

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MAY 8th, 2012
CHAIR LUCIEN GAUFF
VICE CHAIR JACLYN HOTARD

The Council of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session in the Rudolph Soraparu Chambers, Edgard, Louisiana on Tuesday, May 8th, 2012, at 6:30 PM.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ABSENT: None

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

Legal Counsel Jeff Perrilloux and Billy O'Regan were present.

Art Smith - Presentation - Cynthia Clifton - LSU Agricultural

Mrs. Cynthia Clifton and the staff from LSU Agricultural were present and introduced themselves and what they do for the parish.

Art Smith - Acknowledgement - Seraphine "Sis" Ponville - Contributions to missing and exploited children

Councilman Smith commented on Mrs. Seraphine "Sis" Ponville and her wonderful contributions to not only the parish but the state of Louisiana. She was presented with a plaque by Councilman Gauff for her contributions, time and efforts in finding missing and exploited children. Mrs. Ponville thanked the council but was too emotional to speak.

Art Smith - Recognition - Some local War World II Veterans

Councilman Smith asked that this be removed and they will be honored in July.

Art Smith - Informational - Library Board Chairman - future expansion, services and providing services for Pleasure Bend

Councilman Smith asked that we carry this item over to the next agenda.

Natalie Robottom/Vince Lucia - Presentation - Diane Allison, Government Finance Officers Association - Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for Fiscal Year 2010

Mrs. Diane Allison, from the Government Finance Officers Association

was present at the meeting and presented Vince Lucia, Finance Manager for the Parish, with the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the fiscal year 2010. She also commented that this is the 9th year in a row that St. John the Baptist Parish has received this award.

Natalie Robottom - Proclamation - Mental Health Awareness Month

Natalie Robottom read the proclamation for Mental Health Awareness Month.

Natalie Robottom - Proclamation - Public Service Recognition Week

Natalie Robottom read the proclamation for Public Service Recognition Week.

Consent Agenda

Items: Approval of Minutes April 24th, 2012, Regular Meeting; Permit Approval - SJA Church Eucharistic Procession - 6/10/12; Councilwoman Hotard - Appointment of Chervally Roussel to the Recreation Advisory Board; Councilwoman Hotard - Appointment of Quaina Brown to the Animal Control Advisory Board; Councilman Madere - Appointment of Robert Taylor to the Airport Advisory Board; Councilman Snyder - Appointment of Diane Picou to the Animal Control Advisory Board

MOTION: Councilman Snyder moved and Councilman Smith seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda items consisting of Approval of Minutes April 24th, 2012, Regular Meeting; Permit Approval - SJA Church Eucharistic Procession - 6/10/12; Councilwoman Hotard - Appointment of Chervally Roussel to the Recreation Advisory Board; Councilwoman Hotard - Appointment of Quaina Brown to the Animal Control Advisory Board; Councilman Madere - Appointment of Robert Taylor to the Airport Advisory Board; Councilman Snyder - Appointment of Diane Picou to the Animal Control Advisory Board. The motion passed with 8 yeas and 1 abstention (Hotard).

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES:

12-16 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance that the St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana, Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by adding an Article III; Section 1, that reads as follows: An ordinance to add - Rules and Regulations for Use of Bike Paths and Walking Paths.
(N. Robottom)

Theresa Rodgers stated, *"Administration recommends approval of this ordinance providing for appropriate safety and other parameters for utilization of the Multipurpose Trail on the levee. It is consistent with the request from the Pontchartrain Levee District."*

Councilman Perrilloux asked, *"Are some of those rules going to be placed on the levee signage or what is not allowed?"*

Theresa Rodgers stated, *"I think we will try to condense some of the rules. There are actually too many. It would be very text heavy as we kind of discussed in relation to some other issues but we will post some of those about speed limits and yielding to walkers and those*

types of major areas."

Councilman Gauff stated, "I think definitely we are going to have the no motorized vehicles signs put back up in a lot of places or put up in a lot of places."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Except for motorized bikes right? I saw something that said you could have a motorized bike on the path."

Theresa Rodgers stated, "I think it depends on the speed. You cannot exceed over 20 mph and what the ordinance states is no unauthorized, motorized vehicles."

MOTION: Councilman Smith moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 12-16. The motion passed unanimously.

12-17 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance to Re-subdivide Lots 21B & 27A of J.R. Troxler Subdivision into lots herein designated as Lot 21C & Lot 27B of J.R. Troxler Subdivision, situated in Section 60, T-11-S, R-7-E, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana (PZS-12-1024) (N. Robottom)

Angelic Sutherland, Director of P&Z, stated, "Administration recommends approval of this re-subdivision which was unanimously approved by the Planning Commission at the April 16th meeting."

MOTION: Councilman Wright moved and Councilwoman Hotard seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 12-17. The motion passed unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

12-18 An ordinance for Preliminary and Conditional approval for expansion of Riverview Annex Mobile Home Park, located at 482 Hwy. 628, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana (N. Robottom) (PZS-12-1032)

12-19 An ordinance to change the polling place for District 7 from Ascension of Our Lord School back to LaPlace Elementary (N. Robottom)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "This evening the finance committee met and discussed several items of business at this time I would like to ask that the council accept the recommendation of the finance committee."

MOTION: Councilman Wright moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to accept the recommendations of the finance committee. The motion passed unanimously.

SUSPENSION OF RULES

Councilman Gauff stated, "I would like to ask that we suspend the rules at this time to go to New Business and take up the matter Hugh Martin, Resolution R12-25. Mr. Hugh has a long ride back to New Orleans tonight and if you don't mind I would like to move this forward if there is no

objection."

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to allow the suspension of the rules. The motion passed unanimously.

Hugh Martin - Resolution - R12-25 - A Resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held in the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, April 21, 2012, to authorize the levy of special taxes therein

Hugh Martin, Bond Attorney, stated, "Thank you all ladies and gentlemen for moving me up. This resolution is necessary to officially declare the results of the election and to make a proclamation as to its results and these proceedings are filed with the Clerk of Court and the Secretary of State in Baton Rouge as evidence that the propositions before the voters were approved. The election as you know was held on April 21, 2012 and there were five propositions submitted to the voters. The first was the renewal of a 1 mill tax for mentally disabled citizens and in that case there was 2,303 votes cast in favor, 361 against and the majority in favor of 1,942. The second proposition was a renewal of a 1 mill tax for the Senior Citizens. There was a vote cast in the amount of 2,296 votes in favor, 369 votes against for a majority in favor of 1,927 votes. The third proposition was to levy a $\frac{3}{4}$ mill tax for Animal Control facilities that vote was 2,046 votes in favor, 599 votes against for a majority in favor of 1,444 votes. The fourth proposition was a tax of 2.25 mills for Recreation that vote was 1,934 votes in favor, 684 votes against for a majority in favor of 1,250 votes. The final one was a 3.83 mills tax for Road lighting district number one, this is actually a reduction in milage but it reauthorizes the 10 mills and part of that reduction was applied to other purposes so that the milage rate for all of these remains the same. For that proposition there were 2,035 votes in favor, 602 votes against for a majority of 1,433 votes. It was a very fine election. I think you should be proud of yourselves. The voters showed their confidence in this government and the administration the way you have gone forward and it is a feather in your cap. I would like to also mention the award that the finance department received tonight. It is very important when you go to the bond market to sell bonds, when you go to rating agencies to get a rating on your bonds, in order to get the cheapest interest rate that we can that is one of the things that is looked at how good your record keeping has been and this reward is a big plus for that. If you have any questions about anything I would be happy to try to answer them."

MOTION: Councilwoman Millet moved and Councilwoman Hotard seconded the motion to approve Resolution R12-25. A resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held in the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, April 21, 2012, to authorize the levy of special taxes therein. The motion passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:

Marvin Perrilloux/Art Smith/Lennix Madere/Michael Wright - Discussion relative to combining the potable river crossing with adding and

completing Phase 8 of the Lion's Water Plant

Natalie Robottom stated, "I think this item was placed on the agenda, there was a workshop last week. The intentions are and were to combine the funding. Obviously there are two separate issues with two separate administrative orders, based on that discussion the priority for us at this point is to have that water line under the river. The reason for that priority is there is no alternate source of water for the West Bank should there be a problem at the site, at the pump, at the river having more than one clarifier would not aid the West Bank. However having a source of water that can go from the East to the West Bank and the West to the East Bank is a long term solution so that will address one administrative order. The other piece was the filtering situation at Lion's Plant and again understanding it was time and money we are currently completing an application to LDHH for a loan that would cover both of these projects. Obviously there is some funding already available through bond money that was originally in the project for a clarifier with a combination of what we anticipate getting from LDHH and the additional funds we think we can get for the filters and probably some additional funds we are hoping to be able to do this project as well as probably one other. We are going to go for as much as we can get through that process. What is important is that one there is a time frame and we are trying to work very hard to get this application completed to meet the time frame because what is really important is we could have a 30% forgiveness of this loan. That is huge. Initially we were looking at 3 million. I think we are looking at 5 million now. Out of the 3 million we would have been forgiven about 1 million dollars which would be huge for St. John Parish but I think the state understands the need for infrastructure improvements and that is what we are going to work towards and clearly our requests for funding will be together but they are separate projects."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I just want to make sure that this gets completed at the Lion's Plant so that we have good water for 10+ years and so that we don't have to keep going back and piecing that area together. I know we met with Mr. Hugh and we can discuss it with him if we want to on how we can get that money but we need to complete that project. That is the consent of this council along with Mr. Rayneri for expansion and growth."

Natalie Robottom stated, "We definitely do and as I said we are going to do this application but clearly if that is not approved or if it is not approved at the level that we are requesting, which is an option, we do have to pursue other options because both of these projects are priorities. As I said the line crossing more so right now but both of them are priorities because it is an entire system. It is not one or the other and we need to try to loop and make sure that they are connected throughout the parish."

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "Do we have a timeline on this?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "The application is due on June 1st."

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "How long after do you hear something?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "I think what we are going to be doing is designing anyway. We already have the funds available. We are moving

forward okay. This council approved the amendment to the contract to allow Environmental Engineers to move forward with the design. So they are going to be moving forward regardless. So whether funding is through LDHH or not the design needs to be started, there is permitting that needs to be done, so the process will continue. We do have some funds available as I said through the bond issue and there are other options that we can explore. We feel very comfortable and confident that we will be successful toward obtaining some portion if not all of our requests but clearly if that is not fulfilled then we do have other options and we will bring those back to the council."

Councilman Smith stated, "I guess I just want to say you can't do one without the other. We have to fix the Lion's Plant and we have to put the line under the river. So basically it is not an either or it has to be both because if you can't fix the Lion's Plant then you can't fix the line under the river. It is kind of a hand in hand situation that we want to do both projects and I guess my question is if we can't get this money from the loan, do we have other options that we can look at such as equity we have in some of the bond money that we have available or with some of our borrowing power would it be economically feasible for us to do that?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "We have several options. We have a tax that goes towards water that we can look into to. We actually paid off some debt that is going to free up some. So we have several options but I do want to clarify. We can do one without the other. The Lion's Plant is functional up to 5 mgd. We can use the filters that we are not using now. We are not using them because one we don't need them and two the power savings energy cost chemical savings is a savings to the parish but should we need to operate those filters we can do that. We have not been stopped by DHH. They understand they know that flow meters are something they would like to see on the filters but don't misunderstand me both of these projects are priorities but they are not linked together in any way other than the funding. This was a great way to secure funding where we could have 30% of that loan forgiven. So we clearly want to go that route first but there are other options available to the parish. One because there is already some bond funds there is already some equity built up in the utilities budget and we can bond out if we needed money out of that fund to help with the crossing but we also talked about this. The bonding capacity for the parish, as Mr. Hugh just said, is good. We passed these rededications that still left money for additional bond issues and I think what we talked about early on when you were elected was to analyze the kinds of projects that you would like to see in your district. It will not be uncommon for this council to select a bond issue with projects but it is a process. Clearly we won't be able to do every project that you would like done which is why it kind of takes time to kind of figure out which ones are the priority, how much funding is available and if this council elects to do a bond issue, that would be available to you but we want to explore all the other options that might be available to us now for example the LDHH loan, we were successful with the I&I loan, this 30% forgiveness is huge. We are looking at saving or not having to pay back 1 million dollars on a project that is needed that will greatly help St. John Parish and our water system."

Councilman Wright asked, "You said the design was going to take place immediately. Is that specifically for the line under the river?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "That is correct."

Councilman Wright asked, "What kind of time frame are we looking at for the Lion's?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "For the Lion's you know that is ongoing right now. We just finished up the other project. I think that they are looking at the same thing that they did, they put in a set of filters and what they are looking at is replacing the ones now with the same type. So we have a head start on that but again what we have money for, what we have a contract in place for is the line under the river that is what you approved tonight and that is going to proceed immediately."

Councilman Wright stated, "I was just asking and I do support the Lion's Plant Phase 8 also because I know this council feels and I know administration does feel also that we are trying to look forward to the next 20 years and not the next 4."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I think that question was asked a while back Mike and they are looking at a year and a half to put the line under the river, not very long but with the permits and everything else that we have to go through to get to that point and I think the engineer said a year and a half. My question is do we have enough money in the parish to do these projects?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "We have enough money if we had to do the line under the river right now. The projection as Mr. Savoie has shared with you is about 3.5 million for the filter that is not available in hand right now. I am very confident we would have the money to complete the line under the river. We would have to come up, if the loan is not provided this council and administration would have to come up with an alternate source. What I am saying is there are options available to us but clearly if we are able to get the money through a loan that would forgive 30% of it that would be the route we would want to go."

Councilman Snyder asked, "So we do have the capacity to go up to 5 million if we need to and we will get the people on the West Bank a backup?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Correct."

Art Smith - Update on the 404 Permits

Councilman Smith stated, "I was talking to the Lafourche Levee Basin about dredging and some other things and they asked me what was going on with our 404 permits, they tried to explain and I didn't have an answer and some other people got involved with this. So basically I thought if you give an answer then everyone would know at the same time."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Based on the recommendation of the Lafourche Basin Levee District, the process was initiated for obtaining 404 permits for seven of the West Bank canals. A 404 permit allows for dredging, while a Coastal Use Permit only allows for clearing, grubbing and snagging. Because these canals had not been cleaned in a number of years, there were no discernible channels visible and the Office of

Coastal Management raised objections to issuing 404 permits. Representatives from the Office of Coastal Management, Royal Engineers and our projects staff recently conducted an on-site visit to identify and determine the discernible channels and most advantageous methods for clearing these canals. Based on that visit and discussions following the visit, 404 permits for dredging are not needed and Coastal Use Permits will be obtained. Additionally, Mr. Savoie has been trying to obtain a 404 permit for the Becnel Canal but has experienced difficulty obtaining the permit. This process has been going on for approximately 8 years and still remains unresolved."

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "Have we submitted a list of canals on the East Bank to the Pontchartrain Levee District?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "We actually have not yet. We have canals that are included in the funding for Gustav/Ike that we submitted to you all in a prioritized fashion both the ones that are being done in-house and the ones that are included in the funding but we actually did have conversation with them about assistance in that matter and there is one specifically right now."

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "The ones that we have the funding for, they can't assist us with cleaning those canals?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "I guess they may be able to but are you saying in lieu of using the funding that is available for cleaning them?"

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "No in conjunction with the funding that we have. If they can assist and we have some funding from Gustav/Ike then it may be even less."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes and I think we talked about that. It is unlikely that the funding will cover all of the canals. So priority wise but I understand there are some council members who want to look at the list for priority and we can look at what they may be able to do sooner than later versus waiting for the funding."

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "Do you know at what point you will be able to get the information to the Pontchartrain Levee District to see what they can do to assist us? There are a lot of times that they have resources that we don't."

Natalie Robottom stated, "I think Mr. Snyder and I had a conversation today and he wants to take a look at the prioritized list. All of you received it I think we sent back a couple of explanations on that it is pretty much like the road list as well but once we convene and have that conversation we will meet with both our projects as well as our public works director in shoring that up and see which ones they can help with."

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "Do you think we should submit to them because we don't know what they can do? You know it is best to say okay this is everything that we have to do tell us what you can do instead of maybe picking out some of them and submitting to them when they may be able to assist with more."

Natalie Robottom stated, "I think our plan is to submit the entire list but to prioritize it. So once it is prioritized then they will know which ones are the most important to us. So that is what we are waiting on to make sure that the list that is there everyone understands it and is comfortable with that as the sequence of completing it."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Okay I thought that we were going to take some of them out but I understand after it is prioritized and then submit to them a complete list so that they know which ones are of more concern to us than others."

Art Smith - Update on the second Administrative Order

Councilman Smith stated, "This stems from the Edgard Plant and to put rumors to rest and basically just trying to get an explanation on the second administrative order."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Again most of these were in the documents and I know you weren't able to make the workshop last week. We had three administrative orders. One was for the LaPlace system at Ruddock and that administrative order had some twenty items over several years. It has been cleared. The second administrative order is for the Lion's Plant which only has one item left and that is the filters and it is left over from 2009 but again we have a plan. We know what needs to be done with that. We are trying to secure funding that is that one. More recently the Modified Administrative Order for the West Bank (4/26/12) was reduced to two items; six of the previous items listed have been resolved. The two pending items are for either a second clarifier or an approved alternate water source (Potable Water River Crossing), and the addition of a chlorine storage room. The chlorine room is a new requirement and is a violation applicable to all state treatment facilities which utilize chlorine as a disinfectant. This requirement is currently being litigated and as acknowledged by the State Enforcement Office, both remaining items will take time and money to correct but clearly we are going to have to follow up on those two but instead of 8 there are only 2. One we are making progress toward, the other we are trying to wait and see how that litigation turns out."

Councilman Smith stated, "If you don't mind could you explain the word redundancy to the public. I understand but the public doesn't."

Natalie Robottom stated, "The item on the administrative order references a second clarifier, which would I guess provide a backup that is what redundancy is. If we had a second clarifier yes we would have redundancy or a backup for clarifiers but we have no back up for the pump at the river or the source so it wouldn't be a redundancy for the entire water system whereas if we had a water line under the river we could get money from the East Bank to go so that is our back up. Our back up would be to provide water from the East Bank to the West Bank should that be needed or also because the West Bank produces a lot more water than it currently uses clearly that is a benefit for growth here and business to have that ability to produce water but should we need some from the West Bank we could also shift it back. So redundancy is just having a backup. Our goal was to have backup providing water, not just a backup clarifier."

Art Smith - Civil Service process

Councilman Smith asked that this item be carried over to the next agenda.

Lennix Madere - Update and projected start time for inflow and infiltration repairs

Natalie Robottom stated, "Contracts for the Manhole Rehabilitation project have been signed and the pre-construction meeting is being scheduled. This project should begin by the end of May. The project for Inflow and Infiltration repairs is in the design phase and should be ready for bid in June."

Councilman Madere stated, "The only reason why I placed it back on there is that we are very new to this council politics and my thing is that once we award contracts and bids and everything I am ready to roll. I am just representing the people in my district and they are constantly asking me about it every time their restroom is backing up and I keep telling them that this project is going to solve that problem but I am running out of stories and I want to get to the point to where we see the work being done. I want to clarify that we are having something that will start between May and July."

Natalie Robottom stated, "You will start seeing raised manholes but with our bigger problems a program is being designed to fix the bigger problems."

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Theresa Rodgers - Authorization to enter into Intergovernmental Agreement between the Pontchartrain Levee District and St. John the Baptist Parish for use of the Mississippi River Levee Servitude for the Multi-Use Path

Theresa Rodgers stated, "Administration requests authorization to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Pontchartrain Levee District Board and St. John the Baptist Parish for use of the Mississippi River Levee Servitude for the Multi-Use Path. The Agreement has been reviewed by legal counsel and found to be consistent with use of the levee for recreational purposes."

MOTION: Councilman Snyder moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Pontchartrain Levee District and St. John the Baptist Parish for use of the Mississippi River Levee Servitude for the Multi-Use Path. The motion passed unanimously.

Theresa Rodgers - Resolution - R12-23 - A resolution in support of Senate Bills 456 and 462 of the 2012 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature in regards to the St. James Parish Youth Detention Center in St. James Parish

Theresa Rodgers stated, "Resolution 12-23 supports Senate Bills 456 and 462 in regards to the housing of juveniles at the Youth Detention Center in St. James Parish. St. James Parish provides a facility for housing juveniles for many of the area parishes, including St. John and St. Charles. It currently costs approximately \$160.00 per day to house a juvenile. It is estimated that the daily housing cost will increase to approximately \$250.00-\$280.00 per day if the state's recently adopted licensing standards for juvenile detention facilities are not delayed. Administration recommends approval."

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Smith seconded the motion to approve Resolution R12-23. A resolution in support of Senate Bills 456 and 462 of the 2012 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature in regards to the St. James Parish Youth Detention Center in St. James Parish. **WHEREAS**, House Bill 1477 was passed during the 2010 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature and enacted as Act 863, and mandates the creation of standards for juvenile detention centers statewide; and, in September 2010 a task force was created comprised of several entities related to juvenile detention, as well as administrators and directors of all juvenile detention facilities, with the goal of the task force to compile and analyze data, research, and current practices nationwide to develop "best practice" standards for juvenile detention facilities; and, **WHEREAS**, the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) was chosen to promulgate these standards when completed by the task force; and, **WHEREAS**, on July 1, 2011, the task force finalized and submitted the detention standards to DCFS and, while these standards elevate the care for youth detention to new heights, some of the standards are not practical or attainable within the established timeframe (January 2013); and, **WHEREAS**, it is currently costing St. James Parish approximately \$160.00 per day to house a juvenile at the facility and it is estimated that the daily housing cost will increase to approximately \$250.00-\$280.00 per day if the new rules for licensing remain in effect; and, **WHEREAS**, the St. James Youth Center provides a detention facility for most parishes in the state of Louisiana with a large number of the juveniles coming from the parishes of Ascension, Assumption, St. John, St. Charles, Iberville, Pointe Coupee, West Baton Rouge, and others; and, there has recently been an increase in juveniles from Iberia Parish due to the recent closing of the St. Martinville detention center; and, **WHEREAS**, the St. James Youth Center has become a vital part of the manner in which local law enforcement agencies handle cases with juvenile offenders and without this facility judges and local law enforcement agencies will be forced to use alternative methods of handling juvenile offenders; and **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the members of the St. John the Baptist Parish Council do hereby support Senate Bills 456 and 462 and do petition the Louisiana Legislature to enact this legislation (SB 462) towards the delay or waiving of the rule for implementation of licensing of the juvenile detention center in St. James Parish for at least two (2) years, and also request legislative support (SB 256) for the creation of a multijurisdictional board comprised of representatives from neighboring parishes, with the authority to levy taxes, if passed by the voters, to promote the operation of the St. James Youth Center. The motion passed unanimously.

Theresa Rodgers - Resolution - R12-24 - A Resolution in support of

appropriation of Capital Outlay funding for St. John the Baptist Parish West and East Bank Governmental Complexes

Theresa Rodgers stated, "In an effort to secure additional funds for improvements to the East and West Bank Government Complexes, a request was made for Capital Outlay funds from the state. Senator Troy Brown has agreed to pursue this request on our behalf, which requires adoption of a Resolution in support of the appropriation by the Council. The State of Louisiana has an annually appropriated Capital Outlay Program and the 2012-13 fiscal year budget is currently under consideration. The Capital Outlay Program offers funding to eligible parishes for a range of projects including improvement of infrastructure, public health, public safety, and economic development purposes. Administration recommends adoption of this resolution."

MOTION: Councilwoman Millet moved and Councilwoman Hotard seconded the motion approve Resolution R12-24. A resolution in support of appropriation of Capital Outlay funding for the St. John the Baptist Parish West and East Bank Governmental Complexes. **WHEREAS**, the State of Louisiana has an annually appropriated Capital Outlay Program and the 2012-13 fiscal year budget is currently under consideration; and **WHEREAS**, the Capital Outlay Program offers funding to eligible parishes for a range of projects including improvement of infrastructure, public health, public safety, and for economic development purposes; and **WHEREAS**, it is deemed necessary and proper for St. John the Baptist Parish to request funding from the State of Louisiana Capital Outlay Program for courtroom, security, and other improvements to governmental complexes; and **WHEREAS**, the citizens of St. John the Baptist Parish approved a bond issue which includes governmental complexes on the east and west banks of the parish; and **WHEREAS**, St. John the Baptist Parish desires to use the Capital Outlay Program funds as a match for improvement of these structures; and **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the St. John the Baptist Parish Council supports the appropriation of Capital Outlay funding for the St. John the Baptist Parish West and East Bank Governmental Complexes. The motion passed unanimously.

Art Smith - MAC adoption of the Edgard Recreational Complex

Councilman Smith stated, "MAC is a local civic organization similar to the Wallace Indians who adopted the Wallace Firehouse and Park. These people have stepped up and said that they wanted to step up and assist. They canvass the park daily to pick up trash. MAC has decided that they will adopt the Park in Edgard. They are willing to adopt the park and assist in keeping it clean with whatever needs to be done. They are pursuing some grants for some equipment which the Wallace Indians are presently doing for the Wallace Park. So they really want to get involved and help out in the parish. The contact is Brock Baptist at 504-234-4199."

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Natalie Robottom stated, "Good Evening - First I'd like to thank everyone for joining us in Baton Rouge for the River Region Legislative Caucus Day at the Capitol. It was a great turnout - We had the opportunity to speak with Senators Smith and Amadee and Representative Gaines once the House convened at 7:00. Also present were representatives from LED, DOTD, and House and Senate members from other

districts around the state, as well as Council members Gauff, Madere, Wright and Perrilloux. We took advantage of the opportunity to speak with the secretary of DOTD and her Confidential Assistant, Mr. Sean Wilson about the need to keep the ferry and different options for doing so. I would also like to thank many of you for the overwhelming number of letters we received in support of the ferry - these have been forwarded and received by the delegation as well as DOTD. We actually killed two birds with one stone that day in Baton Rouge, signing the closing for the USDA grant for the Farmer's Market for \$99,999.00. We also spent time reviewing the guidelines and monitoring requirements associated with the funds with the USDA representative. I'd like to thank WSJE for inviting me to participate in Career Day this past Friday - it was enlightening to meet with the other speakers and respond to some of the questions posed by the students. It was a great activity beginning at the right age - it's never too early to start preparing for your future. Following up on that theme - the St. John United Way kicked off the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Program. This program is free for children ages birth to five in St. John the Baptist Parish. Parents can register their children online at stjohnunitedway.org and receive a free book mailed to their homes each month. I encourage all of our residents to register their children or share this information with their family and friends in an effort to better prepare all children to enter school. We are pleased to announce that East St. John Elementary School was selected by the Louisiana Department of Transportation as a site for funding through the Safe Routes to School Program. This is the second such grant and we will continue our efforts to make sure all students have safe access to their schools. The Kiwanis Club of the River Parishes will hold an informational meeting on tomorrow - Wednesday, May 9, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at Chung's Heavenly Sweets located at 607 Belle Terre Blvd to discuss corporate memberships and individual memberships. The Kiwanis Club meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Visit www.kiwanis.org or contact Cynthia Bentley at 504-330-8999 for more information on the Kiwanis Club. I'd like to remind everyone that the Annual Rudolph Dinvault Golf Tournament is this Friday, May 11 at the Belle Terre Country Club - Funds generated support WSJH Athletics, Scholarships and the Rudolph Dinvault Stadium. A ribbon cutting for Infinity Sports Bar and Grill will be held this Saturday, May 12 at 2:00 p.m. at 1400 Airline Highway in LaPlace, the old Dot's Diner. All are invited to attend. Councilman Marvin Perrilloux will host a Town Hall Meeting on Monday, May 14 at 6:00 p.m. at the LaPlace Main Library located on Hwy 51. Residents in Sugar Ridge, Riverlands, and Foxwood are invited to attend this meeting to receive updates in the parish and ask questions with Councilman Perrilloux, myself, and my staff. As presented at our last council meeting, the St. John the Baptist Parish adjudicated Properties Program is up and running. Please visit our website at www.sjbparish.com to review the adjudicated properties that are available or contact the Broussard Baloney Law Firm at 985-535-2889 for more information. Youth baseball kicked off with opening day on Saturday, April 28. Games are being played at REGALA Park in Reserve and Ezekiel Jackson Park in Garyville on Monday through Thursday. Game schedules can be found at www.sjbparish.com on the Parks and Recreation Page. We wish all teams the best of luck through the season. The Recreation Department is still accepting applications for Certified Lifeguards. Employment applications are available online or in the Recreation Department located at 200 Regala Park Road. They are also accepting applications for employment for the Summer Camp. For more

information, please contact the Department of Parks and Recreation at 985-652-9569, Ext. 1169. Congratulations to the cast of Seussical who was recently selected. Good luck with the preparation for this summer production which is scheduled for July 20-22 and July 25-28. I would like to wish a very Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers here tonight and in our parish. Enjoy your day!"

CORRESPONDANCE/COUNCIL BRIEFS

Councilman Smith stated, "First I would like to wish my wife and daughter Happy Mother's Day and to all the mother's because they are some of the strongest people in the world. I would like to congratulate Mrs. Sis for her efforts for these 14 children that she helped to bring home to their parents. Cheryl good luck on your surgery and you can catch the 8:45 PM ferry. The airnasium is online in the park and people are using it. The mosquitos run them out of there a little early but I spoke with mosquito control and they are going to assist with that. We did have some lifeguards that applied for jobs but no baseball team yet. I would like to thank Mrs. Buckles for the fine job that she did with the Farmer's Market. I think it is going to be very good for the community."

Councilman Wilson stated, "I would like to say Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers. I hope and pray that it is a safe weekend for everybody without any incidents, everybody be careful and have a good time."

Councilman Madere stated, "First I would like to congratulate the WSJ baseball team for a fine season they had this year. Also SCC and RA put in a fine season. Also I would like to wish all the mothers in District III and around the parish especially District III a very Happy Mother's Day to my wife, to my two daughters and to my two sisters and to all the mothers in here who I may not see for Mother's Day."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I would like to say Happy Mother's Day to my wife and all the mothers of St. John Parish. I would like to say great job St. John Parish at the Legislative reception. I would also like to say Mr. Lennix and I cornered Mr. Wilson about the ferry. We invited him to come and take a ride with us, he wants to fish, if it means stopping the ferry to let him fish we will do that to keep it in St. John Parish. I would like to say congratulations to my daughter who is graduating from LaPlace Elementary next week and 8 more years of school."

Councilman Wright stated, "I just want to wish a Happy Mother's Day to not only my mother but all of the mothers in St. John Parish. Thanks for all that you do. I also want to thank my fellow council members and my constituents who called and wished me a speedy recovery from the flu. So I really appreciate that."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I would just like to say Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers in the parish. To all the children and the grandchildren make sure it is a special mother's day for your mother because she is very special. Like I have told you before, I have never called a woman in this world mother, so I don't know how it feels but I see a lot of people do. So take care of your mother and for all you fathers that are mothers Happy Mother's Day to you to, because I had

one."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "Well I am going to echo everyone else's comments about Mother's Day but I am going to throw a monkey in there, give your mother breakfast in bed, there is nothing like breakfast in bed, but you have got to clean the kitchen, don't leave the mess. Also the Belle Terre lights were due for completion on the 12th of May. I know that isn't going to happen. Can administration look into that and see where we stand on that? I would like to be there for that celebration."

Councilman Gauff stated, "Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers and all the ladies in the parish. It is always a sad time for me. It will be thirteen years tomorrow. So mom I know you are looking down on me and watching over me. So I thank you for everything that you have done for me. I would also like to say thank you to Mrs. Matthews Valentine for inviting me to career day at St. Rose Elementary. She is in St. Charles Parish but she is a St. John resident, so thank you that was a lot of fun, career day was fun. I would also like to say that we should go out for the grand opening on Saturday to the Infinity Sports Bar on 2:00 Saturday. Also don't forget about the golf tournament on Friday. Have a safe and Happy Mother's Day weekend."

There was no executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Personnel Matters

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

Cable Franchise Agreement

Any and all pending legal matters

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:09 PM, Councilwoman Millet moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

/s/Lucien Gauff, III
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
Council Secretary