

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH
TUESDAY, MAY 24TH, 2016
CHAIRMAN MARVIN PERRILLOUX
VICE-CHAIR MICHAEL WRIGHT

The Council of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session in the Rudolph Sorapuru Chambers, Edgard, Louisiana on Tuesday, May 24th, 2016 at 6:30 PM.

CALL TO ORDER:

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL: Kurt Becnel, Councilman District I, Marvin Perrilloux, Councilman District IV, Michael Wright, Councilman District V, Larry Snyder, Councilman District VI, Buddy Boe, Councilman District VII, Jackie Hotard, Councilwoman-at-Large, Div. B

ABSENT: Larry Sorapuru, Jr., Julia Remondet, Lennix Madere

Councilman Boe led the Prayer. Councilman Wright led the Pledge.

Legal Counsel Jeff Perrilloux 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:

There was no new business.

Natalie Robottom/Buddy Boe - Proclamation - (Carry Over 5-10-16) Parish President/Councilman for the day - Carter Chauvin

Natalie Robottom read and presented the proclamation to Carter Chauvin for Parish/Councilman for the day.

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

Natalie Robottom/Buddy Boe/Michael Wright - Proclamation - Natasha Clement - Winner of Food Network's "All-Star Academy"

Natalie Robottom read and presented the proclamation to Natasha Clement as the Winner of Food Network's "All-Star Academy". The Council and Parish President congratulated Natasha on her continued success.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEMS: Approval of Minutes - May 10th, 2016, Regular Meeting; Councilman Becnel - Appointment of Maggie Wing to the Animal Control Board

MOTION: Councilman Becnel moved and Councilman Boe seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda items: Approval of Minutes - May 10th, 2016, Regular Meeting; Councilman Becnel - Appointment of Maggie Wing to the Animal Control Board. The motion passed with 4 yeas, 1 abstaining and Councilwoman Remondet, Councilman Sorapuru, Madere and Snyder absent.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES:

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

The above item will be left on the table.

16-20 (Tabled 5-10-16) An ordinance amending Sub-Chapter A, Section 2:5 of the St. John the Baptist Parish Code of Ordinances to establish and define the St. John the Baptist Parish Precinct Boundaries, Merge and Consolidate Precincts, and establish Precinct Polling Places

The above item will be left on the table.

16-25 An ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of St. John the Baptist Parish as follows: Spray Parks & Dog Park (N. Robottom)

Natalie Robottom stated, *"Yes we actually addressed most of this ordinance last week in the form of a policy to try and get the signage made so we can open the Spray Park. So this is an amendment to the ordinance that addresses recreation, so we're asking a favorable approval. Keep in mind as we discussed last week we think we need to look at the entire ordinance, but this necessary to get the Spray Park and Dog Park open."*

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilman Boe seconded the motion to accept to approve Ordinance 16-25. The motion passed with Councilwoman Remondet and Councilmen Sorapuru, Madere and Snyder absent.

16-26 An ordinance granting approval to further extend the valid period of time of Conditional Subdivision approval for an additional twelve (12) months for Belle Terre Commercial Subdivision, Phase 1, Parcel A, Lots 1-13, Parcel B, Lots 1-22, Parcel C, Lots 2-9, Parcel DS-4; Phase 2, Parcel B, Lots 23-49 and Parcel C, Lots 10-44 and Phase 3, Parcel D, Lots 1-39, Parcel E, Lots 1-42, Parcel DS-2 and Parcel DS-3, situated in Sections 69 & 70, T-11-S, R-7-E, Southeast District of Louisiana, east of the Mississippi River, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana (PZS-07-024) (N. Robottom)

Alexandra Carter stated, *"The extension request is in response to a sedentary economic period, but the project will eventually bring additional commercial projects to the Parish. Administration recommends approval."*

MOTION: Councilman Becnel moved and Councilman Boe seconded the motion to accept to approve Ordinance 16-26. The motion passed with Councilwoman Remondet and Councilmen Sorapuru, Madere and Snyder absent.

16-27 An ordinance amending St. John the Baptist Parish Code of Ordinances, specifically Chapter 107 - Floodplain Regulations to permit small, inexpensive accessory structures to be built below the base flood elevation without a variance under limited circumstances (Parishwide) (N. Robottom)

Alexandra Carter stated, *"This proposed amendment reduces the requirement to elevate small, inexpensive sheds and detached accessory structures above the BFE when located in a floodplain under specific circumstances. It aims to help save residents' time and money when purchasing new and replacing these types*

of structures. Administration has received approval of proposed changes from LA DOTD and FEMA representatives, as well as confirmation that this change will not affect the Parish's CRS rating. Administration recommends approval."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you Ms. Carter, I just wanted to thank you for bringing this forward and a couple of other ordinances, it's just some common sense type things that sometimes give our residents a little extra unnecessary grief, so I do appreciate you guys bringing forward things that will just like I said, bring some common sense to some of our ordinances, like if you have an accessory building that has little or no value, why would you want to elevate you know 5 feet or something like that. So I think these are good ordinances, I appreciate it, keep them coming and it just lets me know that you all are thinking civic minded and thinking with our residents in mind, with what they have to go through when they want to obtain permits to do small things. So I definitely appreciate that, thank you."

Councilman Boe stated, "Ms. Carter, I'm going to echo Jaclyn's comments. Thank you, I've gotten many complaints about this requirement and you know, first it's our codes, second sometimes it's state law, but I just want to make sure this will not invalidate any flood claims in the future if someone has built a shed that didn't meet the BFE. They're going to be fine if their main structure..."

Alexandra Carter stated, "No right. Right the sheds are typically noninsured."

MOTION: Councilman Boe moved and Councilwoman Hotard seconded the motion to accept to approve Ordinance 16-27. The motion passed with Councilwoman Remondet and Councilman Sorapuru, Madere and Snyder absent.

Councilman Wright stated, "Before we get a motion or second, I would like to get the secretary to clarify for the record, there was some confusion on the item number 9 on my vote for authorization to renew the contract, the vote on the table, could you clarify for the record?"

Jackie Landeche stated, "The vote on the table was 3 in favor of the table, which was Ms. Hotard, Mr. Boe and yourself, Mr. Perrilloux had abstained and Mr. Becnel was against."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "That's not what the lights reflected."

Jackie Landeche stated, "Because yawl are in different places the lights are off, unfortunately. But that is what you'll wanted correct?"

Councilman Wright stated, "Yes, I just wanted to clarify for the record because there was some confusion."

Jeff Perilloux stated, (Statement wasn't clear from where he was seated)

Jackie Landeche stated, "If you'll would like to do a roll call putting it on the table. Okay, Ms. Hotard - yeas; Mr. Boe - on the table; Mr. Wright - yes; Mr. Perrilloux - on that table; Mr. Becnel - still against, so that still carries 4 yeas, 1 against and 4 absent, table stands."

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Wright stated, "At this time I'd like to ask for a motion to have the council accept the minutes of the finance committee."

MOTION: Councilman Wright motioned and Councilwoman Hotard seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the finance committee. The motion passed with Councilwoman Remondet, Councilman Sorapuru, Madere and Snyder absent.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Natalie Robottom - Resolution - R16-36 - A Resolution authorizing the Parish President to sign and execute any and all documents in connection with the DOTD Local Road Safety Program

Natalie Robottom stated, "The Local Road Safety Program (LRSP) provides local governments the opportunity to utilize federal-aid funds for safety improvements on locally owned and maintained roads. Approval of this resolution allows the Parish President to sign all documents associated with this program. Administration recommends approval, it's typically signage for safety purposes and is managed through our Public Works Department."

Councilman Boe stated, "Is for the year or in perpetuity?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "At this point it's for the existing plans and programs and funds that are being worked on. I mean so there's a set amount of money and specific projects so it's specific to the project associated with these dollars."

Councilman Boe stated, "Ok thank you."

MOTION: Councilman Wright moved and Councilwoman Hotard seconded the motion to approve Resolution R16-36. A resolution to authorizing the Parish President to sign and execute any and all documents in connection with the DOTD Local Road Safety Program. The motion passed with Councilwoman Remondet, Councilman Sorapuru, Madere and Snyder absent.

Natalie Robottom - Resolution - R16-37 - A Resolution authorizing the Parish President to execute any and all documents in connection with the Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) through the State of Louisiana

Natalie Robottom stated, "An application is being submitted for a grant through the Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) in the sum of \$125,240.00. The funding is a match to parish funds to install a new water treatment facility in Pleasure Bend. Approval of this resolution allows the Parish President to sign all documents associated with the grant and Administration recommends approval."

Councilman Boe stated, "Ms. Robottom that \$274,000.00 local match where is that coming from?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Actually in the utilities budget. I think there's a line item for Capital Projects, again we have to make sure we get this grant and for those of you who are familiar we've been struggling with some of the issues in Pleasure Bend and our accessing water from St. James, so there's

some preliminary work that's been conducted and we'd like to move forward. There's also funds and our allow Mr. Delaun to approach you, there may also be funds available in our low interest loan program."

Councilman Boe stated, "And that's fine and currently we're spending almost a quarter of a million in bond water right, so in one year we're paying ourselves back or we've paid for it?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "We definitely. We have to move in that direction because in addition to spending those amount on water, we're also dealing with compliance issues because of the distance and the inability to maintain chlorine residual."

Councilman Boe stated, "And I know this is important to Councilman Becnel and you've got my full support thank you."

MOTION: Councilman Becnel moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to approve Resolution R16-37. A resolution authorizing the Parish President to execute any and all documents in connection with the Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) through the State of Louisiana. The motion passed with Councilwoman Remondet, Councilman Madere, Sorapuru and Snyder absent.

Jobe' Boucvalt - Authorization to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Louisiana State Animal Response Team (LSART)

Jobe' Boucvalt stated, "Parish Council, Mr. Chairman, thank you Councilman Perrilloux. This renewal agreement establishes a clear understanding of the roles of both parties during emergencies and disasters. LSART services are considered a donation to the community and will aid in preparations and immediate response for animal evacuations. The agreement was reviewed by Legal Counsel and Administration recommends approval."

MOTION: Councilman Boe moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Louisiana State Animal Response Team (LSART). The motion passed with Councilwoman Remondet, Councilman Madere, Sorapuru and Snyder absent.

DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:

Lennix Madere - (Carry Over 4-26-16) Update on Road Repairs in Dist. III

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

Lennix Madere - Code Enforcement issues - high grass and abandoned vehicles

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

Lennix Madere - Sewer issues/solutions for District III

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

Lennix Madere - Drainage issues/solutions for District III

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

There was no executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Lennix Madere - Update and concerns regarding home on E. 30th Street - regarding health and safety conditions

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

Parish Buildings - Security

Water bill issues - 133 Beechgrove, Reserve, LA

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

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

Any and all pending legal matters

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

16-28 An ordinance approving a re-subdivision of a portion of LaPlace Plantation into Lot 4A, Parcel C, Belle Terre Commercial Subdivision, situated in Sections 66, 67, and 68, T-11-S, R-7-E, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana and the Associated development agreement between the Parish and Belle Terre Land, L.L.C. (PZS-16-1144)

16-29 An ordinance approving a re-subdivision of the north portion of Lot F-3 and the north portion of Lot F-2, Square F, New Era Plantation Subdivision into Lots F-2A and F-2B, Square F, New Era Plantation Subdivision, situated in Section 19, T-11-S, R-7-E, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana as shown in a survey prepared by Stephen P. Flynn, P.L.S. on March 15, 2016 (PZS-16-1141)

16-30 An ordinance to amend Chapter 40 of the St. John the Baptist Parish Code of Ordinances to provide for operation of golf carts as follows: By adding the following: Sec. 40-8 Operation of Golf Carts on Public Streets (J. Remondet)

PRESIDENT REPORT:

Good evening - First off, I am thankful that the dangerous storm system that moved through the state Thursday night only resulted in minor damage for our Parish. We are not a stranger to severe weather and last week was no different. I want to thank the residents and businesses for their patience while crews worked to clear roadways of debris and trees and while Entergy made repairs to poles along Airline Hwy. and restore power Parishwide. Hurricane Season is around the corner - but as we have learned, severe weather events can occur anytime. 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. A community hurricane preparedness meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 22nd at 6p.m. at REGALA Gym in Reserve. Director Waskom with the Governor's Office and the National Weather Service will join us for the free preparedness seminar open to all of our residents and businesses. 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 Mayor Landrieu, other Parish Presidents from the region and state agency representatives for a joint press conference on June 1 to discuss hurricane preparations and plans for the upcoming season. Residents and businesses affected by the February 23rd tornadoes are encouraged to visit the Disaster Loan Outreach Center at New Wine Church, Monday through Friday's 8a.m. to 5p.m. to apply for financial assistance. The filing deadline to return applications for property damage is July 5, 2016. Thank you to the River Region Chamber for hosting a successful "Fly In" last week. During the two-day meetings, we were able to meet with Federal officials and members of the Louisiana delegation to discuss important issues facing our area including levee protection. I want to thank Chassity and Chamber staff for organizing the meetings. The Grants Office is hosting a Technical Assistance Workshop tomorrow evening from 6p.m. to 8p.m. at REGALA Gym for applicants participating in the Homebuyer Assistance Program. The purpose of the workshop is to teach applicants technical assistance when purchasing their home. We encourage applicants to attend this workshop to expedite your home buying process. The Summer Food Service program that provide meals to school aged children begins June 6th and runs through July 14th on Mondays through Thursdays. Breakfast and Lunch will be served at East St. John High School, LaPlace Elementary and New Wine Christian Center. Lunch will only be served at West St. John Elementary and the St. John Parish Alternative School. Breakfast will be served from 7:30a.m.-8:30a.m. and lunch will be served at 11:00a.m. to 1:00p.m. For more information or questions, please visit the Health & Human Service webpage or call (985)536-4955. The Parks & Recreation Department is offering free swimming lessons through the Ashley Kelly swim program again this summer. Sessions for youth and adults will be held in June and July. Please contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 652-9569 to register. The parish's annual Summer Camp begins on June 8th and includes arts and crafts, team sports, swimming, academic enrichment, games, contests, field trips and more. Please call the Parks & Recreation Department to register before the May 27th deadline. St. John is again partnering with the 40th Judicial District Children & Youth Services Planning Board & Prevention Committee to host its annual Free Fishing Camp. The event is Saturday, June 4th from 8:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. at the Bonnet Carre Spillway. Youth ages 8-15 are invited to attend. To register, volunteer or donate, please contact Bernell Charles at (504)570-4885. The 10th Annual St. John the Baptist Parish Veterans Luncheon will be held Thursday, June 30, 2016 at REGALA Gym in Reserve. Residents are asked to assist with the video again this year by submitting photos of local veterans and service members. Photos in military uniforms are requested. Black and white and color photos will also be accepted. Please include the veteran's name, rank and branch of the service with the photo, as well as the contact information and name of the family member submitting the photo. If a photo was submitted in the last three years, it is not necessary to submit a new photo. The deadline to submit pictures is Friday, June 17th at 4:00p.m. Photos can either be emailed to the Communications Department at communications@sjbparish.com or mailed to St. John Communications Department Attn: Veterans Tribute, 1801 W. Airline Hwy, LaPlace, LA 70068. The 16th Annual Independence Day Celebration and firework show will take place on the evening of Thursday, June 30th at St. Peter's Catholic Church and the St. John Courthouse. The celebration will begin at 6:00p.m. and the live broadcast will air at 7:00p.m. The firework show will start at 9:00 p.m. The East and West Bank celebrations will be broadcasted live on the government access channel for residents to watch at home. REMINDER - All parish offices and government buildings will be closed in observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 30th. I

hope everyone has an enjoyable and safe Memorial Day with their family and friends. Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:05 PM, Councilman Becnel moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilwoman Remondet and Councilmen Sorapuru, Madere and Snyder absent.

/s/Marvin Perrilloux
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
Council Secretary