

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH
TUESDAY, MAY 23rd, 2017
CHAIRMAN LARRY SNYDER
VICE-CHAIR JACLYN HOTARD

The Council of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session in the Joel McTopy Chambers, LaPlace, Louisiana on Tuesday, May 23rd, 2017 at 6:30 PM.

CALL TO ORDER:

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL: Kurt Becnel, Councilman District I, Julia Remonet, Councilwoman District II, Lennix Madere, Councilman District III, Marvin Perrilloux, Councilman District IV, Michael Wright, Councilman District V, Larry Snyder, Councilman District VI, Thomas Malik, Councilman District VII, Jaclyn Hotard, Councilwoman-at-Large, Div. B

ABSENT: Larry Sorapuru

Councilman Malik led the Prayer. Councilman Madere led the Pledge.

Legal Counsel Keith Green, Jr. 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 - Acknowledgment - St. John Fire Department LSFA Competitive Drills Competition Winner (4 years in a row)

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes Mr. Snyder I have a quick question for you. I received a request to do a proclamation and I wasn't sure if you were going to amend the agenda to add that."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yes we are, yes we are."

Natalie Robottom stated, "And just for point of information, we do have both sets of attorneys here for executive session, items present in the audience."

Councilman Snyder stated "Ok thank you. I'm sorry."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I was going to say we should bring up, after we do this bring up the executive session."

Councilman Snyder stated "Let's do this though."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Yeah and once we finish this."

Natalie Robottom invited Firefighter/Operator: William Parker (absent), Travis Etie, Michael Moscona, and Cameron Buccola. For the 4th year in the row, St. John the Baptist Parish Fire Department placed 1st in LSFA Competitive Drills Competition which was held in DeSoto Parish. Congratulations to you all and as always, and always sticking together and helping each day in St. John the Baptist Parish. The Council also congratulated and thanked the firefighters for their

services.

Councilman Snyder stated, "I'd like to get a motion so we can suspend the rules twice, first of all suspend the rules to add something to the agenda."

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilwoman Hotard seconded the motion to suspend the rules to amend the agenda to add - Proclamation - Race Unity Day - Charles Kennedy. The motion passed with Councilman Sorapuru absent.

Natalie Robottom - Proclamation - Race Unity Day

Natalie Robottom read the proclamation for Race Unity Day.

Charles Kennedy thanked President Robottom and the Council. Race Unity Day will be held on Saturday, June 10th at 10:30 AM - Tom Daley Park. Sheriff Tregre is providing a tent, refreshments will be served and are encouraging everyone to come out and we encourage you to invite family and friends.

Lennix Madere/Larry Snyder - Proclamation - Our Lady of Grace Church - 80th year Anniversary

Natalie Robottom read the proclamation for Our Lady of Grace Church - 80th year Anniversary. Father Christopher Amadi thanked everyone for everyone for making this happen and appreciates everything the community has done. OLG will celebrate their 80th year on June 4th in Reserve.

Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilwoman Remonet seconded the motion to move into Executive Session to discuss Kevin Branch v. St. John the Baptist Parish, Docket #68094; St. John the Baptist Parish v. Jovan Washington, Docket #70634; John Barrett vs. St. John the Baptist Parish, Docket #68043 (Graffiti issue). The motion passed with Councilman Sorapuru absent.

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to go back into regular session. The motion passed Councilman Sorapuru absent.

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "There was no action taken as a result of executive session, but as a result of executive session I will offer a motion to authorize administration to enter in to settle agreements with Kevin Branch vs. St. John the Baptist Parish, Docket #68094 in the amount of \$3,800.00. And to also enter into a settle agreement with St. John the Baptist Parish vs. Jovan Washington, Docket #70634 in the amount of \$25,000.00. That will be my motion."

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the motion to authorize administration to enter in to settle agreements with Kevin Branch vs. St. John the Baptist Parish, Docket #68094 in the amount of \$3,800.00. And to also enter into a settle agreement with St. John the Baptist Parish vs. Jovan Washington, Docket #70634 in the amount of \$25,000.00. The motion passed with Councilman Sorapuru absent.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEMS: Approval of Minutes - May 9th, 2017, Regular Meeting

MOTION: Councilman Becnel moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda item: Approval of Minutes - May 9th, 2017, Regular Meeting. The motion passed with Councilman Sorapuru absent.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES:

17-14 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance amending Ordinance 17-02 relative to the annual Operating budgets for the St. John the Baptist Parish General Fund, Juvenile Detention Fund and Criminal Court Fund for the Fiscal year beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016. (N. Robottom)

Ross Gonzales stated, *"Good evening Council. This is an annual requirement to amend the Annual Operating Budgets for 2016 to reflect actual revenues and expenditures. A separate document presented to Council members explains the changes of greater significance. Administration recommends approval."*

This Ordinance died for lack of motion.

17-15 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance amending Ordinance 16-38 relative to the annual Operating budgets for the St. John the Baptist Parish Airport Authority, Ambulance Fund, Animal Shelter, ARC Maintenance, Communications District, Community Center, Department of Health and Human Services, Economic Development, Office of Fire Services, Health Unit, Gustav/Ike CDBG, Hurricane Isaac, Isaac Recovery CDBG, Public Safety, Public Works, Recreation, Sales Tax District, Senior Citizens, Street Lights, Mosquito Fund, Solid Waste, Wastewater Fund, Water Distribution Fund, Parish-Wide Sewerage Construction Fund, 2009 General Obligations Bonds, 2010 General Obligation Bonds, 2014 General Obligation Bonds, 2015 General Obligation Bonds and 2015 Sales Tax Bond for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016. (N. Robottom)

Ross Gonzales stated, *"These amendments also reflect actual revenues and expenditures for 2016 and Administration recommends approval."*

This Ordinance died for lack of motion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Madere stated, *"I'd like to make a motion that the council accept the recommendations of the finance committee meeting."*

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Becnel seconded the motion to accept the recommendations of the finance committee meeting. The motion passed with Councilman Sorapuru and Perrilloux absent.

OLD BUSINESS:

There is no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Larry Snyder - Selection of the Official Journal for St. John the Baptist Parish Government

Councilman Snyder stated, *"Actually I put this up, by law we need to select this and we have to submit the report by June 1st I think right, to the Secretary of State on who our Official Journal is going to be. But I put it down there because I want to do it in the form of a motion. I don't believe in entitlements, I don't think anybody is entitled to projects like this so, if I don't get a motion here on this to take care of this business, with the ignoring the journal the Official Journal Newspaper and then we can move on from here."*

MOTION: Councilwoman Remondet moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to appoint The L'Observateur as the Official Journal for the Parish. The motion passed with Councilman Sorapuru absent.

Natalie Robottom - Resolution - R17-25 - A Resolution for the residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan under Section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974

Natalie Robottom stated, "As a requirement for the FY 2016 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program, adoption of the following policies is necessary to receive an award of \$459,690 for rehabilitation of the Edgard Water Treatment Plant Clarifier. These documents include: Section 504 Assurance Form; Prepare and adopt by resolution a Residential Anti-displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan; Residential Anti-displacement and Relocation Assistance Certification. Approval, signature and submission of these documents are standard requirements of this program and Administration recommends approval."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Yes I have a question on this because I know back in 2015 we was going to do this project and decided not to, because of funding source and then we decide we going to just scrap it and do it, I guess thought we was going do it in house, take it down do the necessary repairs needed and we did the line under the river. Correct?"

Rob DeLaune stated, "Yes."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Now you're coming back to ask me to pass this resolution and who is the, to give this contract to CH2 or somebody like that? I think that's what it was at the time?"

Rob DeLaune stated, "Well this resolution is actually for the actual LCDBG Grant. It's for the \$469,000.00 award to put in place the anti-displacement plan for construction. Back in November 2015 there was a resolution that had to accompany the application for this particular grant and it named the amount of the grant and it also named the engineer that was proposed to do the design on the project."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "At that time."

Rob DeLaune stated "At that time. Yes!"

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "But now this is a whole new day you want to put a new clarifier in, so why are we not going out for RFP? This is just to acquire the funding? This is not to give this to an engineering firm?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "This is the same project that was presented in 2015. Originally..."

Councilman Perrilloux interrupting stated, "But this is to get the money."

Blake Fogleman stated, "To get the money for that project."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "But we are not giving it to nobody, we're not going sign saying you're going to do it."

Blake Fogleman stated, "That was to I guess to clarify back before I was here."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Yeah you wasn't here I think you had just gotten here."

Blake Fogleman stated, "So right when I got here the understanding I was actually part of the design firm that designed the project that went under the Mississippi River. The understanding was that we are not going to add an additional clarifier to the Edgard Plant. That was close to a million dollar project in lieu of the clarifier that is existing, knowing it could survive long enough to get the waterline under the river. We had already started or the parish had already started identifying funding for the rehabilitation of the existing clarifier. So now that we have the waterline under the Mississippi River, we have the ability to take that clarifier all the way down, and this is the funding source that was identified close to two or twelve years ago to provide that funds for that reconstruction or rehabilitation of that clarifier. So this is the same one that was presented in 2015 it has always been the intent, we actually went and had a public meeting on the Westbank and laid out an option a number of options and they selected this one as the one they would like to see, because it is supporting the entire community on the Westbank."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I got that. So we acquired for the funding, but we are not assigning a company an engineering firm to do it. We're just getting the funding?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "The original resolution in 2015 assigned that firm."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "No, no, no, no."

Blake Fogleman stated, "What we're doing now confirms the remainder of the documents that are required to still secure the \$459,000.00 that the original resolution put in place."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Ok, so after we get this if it passes and we get this funding, are we going to go out for RFP for an engineering firm or are we going to give it to CH2M Hill?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "Based on and correct me if I'm wrong, based on my understanding and the process that we have followed, the original resolution was assigning that firm. That was in 2015 this is just additional funding because they don't look at it as it started in 2015, if anything comes in place and that's requirements that come along the way, they're going to make us do it no matter what point in that process we are. So they'll come in and said, this is the same money this is the same process, but we know require certain forms to be filled, so even with that money that's from 2015 it's still going to have to require this and so that's why we're back in front of yawl today."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Okay because at that time Rob DeLaune said or you, no not you, you wasn't here but Rob was going to take it down whenever we can at that time and just do the necessary repairs to it. So now you said we need to do the whole thing?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "That was to get us to this point today. We have taken it down multiple times at night and I mean that's to see those guys have to do that at night in the middle of not having producer water and trying to get that thing back up and running. We have taken it down to band aide it long enough for this funding source to get in because right now with the Eastbank with the Lions Plant

with the different things we have going there was never a funding source for complete rehabilitation. And in fact we never had the ability to take it down for an extended period of time because it was you know the Westbank was always on an island on its own."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Well that's the problem I have and if Kurt if you're alright with it what my problem was, ok we scrapped it then and did the line under the river..."

Blake Fogleman interrupting stated, "No sir that's..."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "That's from what I'm understanding at the time."

Blake Fogleman stated, "No sir that's again, what was scrapped was building a second clarifier. So that was, my understanding that was presented and that was discussed some time ago. Again, that was prior to me but coming in and doing my due diligence, my understanding was, the original proposal was to build a whole new clarifier. And the idea was that that is going to build you another clarifier, you're still going to have to money to rehab the second clarifier, you are currently not using enough water to satisfy using both of those clarifiers one would sit idle only for emergencies. The money was rolled into the 1.8 Million Dollar waterline under the river, which suffices as your redundant back-up for the entire Edgard Plant and not just the clarification unit giving us the ability to move forward to try and move this rehab of this existing unit itself."

Councilman Becnel stated, "Correct me if I was wrong I don't think, you said this happened in 2015?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "Yes sir some time ago."

Councilman Becnel stated, "I wasn't officially elected then. I wasn't a councilman in 2015, but basically this firm CH, what you call them?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "CH2M Hill."

Councilman Becnel stated, "That's who yawl had assigned to do the project at the time?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "That was presented in the project with the original resolution to the council, yes. Based on this funding source the requirement was; the application required to have an engineering firm tied to it. Whereas, other applications that we have come to you all with is, find the funding, assign the engineer after the fact."

Councilman Becnel stated, "I just don't really want to see a delay if we chose them and I wasn't a councilman, I'd like to just see us move forward with it."

Blake Fogleman stated, "I understand. Again it is re-hatching an older project, but it is again Mr. Becnel we had a very good the Westbank meeting that time it was well attended, it's a project you know with the funding from this source, gives us the ability to do I mean these types of projects."

Councilman Becnel stated, "Ok that's all I have to say."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes I just have a question I think you just saw the inset. Exactly when did this happen back in 2014/15?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "In 15 I believe."

Councilman Madere asked, "Okay and at that time we approved that?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Madere asked, "Okay and when we approved it this company name was already attached to it?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "Yes sir."

Natalie Robottom stated, "It's actually in the resolution."

Councilman Madere stated, "It's in the resolution."

Natalie Robottom stated, "It's a requirement."

Blake Fogleman stated, "Again, it's a requirement. That's not simply how we resent these things. That was a requirement of this \$500,000 or roughly \$500,000 grant. And at that time we didn't know we were going to get, so we presented it with the application process, it takes time for these things to get assigned and when it got assigned, they also came back and said; by the way you got it based on your application, you still need these additional forms."

Natalie Robottom stated, "And that's basically all this resolution is adopting policies that are required, that if you know to have a plan if we need to displace residents to make sure that there are accommodations, so we're just adopting policies to go along with the money. The original resolution in 2015 explained the project, explained the firm and was adopted by the council then, and this is an additional requirement in order to move forward with the project."

Councilman Madere asked, "Okay."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Now I did want to go back before Blake. Originally the 2009 Bond Issue had to add an additional clarifier for redundancy, and I think that's what you were getting at Mr. Perrilloux. There was a project to add a second clarifier on the Westbank, we opted not to add a second clarifier but to make the repairs to the one that was there and put the money toward the waterline under the river to provide the redundancy, because as Blake said, to have two clarifiers there and they really didn't have a need for that production, didn't make a whole lot of sense. So that money was put toward the waterline under the river, now that it's there we can supply the Westbank with water while we take that clarifier down and do a full rehab. In the past what we've done were small rehabs to keep it running, but these dollars will allow us to do a full rehab to the clarifier."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I was here during that discussion with this clarifier here and we made that decision to not to build another clarifier along the river, it just didn't make sense. Because there would be a back-up it would be sitting there, now they have a real backup now from this side of the river with the line in the water, I think that was our thinking at the time. But what I'm confused about is that, why didn't this come to us before you put that in that resolution that you sent in that grant request?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "It did."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well no, no I wasn't here for that meeting yawl had in November of 2015 or 16."

Blake Fogleman stated, "You're correct."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I was not here, but you put CH and 2H whatever the name was, CH2 somebody in that blank there to get this process started. I don't remember, do any of you remember voting on this or this going out for an RFP? Did it go out for an RFP or just a name you stuck in there?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "No I believe that was selected off the A&E pool that was in existence at that time. So it did, it did in a sense that..."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well got a project that we got right now that we still don't."

Blake Fogleman stated, "Councilman to answer your question I believe at the time that was selected of the current A&E pool which was procured in the manner that it had been procured previously in the past."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Why for convenience do we do that, but when not convenient we do something else? It's convenient for us. I mean we have a little project going there with the waste water with the exact same amount for the engineer almost, we went through the RFP process."

Blake Fogleman stated, "That, it's a different funding source and that was required. It was required that we went on its own individual."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Where this comes from, where this money coming from?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "CDBG."

Councilman Snyder asked, "LCDBG?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Okay and that's what came from the EPA?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "Yes."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Why don't we get consistent and do it one way? I mean if we're going to do it, let's do it right."

Natalie Robottom stated, "I think what he's saying is the funding entity determines when we have to do something additional."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I understand that."

Natalie Robottom stated, "And LCDBG was actually, we had already adopted resolutions and ordinances determining that and gotten permission to utilize procurement through an A&E pool which was acceptable, with regard to the EPA Grant, they said we had to do an individual solicitation for their money, where LCDBG allowed us to use our parish procurement process which was at the time the firm was already on that document."

Councilman Snyder asked, "So you got this you got this by soliciting it through an A&E pool? Did you put the names of the people on that when you put in for that grant? The group the engineering firm?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "The name of the firm is on the application as well as the resolution."

Councilman Snyder asked, "That's what we sent in to the Louisiana..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "Before we send it in though, before we send the application in, the resolution was approved by the council giving us the authority to apply for the grant utilizing the firm that was in the resolution. So we didn't..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "Hold on hold on, what you just said? Say that again."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes sir. Typically before we can apply for a grant, we need authorization from the council, and typically that is done through a resolution. So we brought the resolution before the council, in this case this application required you to name the engineering firm. So in the resolution that was presented to the council authorizing us to apply for the money, all of that was included in the resolution that was adopted by the council. So we didn't put it in the application without getting the authorization from the council."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well we put it in their, because I think the explanation was in there, I just read the notes because I wasn't at the meeting that night. But it wasn't written down there whereas the description until you got up and that you explained, I guess somebody must have asked a question or you explained to them what that was for, the people that were going to be involved was CH2M Hill, those people and that's what I don't quite understand. I mean to me if we're going through RFP let's go through RFP. How many people we have on that list? About 30?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "There's actually four different list, there's one for facilities, there's one for water, one for Public works, so..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "I know I know I know. But the list is, the names just different spot."

Natalie Robottom stated, "It may be up to 10 on each list."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Up to 10 oh yeah! I thought yawl had a top ten on each list. The list I saw."

Natalie Robottom stated, "There were 42 that applied."

Councilman Snyder stated, "That's what I'm talking about."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Right, so obviously we didn't select all 42 for each area."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Obviously you didn't do that."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Right."

Councilman Snyder stated, "That's right. But I'm saying there were 42 people on, that was the top 10 on that list. How did we select those people? That group?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Typically and I'll let these guys speak more to it. Typically we look at your experience and what it is we're asking you to do, are you familiar with this project, can you assist us with this application, and so the decision is typically made based on the person's past performance and their ability to complete the job that were working on. I'll defer to these guys because they made the recommendation based on this firm's background and history."

Blake Fogleman stated, "If I recall correctly and I'd have to look back in my notes as well. We evaluated who all are on that pool currently had projects and workload that they had based on as well as their experience in some insights on what they have done in the past and base it off of that. So I know at the time we had a lot of work going on and a lot of those top 10's were, had their hands full with other projects in full swing design or anything like that, as well as I think what we did is actually kind of cornered off a section of them and said, these are the ones that if we were going out with we'd really look at and of those, this one had a free workload with the parish so to speak and was able to facilitate this project."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Did they work in this parish before you said?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "They have not."

Councilman Snyder asked, "They have not?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "They have not done work. Actually many of our other firms that do a lot of this work were busy doing, you know this was during the time we had all these projects going on. So we didn't want and some of those were delayed. So we didn't want any of our projects held up because somebody had to great of workloads, so we went to another qualified firm based on their experience and you know that was the basis for the recommendation. But again it was authorized through resolution at the time."

Councilman Snyder asked, "So you two guys picked the names in other words, that's what it balls down to? Right? You the guys who picked the engineering firm?"

Blake Fogelman stated, "We sat down, we did the same thing we would typically do we recommended one to, Rob just facilitates the paperwork. Our department sat down and did the same process we would have done officially we just did it internally."

Natalie Robottom stated, "That was the basic, they recommend to me. I rely on their judgement."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Right. I had another question, I guess this got me kind of, anybody else had anything?"

Councilman Madere stated, "I just have one more question."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Prior you coming here Blake, did you know anything about this company from your experience? Because who picked it, Rob?"

Blake Fogelman stated, "Staff did, I think this is already in discussion on me

coming on board, I'd have to go back and look at correspondence and see if I have any with the previous director or the staff. I do know this is around the time or after the time our former Water Treatment Manager was no longer with us, so I would have to say this is a transitional period where myself and my new Assistant Director Reed was involved in, getting our hands on these water plants and trying to make sure that we were moving in the right direction."

Natalie Robottom asked, "Now you weren't involved in the initial A&E Pool right?"

Blake Fogelman stated, "No."

Natalie Robottom stated, "So he doesn't..."

Blake Fogelman interrupting stated, "That was already in place when I got here..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "The A&E Pool was in place, this firm was already included on that list. And for this project, they actually looked at the firms that were on the list and made a decision to recommend this one."

Blake Fogelman stated, "Yeah so I mean I reevaluated because yeah, I was not involved with the initial RFQ or RFP for those, that pool. So I took the list that was presented in front of me, took the workload of all of them and took their experiences along with Reed and I'd have to look back if anyone else sat down with us and made a recommendation to both Parish President and once you know Rob was involved on the paperwork end, he was just looking for a name to put there so we could qualify."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "And I'm like Mr. Snyder who picked the name? Because according to you all, it look like people who don't work in the parish if they can do this and I just heard you say; well if they never did work here before, so how do we know they can do this?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Because they were actually, the process involves evaluating all the proposals to come up with an A&E Pool. As we've stated before many of the firms are qualified, we're looking for ones that may have an expertise in water, waste water and that's how they were assigned to the list for the A&E Pool. However, for this specific project their proposal and their qualifications that were submitted is part of the A&E review, and they were felt to be the firm that could do this work because many of the other firms that have done work in the parish were tied up with our intake with our waterline under the river with the UV, you know we had a lot of work going on and part of our decision, one of our criteria is; how many jobs are you working on, what is the size of your staff, and can you supply us with what we need to get this work done? And rather than overburdening some of the firms that were already struggling to finish their work, I mean these projects are taking years, the recommendation was to go with a firm that has the experience could do it and wasn't tied up on another project."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I have a question. Are you sure they've never done any work here? I mean I remember the name of the firm just in my amount of time here."

Natalie Robottom stated, "I don't recall any being, maybe the period before me, but I don't recall."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I think they've been here before."

Natalie Robottom stated, "They've done work? I'm not familiar with them personally, but I know they're a reputable firm. They you know attempted to work before, but they are a reputable firm, I just don't recall during my tenure, them doing any work but possibly prior to they could have done something."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I remember them."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I just and when can move on from this. I think that's a, how much will it cost the parish \$68,000.00/\$62,000.00? That's all we have to pay?"

Rob DeLaune stated, "Yes sir. It's the parish is paying for the engineering, but the grant for the construction is 100% LCDBG funds."

Councilman Snyder asked, "And that what we're paying for the engineering, that's for the residential inspector and all of this?"

Rob DeLaune stated, "Yes."

Councilman Snyder asked, "And I think it was three different entities that they're going to be responsible for: the engineering, the residential inspector and what's the other thing?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Surveying and..."

Rob DeLaune stated, "There's some environmental review document as well, yes."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Right, right those three things. And that's sixty somewhat thousand dollars that's going to take care all of that?"

Rob DeLaune stated, "Yes."

Councilman Snyder asked, "We couldn't have done that in house? I mean the engineering for the clean-up, could Mr. C.J. could have done that project?"

Blake Fogelman stated, "Well Mr. C.J..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "I mean he build two of them."

Blake Fogelman stated, "Well Mr. C.J. is a professional engineer but I mean you need a professional engineer, but it's not just cleaning, we've cleaned it before, it's steel work its structural work, its controls work, it's upgrading the controls for better control. Actually, our plants right now are currently fighting turbidity issues because of the snow melting in Mississippi. So this is going to provide better controls that haven't been upgraded since the inception of this plant. The have a dial that they control their timer with, where everyone else is punch button you know world, so we're trying to upgrade on that as well and integrated into our telemetry system which is a universal system we could see all the controls from Lions Plant across the river and vice versa."

Councilman Snyder asked, "And we couldn't do that in house?"

Blake Fogelman stated, "No sir."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay, that's enough discussion. We're going to take

care of this project I guess. Mr. Becnel over there wants to make sure that project gets."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I don't want to hold the Westbank up."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I don't want to hold it up either. But I'd like to know that you know those things need to be brought to this council."

Natalie Robottom stated, "We did."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I don't think it was brought to us that way, that's what I don't know."

MOTION: Councilman Becnel moved and Councilwoman Remondet seconded the motion to approve Resolution R17-25. A resolution for the residential anti-displacement and re-location assistance plan under Section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The motion passed with Councilman Sorapuru absent.

Natalie Robottom - Resolution - R17-26 - A Resolution requesting Department of Planning and Zoning to conduct a study of the text of Chapter 113

Natalie Robottom stated, "This resolution is proposed to resolve several key factors affecting the overall Hurricane Isaac CDBG Disaster Recovery Program specific to driveways and additional parking requirements. As you all know, some of the homes that are being repaired may not have met the original driveway and parking requirements, however; the funding that's being made available to them to repair their homes, won't be enough to address a new driveway and additional parking. So through the process that was adopted when the Council approved the Ordinance No. 16-08, where they amended the section allowing Planning and Zoning to do a tech study. We're asking that they do that specific to this project to allow these homes to continue to be repaired and they not be held up over residents attempting to get a variance for a driveway that was already in assistance, but may not meet the existing Code."

Councilman Perrilloux excused himself from the meeting at 7:50 PM.

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilwoman Remondet seconded the motion to approve Resolution R17-26. A resolution requesting Department of Planning and Zoning to conduct a study of the text of Chapter 113. The motion passed with Councilman Sorapuru and Perrilloux absent.

Hugh Martin/Jason Akers - Resolution - R17-27 - A Resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the special election held in the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, April 29, 2017, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes Mr. Hughes not here, but Jason Akers is here representing Foley and Judell."

Jason Akers stated, "Thank you members of the Council. Jason Akers with Foley and Judell. As you are aware on Saturday, April 29th an election was held in the Parish asking for authorization to levy a tax of 7 mills on all taxable properties within the parish for the purpose of paying cost associated with constructing, acquiring, maintaining, operating, extending and improving levees, facilities and structures associated with outer flood protection systems within the parish. Those results have been certified by the Secretary of State and they are as follows if you allow me to read them in quickly. A total of 3,019 votes in

favor, 1,788 votes against, for a majority of 1,231 votes in favor of the proposition, as I mentioned that has been certified by the Secretary of State. With your adoption of the resolution today, we'll begin the process of, this is the canvass returns. We'll begin the process of publication of per say verbal and that tax will be ready for, ready for approval at your council meeting coming up and I'm glad to answer any questions but following vote if it would please the council we have a brief announcement to read in as well, and I'm happy to do it or let the secretary to it if you would prefer. I have it."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Have at it."

Jason Akers stated, "Ok well if it's okay with you I'd like to vote on the resolution first and make sure if there are any questions, I can address those for you."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Thank you very much Mr. Akers."

Jason Akers stated, "Thank you and I'll be very quick on this next part. Because this is a new tax, Section 42:19.1 of Louisiana Revised Statutes, actually requires that we give notice to the public that you are going to consider eventually an Ordinance to approve that tax. It's just your regular tax levy ordinance it's nothing unusual, but since it's going to be considered at the meeting on Tuesday, June 27th and Ms. Jackie if I can confirm that meeting is going to be in this chambers and not on the Westbank."

Jackie Landeche, Council Secretary stated, "Right yes sir, it'll be here."

Jason Akers stated, "So I'll read very quickly. Notice is hereby given that the St. John the Baptist Parish, State of Louisiana, plans to consider an Ordinance providing for the levy and collection of a new ad valorem tax in the Parish of St. John the Baptist, to be spread upon the 2017 assessment roll of said parish at its meeting on June 27th, 2017 at 6:00 PM at the Joel McTopy Chambers, 1801 West Airline Hwy., LaPlace, Louisiana. As I mentioned that'll just be taking up as part of your regular tax levy ordinance, it won't be an additional ordinance, but we have to give notice to comply with our state law. Thank you very much, congratulations, it's a good outcome and a good turnout from the voters as well. Thank you."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Thank you very much!"

MOTION: Councilwoman Remondet moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to approve Resolution R17-27. A resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the special election held in the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, April 29, 2017, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein. The motion passed with Councilman Sorapuru and Perrilloux absent.

Michael Wright/Jaclyn Hotard - Resolution - R17-28 - A Resolution dedicating the Hwy. 51 Dog Park in memory of Julia Luna

Councilman Wright stated, "Thank you Chairman. This was a result from a very special young lady in St. John Parish who passed away and Councilwoman Hotard, and myself have been in communications with her mother for the last couple of months. We felt her mission and dedication on life was to help get all the animals in the animal shelter adopted until there were none left. So we did draft a resolution, I will defer to Councilwoman Hotard to read it into the record." Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you Councilman Wright and he's correct, we've

been working on this for some time. We had some administrative delay, but it's moving right along. I'd like to also thank Baileigh Rebowe, she's been assisting as well, so I want to extend thanks to her, and I'll go ahead and read the resolution. And we do have a formal dedication planned on June 3rd. Is says; St. John the Baptist Parish Council, and this would be my motion to offer this resolution. **THE ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL HEREBY RESOLVES:** A Resolution dedicating the dog park located in the Tom F. Daley Park on Hwy. 51 in memory of Julia Luna. **WHEREAS,** Julia Caroline Luna (FROGGY), was an 11 year resident of St. John the Baptist Parish whose dream in life was to carry out Froggy's Mission by having shelter animals adopted ONE at a time, until there were NONE. **WHEREAS,** she spent at least one day a week after school at the St. John Parish animal shelter playing with the dogs and cats, and every Saturday helped to get dogs ready to bring to Per Smart for adoption events; **WHEREAS,** Julia Caroline Luna constantly posted photos and spread the work about the animals that were in the shelter and available for adoption. On June 24th, 2015, Julia passed away unexpectedly. Her family and friends have decided to continue her mission by working tirelessly to have shelter dogs and cats adopted, ONE at a time, until there are NONE; **WHEREAS,** the St. John the Baptist Parish Council desires to recognize Julia Caroline Luna's achievements and courageous efforts by honoring her legacy; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that we, the members of the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, do hereby dedicate the Highway 51 Dog Park in her memory "Julia Caroline Luna (FROGGY'S MISSION) Park". That will be my motion."

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to approve Resolution R17-28. A resolution dedicating the Hwy. 51 Dog Park in memory of Julia Luna. The motion passed Councilman Sorapuru and Perrilloux absent.

DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:

Larry Sorapuru- (Tabled until 06/27/17) Update from Bond attorney on financing for water projects

Councilman Sorapuru item remains tabled until 06/27/17.

Lennix Madere - Drainage/Utilities in District III

Brian Nunes stated, "The Reserve Drainage Project Phase III is proceeding on schedule. Restoration of E. 24th Street and Melius Drive is complete and all driveway aprons on the west side of E. 26th Street have been restored. Asphalt restoration at the intersection of Perilloux Drive, E. 24th Street and Melius Drive is also complete. Asphalt restoration at Perilloux Drive, E. 26th Street and E. 27th Street and restoration of the driveway aprons will begin Thursday, May 25, 2017. The Utilities Director addressed Councilman Madere's concerns this past Friday."

Councilman Madere stated, "Ok, several questions. First of all, you said we're on schedule? What is the scheduled completion date?"

Brian Nunes stated, "The original, actual completion date has passed, but there was some delays with the waterline that we gave the contractor credit for."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay because I passed by that project every day and I passed there today and it seems as though we have quite a bit of work left to do. You know especially once they say complete putting the culverts down, we have a lot work as far as cleaning up that area, removing a lot of things you know, so I'm just taking a guess we're going to be probably at the end of June by the time

we finish wrapping this up the way it's looking. You know cause the possibility you'll have more rain coming in too."

Brian Nunes stated, "That additional work that were going to add by a change order that you had asked for, I think that contractor had asked 90 days for that, so that would extend it as well."

Councilman Madere asked, "Okay so that's that part where they're going to extend to Sweet Lorraine?"

Brian Nunes stated, "Correct."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay what about the part you designed on I think its 26th Street, that pipe to match up with the ditch? Okay that haven't been done either right?"

Brian Nunes stated, "No that's in the change order as well."

Councilman Madere asked, "And it was more than just one location like that?"

Brian Nunes stated, "Four."

Councilman Madere asked, "Four of those locations?"

Brian Nunes stated, "Correct."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay, another concern I had, when we had that rain I think it was Wednesday, I called we had some of those driveways those make shift driveways, we put pumped sand and that pump sand just floated away, and I had at least three individuals called me, they didn't have a driveway. And a good thing I was able to get in contact with Mr. Verdell, and he sent Dwight and another guy out there and they repaired these driveways. And the concern I had about that, it was getting dark, if I didn't go out there if this guy didn't call me and I didn't go out there, they had quite a few at least three resident's would have turned in and went down in the ditch, you know because they were collapsing the road in the way and so, you know I was a little concerned about that, but what really made me concern was it happened again. And the first time you didn't have anyone, any other contractors around or numbers I could call and Mr. Verdell you know swung into action and got it done. It was mentioned to them and then about a week later the same situation happened again. I rode around and I see this lady driveway and a couple of other driveways collapsing again, I think something should have been done from the first incident to make sure nothing did happen again you know, and like I said it's a possibility we'll have some more rain and I don't think pump sand should have been used and then put rocks on top of that pump sand because water filters through those rocks and wash that sand away and everything collapses. I think we should have been using something else other than pump sand because these things, I actually walked on the guy driveway and I almost went down in the ditch myself and you know I know I don't weigh 500lbs., I weigh about maybe two something, you know and I almost went down. So I think that's something we have to make sure we look into until these driveways are perfectly cemented back in place, we got to make sure and look out for the concerns of the residents that this type of stuff don't happen. It happened on two different occasions, two different occasions you know. And we need a number for someone to call, because I mean Mr. Verdell again had to try and find someone to go out there and do that work. You know I think that shouldn't fall on our department."

Brian Nunes stated, "You're right. I have all the contact numbers I can make sure you get that."

Councilman Madere stated, "So we'll just have to see. Still have a couple of complaints, I'm just going to have to write these addresses down, individuals saying they have water in their driveway they haven't had before you know, so I know it's a possibility that some of this is going to be alleviated when we smooth everything out you know, but in the meantime I still have to document and get the address, cause once we smooth it out and we still have the same problem, then we have to go back and try and figure out how to solve that problem. You know because I have about four individuals who said they didn't have water sitting in their driveway but they have it now. But I still have to wait until the project is completed to see if that's going to be alleviated. Now moving on to some other issues in my district. At the last council meeting, Mr. Verdell informed the council that we have 10 people that work on drainage every day."

Brian Nunes stated, "Normally yes."

Councilman Madere stated, "Ok and Ms. LaVerne sent me, sent the council a list of the names of these individuals, and at the last council meeting I sort of pressed Mr. Verdell because I wanted to know if these 10 people every day just drainage? And his answer was yes. Okay they're doing just drainage. And then I received an email from Ms. LaVerne giving us a list of the employees which have a total of 8 individuals and 1 foreman, so that would give us a total of 9, and grass cutters we have a list of 4 individual grass cutters. My concern is, if we have these 10 individual or 9 as to what was documented on this paper, then that's what they're doing. Because that's one of the issues I think this council made it perfectly clear and I tried when I first got in office, this is exactly what we want. Those individuals doing just that and nothing else. No hot mix no nothing, because I see where Mr. Danny Waguespack is to be doing hot mixing in LaPlace, well he shouldn't be doing anything with hot mixing, he should be strictly drainage. Because that's what was told to us, and also the list included what they were supposed to be doing the week of the 15th to the 19th and the location they were supposed to be at and in District III, they were not at those locations. Because in District III it says digging ditch on East 12th Street, District III, okay and that didn't happen. In fact, the ditch on East 12th Street in District III was dug last year in 2016. So I don't know how it got on this the 5th for the 15th through the 19th, I don't know how that got on there because definitely I didn't request that. Okay there a couple of other places I would like for them to dig but not on East 12th Street. So I just need some answers, are we going to have these 9 individuals doing just drainage and nothing else?"

Brian Nunes stated, "That's what they're scheduled to do. I was out of the country last week I can't answer to what they were doing, I didn't do the schedule. But I put them on drainage, we send them every Monday morning we set that schedule."

Councilman Madere stated, "What I'm saying is, I understand about the schedule I don't want to interfere with the schedule. What I just want to make sure is that we have, it don't have to be these you can change them I just want to know if we going to have 9 or 10 people doing drainage every day and I think that's what this council want. We don't want them messing with any potholes, we don't want them messing with picking up and cutting any trees, we just want them dealing with drainage and I think that's what we want. Okay and if you send a schedule out then that's what they should be doing unless something change. And I understand you didn't make their schedule, but that's what was sent out of the

week of the 15th to the 19th, which was last week. And it was not, in fact East 12th Street was dug like I said a year ago, okay and that's my concern."

Brian Nunes stated, "Once we send that out, the only way it's going to change is if a piece of equipment breaks and they have to pull it out, otherwise that's where they should be at all times."

Councilman Madere stated, "Right, the only thing I'm saying is; how does East 12th Street get on there? And a lot of the problems we have is East 26th, 27th, 29th, Chad B. Baker, that's the streets that they should be concentrating on right now in my district. Okay not saying the people on East 12th don't have some drainage problems, but I know for sure on East 26th and East 27th and Chad B. Baker, we have people the last two times, rain got in their house. So right now my concern is those individuals and those street right there, what can we do to relieve that? And on East 26th, this is the one the bugs me the most. I've been talking about East 26th, Mr. Savoie gave a report about 2 years ago about this one particular area where the water comes out the street, come out the ditch, pass on the highway and then reenters the ditch several houses down. And every time it rains, I don't care if it's an inch or 2 inches, the young man have to walk front door, back door, he has to walk through water. And that's on East 26th Street and I've been talking about that location for the last 4 years. And then when I see the report come out, East 12th Street, I know you might not remember but before we started this project, we talked about East 26th Street and you told me when they would start this project you were going to take care of that location, that location have not been taken care of. I know you're busy, you might have forgot about it, okay but we've been talking about that particular location for 4 years."

Brian Nunes stated, "Right I think we've done some work out there, but I'm going to check on it tomorrow."

Councilman Madere stated, "Well, all we done was attempt to blow it out. So if blowing it out is not the solution, then we may have to dig that up and find out what exactly is causing that particular area not for that water to flow and come out of the ditch and go travel about 2 houses down and then reenter the ditch and you can see it. And in fact, when this water drains, this young guy is losing half of his yard to the ditch because it's pulling the lawn out he doesn't have any grass, it's washing everything away and it's going down the street. And Mr. Snyder I think have seen that location himself. So that's just about it, I just want to make sure, are we going to be getting a weekly report on these?"

Brian Nunes stated, "You should have been getting it already, yes."

Councilman Madere stated, "Well this is the only one we got."

Brian Nunes stated, "Ok."

Councilman Madere stated, "Well this is the only one that came after the meeting across the river. We didn't receive any for this week. Okay thank you."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "I just want to say one thing. I don't think this report is complete because it's only showing like I have 5 or 6 work orders incomplete and I turned in 5 or 6 in the last week. So I'm thinking there's something wrong with what came to us, like maybe they skipped a couple of pages. Just to satisfy some of the questions I think some of its missing, like a clerical error. That's all."

Brian Nunes stated, "There could be, I have somebody out this week."

Councilman Madere stated, "I just want to say one more thing. You know I think Mr. Verdell responded very quickly each time, each time when I called him in fact he was on the other side the river and respond quickly, got someone out there and in fact, the last time he actually came back on this side to make sure that was taken care of because especially in one of those situations, I could show you the picture what's going to be a very dangerous situation cause it was getting dark and if that lady would have come home and made that turn into that driveway, her car would have collapsed into that you know so, we make sure we do, I think pump sand is the right thing to use."

Brian Nunes stated, "I can address it with the contractor, I'll do that tomorrow."

Councilman Madere stated, "Ok thank you."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I got to say this though that Mr. Nunes, I was down by my dad house in Reserve today and those canals look great, they look good a man, I was surprised to see how nice and clean and dug how yawl dug them out, and the water just flowing on down the street, that's also in District III on NW 8th Street yeah so that's right by my niece house over on 26th Street. I don't know if told Mr. Perrilloux, I mean Mr. Madere that but, I didn't see any water around the house she lives right there by the track, first house by the track. Well you know where she lives at and I know they put the sod down there and it looks pretty good back there as far as water was concerned. You know I know Mr. Madere be looking at some other issues but I thought back there it has gotten a little bit better you know, and I didn't see any puddling back there I just want to let you know that."

Brian Nunes stated, "Thank you."

Larry Sorapuru - (Carry Over 05-09-17) Update on West Bank Community Center construction

Councilman Sorapuru was out sick his item will be carried over.

Larry Snyder - Update/Progress WestBank Waste Water Tank Rehabilitation Project

Natalie Robottom stated, "I wasn't able to attend that meeting, but I did receive a copy of the certified motion which was specific to writing a letter to EPA, but after going through the minutes I think the recommendation from legal counsel is to draft a letter to South Central Planning & Development since they were the recipients of the grant that was confirmed in a phone with EPA and South Central so that letter is actually being drafted to send to the District Attorney's Office for review before forwarding to the grant recipient with South Central Planning."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Appreciate that. You know how long it will be before we can get that letter?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "It should be, I'll send it to the DA probably tomorrow afternoon."

Councilman Snyder stated, "And also, I know we had a lot of discussion around

this letter and Mr. Green did confirm, the last person to speak on it, was that this letter should be sent to, even though it was going to EPA should be sent to South Central Planning, I think that was in there in the reading. I just, in fact I just looked at it so I know that was correct. And when I mentioned EPA I thought maybe you would understand it that the letter going to EPA was, it had to go through South Central Planning."

Natalie Robottom stated, "And I wasn't here for the discussion so I just had the motion."

Larry Snyder/Michael Wright - Repair of the Shell Bank Bayou Boat Launch, Hwy. 51

Councilman Snyder stated, "Mike and I have been talking about this, I don't know if he, I went back there and I talked to Mike about it at the office over there. We have to do something here, nobody seems to want to take responsibility for this thing, the DOT I talked to people at the main office they said the DOT doesn't own it, so they gave me, the Secretary of State sent me I went to the Secretary of State website and on there they have the name of the people that own all that property back there. So maybe we might have to get in touch with those people and actually the business name is 5th Louisiana Resource, LLC. And those are the people that own all the property on both sides of the interstate back there but let me tell you how I feel about this here. And I have the hammer here in my hand so I guess I can say a little bit of something. Our people use this thing I said it last week, our people use this and they use it a lot, people in St. John Parish. Its evidence by the fact that it's broken down back there you know, at least one side of it is real bad. I asked Mr. C.J. to go back there and I think they went back there and looked at it and evaluated and sent us some information on it, but regardless it's got to be public property it's a public boat launch, from my understanding it's got a name and so we, is the administration looking at this trying to find the land owner or it's just us?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "No we actually did and Kerry and I rode out there as well to see."

Councilman Snyder asked, "You saw the issues?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes sir. And we do have a couple of issues because there a couple of lil inlets there that are being used by the public that really are not public property. However if you have something else there, there were some signs up you know with Property for Sale, that had different realtors that you know that may have been helpful, but if you have something specific you know we'll be happy to take that."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I'll send it to you the name is on the map they have a map back there, you can get that map from on the, the Assessor's got a map with the names on it, I got mine from the Secretary of State's Office and you can pull it up they got the name of the people, all the land they own around on that side. I assume that's where we'll start at, you know and actually I would consider asking to donate that land to us. Let's do it, it's a recreation a lot of people use it, that place right there."

Natalie Robottom stated, "I thought Rebecca sent it, but I know she pulled some additional data as well, trying to do a little research through pictometry and the information that she has. Again, trying to locate the owner so if maybe a combination of what you have and what she's been able to find might be helpful."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay I think if you just go on the website of the

Secretary of State or our website on the Assessor's Office, they have a map of it on there and just blow it up and you can see the name pop up on the screen who own all of the property back there. And I think this is it right here, the same people name was on this list that Mike, Mr. Wright got."

Larry Snyder - Updated plans on appointing Customer Service Persons

Councilman Snyder asked, "You want to talk over this?"
I'd be happy to meet with you. I think what I reference the first time was that, we actually pulled data. We have job descriptions, there are other positions in other places, but that's what those people do, just to make sure we were clear on what you were asking for, we wanted to review what's there if that's what you have in mind then there is a process for creating that job and it would be to create a job description, go before the Civil Service Board, have it approved there, bring it before the Council, have it approved here, add it to the scale and then budget and post for it. But you know I could write a job description but this was at your request, so we want to make sure it includes what it is you're asking for. Did you have an opportunity to look at it?"

Councilman Snyder asked, "Look at what you sent me?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Snyder stated, "No I didn't look at it. Wasn't there something that was given to the administration?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Actually I requested it when I worked in Terrebonne Parish. There was a position there, we actually also accessed some information from I think from Ascension, different people have different job titles and we were trying to find what works best for us and at the time we ended up I think we went right into Isaac and ended up getting a second person in Communications, but the position that we wanted would be one that dealt with more of a problem solving, tracked it, recorded it and dealt with all the issues rather than by department, the problematic ones and we just didn't move forward with that at the time."

Councilman Snyder asked, "And Mr. Ross, didn't someone send you a policy or process on that job description? You don't have anything?"

Ross Gonzales stated, "No it's for Customer Service."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Oh no! Alright I was looking out for the public that's all."

Natalie Robottom stated, "I think it's a good idea."

Councilman Snyder stated, "It's our responsibility, if it can help it help. I know this lady who's working in here, she's helping out big time and that's what she's doing, she's doing customer service work."

Natalie Robottom stated, "So just for clarification, is there a path forward do you'll want us to decide?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well I want you to look at it. We expect you to look at it and maybe some recommendations or if you think we need to do something with the ordinance to create a position, I really don't think so I think each

department can have one or we have people that are already here we can, what do we do with this lady, what she does, what you call her is she still a clerk?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "She's actually a Utility Billing Clerk, she's dealing specifically with utility billing issues. So it wasn't a major shift for her because that's part of her job description. It was my understanding that what you asked for was somebody who dealt with hot spots throughout the parish not just in utility billing which is what the position job description that we presented to is. It is you know a single point, when there are problems that are referred to that individual and not just for utilities but for Public Works or Zoning or Safety and that person is responsible for you know resolving, tracking and responding, so rather that move to that if that's not what you're asking for, then we won't necessarily go that route. I'm just trying to get clarification on what it is you're asking for."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well let's meet on this."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Thank you."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Just too kind of elaborate on that and I've asked our council staff to try and implement some type of system. My frustration comes in whenever I send in a work order sending something, there isn't any follow-up and I don't know maybe Ross will know more, there are some constituent type systems, I'm not sure if this new system that we have has the capability, because I do believe we do have people in departments that could do more, as far as following up, tracking you know calls right if there's a pothole or a constituent calls in to whatever number, if it's the council office or 9569, I have a pothole here, a work order gets put in, often times there's nobody that's going to communicate back with the constituent. And so if we can even implement something in each department and have a point of contact there, and at least start to utilize people that we do have and even from the council side, and I've expressed frustration you know in our office because often times right, I will send things in and I'm busy all day. You know some of us are retired, some of us have full time jobs and so at the end of the day, you know you come home and you're trying to catch up and call people back when we should have a system some way to track all of that. So I don't know if with the new computer system that's something we can look into or a separate constituent services, because I know at one time I had spoken with someone in Jefferson Parish, they have some type of software that they all talk and they can go in and follow-up on what's going on and contact the resident back and so I don't know if it's going to take some coordination with our office and administration, but I do see that we have a deficiency, and like I said it's in our office to. There's definitely deficiencies, so I don't know if like I said, the new system getting a new system, but I'd like to see us at least take a crack at trying to do something in our office before we add personnel to something that appears to be broken to some degree right now. So I don't know if we can include that in some kind of recommendation..."

Ross Gonzales interrupting stated, "It's my understanding that the new work order system will track the progress of work orders, there will be a public portal that they can go and track as well as the council, from an exterior, they won't be able to alter it but they'll be able to track the progress. Now the work order system is not going to slay to start till January the 1st, the financial general ledger packet is slay to January 1st. Work orders are sometime after that, I don't have a date on that yet, but it will give public transparency like you're talking about."

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "But what about this? If it's not a work order, let's

say it's a grass violation. A neighbor calls in a grass violation that right now has been going into the work order system?"

Ross Gonzales stated, "No that's in the Planning & Zoning."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Yeah we need some way to link all of that up together, so that when we get updates or our staff you know they receive updates they can contact constituents. And I've even said it to them, do it manually for now and I can remember and I've said this many, many times. We had manual trace files, it was a folder with 1 thru 31 on it, constituent called about a pothole, put in a work order, trace it out put it underneath No. 7, 7th of June comes they open it up and follow-up on it, we're not really it's not there yet and we need to get there, because the only person that is being done at this service are the residents and we get it. So whether it's looking into some type of constituent services some, whether it's more I don't know what it is, I know President Robottom you were going to say something, I do get where you're coming from Mr. Snyder and I would say I experienced some of that myself. But we need to find some type of mechanism to be able to respond to our constituents about things that they call about directly or things that they go online and type about. There has to be some kind of follow-up because when they don't hear from anybody, they think nothing is being done. And it's just not possible even for us on a council level to contact everybody that's calling us and we're putting in work orders, that's just not possible. So if there is even looking at some of those service systems, I'm not sure but we definitely have an issue. Thank you."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "I agree with Ms. Hotard and I think a way to track it would be a great idea. I'm not so sure adding more personnel is the direction to go, this individual as you'll said comes from the Utility Department, maybe someone needs to be assigned, if she's that good at, assign that person to handle the customer's inquiries and what not. But I agree additional tracking if possible, I believe we have the person that we need, I think people can take that time to answer those things. I'm coming from the inside saying this, people aren't that busy that we need to hire more staff just to answer questions, so just a thought."

Larry Snyder - Roads & Bridges - Progress of concrete work in District

Brian Nunes stated, "Public Works will begin addressing Councilman Snyder's concerns about the curbing at the entrance of Cambridge Subdivision this week. The concrete Contractor will be contacted to perform the panel repairs."

Larry Snyder - Drainage issues at West Frisco, English Colony and Fife Street

Councilman Snyder stated, "If you want to say something on this that's fine. I talked with Verdell and with what you got down here is what we kind of came to the consistence, we're going to try do this I'm satisfied with that, unless anybody else want to say something. I just have one question. It says down here you're looking for some servitude to do some digging?"

Brian Nunes stated, "That was behind English Colony and Fife in that area there. We thought an Entergy servitude, we didn't show any drainage servitude for ourselves to get on there with the machine. We're looking at some of the deeds to make sure we have something. Cause I know you said there used to be a ditch back there but it's all silted in, I believe that's what I was told."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Its moisture."

Brian Nunes stated, "We were going to try and get in there and try help it drain faster, because I think there was a problem in there but we want to make sure we're..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "I'm not even sure it goes that way."

Brian Nunes stated, "Ok."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I'm not even sure it goes that way. It may go to the West you know but we can talk about it and you know we can see what yawl can do."

Brian Nunes stated, "It's something we can look at."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I just wanted to bring this to your attention of the fact that, I think we have, didn't we have that a couple of years ago we had someone go out there and do some drainage work and do some drawings, and it was on a disc and I remember looking on it. And certain areas back there they just didn't know where the drainage went, especially on the NW side of Cambridge back there. They didn't know, they know where most of them, they went through the neighborhoods but that one area back there is where we have the issues back there. They don't know where the drainage was going, was it going East, was it going West over there so."

Brian Nunes stated, "Yeah, I remember that drawing too."

Councilman Snyder stated, "It was on a disc I think so."

Brian Nunes stated, "We did skip the concrete item but I don't know if you're satisfied."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yeah I'm fine I'm fine with that. I'm fine with the concrete item."

Larry Snyder - Update on Graffiti Issue - Executive Session

This item will be addressed by the DA's Office.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Kevin Branch v. St. John the Baptist Parish, Docket #68094

St. John the Baptist Parish v. Jovan Washington, Docket #70634

Parish Buildings - Security

R. Bend Estates II, LLC, et al v. St. John the Baptist Parish, et al, #69795

Legal Representation and Prospect of Litigation for Haydel Canal Project

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

John Barrett vs. St. John the Baptist Parish, Docket# 68043(Graffiti issue)

Sky Nicole Jones, et al v. Troy Miles, et al, 40th JDC

Any and all pending legal matters

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

17-16 An ordinance to provide that the Parish include a one percent (1%) legal services fee in any and all construction contracts by requiring one percent (1%) of the total construction cost(s) or one percent (1%) of the total contract price, whichever is the greater, to be included in any and all budgets for construction contracts.

17-17 An ordinance to amend the St. John the Baptist Parish Code of Ordinances to create Chapter 8.6 - Waiver of Prohibition of Jury Trials, to provide that St. John the Baptist Parish waive the prohibition of jury trials and establish its right to demand a trial by jury in any suit filed against the Parish in a court subject to the laws and jurisdiction of the State of Louisiana.

17-18 An ordinance amending the St. John the Baptist Parish Code of Ordinances, specifically Chapter 113. - Zoning, specifically those provisions related to the maximum permitted height of structures in commercial districts to bring regulations into conformance with best planning practices and to provide for related matters (Parishwide, Docket No. TXT-17-2) (N. Robottom)

17-19 An ordinance approving the re-subdivision of Lots 5-B and 6-B, Square 1, Cambridge Place Subdivision into Lot 5-B-1, Square 1, Cambridge Place Subdivision, located in the area generally bounded by Colony Dr., West Airline Hwy., Cambridge Dr., and Ormond Blvd., containing municipal address 947 Cambridge Dr., LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana as shown in a survey prepared by Stephen P. Flynn, P.L.S. on March 17, 2017. (PZS-17-1164) (N. Robottom)

17-20 An ordinance approving the re-subdivision of Parcel 2, a portion of Lot H, New Era Plantation Subdivision into Parcels 2-A and 2-B, portions of Lot H, New Era Plantation Subdivision, located in the area generally bounded by Jasper Ln., West Airline Hwy., North Sugar Ridge Dr., and Tiffany Dr., containing municipal address 1900 West Airline Hwy., LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana as shown in a survey prepared by Byron J. Oncale, P.L.S. on May 9, 2017. (PZS-17-1163) (N. Robottom)

PRESIDENT REPORT:

Natalie Robottom stated, "Good evening. First, I would like to remind everyone that Hurricane Season begins June 1st - but as we have learned, severe weather events can occur anytime. Residents are encouraged to stay weather ready as we are experiencing a season of pop up showers and the threat of flash floods. We are requesting assistance from residents in cleaning out drains and catch basins, and clearing yards and driveways of limbs and debris before and during rain events. Our crews are staged and working during severe weather events and we appreciate residents' assistance during these times. Remember, the proper channel to report any type of flooding or emergencies is 911. Residents and businesses are encouraged to get a game plan and build an emergency supply kit now in the event a hurricane threatens our area. Please visit our Parish website to review the 10-step plan or www.getagameplan.org. If your organization or group would like to schedule a hurricane preparedness presentation, please call the Public Safety Office at (985)652-2222. Two community hurricane preparedness meetings

will take place in the upcoming weeks - Ken Graham with the National Weather Center will be on hand to explain the new surge watches and warnings. **Westbank:** Tuesday, June 20th, 2017 - 6:00 PM - Edgard Courthouse, 2393 LA 18, Edgard, LA.; **Eastbank:** Wednesday, June 21st, 2017 - 6:00 PM - REGALA Gymnasium, 200 REGALA Park Rd., Reserve. We'd also like to remind you to personalize the emergency notifications you receive through our Blackboard Notification System - notifications can be sent to your home phone, cell phone, or email. Notifications and updates are also posted on the parish website, SJTV (government access channels), Facebook and Twitter. I will be joining my colleagues in St. Charles Parish Wednesday for an elected officials' summit hosted by the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness. Topics include preparedness and prevention, response and long-term disaster recovery. I will also be joining Governor Edwards, Mayor Landrieu, other Parish Presidents from the region and state agency representatives for a joint press conference on June 1st to discuss hurricane preparations and plans for the upcoming season. National Economic Development Week was a true success and we want to thank all of the business representatives and the community who participated in the week's events. We are looking forward to hosting more events, trainings and panels in the future. A big thanks also to the Human Resources Department for their efforts to thank and recognize St. John employees during Public Service Recognition Week. An All Staff Meeting was held last week spearheaded by HR and Communications where employees were given service awards and acknowledgment for their years with the parish. We'd also like to thank the local merchants for gift cards and prizes in recognition of our public servants. They really enjoyed winning these tokens of appreciation. I'd like to congratulate Mrs. Gertrude Rome Guidry for receiving the Regina Matrum Award on behalf of the Archdiocese of New Orleans for her exemplary role as a Catholic Mother. This is an exceptional and well-deserved award. Thanks for including me in the celebration. I would also like to extend congratulations to our Economic Development Director, Jerry Jones who was selected to serve as state representatives on the Delta Regional Authority's Regional Advisory Council. Jerry along with AT&T Executive Berry Balfour, will be important liaisons between us and the Delta Regional Authority and will bring our local needs to discussions with other leaders nationwide. This is a great accomplishment and we commend Mr. Jones on being selected. St. John again partnered with the 40th Judicial District Children & Youth Services Planning Board & Prevention Committee last weekend to host the annual Free Fishing Camp. The camp was well managed, safe and fun for all youth who attended. I'd like to thank Bernell Charles and the Board, my staff, the Sheriff's Office, School Board, and DA for their support. Gold Rod Bass Club and members of Zeta Phi Beta were also on hand with other volunteers and sponsors for another successful year at the camp. We will celebrate completion of two historic trails next week on Wednesday, May 31st, with ribbon cuttings for the Garyville Trail and MS River Trail. The Garyville Trail ribbon cutting will take place at 10:00 AM near the Historic Timbermill Museum. We will cut the ribbon at 10:30 AM for the MS River Trail Phase III, which extends to West 10th street. Please join us for these great projects - I believe our cycling community will be going on a ride after the ribbon cutting. A dedication ceremony for the Thomas F. Daley Memorial Dog Park will take place on Saturday, June 3rd at 1:00 PM. The dog park will be dedicated in memory of Froggy's Mission Founder, Julia Caroline Luna, was an 11

year old whose goal in life was to get shelter animals adopted until there were none remaining. An adoption event with refreshments will take place from 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM on that day and the public is invited to attend. The Louisiana Office of Community Development's Disaster Recovery Unit is holding another round of meetings for LA Safe and future flood risks. The meetings will be held on Tuesday, June 6th for Reserve/Garyville/LaPlace residents at REGALA Gym; Wednesday, June 7th for Pleasure Bend at the Pleasure Bend Fire Station and on Thursday, June 8th for Westbank at West St. John Elem. School Cafeteria. All of the meetings will begin at 6:00 PM. The planning process is a key step in the implementation of LA SAFE, a \$40 million initiative funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Once plans are developed, the LA SAFE team will use the balance of funds to invest in proposed programs and projects within the 6-parish area. The Summer Food Service Program will offer free nutritious meals to children beginning June 5th and ending July 13th. For more information, contact DHHS at (985)536-4955. The Parks & Recreation Department and Red Cross is offering free swimming lessons again this summer. Sessions for youth and adults will be held in June and July. Please contact the Parks & Recreation Department at (985)652-9569 to register. Congratulations to all of our students graduating this year, especially those from high school and college. 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! Thank you. REMINDER - All parish offices and government buildings will be closed in Observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 29th. I hope everyone has an enjoyable and safe Memorial Day with their family and friends. Thank you."

ADJOURNMENT :

At 8:55 PM, Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilman Sorapuru and Perrilloux absent.

/s/Larry Snyder
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
COUNCIL SECRETARY