gotten that yet. So yes alignment wise it looks like it can go here but they need to

determine what type of soil they have there, they need to I know they've been working at the Clerk of Court's office, trying to get property owners and surveys and it's my understanding that the Representatives of Belle Terre actually provided them some information relative to...I think the surveying and in exchange for that I think that they're going to provide some of the drainage modeling for them. But it's really slow that's all I could say. It's like it's slow, which is why they discontinued having these meetings, cuz really we show up they say something for 15 minutes and the meeting is over."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I think you just made Larry's case with the report you just gave that we need someone there. Because all this good information we/you get, my first time hearing it. And that's why we're trying to get some people, someone in there to report back to us. Somebody that who going be responsible to this Administration and to us. Okay, and that's why we want to get someone in there. And somebody who knows what the questions to ask. I mean we're talking about putting more pumps, we're talking about we got issues back there, we talking about land acquisition, we talking about the 18 miles of tree removal. Hey, my first time hearing no I heard about 18 miles in the streets trust me, but you know my first time hearing this stuff. That's why we need somebody they going to report back to us so we'll know what's going on. And some of these, these decisions had to be made some place I don't know where they were made at. I know it wasn't always made right there in Gramercy..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "Actually none of them were made there."

Councilman Snyder stated, "That's exactly right. So if maybe we got the right people in place, we can find these where these decisions being made at and it may be public and we can get them and make you know have some input at least or have something to say. And that's what I think we're trying to get done right now, as far as Mr. Sorapuru was concerned. You know get someone in there, we've been talking about it, but I/we were told that we don't know what our role is, well look like we not going to ever know what our role is. But things are starting to happen and things are happening. It's slow but they're happening! I don't know. I just think we need to get someone in here, and I'd like to see us you know either get some RFQ's out there or take some get something from the Administration, she may have some ideas on who might be able to do this kind of work for us. That's all we want anyhow. Who's that? Oh our Engineer that could be you know, get another..."

Councilman Malik interrupting stated, "Joseph, thanks for volunteering Joseph."

Councilman Snyder stated, "But we need to do something, you know."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Yeah, I'm still not understanding what you want the DA to go sit in a meeting for. Did you resource to legal and ask him? Because land acquisition, anything'll come through Planning & Zoning, which the documents going be reviewed already by legal. So just to go sit in a meeting to get information what he just brought back, I don't see the District Attorney going sit there to bring that. Cuz I had put this on the agenda a few meetings ago to hire a Representative for Project Engineering, and you all said let's wait. Let's wait because Ms. Robottom said let's cautious, we'll going say let's wait till we get that information. Now we want the District Attorney to go sit in an office to listen to a meeting for 15 minutes? Really! I think you need to resources to say, ask that first, instead of making a motion for them to do it without resourcing them. Because land acquisition will come through the parish and they got to review it anyway. So, I'm not understanding what you want here, not from the

District Attorney. Not to go sit out here and bring something that Cain just gave me."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "Yes, I don't understand either why would you send an Attorney to that kind of meeting. This is not a meeting where the Parish President is going to make a decision at this point and time, any type of Administrator, you're here to follow the ques of the people that's designing the levee and the Corp of Engineers. And I know we could maybe throw a couple a little things in here and there and think you're helping them, understanding... Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "We are Ms. Remondet, but it has to be somebody who's knowledgeable..."

Councilwoman Remondet interrupting stated, "Exactly."

Natalie Robottom stated, "About our conditions on the ground, which is why we have people there..."

Councilwoman Remondet interrupting stated, "Exactly."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Because again, they're not you know we have light our data, we've assessed the elevation of our property, we provided that to them as a tool to help them..."

Councilwoman Remondet interrupting stated, "To help them develop their plans."

Natalie Robottom stated, "We have zoned footage of how the water flows and you know were able to provide that. So the team of people that's there actually have knowledge about our flooding our needs, they're familiar with the project as designed as well as you know or able to respond to questions about changing conditions. So it is ongoing, it is slower than we'd like it to be, however, I think you know if we had something for an Attorney to review, well than yes! But if you're going in cold on you're not familiar with the project, the scope, I mean this is years of knowledge that these people have familiar with this project, as well as the conditions within the parish. So if you want an update on a regular basis, as was explained, they cut back on the meetings. Because they weren't moving at a pace where it was even required. It was almost well maybe we'll just do a conference call, instead of having these folks drive in from New Orleans, because it really was really not worth the time. However, if you want to schedule regularly and update, we'll be happy to provide that for you, but we do have a team that's engaged and I think is very beneficial and knowledgeable about conditions here that would be able to provide information and input on this project."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "What Cain had said tonight was perfect. We understand where you are so."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Yes, what Cain said is correct. But what I'm asking this Council right now. There are a number of things that they're doing and they're changing their minds back and forth with different situations. I would only like to have another set of eyes on what they're doing and how they're moving. The Levee Board have an Attorney, that's there at these meetings, there's CPRA, they're there at those meetings, there's no reason why shouldn't have a legal review, not at every meeting, but just get to the table and monitor what they're doing. That's all I'm asking for. I mean if ya'll don't think we need an Attorney there?"

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes, now I do think that we need to have the information that Cain gave us tonight and I'm glad Mr. Sorapuru put it on there because we were able to get that information. But we should be getting an update whenever they have a meeting. Okay, they should've of not have them as regularly as they used to have them? And basically, some of the meetings you've been going to have been the same thing and things change and this change and that kind of stuff. Yeah but, whenever you go to a meeting we should get a report back, okay that's the most important thing. You go to a meeting you come back and say well nothing changed, everything stayed the same or did this or they did that! I think that's what the Council was concerned about getting that report back to actually know what was going on and any time something change, you know we need to know about it. Okay and that's the most important..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "Again and that's our our...I'll take that on. I know Mr. Sorapuru goes to more meetings than us. And I assumed he was bringing yawl back, he goes to the office down there like he goes to a lot more meetings than we do. My assumption was, he was bringing that back to you all. But we can on a regular basis follow-up with you all, with an outline of what took place at the meeting, and it'll come from my team."

Councilman Madere stated, "And I think a presentation at the Council meeting, on every time you give an update because that way not only you will inform the Council, you're also informing the citizens in the parish what's going on. So they're not at a lost you know, all they know is a levee coming. You know they know nothing else, and sometimes they're probably saying what's taking it so long? Well these updates would give them an insight to what's going on. So it's not just beneficial to the Council, it's beneficial to the whole community. You understand that this levee is going to protect. So it's very important, I'm glad you put it on there, it's very important to have updates on these things, but I don't think we need a Lawyer or a District Attorney at this time to attend those meetings, we can get that same information like we got tonight, but we need to have it on a regular basis any time and every time they have a meeting. We need to have a presentation, okay about it. So no one is at lost, I'm not at lost the citizens are not at lost, everybody know. Now, I take Ms. Robottom, since she took the bullet, you understand she took the responsibility..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "I did it was an assumption..."

Councilman Madere stated, "She took the responsibility, right and I know and we all know what happened when you spell ASSUMED. You know so, I understand that so I appreciate that. And I think that's all we need is a regular update on any meeting, because maybe then we may be able to have some input that you can bring back to the meeting on our behalf, or whoever representing us. Okay, and because this is a Federal project, okay we basically just along for the ride. Okay, and hopefully they listen to some of the input that we putting in, but really they don't have to."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yes. I know we're beating this horse to death, but that's something we should've been on the agenda. It shouldn't have to be the District Attorney, I'm sorry Larry what I said. I don't think it should be a District Attorney, I don't think they should have anything to do with this part of it, really don't. But I think it should be someone like Civil Engineers, something like that someone who or familiar with these types of things you see, to look out for our benefit. We had a good report from Cain, good report. I mean it wasn't very much, what you said to us it was big, our first time hearing it. We might go with more pumps, that's big for the St. John Parish you know, with us

especially us who have problems with drainage you know and where they're going to be located, and the idea you had about with dredging and the pumps, and those things like that is that we have someone involved with that all the time and, cuz you have other responsibilities you know and I know Mr. Sorapuru, we got slapped on the hand one time before bout talking about it was a Sunshine Law. Okay, so that's probably why he didn't tell us anything, didn't want to get involve with that again okay! So don't worry about that we forgive you for that and thank you. But anyhow look, good report man I still think we need someone there and we need to look at it closely. Now if the Parish President want to get someone to lookout for our benefit, might know someone or somebody to talk to, I don't know how we got to do this, but it doesn't matter who we get how we get them, as long as we get someone there that's be looking out for us and make some of these meetings."

Natalie Robottom stated, "And I actually be speaking with the Director of CPRA, because like you, I think we need to be more engaged..."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yes."

Natalie Robottom stated, "And I'm not going back to a meeting at the Levee District, because they're not productive for me. So I'm going to go to somebody's boss."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Exactly."

DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:

Larry Snyder - Discussion regarding possible Charter changes

Councilman Snyder stated, "I'd like to leave it on there but I think at this time. Just your opinion (the rest of you guys), you think we should get someone else in here to look some kind of Consultant, who deal with these type of things first? You know what you think about that? Then after that we can get a, they can help us get a group together with that Administration and get us a good cross section of what kind of people we need for this stuff, to start this Charter review. But that way, I don't want to say Charter change, Charter review."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Mr. Snyder I agree I actually brought in, I apologize for being late. But I have copies of a couple of the Charters that started out like ours, and they've been amended a couple of times. For example St. Charles Parish, Terrebonne Parish, have gone through this process and updated theirs. We all started with the same basic framework, but there's been Consultants who've helped them through that process. So I would encourage that, and again, just like we're having somebody review the Ordinances, we need to have them review our Charter against some other ones that are more current, and maybe you know do some leg work for us especially given in the ideas that you're looking for, so when they're looking for the Charters, they may be able to pull some ideas to help you get there. So I strongly recommend that, whoever it is I did recommend somebody who had done it before to you all, but I also have copies of other Charters that I think would be helpful. Again, these are up-to-date, they've updated them at least once or twice from the time they originally approved in the 80s, where ours was not. That's my recommendation."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I think there is some issues..."

Jackie Landeche interrupting stated, "Ours was updated in '96."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I'm sorry!"

Jackie Landeche stated, "Ours was updated in '96."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Ok."

Jackie Landeche stated, "They did some changes to it and updated in '96."

Councilman Snyder stated, "It was 12 years old at the time."

Natalie Robottom asked, "But the whole thing was done?"

Jackie Landeche stated, "No, no. It was looked over by the whole group. Dwayne Duffy had headed it at the time. They got the whole Commission together and they put through a bunch of Ordinances to go through in '96 they had some changes."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Ok."

Jackie Landeche stated, "And that's what they did at that time, but since then there has been no changes."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Ok."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yes. Well whatever we need to do you had some recommendations. I don't have a problem with that, I really don't have a problem with that. We need someone who knows what's going on, you know somebody who could facilitate things like that. I know I got a letter from one guy that was on Jefferson Parish's, I got it someone sent it to me on Jefferson Parish Charter changes. And it took them 4, 5, 6 months or something you know, with all the things they had to go through and a pretty good plan. Did you get that letter Ms. Robottom?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "I don't think so."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Maybe you ought to send that to Ms. Robottom. Did you send that to her?"

Jackie Landeche stated, "Ms. LaVerne had received it and forwarded to us."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I got it I got it!"

Jackie Landeche stated, "That's that gentleman Mr. Jones."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Mr. Jones, Mr. James, whatever! He was on Jefferson Parish. Well anyhow, that's no big thing then, but it sound like they had a good game plan when they did Jefferson Parishes'."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Right."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Forward it to us."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Yeah I just want to thank you Mr. Snyder, for taking leadership and putting this workshop together, you and Mr. Malik. But I just, I'm in favor of having a, hiring someone a Consultant, but I just would like to make sure we get 100 - well you never get a 100%, but get public participation..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "That's usually part of it."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Input into anything before we even go and hire a Consultant. Let's get all the eggs in a basket and know what everybody's wanting to have done, at least do that..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "Actually those Consultants lead that for you..."

Councilman Snyder stated, "They do that yeah."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Okay, that's what they do. You know we do public outreach, they do you know they host these meetings. Again but you have to come with some background. We show up at a meeting and just ask for input, you know that's not beneficial, it's kind of going to be like what ya'll had earlier. Okay, but if you go with a plan and an agenda and you're looking at specific areas and you have a systematic way of approaching your Charter, you obviously can't cover it all in one shot. But any revision like that does require public input, but you have to have a systematic way of going about it. It can't be a freefall if everybody just yelling out what they want to change, you have to you know or you'll never get through it. So I do think that's what these people do, and again, they'll put it together for you because you all know-you come in a meeting you have the discussion, but who's going to take the stuff and go do it?"

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Right."

Natalie Robottom stated, "We leave it right here, and unless you have somebody that is their job, to take down information that we gather either from the Council or from the residents and put it in some type of form, it's just not going to get done, we'll just continue to talk. So you need somebody that can do that for you."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "And I totally agree Ms. Robottom, but I think sometimes you got pre-prep people, you got to prep 'um up a little bit to understand that the real thing is going to come and not everybody I think knew about this meeting that took place today even though it was published in the paper..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "Couple of times."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Well, we might have to have a couple of workshops before we bring a Consultant in, that's all I'm trying to stress. It's a good idea, there's a lot of changes that could be, could take place with this Charter and you know once you put anything in place you can always have Monday morning quarterback that going to say, what I would of could of should of. But get everybody a chance to have some input even before you get to the consultant. That's all I'm asking for."

Councilman Malik stated, "Thank you sir, that's some good points that you made."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Just for purpose of clarity, I know that Jackie made a comment about someone that information that I sent you all that was a resident from St. John Parish that was showing some interest in serving on the Committee, not assisting in drawing up or assisting you all with the Charter, was to want to serve on the committee."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Right! Right, right, right."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Just for purpose of clarity."

Councilman Malik stated, "Thank you ma'am that's important part."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yeah and you know and just to finish this off, that's exactly what I was talking about. And Mr. Sorapuru, these Consultants going to take care of all that, and these guys that's what they do. They set up these kinds of things to make sure that we can buy in from the public by having all these different types of meeting here and meeting those people. So don't you know, don't worry about that part of it cuz that's going to happen. But you just got to get the right people in here to facilitate all of that. Thank you ma'am."

Lennix Madere - Update on drainage District III

Councilman Madere stated, "This item here and the one on the next page with the Belle Pointe, they really should have been combined because all that's in District III, and so we can knock that out at the same time. I saw the comments where this company put that levee around Belle Pointe. Okay I think we had that meeting about maybe it might have been 2 years ago, about 2 years ago we had that meeting and they agreed to do it. I'm glad to see that..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "And moved the fence, remember they had to move the fence. And we have a part to, which is to add [CROSSTALK] on the culvert."

Councilman Madere stated, "Right we have to screw down a thing to keep that water from backing up. Okay and I think I know we're going to take care of that. Okay and I'm just glad to see that they didn't forget about the levee. Okay so that really help us out because the last time we had that backflow flooding, okay that water was coming in through that and we had to put a little make shift levee, Mr. Verdell and them took care of that. So that's basically those two should've been combined in there you know. Cuz there's always going to be a discussion about drainage in District III. Okay, so we good with that."

Larry Sorapuru - Discussion regarding financial status of the Utility Department

The above item will be carried over to the May 14th, 2019 agenda.

Larry Sorapuru - Discussion regarding possible forensic financial audit for the Utility Department

The above item will be carried over to the May 14th, 2019 agenda.

Lennix Madere - Update on the drainage in Belle Point

The above item was combined with the item - Update on drainage in District III.

Lennix Madere - Discussion regarding the releasing of Utility Permits through the Planning and Zoning Department

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay, the reason why I put this on here, and in fact I want to apologize to Mr. Becnel cuz I didn't get a chance to explain to him, because this happened over the time we was, the Parish was closed. I received a phone call from one of your constituents Wednesday night, okay about a gas leak he had and he was complaining about the cost of the permit that he had pay to put

it back on. Okay and I told him I was going to look into it and I had plan on contacting you concerning it. The following morning, okay I received a phone call from the same guy again concerning about the amount, but this time he was concerned about the fact that his gas was not been turned on even though the repairs had been made. And the Parish was on a four/on a holiday. So that mean he would have been without gas until Monday, Monday morning. So I took upon myself and Travis, I called Travis and he gave me the information even though he was dealing with the weather problem we had Thursday, he gave me the information and everything and I went down I drove down to Apple Street, to ATMOS Gas, and spoke to the guy that was there. And one of the concerns he had was, he said previously South Central that would go out and inspect the pipes and they would email them directly, and he say they would get somebody out there immediately to turn the gas back on. He said what he was concerned about, is that now South Central goes out there inspect the pipe, then they turn the paperwork back over to Planning & Zoning, and then Planning & Zoning in turn release, call them and release the fact that it's been done. And he say all that is doing is adding a 3rd person to the process, in which it's slowing it down. So he told me he was going to make a few phone calls. But I came back to the office and ran across Ms. Rebecca Hymel, Robert and Travis, and they took it upon themselves to do everything possible to try and get in contact you know with someone from your office and they was finally able to reach, I mean Ms. Kristi Muller, okay and on her off time and whatever, she was able to get in contact with the gas company and tell them everything was clear the guy was able to get his gas on about 2 o'clock that evening, cuz you know it was turning a lil cool that night. So I was concerned about the fact that this guy would be without heat or anyone up until Monday. So that's what made me put this on here, we have to find a way that when someone pays for a permit and South Central goes out there, especially when you're dealing with gas or electric, it's turned on as fast as possible. Okay and I'm sort of glad this happened cuz it's a lil glitch in the process. You know this guy would have been without gas until Monday morning, okay until the office would have reopened again. So I really commend Robert and Rebecca, and Kristi and Travis, you know for stepping up and getting this done in a timely manner. Alright, but my main concern is I talked to you on the phone about it, I'm just concerned and I know it's an Ordinance that we have to look at as a Council, the fact that they had to pay a hundred and thirty-five dollars (\$135.00) to turn the gas back on. And my concern and the thing that always pop in my mind, elderly individuals on fixed incomes. If that was an elderly female or male, they had to hire a plumber to come in and fix that gas leak. A plumber not going come there and dig in the ground and fix a leak, and probably going be two hundred dollars plus (\$200.00). And then after they fix the repair, that individual hit with another hundred and thirty-five dollars (\$135.00) to get the gas turned on and they been having gas all their entire life there. So I think this is something that I'm going to have to look at with the Council as a whole, and see if we can try and reduce this fee, you know my way of thinking, twenty dollars (\$20), twenty-five dollars (\$25) is the most, as far as an existing house. Now I understand brand new houses okay, brand new houses, I'm all about trying to help the residents out. Okay a hundred and thirty-five dollars (\$135.00) may seem like pennies to some people, when someone is on a fixed income, that hundred and thirty-five dollars (\$135.00) can mean a difference between having enough food to eat till that following month. You know, so I think it's just like we spend twenty-three thousand (\$23,000) to help save lives, we can reduce our permit fee, you understand to ease the burden on people who may not be financially able to pay a hundred and thirty-five dollars (\$135.00), pay a plumber \$250, you know! Okay you talking that's a lot of money, okay so that's my concern and I want to bring that to the attention of the Council if we have to go back and look at some of these Ordinance you understand? Like I say, if somebody building a brand new

house they're running pipes all over the ground, it's a lot more work and detail they have to check, so I can understand one thirty-five (135), but not for someone who change a section of pipe [HAND SIGNAL MADE] about this long. Okay, that's the comment I just wanted to make concerning that and we're going to have to look into that."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Mr. Pastorek I had the same issue and I told you about it, but I think it was communication you know inside here, that's where the problem was. I don't know if you ever figured it out, but it just seems like that was some bad communication. Actually I don't think the thing was ever really inspected, you know it was electrical problem you know and it was all legal. I mean the people did what they were supposed to do, they came out here and did what you guys told them to do and the lights were turned on the next morning and then the people called them the next morning and said hey, look we didn't get a permit we coming shut your lights off. And this was on like (I can't remember exactly what day it was), so they got all nervous. He said, we did what were supposed to do! You ever figured out what was the issue there?"

Rene Pastorek stated, "I can't say 100%, with 100% certainty what the issue was, but at times South Central is on call for emergency repairs for electricity to make sure that people are not without electricity. At times they do have to come in for an after the fact permit to pay for that inspection to make sure that they're good for permanent you know power. I don't know 100% certainty that that was the case with that specific issue, but that citizen never came in for that permit, which is why Entergy was not comfortable with leaving the power on."

Councilman Snyder stated, "And that citizen came to get a permit, because they were told by Entergy they had to get a permit. And they were also told here that you got to pay your bill. I guess that's one of ya'll requirements, and they had to pay twenty-five dollars (\$25) for something else (I don't know what that was for). And they paid the seventy-five dollars (\$75), cuz the bill was like fifty something dollars. Even though they wasn't behind, you know that's just with the light bill and they did that, you know and they thought they were finished. See again, again now, that's people that know what they're doing dealing with people that don't know our system. And that we can get lost, or it can get lost and that's exactly what happened with this one see. Now they were all upset and nervous that their daughter was going to get the lights cut off you know, cuz they had to fix a problem and they did what they were supposed to do. And they came right back down here, I was told I told him yawl got to go back down here and talk somebody (I don't know who they talked to), but told them yawl good everything is okay here. So that's all they did they didn't pay any more money or anything. And they went on back home and they, somebody called LP&L, that's where between LP&L and our department here. That's where the breakdown was and I think that's what we need, might need to look at that process again. You know cuz it...

Rene Pastorek interrupting stated, "Now I don't want us like go back and forth on this, but I did speak to the employee who spoke to them since and they gave them the application and the process and they never came back and applied. So, Entergy does require us to release power for inspections on emergency repairs and any sort of new power release. They, like I said, South Central will go out on call to inspect emergency repairs to make sure that people are not without power, but they still have to come in and pay for that inspection because South Central has already done it. So it's an after the fact inspection..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "Well actually South Central didn't do this inspection cuz I checked the box myself and it didn't have the sticker on

there. Alright, so I know they hadn't did yet and I know the lights was back on, that's what I'm talking about. There was a breakdown someplace, now if they called them and told them it was okay, I don't know why they didn't put a sticker cuz they're supposed to put a sticker on there. Am I right?"

Rene Pastorek stated, "I don't have any idea."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yeah they put a sticker on them. When they re-inspect something they put a green sticker on there. With the date and time."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Well we can look at all those, cuz I think we've had a couple of issues. The ATMOS I think that was a first, but we've had issues with the electrical, so it may be something we can look at how other people do it. But again, keep in mind the inspections and the permitting is all for the public safety. Okay but if there are ways we could streamline that and reduce cost, clearly that's what we want to do. But that's my first hearing that there are emergency calls, so you know in the event that that occurs there is a process we can get somebody out there in an emergency, especially on a weekend. And carry people over until our offices are open."

Councilman Malik stated, "Yeah cuz we had one instant, one case fairly recently and the big thing is getting the permit to pull power when a resident has a potential problem. There's a big laps in communication between actually Entergy, the Cooperation of Entergy, they follow their procedures but the big failure is actually the attendant showing up who couldn't bother to take the time, knock on the door and say by the way your power is back on."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes I'm also surprised like Ms. Robottom said to know that they have an emergency number. Cuz if I had known that I wouldn't have been riding all the way to Norco [LAUGHTER] and running all around here trying to get people to try and had to get Robert and..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "All the right people Mr. Madere, you know Travis doesn't do permits."

Councilman Madere stated, "Well I tried call Rene first, but he didn't answer his phone."

Natalie Robottom stated, "He said his phone was broken."

Rene Pastorek stated, "My phone was broken."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Which you know you should have called me, but that's okay go head on."

Councilman Madere stated, "No I went to Travis first, and then but we took care of it by wheeling about my way but I'm glad to know there's an emergency number, we need to have that number provided to everyone. Okay and they do put stickers on everything they inspect. Because when I went there they had a green sticker taped on the pipe, and also over the weekend I was by a friend of mine house and he had just had solar panels placed on his house and South Central came out and inspect it and there's a green sticker on that side saying it's been inspected by South Central. So everything they inspect, they're supposed to leave a sticker on it to know they've been there. Okay so, just want to make sure. Now if they didn't do it at the other location, then we need to look in to it."

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

19-15 An ordinance approving the rezoning of a portion of Parcel B, Bienvenu Estates from the South Right of Airline Highway - U.S. Highway 61 to the North Right of Way of the L&A Railroad, located in the area generally by E. 22nd Street, Homewood Pl., W. Airline Hwy., and Hwy. 44 from the Commercial District Three (C-3) and Residential District One (R-1) to the Residential District Two (R-2) zoning district, as shown in Exhibit 1 attached (PZR-19-1135) (N. Robottom)

19-16 An ordinance approving the re-subdivision of a portion of the Perry M. Bailey Property into Lots 1 thru 6, located West of the Mississippi River in the area generally bounded by Highway 18, Highway 640, and East 3rd Street, Edgard, LA, as shown in a survey Prepared by R. P. Fontouberta, Jr., P.L.S. on February 11, 2019 (PZS-19-1210) (N. Robottom)

PRESIDENT REPORT:

Natalie Robottom stated, "Good evening. I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Easter break. Last week, we commemorated the completion of the Woodland Bridge Project which was the last of the four bridge rehabilitation projects - the others including Country Club, Fairway and Greenwood. The Woodland Bridge was assessed by DOTD and determined to need repairs. This bridge allows employees to operate and monitor the waste water treatment plant that serves thousands of homes and businesses from Belle Terre Blvd. to Hwy. 51 and in between. It was done under budget and we are pleased with the timely work by Bucktown Contractors and Principal Engineering. We then moved to Edgard to celebrate the official renaming and sign unveilings for the Harold Scott Roussel and Juan Anthony Joseph Parks as well as the De'Vante Smith baseball fields, and Raeaneke Smalls Airnasium on the Westbank. It was a great day and more than 100 residents, friends and families of those being honored joined us. Although everyone there agreed that we would rather have these individuals here with us, the park dedications will help preserve their memories for many years to come and serve as a source of strength for their family and friends when they visit the parks. We also cut the ribbon on the new spray park at the complex which will give youth on the Westbank some relief from the Heat this summer. We ask that residents help us keep all of our parks clean and free from vandalism. Please report any suspicious activity to our Recreation Department at 985-652-9569. Later on that day, I attended a press conference in Baton Rouge and joined elected officials and the Southern Rail Commission to speak about plans for the multi-modal transportation center in St. John and other municipalities. The Southern Rail Commission, Baton Rouge Area Chamber, and GNO Inc., conducted a phone poll recently to gauge residents support for the rail between Baton Rouge and New Orleans as part of the Gulf Coast Passenger Rail Network. The poll contacted 1,050 registered voters in Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Jefferson, Orleans, St. James and St. John Parishes in February and March and showed most who were called, 75% were for the passenger rail plan and over 60% said they would ride. Regardless of whether or not they would ride the train themselves, 85% of respondents say that having a passenger rail service between New Orleans and Baton Rouge is important and 79% support the state using funding to help build it. These numbers are overwhelming positive and show the strong backing the community has for the rail project and we are pleased to see it gaining momentum and moving toward potential funding. Petsense in LaPlace will host a large scale Adopt-a-thon from 10 am to 4 pm this Saturday, April 27th at the store near the movie theatre. The Adopt-a-thon which will raise money for the St. John Animal Shelter and feature food and craft vendors as well

and opportunities with adoptable dogs and cats. The public is invited and we encourage all to support this great cause. The annual 40th Judicial District Children & Youth Services Planning Board & Prevention Committee's annual Free Fishing Camp will be held Saturday, May 11 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Bonnet Carre Spillway. Youth ages 8-15 are invited to attend. To register, volunteer or donate, please contact Bernell Charles at 504-570-4885. As mentioned earlier, Economic Development Week is coming up and St. John will be celebrating. Monday, May 6 - Economic Development Week Kickoff at the Economic Development Committee Meeting, 12 noon - St. John Council Chambers; Wednesday, May 8 - Business Association Meeting with guest speaker US Attorney Peter Strasser, Petra Restaurant; Friday, May 10, 2019 - Port of South LA Meet and Greet Breakfast, 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m., Port of South LA Regional Airport, Reserve. Please RSVP to Economic Development staff if you plan to attend. State judging for the cleanest city contest is taking place on Thursday. Judges will again tour the selected areas, Pleasure Bend, Wallace, Edgard, Reserve and Garyville for cleanliness and beautification. Residents and businesses are encouraged to clean up and beautify their homes and businesses in advance. This is an honor that we were chosen to move onto state and we thank residents in advance for their assistance. Thank You."

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:31 PM, Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed Councilwoman Hotard Gaudet and Councilman Wright absent.

/s/Thomas Malik
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
COUNCIL SECRETARY