

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH
TUESDAY, APRIL 26TH, 2016
CHAIRMAN MARVIN PERRILLOUX
VICE-CHAIR MICHAEL WRIGHT

The Council of the Parish of St. John the Baptist Parish, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session in the Rudolph Sorapuru Chambers, Edgard, Louisiana on Tuesday, April 26th, 2016, at 6:30 PM.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ABSENT: Michael Wright, Buddy Boe, Jaclyn Hotard

Councilman Madere led the Prayer. Councilman Becnel led the Pledge.

Legal Counsel Jeff Perilloux and Geoffrey Michel were present.

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

There was no public comment at this time.

INTRODUCTION OF BUSINESSES:

Natalie Robottom - Acknowledgement - Travis Etie - Firefighter of the Year

LaVerne Saulny stated, "Please join me in congratulating Mr. Travis Etie, Firefighter of the Year for this District of the American Legion. Mr. Etie received the award on Thursday, April 21 at the Southeast Louisiana War Veterans Home and will be nominated for the State Firefighter of the Year. Congratulations and best of luck at the state level."

Natalie Robottom - Acknowledgement - St. John Fire Department LSFA Competitive Drills Competition Winner (3 years in a row)

LaVerne Saulny stated, "The St. John Parish Fire Department placed first in the Louisiana State Competitive Drills held in Iberia Parish for the third year in a row. The four Firefighters on the winning team are Firefighter/Operators: Michael Moscona, Travis Etie, Cameron Buccola and Williams Parker."

Natalie Robottom - Presidential Appointment - Chief Financial Officer (CFO) - Ross B. Gonzales, effective May 1, 2016

LaVerne Saulny stated, "Due to the impending retirement of Mr. Vince Lucia at the end of April, Mr. Ross Gonzales is being appointed to that position effective May 1, 2016. Mr. Gonzales is a Certified Public Accountant with an accounting degree from the University of New Orleans. He has worked in private practice since 1982 and more recently served as Finance Director and

Coordinator of Housing & Development for the St. Bernard Parish Government. Mr. Gonzales brings to the parish a comprehensive understanding of government operations and an intimate knowledge of Finance and Parish funding. We are confident that he will continue the high standards set by Mr. Lucia and the finance staff and welcome him to St. John Parish. We are grateful for Mr. Lucia's years of dedicated service to the parish and wish him the best in his retirement."

CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION: Councilman Sorapuru and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to suspend the rules to add: Permit Approval - Sunday School Department of the Rising Star Baptist Church of LaPlace Annual Walk/Run - Saturday, April 30th, 2016. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard and Councilmen Boe and Wright absent.

ITEMS: Approval of Minutes - April 12th, 2016, Regular Meeting; Resolutions - Annual Sewer Plant Audits (R16-22 through R16-28); Permit Approval - Sunday School Department of the Rising Star Baptist Church of LaPlace Annual Walk/Run - Saturday, April 30th, 2016.

MOTION: Councilwoman Remondet moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda items: Approval of Minutes - April 12th, 2016, Regular Meeting; Resolutions - Annual Sewer Plant Audits (R16-22 through R16-28); Permit Approval - Sunday School Department of the Rising Star Baptist Church of LaPlace Annual Walk/Run - Saturday, April 30th, 2016. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard and Councilmen Boe and Wright absent.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES:

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

The above item will be left on the table.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Madere stated, *"At this time I would ask that the council accept the recommendations of the finance committee meeting."*

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Buddy Boe - Resolution - R16-19 - (Carry Over 4-12-16) A Resolution urging Congress to maintain the OCS Revenue Sharing Arrangements passed under the Gulf of Mexico Energy and Security Act of 2006

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Natalie Robottom - Resolution - R16-29 - A Resolution authorizing the Parish President to execute the contract with Department of Transportation for St. John East Bank Mississippi River Multi-Use Trail Phase 3/3A Project

LaVerne Saulny stated, "This resolution is a requirement to advance Phase 3/3A of this project from E. 28th St. to W. 10th St. in Reserve and execute a contract with Barber Bros. Contracting Co., LLC in the amount of \$1,417,812.80. Administration recommends approval."

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilwoman Remondet seconded the motion to approve Resolution R16-29. A resolution authorizing the Parish President to execute the contract with Department of Transportation for St. John East Bank Mississippi River Multi-Use Trail Phase 3/3A Project. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard and Councilmen Boe and Wright absent.

Natalie Robottom - Resolution - R16-30 - A Resolution naming Ross B. Gonzales as a check signer for the Parish of St. John the Baptist, effective May 1, 2016

LaVerne Saulny stated, "Administration requests authorization to add Mr. Ross B. Gonzales as a check signer on the parish's bank accounts effective May 1, 2016."

MOTION: Councilwoman Remondet moved and Councilman Sorapuru seconded the motion to approve Resolution R16-30. A resolution naming Ross B. Gonzales as a check signer for the Parish of St. John the Baptist, effective May 1, 2016. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard and Councilmen Boe and Wright absent.

LaVerne Saulny - Authorization to renew the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with Louisiana Economic Development for Small Business Development Services

LaVerne Saulny stated, "LED has authorized (4) years of funding in the amount of \$100,000.00 through the Small and Emerging Business Development Program (SEBD) to increase the viability and competitiveness of small businesses. The agreement funds entrepreneurial training to small business owners through the Business Training Center. The draft contract document was reviewed by legal counsel. Administration recommends approval."

MOTION: Councilwoman Remondet moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to renew the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with Louisiana Economic Development for Small Business Development Services. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard and Councilmen Boe and Wright absent.

Nykya Freemont - Approval of revised Cellular Device Policy for Parish Employees

Nykya Freemont stated, "This revised policy establishes guidelines that govern the use of cell phones by Parish employees. The draft policy was approved by the Civil Service Board at the April 12, 2016 meeting and Administration recommends approval."

MOTION: Councilwoman Remondet moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to grant administration approval to revise the Cellular Device Policy for Parish Employees. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard and Councilmen Boe and Wright absent.

DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:

Kurt Becnel - Ray Lagrange - 111 Jarrow Drive - Standing Water

Councilman Becnel was pleased to announce that Mr. Lagrange has been contacted and his concerns are being addressed. He thanked the administration for their help in this matter.

Kurt Becnel - Wayne Boudoin - 131 E. 11th Street - Street Conditions

Councilman Becnel was pleased to announce that Mr. Boudoin has been contacted and his street conditions have been addressed. He thanked the administration for their help in this matter.

Kurt Becnel - Keith Mathieu - 156 Central Ave. Edgard - Street Conditions

Councilman Becnel was pleased to announce that Mr. Mathieu has been contacted and his street conditions are being addressed. He thanked the administration for their help in this matter.

Lennix Madere - Update on Road Repairs in Dist. III

Councilman Madere stated, "That sheet Mr. Snyder actually showed you is a sheet that I compiled off of the information that I received from Ms. Robottom after the last council meeting. She sent out a report on the road repairs since 2010 in St. John the Baptist Parish for 2016. Ok and the chart I came up with, pass that to Mr. Nunes. Now according to my chart, St. John the Baptist Parish Road Improvement Program from 2010 to 2015 that's not including the ones in 2016, from 2010 we did a total of 88½ streets in St. John the Baptist Parish, information on the roads that was given to me by Ms. Robottom. In 2016 we proposing to do ten roads and I also broke it down by location: LaPlace in 2010 we did one road, six roads were done in Edgard, two was done in Wallace for a total of nine; 2011 - two in LaPlace, seven in Reserve, zero in Garyville, zero in Mt. Airy, zero in Edgard, zero in Lucy and one in Wallace for a total of ten. In 2012 which begin my District, my time in office they did four in 2012 in LaPlace, one in Reserve, zero in Garyville, zero in Mt. Airy; zero in Edgard, zero in Lucy and zero in Wallace for a total of five. In 2013 they did five in LaPlace, one in Reserve, three in Garyville, zero in Mt. Airy, zero in Edgard, zero in Lucy and zero in Wallace for a total of nine. In 2014 they did fifteen in LaPlace, seven in Reserve, two in Garyville, two in Mt. Airy, one in Edgard, zero in Lucy and two in Wallace for a total of twenty-nine. In 2015 they did eight in LaPlace, four and a half, remember that half, four and a half in Reserve, seven in Garyville, one in Mt. Airy, four in Edgard, one in Lucy, one in Wallace for a

total of twenty-six and a half. So from 2010 to 2015 they did thirty-five roads in LaPlace, Reserve from 2010 to 2015 they did twenty and a half, Garyville from 2010 that same time frame they did twelve, Mt. Airy in that same time frame received only three, Edgard received only eleven, Lucy one, Wallace six, that's a total of eighty-eight and a half streets that was done during that time frame. Now when I broke that down according to district, I did only my district in 2010: zero roads were done in my district, in 2011 three were done, in 2012 zero, in 2013 zero, in 2014 three and 2015 I got a half of a half and the proposal for 2016 is one in my district. That is not acceptable to me or the constituents in my district, I believe that we should have, every district should have at least two roads per year done in their district. From I mean, look at all these zeros and that's based off the report I got from Ms. Robottom off of her spreadsheet. Ok and I represent District 3 and as a representative as a Councilman that is totally unacceptable for me as a Councilman representing the people of my district from 2012 zero, zero, three and a half and then one street. Now I submitted a list and I have been saying this for the last couple of years, that the council person and the contractors should be the ones that come up roads that should be done and not selected from sitting behind the desk, those roads should not be selected like that. The council person in those districts should have strong input and the road that's finally getting done in 2016, E. 13th have been on record, if not for the last 15 years the worse road in the parish E. 13th, okay E. 13th. Now that road is going to be fixed E. 13th, but also last year I brought to this council a signed agreement between the parish and the resident who live on E. 16th, that was done in 1950 and in that document which is legal and binding, E. 16th was supposed to be properly maintained and that street is falling apart. Now if at a minimum, I think not think I know, every district should have at least a minimum of two roads done and not in 2015 a half of a half and the reason why I say a half of a half, because me and Mr. Rainey Wilson share E. 12th okay, the left side belongs to him and the right side belongs to me and we get a half of E. 12th Street in 2014, which was a half of a half again and then we did the other half in 2015 which is also a half of a half and I am not satisfied or not happy with this because I'm pretty sure the voters and the tax payers in my district is not satisfied with that. And I'm not preaching to you because you don't make those decisions, but you have to represent that department and just like I have to represent the people in my district and it would be, I would not be doing my job if I didn't bring this to attention of the council and the parish president, this is not acceptable. Ok and I'm not going to go along with this, it's not going to happen again. In 2012, 2013 zero, zero and then three in 14 and then a half of a half and come back with one. Now at the next council meeting, I'm going to get with our new, nope Vince still here, tomorrow Vince I'm going to get with you and we are going to try and find out where we can find some money, you understand to fix a couple of more streets at least 16th Street which we have a binding legal agreement to fix and that was passed, that was signed in 1950 and the agreement was to maintain that road, that's how the parish got custody, I mean took ownership of that property. It was 1950 a signed legal agreement I brought to this council last year and to see E. 16th is not on that list and I don't mean put E. 16th and remove E. 13th, I mean add. One for sure or possibly two, because Perrilloux Drive has been mentioned several times as one of the areas that need to be fixed but I understand Perrilloux Drive because we doing some construction work with sewage so it wouldn't make sense to fix Perrilloux Drive at this time and bust it up. Okay, so I understand Perrilloux but I do not understand

16th, I do not understand a half of a half. So I mean you can't answer those questions that's I know Ms. Robottom is off to Washington, on a very important mission that's she's on and I wish she was here because she's the one that could explain to me these ridiculous numbers that I have in District 3."

Brian Nunes stated, "I do have one comment and it's not to answer your questions at all but, I believe E. 16th was also part of our overall list, but due to the amount of the amount of money we had, we had to put it to the 2017 list."

Councilman Madere stated, "Well let me just answer that one. Okay I understand that answer you have but that's not an acceptable answer you know as far as I'm concerned with this district my district. It's not acceptable to the people who in my district and it's not acceptable, the only thing that would be acceptable to me, okay I understand Perrilloux Drive, I understand that but we're not going to fix it and bust it up it don't make sense, I understand that but I do not understand one, one! And I do believe that the council members in each district should have a very strong input as to what road is selected and I definitely do believe that we should try to fix at least two roads in every district because as you see these numbers, there's a whole bunch of zeros in a lot of places. Ok so, I just I know Ms. Saulny is going to present that to Ms. Robottom, I know that she's going to look at the tape and I'll be willing to talk to her at any time concerning this, this matter. So I mean it's mainly information that was given out tonight cause there's no answer that you can possibly give me. Ok, but I just wanted to express my dissatisfaction in what I have on this paper, especially since I've been in office zero, zero, three and then a half of a half. If you was feeding me like that I'd be dead. Thank you!"

Councilman Snyder stated, "I agree with Mr. Madere at a whole, that's just ridiculous there. We are asked to make a list of the things we want done in our district, we are asked to write work orders and most of them get done and I got to agree to that in my district. When it comes down to determine what streets get repaired, I don't, we're not asked that and I would like to know why, I mean if we are going to work together you know as a council and administration, we got to kind of mince together on those edges there also to you see, we're not trying run anybody job, we know our responsibility we know that's not our responsibility but you know if we are going to try and work together then why not say; what do you think about this, I'm planning on doing this street right here but you got to get this one done or you rather get this one done? Because these street he's talking about are just asphalt streets, they're not no concrete those are asphalt streets. But I don't see why he shouldn't have some input on street in his district cause he hangs out there every day and everybody knows Mr. Madere. He goes on every street almost every day to do some of those things. So I think he should have some input to that actually, thank you sir."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Yes Mr. Madere those are some frightening numbers to look at zeros in some spots and you really did your homework on this. I'd like to ask this council tonight that we put a freeze on doing any streets until we get our engineer to do a complete evaluation on all the streets and we come back to the table on have a discussion on which street need to be resurfaced and not picking and choosing."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Well I'm going to speak. I'm looking to put the freeze on it because I was going to ask Mr. Nunes, I think we're doing six hundred and eighty something thousand dollars of streets and I think the budget was eight hundred or eight hundred something? So we should have something left over to do E. 16th Street and we might be lacking maybe \$20,000.00 to do it. I think we need to look at that because I think we're lacking that close to doing that street, you could look at the budget."

Brian Nunes stated, "Right we are very close. The reason I kept that street off is cause these are estimates, a lot of times with these patching numbers, we won't know till we break ground until we start digging a hole of how much we have to patch, so if we're right at that number and we go over then we have to come back to the council and adjust the budget. So I mean, I think what I'd recommend we could be high on those right now as well. This is an annual contract so since we're at 685 and our budget was say 800 I don't remember off the top of my head, but if we're kind of at a low, we still have the same prices throughout the year, so we can adjust as we go and maybe in about 2 or 3 months when we're really working into it we get the numbers back, we get the invoices, we'll be able to forecast where we are and if we have the money, I'd be happy to bump E. 16th from 2017 to 2016."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "And let me say something else to the council to. You do have the authority to put what streets you want in our district, you do. As long as we're staying within the budget, you do have the right to put the streets that you want done in your district. Ms. Robottom doesn't really have the last say so on that, as long as we're in the budget whatever the budget cost, I want to do this street that street. We as a council can agree on doing some things because I could tell you personally, I took off out of my district to allow other people to have stuff, I took them off the list, I don't need them, let them do anything to Mt. Airy, Garyville area. So we can do that, we don't have to allow her to it but we can, that's our job. Also Mr. Sorapuru, in order for Mr. Savoie to go do that, we would have to send all these streets to Mr. Nunes to give him the directive to go out there to get a cost estimates on the streets, that's how it's done. We'll send all the streets to him, he would send something to Mr. Savoie to go out and get a cost estimate of the streets. But freezing a program, I don't want to freeze as program because he's going to meet tomorrow with Lucia and Gonzalez to see if we that close, can we get some money somewhere else and put that street on this 2016."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "But Mr. Chairman you're exactly right and I don't want to freeze or stop progress but we don't have to be in a hurry to just jump up and do streets because we have a list and I think Mr. Madere has his expressed his frustration with the streets that he have in his district and we don't need to be in a hurry to move, we need to get it done but let's take our time make sure we get those that really need to get done and that's what I'm stressing."

Councilman Becnel stated, "First of all Councilman Madere great job on this spreadsheet. Listen, I just need a little bit clarification since I'm new at this and I know you said we do have the authorization to go out and see what streets need to be done. So basically for example; Brian if I go to Wallace, Edgard, Lucy or across the river, I could start working on my 2017 list?"

Brian Nunes stated, "Absolutely."

Councilman Becnel stated, "Because I know what's down here for 16 that's done I can't do nothing about that. I just wanted to know the procedure, I could just go forward and present a list of streets to you all throughout this year, I mean for the end of the year?"

Brian Nunes stated, "Definitely if you come in with ten streets that need to be looked at."

Councilman Becnel stated, "Yeah and I'm not saying that all of them are going to get done but at least I need to know the procedure."

Brian Nunes stated, "Definitely you send them to me in an email, we welcome all of that input."

Councilman Becnel stated, "Ok well I just needed clarification, I'll take some pictures of them to."

Brian Nunes stated, "Ok great! Thank you."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Yes Mr. Becnel, we as council members it's our job to ride through our district to see what needs to be repaired, what not to be repaired and we can compile those emails, send to Mr. Nunes or whatever Director and say this is what needs to be done in the districts. Now when it comes to the street, we allocate (x) amount of dollars in there and we dividend it up between each district or like I say I took some out of mine to allow to do something in Julia's district, so we can do it like that."

Councilman Madere stated, "I see Ms. Saulny at the mic she may say something I want to respond to."

LaVerne Saulny stated, "Yes Councilman Madere, this is just for clarification. When we put together a street list and we do not get to that particular street in a particular year, that particular street is rolled over to the next year. Which if I understand correctly you all are given a list to review and see if that is the particular street you want done doing that particular year. Also is a purpose of clarification for Councilman Sorapuru, our parish engineer evaluates each street and that's how we come up with a numbers in regarding to the budget. So again, we only have a limited budget and as Mr. Nunes stated, that if we have some dollars left over we will look at the other streets. Now there were a list of streets that were given and based up this budget, those streets that we were unable to repair this year were rolled over to 2017. However, I believe you all will be given the opportunity to look at that list to see if that is the particular streets that you would like to repair. But again, Councilman Madere I know you're looking at all these zeros, but again I believe there was some budget constraints that wouldn't allow those particular streets to be repaired during that time. So again, if we have extra dollars left over in this particular budget, we'll look at the streets from the 2017 and move from there, but basically that's how the process primarily works."

Councilman Madere stated, "Well that's the problem. The process, the process doesn't work and it doesn't work right. Now when you talk about roll over, E.

15th, E. 16th then rolled over 3 years. Ok we're not rolling over again, ok I'm tired of rolling over, rolling over got to stop. E. 16th was not presented just last year, it was presented the year before. So we then rolled over, this is going to be the 3rd year we rolling over and not just E. 16th other streets, Perrilloux rolled over twice already, then rolled twice. District 3 we not rolling over anymore, the rolling have stopped we not going downhill, that's what I'm saying. Now, nobody questioned the fact that we have the right to put the street on the list, that's not the problem. The problem is what comes off the list that actually goes on the thing to be repaired, that's the problem. I have emails from Ms. Robottom that have E. 16th on the list, have E. 13th on the list, have Perrilloux Lane on the list, that's not the problem putting them on the list but the problem is getting actually done during those particular years, that's the problem. And we don't make those decisions, okay we don't make that decision that it made through administration or whoever she sat down with and decided that we going do 16 we going do 13 or we're not going to do 16 or we're not going to do this one. The problem selecting them on the list that's not a problem, I can give you 20 street tonight, the problem is how many out the 20 are going to be done and that's been the problem over the years. You know zeros, threes, halves and halves. So I understand that so what I'm saying is, we're not going to be rolling over, each district in eye sight should have at least a minimum of 2 streets done a year. Cause at this rate, I have a total of 67 individual streets in my district, at that rate of the street a year, it'll take us 60 years to do all those streets in my district. At least with 2 you got 30, somebody might live long enough to see that. But not 1 street per year or zero, zero. So that's what I'm saying, I want to be involved in that final decision, not just compiling that list, in that final decision."

Brian Nunes stated, "This year actually I made the final decision. If those were on the list, I had a specific budget, so I had to ride all those streets that were on the list and prioritize and I think E. 16th and E. 13th are just about as bad as each other. But it came down I couldn't fit both of them on, I had to put one this year one next year."

Councilman Madere stated, "Well that's not going to work. We have to find the money to do E. 16th Street cause like I said we done rolled over 3 years already on E. 16th Street. I can't plus we have a signed agreement with the individual who gave that land to each E 16th Street that was done in 1950 to properly maintain that street, so whenever we don't maintain that street when it get bad, we in violation of that agreement. I don't know of any other street that have that type of agreement in St. John the Baptist Parish but that's a legal document that's in our possession that was given to me and I brought it to this council last year and that street for sure is one. Now some other inaccuracy in that report that I received from Ms. Robottom they had the rear of E. 15th Street, the rear of E. 15th Street was never done because they started to do it but they found out it was private property. So you had about three thousand almost four thousand dollars off of that project, now I don't know what happened to that money, but that was about four thousand dollars left off of that project when the rear of E. 15th Street. E.15th Street never should have even been on that list to repair. That was a private drive way and the resident called and that's how we stopped that, now I don't know what happened to that money, ok that could be added on to the street repairs. Ok so we have to maybe look at that and I never did get an answer who authorized the rear of 15th Street to be done, so somebody

had to have made that decision without even going down the street and that was private property. You know so like I said, well you know when Ms. Robottom get back and I'm going to get with Finance and we're going to find some money for this program here and we got to do a better job as a whole, the council, administration, public works as expressing our ideas and concerns about which roads that should be done in our district. Because I take the heat and I don't mind taking the heat because that's the position I'm in, but if I'm going to take the heat I'll go on and tell him that it's not Ms. Robottom, it's not Public Works you know we made this decision. Like Mr. Perrilloux did, he rolled some streets back that he felt didn't need to be repaired and I appreciate that and that's what we should do. But unfortunately I do not have a street in my district that we can roll back. Thank you."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Do we take it in consideration the linear footage of each street you know, because 2 street in District 3 might be 2 miles long and 2 streets in District 4 might be a 300 yards long you see so, I don't think we can just do two and three or two and four and two and six but we could take consideration that, then we can maybe get with a councilman or something like that and determine, you have so many linear feet to be done in his district, what do you want to do?"

Brian Nunes stated, "You're absolutely right cause for example, there might be some streets in Garyville that I can do for \$40,000.00 but there's a street in Edgard and do it for \$200,000.00, so I mean that's... Councilman Snyder stated, "Right one street."

Brian Nunes stated, "Right!"

Councilman Snyder stated, "That's right!"

There was no executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Lennix Madere - Update and concerns regarding home on E. 30th Street - regarding health and safety conditions
Larry Snyder - Building at Cambridge and Airline Hwy. graffiti removal

Parish Buildings - Security

Water bill issues - 133 Beechgrove, Reserve, LA

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

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

Any and all pending legal matters

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

16-16 An ordinance approving the rezoning of a portion of the Roy Englade Lot, located in Section 90, T-11-S, R-7-E, Reserve, St. John the Baptist

Parish, Louisiana, from the Commercial One [C-1] to the Residential One [R-1] zoning district. (PZR-16-1047) (N. Robottom)

16-17 An ordinance approving the rezoning of Lot 1 (proposed Lots 1A and 1B as per Docket No. PZS-16-1138) of St. Pierre Subdivision, located in Section 44, T-12-S, R-19-E, Lucy, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana, from the Commercial One[C-1] to the Residential One [R-1] zoning district. (PZR-16-1048) (N. Robottom)

16-18 An ordinance approving a re-subdivision of Lot 1, St. Pierre Subdivision into Lots 1A and 1B, St. Pierre Subdivision, situated in Section 44, T-12-S, R-19-E, Lucy, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana. (PZS-16-1138) (N. Robottom)

16-19 An ordinance approving a re-subdivision of Lots 19 and 20, Square 9, Melius Subdivision, and Lot 32, Square C, Sunny Dale Subdivision into Lot 19A, Square 9, Melius Subdivision, situated in Sections 47, 48, 82, and 83, T-11-S, R-7-E, Reserve, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana. (PZS-16-1139) (N. Robottom)

16-20 An ordinance amending Sub-Chapter A, Section 2:5 of the St. John the Baptist Parish Code of Ordinances to establish and define the St. John the Baptist Parish Precinct Boundaries, Merge and Consolidate Precincts, and establish Precinct Polling Places

16-21 An ordinance granting final plat approval of a partition of a parcel from Riverwood Subdivision into Lots 1-16, Summerlin Lake Subdivision - Phase 4 - Tuscany Drive, situated in Section 64, T-11-S, R-7-E, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana. (PZS-16-1143) (N. Robottom)

16-22 An ordinance amending Ordinance 15-50 relative to the annual operating budget of the St. John the Baptist Parish Recreation Fund for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015. (N. Robottom)

16-23 An ordinance amending Ordinance 15-51 relative to the annual operating budget of the St. John the Baptist Parish General Fund and Public Works Fund for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015.

16-24 An ordinance amending Ordinance 15-52 relative to the annual Operating budget of the St. John the Baptist Parish Airport Authority, Ambulance, Animal Shelter, ARC Maintenance, Communications District, Community Center, Criminal Court, DHHS, Economic Development, Fire Departments, Health Unit, Gustave/Ike CDBG, Hurricane Isaac, Isaac Recovery CDBG, Juvenile Detention, Public Safety, Sales Tax District, Senior Citizen, Street Lights, Mosquito, Solid Waste, Wastewater, Water System Fund, Parishwide Sewerage, 2002 General Obligation Bonds, 2009 General Obligation Bonds, 2015 General Obligation Bonds and 2015 Sales Tax Bonds for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015 (N. Robottom)

PRESIDENT REPORT:

LaVerne Saulny stated, "Good evening - I am speaking on behalf of Parish President Robottom who could not be here tonight because she is in Washington

D.C. meeting with legislation and fighting for funding for the West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Hurricane Protection Levee. We are positive she is communicating our recent and long-term flooding concerns and we look forward to receiving an update from her upon her arrival home. To start, we want to say thank you to all who volunteered their time and efforts in making St. John a cleaner community during our annual Spring Clean Sweep Saturday. More than 100 volunteers including residents, organizations and businesses picked up trash throughout the Parish that morning. A special thanks to Keep St. John Beautiful Chairman Za Maurin and Judge Sterling Snowdy, our Communications and Economic Development Departments for your efforts. As soon as a date is confirmed for our Fall Clean Sweep, we will release that information. The Parish President and I recently attended a stakeholders meeting for the St. John the Baptist Parish Reserve to I-10 hosted by NY and Associates. During the briefing, St. John joined the Port of South LA in pledging our continued support of the project and commitment in seeing it through to fruition. In addition to an alternative evacuation route, a corridor to I-10 from Reserve may also bring extensive economic gains for the area. We will keep moving forward with this initiative and Communications will release updates as received. The Louisiana Federal Credit Union will hold a ribbon cutting tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. to commemorate recent renovations. All are invited to the grand opening of the new facility located at 805 Robin Street, Laplace. St. John Sheriff Mike Tregre invites the public to attend the annual candlelight vigil and memorial honoring the fallen heroes of the St. John Parish Sheriff's Office. The event will be held May 18 at 7:30 p.m. on the Percy Hebert Building grounds, 1801 W. Airline Highway, in LaPlace. Please mark your calendar. The Recreation and Health and Human Services Departments are advertising for lifeguards and summer workers for summer programs. Applications can be found on the parish website at sjbparish.com and at the Recreation and Health and Human Services offices. The Parks & Recreation Department is offering an abundance of opportunities for youth this summer to stay busy including Soccer, Gymnastics, Summer Camp, Water Aerobics and Baseball. Visit the Recreation Office at 200 REGALA Park Rd. to register your child for these activities. The Ashley Kelly free swimming program is also in the works and more information will be coming soon. St. John is again partnering with the 40th Judicial District Children & Youth Services Planning Board & Prevention Committee to host its annual Free Fishing Camp. The event is Saturday, June 4 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 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. Motorists should be reminded that the I-10 westbound off ramp to Belle Terre Blvd and the Westbound on ramp to Belle Terre Blvd will be closed nightly from 8pm-6am for overpass repair work. The closure is expected to be in place until June so please use detours if traveling through this area during the closure time. All first responders are aware of the closure and have made alternate arrangements for response. Also, a right lane closure on Belle Terre Blvd is in place due to the relocation of Utilities for the DOTD's Belle Terre Drainage Project. Please be mindful of this road work and be on the lookout for work crews and equipment. The drainage project should begin in the next two months. Lastly, Congratulations to all of our students graduating from high school and college this month. Best of luck to each of you while you move into the next chapter in your lives. May it be filled with happiness and success. Good luck!"

ADJOURNMENT :

At 7:31 PM, Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Becnel seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard and Councilmen Boe and Wright absent.

/s/Marvin Perrilloux
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
Council Secretary