

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS**  
**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**CHAIRMAN LENNIX MADERE**  
**VICE-CHAIR LARRY SNYDER**

The Council of the Parish of St. John the Baptist Parish, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session in the Joel McTopy Chambers, LaPlace, Louisiana on Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018, at 6:30 PM.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**ABSENT:** None

Councilwoman Remondet led the Prayer. Councilman Malik led the Pledge.

Legal Counsel present were Keith Green, Jr., and Law Clerk Kennilyn Schmill.

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

There was no public comment at this time.

**INTRODUCTION OF BUSINESSES:**

There were no businesses to introduce.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**ITEMS:** Approval of Minutes - May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018, Regular Meeting

**MOTION:** Councilman Snyder moved and Councilman Sorapuru seconded the motion to approve consent agenda items to include: Approval of Minutes - May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018. The motion passed with Councilman Perrilloux absent.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES:**

**18-10** (Public Hearing Held) (Tabled 05-08-18) An ordinance naming the West Bank Recreational Park - the "Juan Anthony Joseph Park" (K. Becnel)

The above item remained tabled.

**18-14** (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance amending Ordinance 16-30; Section 40-8 of the St. John the Baptist Parish Code of Ordinances for the Operation of golf carts on public streets. (J. Remondet)

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "I just wanted to say we had done this previously, we took up the Ordinance about golf carts when the state made a law allowing carts on parish roads if we so choose to do so. And we did copy, the Attorneys at the time did copy it from another town, and we followed the letter of the state

law. However, the town also held the police division within their town and ours does not. So we want to thank the Sheriff for stepping forward and they've offered to go ahead and be in charge of handling the certification and issuing tags and what not. We have Mr. Steve Guidry from the Sheriff's office if we could let him talk a little more about that."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes no problem."

Steve Guidry, St. John Sheriff's Office stated, "Thank you Council. Basically once you amend the Ordinance, we have policy in place that's going to be on our website starting tomorrow, that the citizens of St. John Parish can follow, and it'll tell them how to, if they have a title for the golf cart, the procedure what to do in order to go to DMV, get their off-road certificate, bring it back to us along with the necessary paperwork they must provide to us, which includes: their title, their proof of insurance and also making the golf cart street legal. Which is must have: tail lights, head lights, and so forth. If they're untitled, we have a procedure telling them how/instructing them how to title the actual golf cart, then go to DMV and follow the same procedure, then they come to us, by law they have to have/we have post certified police officers that are certified through DMV that can do axle vehicle inspections, once they do the inspections and they meet all the requirements, then a sticker is issued to them for actually 2 years, and that's going to be the sticker and it's going to be placed on their golf cart, and it'll also be registered in our 911 Center and also it's going to be embodying by the same laws that are in the Ordinance at this time, that has to be a licensed driver by DMV, it also they cannot have any children 6 years of age and under, because anything thing that's 6 years of age or under children, have to be in a child restraint chair. And golf carts cannot have child restraint chairs. Any questions?"

Councilman Madere stated, "I just want to make one comment. I don't think any council person including myself have a problem with individuals using golf carts in the community, I don't have a problem. The only problem I have is I don't want to see them on that walking path. Because the walking path, okay and I wish they stay of it okay, ride in the legal spot, you know and they tell them they can ride but stay off of that walking path. Okay, it belongs to the citizens who want to walk and exercise on that path and they little kids on that. And it's not a private road for little golf carts. Okay so I hope they understand that, no one have a problem with them having golf carts and driving them, but do it in the area that's supposed to do in and stay off the walk path."

Steve Guidry stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Madere stated, "Ok thank you."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I'd like to just take this opportunity to commend Ms. Remondet again, for coming up with this Ordinance and this resolution to govern our golf cart. I said it before when we came up with the original one, that she did a great job and good research on it and it hit home, and it was logical they way she had it set up and that make a lot of sense. And here we've improved a little bit more and now we got our Sheriff office involved with it an they're going to handle all the paperwork and inspections and things like that, so you know we got a good one here so let's try to keep it as safe as we can, whoever got golf carts, I have one, I go to church on it sometimes, and so we got a good Ordinance here so let's kind of/let's go along with the Sheriff, what the Sheriff wants us to do with this thing. Thank you."

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Remonet moved and Councilman Becnel seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 18-14. The motion passed with Councilman Perrilloux absent.

**18-15** (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance to grant preliminary and conditional subdivision approval of a partition of a parcel from Riverwood Subdivision into Lots 1-16 and Parcel A, Summerlin Lake Subdivision, Phase 5 - Tuscany Drive, and the dedication of a portion of Tuscany Drive; in the area generally bounded by Summerlin Dr., West Airline Hwy., Hwy. 51, and English Colony Dr., LaPlace, LA as shown in a survey prepared by Stephen P. Flynn, P.L.S. on September 26, 2017 and to authorize St. John the Baptist Parish, through the Office of the Parish President and Council Chairman, to execute a Construction Agreement with Landcraft Inc. for the installment of all associated improvements as shown in the improvement drawings prepared by Andre C. Monnot, P.E. on March 1, 2018. (PZS-18-1188) (N. Robottom)

Alex Carter stated, *"Thank you Council Chairman. This request is consistent with the existing development pattern, the zoning district requirements, intended character of the area, and the intent of the Land Development Code. On May 21, 2018 the Planning Commission recommended unanimous approval of this request. Administration recommends approval."*

Councilman Snyder asked, *"Has our parish attorney looked at this? Is it something he needs to look at?"*

Alex Carter stated, *"Typically we don't send re-subdivisions and re-zonings through..."*

Councilman Snyder asked, *"Re-subdivisions?"*

Alex Carter stated, *"Right, re-subdivisions, new subdivisions, those instruments I don't think we typically send through unless the DA would like for us to start that practice."*

Councilman Snyder stated, *"Ok, I'm thinking this is in plans and things also, when I saw Mr. Stephen P. Flynn name down there. Thank you."*

Alex Carter stated, *"Absolutely."*

**MOTION:** Councilman Wright moved and Councilwoman Hotard seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 18-15. The motion passed unanimously.

**18-16** (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance amending St. John the Baptist Parish Code of Ordinances, specifically Chapter 113. - Zoning, specifically those provisions related to driveways and parking with the intent of evaluating the construction of driveways and parking spaces and providing for other related matters. (Parishwide, Docket No. TXT-18-01) (N. Robottom)

Alex Carter stated, *"This amendment aims to improve public safety, encourage quality site design, and increase storm water management capabilities. It has been approved by five local boards and commissions, including the Parish President's Advisory Committee (PAC) on Community Development and Neighborhoods on April 3rd; the Zoning Board of Adjustments on April 25th; the Economic Development Committee on May 7th; the Parish wide Water, Sewer, and Drainage Board on May 15th; the Historic District Commission on May 10th and May 22nd, and the Planning Commission on May 21, 2018 (unanimous approval with 1 member absent). Administration recommends approval."*

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "Ms. Carter I know I called you, we even played phone tag a few times. Is this parking, cause every time you send something like that, highlight the changes! Highlight it, I was trying to speed read it to see but I think you and I talked about; I'm going to use the Goodwill came in, that's similar to this ordinance here to, about the parking?"

Alex Carter stated, "Right, I think Goodwill, yes! Goodwill would have benefited from this..."

Councilman Perrilloux interrupting stated, "Because okay that was my argument when another business come in to business location that just moved, you can't say expand a parking lot, there is no more. So that's what this is, its correct then?"

Alex Carter stated, "It does have provisions in it where, if a new business occupies an existing business and it's intensifying the use but less than one space would be required, we would not require one extra space. So it does give us some administrative flexibility of not undoing burden new businesses from coming in the parish and setting up shop."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "That's what I'm trying to get ease of business, because I sat down with the owners of this building and I thought it was, say if we need three (3) more, four (4) more parking spaces well, Sears been there, UPS been there, a lot of people been there, we can't grow that no further."

Alex Carter stated, "We've been listening. You know as businesses come in this code was pretty much unaltered since 1986, and so over the last 3 years as businesses have start coming in and complained, we've made recommendations in 2015, we've spring boarded from those and then tried to address council issues as well in terms of, you know residential parking, over parking in residential areas, heavy commercial vehicles, all those are in this proposal as well as additional flexibility that's not to broad, you know I can't think of anyone to much authority. But yeah it does clarify the standards, and it does give us some more flexibility when we work with new businesses that are coming in."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Well that's good, because I want the business to all come to St. John Parish so I won't have this problem again cause I've dealt with three (3) businesses on parking, and we're clear but I'm glad we changed this Ordinance to help them out to so, I'm good with it."

Alex Carter stated, "Thank you."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Does that take any concerns the whole square footage of the building, or just the space that's got the Goodwill equipment going to be at? You know they may have a lot of storage room."

Alex Carter stated, "Right. A lot of businesses want us not to include like closets space, but we have to, but we have to include the whole square footage that they're going to be leasing or renting."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Why you have to?"

Alex Carter stated, "Think about it, you know if you have a restaurant and its 1 space per 100 square feet, and they don't want us to include their kitchens. It gets into a very messy interpretive jungle, you know and it becomes very unpredictable from one person to the next, how they would calculate that parking

requirement. So we try to make it as simple and as predictable as possible."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Ok, thank you ma'am."

**MOTION:** Councilman Snyder moved and Councilwoman Remondet seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 18-16. The motion passed unanimously.

**18-17** (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving a family plot re-subdivision to divide and designate an undesignated portion of land (1/4 arpent by 40 arpents) into Lot R-2 and the remaining parent tract of the Sylvan Tract, located in the area generally bounded by Ebony Ln., the Union Pacific railroad, East 6th St., and East 5th St., Edgard, LA as shown in a survey prepared by John W. Starring, P.L.S. on May 9, 2018. (PZS-18-1191) (N. Robottom)

Alex Carter stated, "On May 21, 2018, the Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of this request with 1 member absent. Due to existing site constraints with respect to (1) the lot depth (38 feet provided/150 feet required), (2) lot area (3,800 square feet provided/25,000 square feet required), and lack of access to a paved street and public utilities. Administration recommends denial. We may want public comment on this one."

Chevelle Richard stated, "Good Evening Council. I don't have anything to say, but I just wanted to be approved because we have been through so much, they asked us to do everything and actually we did everything. The process was long, and ridiculous. That's all I can say. We spent a lot of money on variance, we did. Utilities we had to put locks down, we did a survey, we did everything that Planning & Zoning asked us. So I'm just asking ya'll, can this be my last night coming and ya'll approve it?"

Councilman Madere stated, "Ah, we'll think about it!" (Laughing)

Alex Carter stated, "I just want to make sure everyone, it was brought up to our attention today that the Utility Board actually heard this in May, and then again on June 5<sup>th</sup> and hasn't made a decision or a recommendation. I just wanted to make sure that you all understood that they had tabled it twice, but that the Planning Commission did approve it, but because it's deficient in lot depth and lot area. Administration is recommending denial, tonight. For the record."

Chevelle Richard stated, "We actually came to that meeting, they tabled it on the first time we came. We came back on May 21<sup>st</sup>, and if you look at the docket, I have it on my cell phone. It reads, Elizabeth and Terry Johnson request for a family re-subdivision to be divided undesignated portion of the land, which you just read and it says; Motion an anonymous approved, one (1) absent. That was for the Utilities. Because what happened, they had to table it from that last ~~Tues~~ Monday, and we had to come back because we had a discrepancy in the survey that we had. So they tabled it to the next Tuesday which was the Planning Commission, they had to approve it. So we were on the docket twice."

Councilman Madere stated, "Ok."

Alex Carter stated, "Just for the record, what she's reading is the Planning Commission results. So state city union approved it at the Planning Commission meeting but the two (2) Utility Board meetings it was tabled. Just for the record I want ya'll to be clear about where we stand in terms of recommendations before you make a decision. Thank you."

**MOTION:** Councilman Becnel moved and Councilman Sorapura seconded the motion to

approve Ordinance 18-17. The motion passed unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "I would like to make a motion to approve the minutes from the finance committee."

**MOTION:** Councilman Sorapuru moved and Councilman Becnel seconded the motion to accept the finance committee. The motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Larry Sorapuru - (Tabled 05-08-18) Council withdrawal from the River Parish Tourist Commission**

The above item remained tabled.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Cain Dufrene - Authorization to amend Joint-Use Agreement No. 135 with DOTD for the West Bank Public Safety Complex**

Cain Dufrene stated, "Good Evening Council. The current Joint-Use Agreement with DOTD is being amended to allow for co-location of the West Bank Public Safety Complex on the property and to obtain DOTD permits. The agreement was approved by DOTD and determined to be legally sufficient by Legal Counsel. Administration recommends approval."

Councilman Snyder asked, "What is co-location?"

Cain Dufrene stated, "Well the park is on it. We had the, it's actually the park, is in the agreement so we had to put the Public Safety Complex on that park land use."

Councilman Snyder asked, "So in other words it would be, you got two (2) building on it?"

Cain Dufrene stated, "Correct. That's why we had to amend it, correct."

**MOTION:** Councilman Becnel moved and Councilman Sorapuru seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to amend Joint-Use Agreement No. 135 with DOTD for the West Bank Public Safety Complex. The motion passed unanimously.

**Natalie Robottom - Resolution - R18-20 - A Resolution authorizing the Parish President to execute all documents on behalf of St. John the Baptist Parish with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) relative to the St. John East Bank Mississippi River Multi-Use Trail - Phase IV in the DOTD Transportation Improvements Program**

LaVerne Toombs stated, "This Resolution is required by DOTD to proceed with Phase IV of the Mississippi River Trail which spans from West 10th Street in Reserve to the St. James Parish line. Administration recommends approval."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay, I'd like to make a comment since yawl hesitated on that. That walking trail is going all the way to St. James now, right?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay I think that's a good thing."

**MOTION:** Councilman Sorapuru moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the motion to approve Resolution-R18-20. The motion passed unanimously.

**DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:**

**Larry Sorapuru - (Tabled 03-13-18) Council's possible withdrawal from the River Parish Tourist Commission**

The above item remained tabled.

**Marvin Perrilloux - (Tabled 05-22-18) Update on Haydel Canal crossing (LaPlace Park Levee), and path forward**

**MOTION:** Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to remove Marvin Perrilloux - Update on Haydel Canal crossing (LaPlace Park Levee), and path forward from the TABLE. The motion passed

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Yes first of all Ms. Hotard, I apologize I forgot to invite you to this meeting. We met on this levee because it's been about 6 years that I've been bird dogging this for that long and it's time to move forward. So Mr. Cooper I'll let you read what then came out of this meeting with."

Daron Cooper stated, "Ok. Again, Good Evening Council. The Capital Projects Administrator, Councilman Perrilloux, Geoffrey Michel, appointed outside Legal Counsel, and Rick Shread met on May 25th to discuss final design of this project and land acquisition. Letters have been mailed to the property owners with offers to purchase based on appraised value. The project can move forward once all acquisitions are completed."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "And I just wanted the public to know where we're at on it because I've been getting a lot of calls from the LaPlace Park residents' on this item and it's long overdue. And just to let them know we have the permits, and just a couple of landowners were holding out, so the letters went out by Mr. Michel and hopefully we'll have something in two (2) weeks maybe? An answer?"

Daron Cooper stated, "Well I'll follow-up with Mr. Michel, and if he gets the response (I think they're going to come back to us to the parish), so we'll follow-up with the landowners and see where they are with their appraised values."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "And if further we have another meeting, put Ms. Hotard on there because I forgot. Jackie, just include Jaclyn on the meeting."

Jackie Landeche stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Thank you so much."

**Larry Snyder - Ted Legendre - Discussion regarding permit process**

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yes Mr. Legendre had some questions about our permitting processes and he wanted to come before the council and explain his point of views."

Ted Legendre stated, "How ya'll doing? I'm Ted Legendre, I own Tattoo's Unlimited in LaPlace. I just recently moved locations from 51 to Cambridge Corner and I'm being told now that I've been rated as an adult establishment, and could not open. And I feel that's totally inappropriate because I do not advertise under the obscenity (the definition of obscenity) I don't fall under that and I don't fall under adult establishment."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Ok what I know about this and the law is that, there are/our Planning & Zoning did a lot of work on this particular Ordinance, and they look at businesses that were adult oriented. Okay and they did a lot of homework and they went to a lot of other places and got some other areas around us and got some information pertaining to this and this is what they come up with. Is that, Tattoo shops, Massage Parlors, and things of that nature are adult entertainment or adult (whatever they call it) and in order to have one like that, then this is the way they got to be. They got to be so far from schools, so far from churches and things of the that nature. And the overwhelming issue is that, Mr. Ted, he went got the building he went and got his utilities before he got with Planning & Zoning and they can explain all this to him and that's the big issue is right now, see! Now, I've talked to the Planning & Zoning and we've discussed this over and over, what can we do here and actually I don't see what we can do. Changes the laws? You know when you start playing with changing the laws then you start..."

Ted Legendre interrupting stated, "I don't fall under your description Obscenity."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well..."

Ted Legendre interrupting stated, "I don't advertise using sexual..."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I understand that. I do understand that trust me, I do understand that. Because I was tweeking myself with this also, but those our laws, those are our Ordinances and if and I know you realize that if you had gone to them first before we did all these other things then that you would have saw that. And that's what it would have been, is that we got a school, we got a little grammar school right there, I mean..."

Ted Legendre interrupting stated, "It's a Daycare by their sign."

Councilman Snyder stated, "A Daycare across the street from it you know, and it's within a 1,000 foot at the crow fly. We got a church back there that may be more than a 1,000 feet I'm not quite sure I don't know, well you know behind it and things of that nature. And I think you know we can't do anything tonight about this, but you know we got a lot of other businesses in that and also in that Cambridge Corner you know. And a lot of family type businesses, restaurants; you know we got stores and things like that right there in that area right there. And all that is in that subdivision right there, in that Cambridge Corner and I'm a little concerned about that also, really that's my concern about that also. Is that, we got some family oriented businesses there and I would just, I don't have a problem with tattoos, I don't have a problem with them at all. But our law says this and our law says that, so you know I'm going to support whatever the law says. And if I think it's not right them I'm going to try and change it, you know. But I do know that this could have been avoided."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you. Ms. Carter, just so I can understand and for the public to understand. What makes this business classified as right and

adult use?"

Alex Carter stated, "It's actually within the adult use definition. So it's not necessarily obscene, or classified by being sexually explicit, it's more having to do more having to do with its impacts, and the likely hood that it becomes a nuisance or it could devalue neighboring properties. And because of the health impacts associated with what's going on, on site, and the presence of like you know needles and those types of things, that these things are typically associated with adult uses, historically, there has been a trend that it's been more so social ably acceptable and they've been let even more of an eyeing over the last 5 or 6 years. When we researched this with the adult uses as Councilman Snyder mentioned, we took more of a more conservative approach because you know looking and knowing about St. John we did feel like it was a very family oriented community, and so you know, we went with that recommendation, so we went through the Planning Commission, we you know gave this to our President's Advisory Committee, we invited feedback from the public and it wasn't an issue that was raised that it shouldn't of been included in the definition. So it was adopted, but you know it's difficult to tell where a community falls on this particular issue, tattoo parlors are considered like a contentious land use classification. So you know I think that's why Councilman Snyder put it on the agenda to foresee what the feedback was, because you know I'm not elected. So at this point it's difficult for Planning & Zoning to direct what the public would want and how these uses should be treated."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "So in the Ordinance it says tattoo parlors, it's not that we are interpreting it to be an adult or obscene business? It says Tattoo Parlors?"

Alex Carter stated, "Right. Yes it says, at the end of it: Adult media store, sex shop, adult theater, or tattoo parlor, so within it right."

Ted Legendre stated, "With Article 51, by Department of Health & Hospitals, I'm dictating on how I got to handle my disposals. On everything I got in my shop, I got to follow Department of Health & Hospitals standards. So I'm basically a medical clinic. So as far as needle use and stuff like that, that's all disposed of in sharp containers and has to be picked up. So it's not like I'm throwing them this out in the dumpster in case they're going to find them and stuff like that. This is being picked up and taken to disposal area."

Councilman Madere stated, "Well I'd just like to make a comment about it and I understand you know the situation you're in, and the parish you know ordinance we have in place, and the only thing I can say about this situation is; anyone..."

Ted Legendre interrupting stated, "I also..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Hold on let me finish I'm going to get to you. Is that if anyone want to do these type of business and everything, they should check and make sure before you know you do all those things that you did, that you check with them first. Cause like Mr. Snyder said, I'm more than sure you wouldn't just spent the money or did the things you did if you know they wasn't going to approve it. What you did, they came back with the ordinance and then you found out they wasn't going to allow you in that certain area. So I think moving forward, any other businesses like that because I also know along river road a C1 and everything, C1, C2, R1, they all have different standards for business that could be in those areas. So I would advise anyone before they do anything or make any plans that they check with Planning & Zoning first. You had

another comment you wanted to make?"

Ted Legendre stated, "Nope!"

### **Lennix Madere - Update on drainage and road repair in District III**

Verdell Kindrick stated, "The Contractor is in the process of repairing roads included in the 2018 Road Improvement Program."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay yes, first of all I want thank Mr. Chuck Savoie and Mr. Verdell because I made it perfectly clear that when would we start the road program in my District I wanted these edge of the roads to be straight. And when I passed just in front the 23<sup>rd</sup> Street and I see a snake on both side the road I immediately-after I had that meeting with Robottom-I went back to the site and Mr. Chuck Savoie, I may sent his son out there and Mr. Verdell was there, and they saw what I was talking about. Okay and the middle of the road is fine, it's when you get to the edge you understand, even though we live in (some people like to say a rural area) we don't have to have a road that look rural, okay I want the edges straight, when you go around the curb I want it nice and straight, you know it look good in the community. And they came and jumped on it right quick and the guy I think had a trainer, operating the machine, (a guy they were training) operating the machine. You know so that's not a good thing, so the guy said he's going to correct the errors that they made and I went and saw 26<sup>th</sup> Street, okay it looked pretty good. I know it's nice and straight, the road is nice and smooth and everything coming along you know. I just wanted to make sure that they understood you know what is going to be acceptable and what is not going to be acceptable. You understand, I just want it nice and straight, I want down the side the road nice and straight, everything look good. Okay and so far after we had that conversation everything been going pretty good, look like so far and Mr. Verdell was there on the scene, you understand, we rode around and he was on top of it. So no complaints moving forward, everything looking good."

### **Lennix Madere - Update on abandoned houses parish wide**

Alex Carter stated, "Since the adoption of Chapter 2.5 - Code Enforcement, 67 hazardous and unsafe building violations have been processed, including 55 being demolished by property owners, and 12 torn down by the Parish with CDBG grant funds. Six (6) additional cases are in the violation abatement process. The Council was provided with a list of these properties for their reference (see attached)."

Councilman Madere stated, "That's the list you have, this is it here?"

Alex Carter stated, "The list is attached to the Administration Report, exactly."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yeah okay. The reason why I put this on there because when I became a Councilman in 2012, there was a house on 30<sup>th</sup> Street, okay and I'm glad that they finally took it down, okay it been about maybe 6 weeks since they took it down? Okay, like I say I was kind of disappointed that the guy that asked me to get this house away from his house, unfortunately passed away before he actually got see that house torn down. And it made the community look better, that old abandoned house is out the way, you know and so everything going good. But another reason why I put on there is that I read about it the paper, okay I read about it in the paper, you know about how many houses they torn down, and they added quotes from Mr. Madere, Mr. Madere never said anything to the paper. But they had quotes from Mr. Madere and I never talked to them, but it was quotes from years past when I told them about these abandoned houses. Even though I

agree with Mr. Madere what he said and what I read in the paper. I didn't give that interview at that time, but I did agree with it. And moving forward you know I mean, anytime you can get rid of these abandoned houses and blighted homes, it makes the community look better you understand and so I'm glad that we took care of that."

Alex Carter stated, "That's a team effort. That's a person that works really hard."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes, I need the team I need the team for two (2) more (laughing). Thank you."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Ms. Alex, do you'll have a list of the ones that's on the list to be abandoned/I mean to be demolished?"

Alex Carter stated, "We originally had a long list, and we've been working through it. And so I think it's a lot shorter now, the six (6) that we're working on currently, I think it's more of a live list of new violations that we're bringing in and processing alongside junk vehicles, work grass, trash. So you know I don't think we have the list like we used to have..."

Councilman Snyder stated, "No you may not have many on the list, but I think like we get a report (whoever District it be in I think they should get a report on it)."

Alex Carter stated, "Oh, okay I want to make sure I'm understanding. Are you requesting the big packet of all the open violations in your District? We can absolutely start sending that."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yes ma'am."

Councilman Madere stated, "Ok, one more thing. In Homewood, okay I think that process had to start all over on that particular house? You know the one I'm talking about?"

Alex Carter stated, "Right, the two-story one with the bees?"

Councilman Madere stated, "The two-story one with the bees and everything you know?"

Alex Carter stated, "From what I remember, it was sold. And then we did have to reprocess it because it was a new owner. That was a couple of months ago, so I can look into it and follow-up with you and see where it's at I the process."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yeah it's a new owner same problem. I hope the new owner do something with that building you know, and don't just purchase and let it stay there."

Alex Carter stated, "Right, I know exactly which one you're talking about."

Councilman Madere stated, "Right. Thank you."

#### **Lennix Madere - Discussion regarding grass cutting parish wide**

Councilman Madere stated, "The reason why I put that on there, we have this Repetitive Program and this is the summertime, grass is growing, even though

we haven't had rain in a long time but the little rain we've been having, I passed by a property and the grass was over the fence line and that's one that we been butting since I been in office. And I think the Repetitive Program was put in place so we wouldn't have that type of situation where the grass is above the fence line, and I think we amended it to where it's 10 inches, you know it could be written up as a violation. And that Repetitive Program tell me (you know just stop me if I'm wrong), it starts over every year. In August, when the grass session starts the first violation is written up, certified letter - sent out to the owner and everything, and then any other write-up during that summer is sent by general delivery."

Alex Carter stated, "Right, right! And we count five (5) days from the general mail."

Councilman Madere stated, "You count five (5) days..."

Alex Carter interrupting stated, "Ten (10) days depending on if they're in state, out of state."

Councilman Madere stated, "Right, saying that's you know, in other words that; is that they receive that information."

Alex Carter stated, "Right!"

Councilman Madere asked, "Okay and then, how many days after that you send someone to cut it?"

Alex Carter stated, "We typically re-inspect it after we count those days, because we actually want to make sure we want to check and see if someone cut it. Because not all the properties that are on the repeat offender list are abandoned or you know the property owners are far away. So we re-inspect it and then we typically come back and assign it to a contractor, or the contractor then has three (3) days to complete the work. But you know unfortunately, you know inspectors are just working on that once case, right? So there may be something that's happening on another case that's causing them to be sort of more involved in it, and they're addressing like a resident on the ground or some situation that really needs to be addressed. We try to prioritize our work as much as possible, and sometimes the repeat offenders - the grass violations, you know we know it's growing but there may be something like trash or debris, or hazardous and an unsafe building that needs to be boarded. So I would just ask the public you know, to just try to understand we're working as quickly as we can on these. The one that you had mentioned had been written up, it had been assigned to the contractor and it was cut before today, so it was in the process and we try to go as quickly as we can through that. But, you know we only have so many staff and they're a lot of violations."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay thank you, I just you know I just you know like for that Repetitive Program was put in place you know to..."

Alex Carter stated, "I do think they move quicker though! They do, they do move quicker..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Well it's a lot better than it was."  
Alex Carter stated, "Than the certified mail ones, yeah."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yeah. It's a whole lot better than it was."

Alex Carter stated, "That was an effect of ordinance."

Councilman Snyder stated, "The work you guys did on it, helped it move a little bit quicker the second time around."

Councilman Becnel stated, "Yeah Alex, speaking of grass cutting. When the parish is responsible, I'm going to give you an example: I got a call from a constituent today; it's around West 12<sup>th</sup> Street in Wallace. Now the guys were cutting the grass that the parish is cutting. There's a lift station over there and this particular individual, and the neighbors been complaining for the longest. This is the parish responsibility - the lift station. The grass is extremely high, I went over there and seen it myself over the weekend. Now they were cutting grass today, the guy went over there, he was very cordial very nice. He said, gentlemen will yawl cut this look how high this is, and the guy said, yes we will we will! And the guy said an hour later, they were playing around or whatever they were doing, they left and they didn't cut it. So we need to check into that, because the parish is responsible for that. That lift station it looks like a jungle over there."

Alex Carter stated, "Right..."

Councilman Becnel interrupting stated, "And it wouldn't take no time to cut it. Really to be honest with you I don't know why they didn't do it."

Alex Carter stated, "And I think and I can't speak directly to this, but I can try to answer your question. Public Works and Utilities, they do track all their work and man hours. So the gentleman that they spoke to may have thought; I'm going to go in a put in a work order. Even though it would have been simpler maybe to just do it then, they do and they are directed to put in work orders for everything that they're doing, so that as people make request they can be done in an orderly fashion, so that some when somebody ask the first thing on Monday doesn't get it blind."

Councilman Becnel stated, "Right."

Alex Carter stated, "Right so, you know I would they are doing the work, they are getting the work orders and just give them (like with Code Enforcement) in fact some time to make sure they process these things fairly and consistently."

Councilman Becnel stated, "Ok."

Alex Carter stated, "Thank you."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Question, just quickly Ms. Carter. We have a rolodex of contractors that cut these grasses. Right?"

Alex Carter stated, "I think the list changes you know it moves from like eleven (11), between eleven (11) and seven (7), so I wouldn't say a rolodex."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "So let me ask you, when they cut the grass - how do they get paid? Somebody go out there and look at before they'll get paid?"

Alex Carter stated, "The procedure is that they need to verify it was done accordingly, like so it have to be 100% complete before they get paid. So the inspector is assigned to go out and look at the work before they pay."

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "Could I get a list of the contractors and what

we're paying them?"

Alex Carter stated, "Every job is different, so it's based on square footage. We also have like different fees based on if there's like trash and things that are picked up, in addition to cutting the grass. I mean any we can facilitate your request; we may have to talk aside, outside the meeting..."

Councilman Perrilloux interrupting stated, "Sure talk about it aside, yeah sure."

Alex Carter stated, "Make sure I get what you want correctly."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Sure, that's fine."

**Larry Snyder - Update on meter loan, meter choices, registers choices, consultant help and time to completion of total process**

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yes I see they got a long write up down there but I guess it's obvious why I put this on the agenda. Because you know we still got some issues we still got many issues with this system and really we want to let people know where we are."

Blake Fogleman stated, "The \$6M LDEQ low interest loan has been pre-approved for new Smart Meter Technology to improve meter reading, billing, leak detection and other improvements to Utility billing. Performance specifications have been completed, reviewed and approved by LDEQ. The loan application for closing will be submitted when the site certificate is signed by the DA's Office. Once the loan is closed the project can be advertised for bid. If the Council elects to move forward with this project, the total timeframe is as follows: Loan Application Review and Closing - 2 months, Advertise and Bid - 2 months, Construction - 12 months installation. Total time of the project would be a 16 months total from the time we start the listed."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I got you, I got you. Have we made a decision yet or something that got to come to the Council as far as the meter choices that we looking at?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "It's a performance based spec, the Design Engineer is here. Basically what we did was review history I guess, and the new technology and hit some check boxes though I wanted to be able to do this, I needed to not be interfering with this, I needed this capability and that's what's dictating. So it won't have a dis-meter in the books. It will have a set of guidelines that will require any meters that can or any vendors that can meet that service can bid on this project."

Councilman Snyder asked, "On the meters?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "Basically the new technology goes it's the whole it's basically the whole package, cause you can't put one person's meter with somebody else's customer service with somebody else's, it's a whole total package that comes with these types of new technologies."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I'm talking about the meters not the registers now."

Blake Fogleman stated, "Yes sir. I'm saying when you talk about a one type of meter; it comes with everything that they're going to provide. And we didn't put one meter in it, we just said we want these capabilities: (1) it has to meet the requirements the DEQ Loan because it has to have lead detection, the smart

reading, the whole nine yards for us to qualify for this money, but also I think history would tell us that there's some improvement that can be made and lessons to be learned."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well that's new to me, because I thought that I heard someone say here that their registers can fit on any meter."

Blake Fogleman stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Snyder stated, "When we had that group of people here to come and explain to us. So what you are telling me that we got to make a choice on the registers and the meters at the same time or this particular register won't fit on this particular meter. That's not what I heard; I'm not quite sure..."

Blake Fogleman interrupting stated, "No, no, so I guess what I, if that company would want to team up with somebody that provides a meter and present the total package and then that they can do so. But we're only going to look at the whole package, that's the infrastructure, that's the meters, that's a service plan package, that's the customer portal, that's everything included. So we're not...we're I guess talking bigger than just the meter and register. But that was a company that just offered registers and if they want to team up with a meter, that just want to offer meters, than they can do so to get in to qualify for this bid if they meet the requirements."

Councilman Snyder stated, "But this isn't like the ones we got now, the meters themselves are what we're having, the registers now that's what we're having problems with right now big time. So isn't it, that's going be a different warranty for the meters, a different warranty for registers, or it's going to be..."

Blake Fogleman interrupting stated, "The application was a total package. The application and the number we've always discussed is a total package. I think there was a lot of options discussed upfront, on paths forward, and being that you're already 10 years in to meters versus registers and the whole 9 yards, and NO the lack of a warranty, moving forward into a generation of meters and system is what this specification is going to allow us to do."

Councilman Snyder stated, "And just for the public: yes, we're trying to get a loan for this but it's got to be smart meters. Am I right there? It's got to be for smart meters?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "It qualifies under a green infrastructure part of the DEQ Loan month."

Councilman Snyder stated, "So in other words if we just get the meters, then we can't get the loan?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "Right, we have to find a funding source other than DEQ loans. Yes sir."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Alright, we'd have to find a funding source. Okay, okay."

Blake Fogleman stated, "And this is a 20 year depth service it's spread out, you don't have to pay it upfront, you know that's where and obviously..."

Councilman Snyder asked, "20 year what?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "Depth service. So it's a 20 year payback, a life of that long, and you know we've spoken on water, we've spoken on waste water. You know we need to find money and unfortunately we've had some tough news on other projects and this is a pre-approved source of capital investment that we can do that allows us to move forward."

Councilman Snyder asked, "So how close are we are as far as putting the specs out there that this is what we want?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "We're working on like as in here and we're working with the DA's Office to sign the site certificate. There was some wording on that, that's the only thing left from DEQ standpoint to move forward."

Councilman Snyder asked, "So we there then? We pretty much got set-up what we want?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "Operationally yes sir. Yes sir!"

Councilman Snyder asked, "As far as with the meter and the register, what we want them to be able to do?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "And it's again smart meters, it's set-up in such a way that we're going to give you know if we do proceed forward into this and yawl approve us going out for advertisements and moving forward with this specific set, we are bringing in all these vendors again, giving them some time to come look at our area and really get a good number, because we understand that you can't give somebody 30 days and expect them that they'll give you a good price on implementation of a system of this size. So, it's going to be a little bit longer of an advertisement period just to try to get them these potential bidders time to actually really look at our system to see what they can do and give us their price."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well you know we had a meeting this past week you know..."

Blake Fogleman interrupting stated, "Yes sir, and I think that we can discuss that, I mean we have another item for that one I think."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yeah I think it's here now, isn't it?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "No sir."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Update meter choices, consultant help and all that kind of stuff? That's down there to on the next page."

Blake Fogleman stated, "It's down there, yeah, yeah, yeah, right!"

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yeah, yeah, that's what I'm talking about. Cause see actually we're going into this thing, I think not blindly, we got some people that's going there that can work through this I know. But, we have people that know how this work that can help us with this and that's, I'm not saying we got to go with the people that we talked to the other day but, but we need to, I think we might need help there so we can make sure that when we do put this thing online, that we're going to have we going to have some issues, I guarantee you we

going have some issues and we going to need, and that's why I got this other part down there about the customer service thing you see, we need, to me I think we need to set that, I think we need that anyhow. You know the customer service part of it to handle everything, all issues all call-in issues. But we going to need someone to handle all those calls, and I know you got another job to do, you got to run the Utilities Department, and then you got to go with this big gray monster right here you see, also cause when they go through here we going to have some issues, and I think we may need to look seriously at getting someone in here who did this before, who implemented things like this before, who know how to work with the software system and get these things tied together where we can help out. We got you know we got Mr. Figuero there, he got big other big jobs to do you know and you guys going to need the time, you need somebody to be able to focus on this thing. That's the way I feel about this you know. So we need to get somebody in here to help us with this and let's pull this thing together so when we go LIVE with it, we're going LIVE with it you know so. Now I don't know where you are with that, I don't know your feelings on that, I would appreciate it, we don't have to talk about it now, but I just need to know how you guys feel about that cause we don't get no vibes from you guys on: whether that might be a good idea, it might not be a good idea, let's look at this, we can handle it our self, you're not going to handle it yourself! Guys I'm telling you right now you're not going to handle it yourself. I don't care how smart you are, how many degrees' you got, this your first time doing this and you're going to get some headaches. And we going have some issues, and people like the people we had here the other day, that's what they do. They do that all over the place you see, and they could help us with that big time. I don't if anybody else got anything on this."

Blake Fogleman asked, "Are we on that item or on we're on the other one?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "No on all of them, doing all of them. All that's in one item, all that's in one item."

Blake Fogleman stated, "Yeah, I didn't know if you wanted to read it..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "Guess what? It's all dealing with our water meters and all of these things down here, and that's what the answers I wanted."

Blake Fogleman stated, "So I'll say this, based on that meeting that we had the other day, heard a lot of things, a lot of things that interest me. I was waiting for one of the people that we met with to reply, they said they would provide us the information that they could potentially help upfront, and I did get that email at like at 4:30 today. So and it's probably a three (3) page email from, which there's tons of information. So I'd like a lil time to process that and just see like you said, whether it's them or anyone like that, that knowing that that service is available, we'll certainly pass that along and Robert & I had a lot of discussion on that as well."

Robert Figuero stated, "Yeah Councilman, we have discussed this and I think Blake & I both agreed they do, they can add value. And we see there's value there probably to be added to this project and we're in agreement with them. You know, that we believe that they can add value to us and assist us."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Ok..."

Blake Fogleman interrupting stated, "Need to find out where? Right? I need to look at what they can truly provide based on the discussion we had with them the

other day, and really see where there, maybe their interest or their specialty is to come in and like they were calling it 'Stop Gaps', they were trying to fill the gaps between the different technologies, and different projects, and the different transitions, so I really want to do dive in to what that person gave us, what that consultant gave us and see what it truly means and what they can do for us."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay, I'd like to request I'd like to request this; that when you guys come up with a finished product that we want to put out, you get this in and give us some kind of, have a little a slide show or something, some place where we can understand what you guys are trying to do. So when it comes up around it and we got to do some voting on it, we'll know what we have what we're voting on."

Robert Figuero stated, "Absolutely."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Thank you."

Councilman Madere stated, "Ok, Mr. Green would like to make a comment and I'll get to you Mr. Sorapuru and Mr. Malik to."

Keith Green stated, "Thank you Mr. Chairman, I will not be long. This is a specifically with respect to the site certificate that the District Attorney's Office was asked to execute. A couple of weeks ago, I want to say maybe three (3) weeks ago, our office had a meeting with Blake Fogleman and Rob Delaune. Specifically on the site certificate you know we discussed the concerns that our office had with words to the language and just some of the things about the way it was prepared, and how it actually relates to this project. Now specifically the District Attorney's concern is that, in that meeting Blake indicated that the parish had I think roughly 17,000 water meters. Specifically the parish can identify, correctly identify and locate 2,000 of them. There's about another 3,000 that they are pretty confident that they can find. But the remaining 12,000 can't be located..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting asked, "Is that not correct?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "No, no. They're located but to say defensibly they're on the property line we'd have to put eyes on all of them to walk down, so meaning that when developments were made when paved developments were made they were more than likely put directly on the line, because the developer did it, I mean some of the areas where it's the older sections and things were put down many, many years ago, that might be five (5) feet into somebody's property. We have some that are under people's car porch, you know because they're built toward the street and they weren't truly in the right-of-way and they were able to build. So it's the ability to go out there and that was one of things were trying to do with this new project, would be the requirement of finding out where all these GPS in them, and that's a whole different conversation, having to go back and say we want to go in there and actually move those meters back to the property line where they should be. So it's not that we don't know where they are, it's to go out there and truly identify cause they were asking us to say, are they're on the right-of-way or not they're not on the right-of-way, and without touching every one of those meters today with accurate right-of-way maps, that was a difficult task to say that we you know to try to complete."

Keith Green stated, "And the site certificate is specific to that, it's specifically states that the parish has acquired all of the necessary right-of-

ways, and that all of, water meters are on those right-of-ways. So that's the concern the DA's office has. With the District Attorney has with executing the site certificate. So, once the parish can identify those right-of-ways, specifically being able to place the new meters on to those right-of-ways, then she'll be more inclined to execute that site certificate. But are working with Blake's group to figure out how to get all that done."

Blake Fogleman asked, "Can we update them on the potential that DEQ was willing to change the language to suit our project, and their proposed language changes as well as the fact that our Ordinance refers to being able to go to your meter box and take your meter out and disconnect it when needing to, in essence our intent of this project is to do only that, and change the top of the box. So that we're not going there to go dig up and relocate or anything like...all we're asking to do is go in there, swap your meter out, put the right box on you know the right top on, so that it can get you know it's a plastic box and get out of it you know get back out of the same corridor we would do even if we were manually reading. So hopefully that we continue to hash that out with DEQ and change it suit where we can get that signed."

Keith Green, Jr. stated, "We got those documents in today, so we'll be looking at them later on in the week."

Councilman Snyder asking, "So you're saying that we may have to go in, how can LP&L go in people's yard, why we can't go in people yards and do this work man? I mean they walk right into your backyard back there, as long as you don't have dog back there. You know, I don't understand that! Well anyhow, that's not here or there, but we're not going to redo the meters, we just going to change what's there? Oh ok, because I know you're on 27<sup>th</sup> Street down there where he live at."

Blake Fogleman stated, "Well the intent would be to require that contractor to give us a list, and if we made a push at a later date to relocate any of these meters that were problem meters or they were in bad locations and we just make notes of them, because under this contract we wouldn't be able to do that under the requirements of the loan as well as the signatures from the DA's Office, then we would come back at a later date under a different project or something and really do an improvement to that and relocate those problem meters. We're hoping that's a very small few of them and we know a couple but, they've just been historically there so it's..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stating, "Mr. Madere knows plenty..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stating, "I know a lot of them."

Councilman Snyder stating, "He know a lot of them, he know where they at."

Blake Fogleman stated, "Right! So we are working on that. And DEQ has been willing, it's built, that site certificate's built for within four (4) fences of a site. And so when we present it to DEQ that and the concerns from the DA's Office, they were willing to start working with us. So we're trying to feed the information to their office to work that out."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Yes Blake, the computer system the software. What's the cost of that, estimate cost and where's that money coming in from for the computer system?"

Blake Fogleman asked, "For what, the financial part or the billing module that's coming through with the financial system?"

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Yes."

Blake Fogleman stated, "That was all built in into the original bid and I think I'll let Robert, you know we can say it but as I understand that's already prepaid for when we bought Munis itself."

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

Blake Fogleman stated, "It's nothing new coming out of your Utilities, it was already..."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "I'm clear thank you."

Councilman Malik stated, "I have a problem. Yeah my only problem with this is I have yet to be able to find anybody in my District that really wants to spend \$6 Million Dollars on a system right now. I actually...hang on a second please! I actually take that back, there was one gentleman who said won't affect me, I'm 81 and I won't be paying on this for very long. Now, your project states right here 12 months total?"

Blake Fogelman stated, "From contract..."

Councilman Malik interrupting stated, "We're talking about construction."

Blake Fogelman stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Malik stated, "Ok. So for the construction, so we're again we're going to, again we're going to, are we going to use a little strategic thought here, and place these things in over a period of time? Or you're going to throw them all in a 12 month period so the expectation is, we're going to have to replace all these batteries or whatever it is we're going to do, 10, 12, 20 years, whatever the expectancy of the batteries is?"

Blake Fogelman stated, "I think there's been a lot discussed, and what asked Digital and them to put together is a shelve ready project with the ability to 9<sup>th</sup> hour or the 23<sup>rd</sup> hour change if we find some more information or through discussions before putting this out the door, that we want to do it in 3 phases or we want to do it obviously you know one of the big targets is to start in the areas we're having bigger issues in or reading issues in and then work out way outwards. But yes, I mean we've considered much of that."

Councilman Malik asked, "This discussion was with Water Metric?"

Blake Fogelman stated, "No this discussion was with Digital Engineering."

Councilman Malik stated, "Digital, I'm sorry. Okay Digital, maybe I'm..."

Blake Fogelman stated, "Yeah that's right."

Councilman Malik stated, "Let's say that you're given grant money, did you ever look at grant money?"

Blake Fogelman stated, "Yes."

Councilman Malik stated, "And..."

Blake Fogelman stated, "Part of it if we're going back I think we had an earlier discussion, the same thing that you discussed is part of the money that we actually received. It's the exact thing actually, they gave it to the state and the state administers it through the LDEQ Loan Program."

Councilman Malik asked, "So LDEQ is actually loaning the money?"

Blake Fogelman stated, "LDEQ gets Federal Grant money, and is able to turnaround and loan money in a revolving loan at a lower rate. So people like us."

Councilman Malik asked, "And the rate is?"

Blake Fogelman stated, "So at 0.95%."

Councilman Malik asked, "So the Federal Government is giving LDEQ..."

Blake Fogelman stated, "They're subsidizing their loan program."

Councilman Malik asked, "What's the rate?"

Blake Fogelman stated, "0.95, and it's a 20 year loan."

Councilman Malik stated, "0.95 ok! Isn't that a little bit higher? Didn't it used to be something like 0.9 even?"

Blake Fogelman stated, "No sir. I don't believe that's changed recently."

Councilman Malik asked, "No it hasn't?"

Blake Fogelman stated, "LDEQ has been established for a pretty good while. So that once they got it set, they were able to maintain their operations at that accrued rate or interest rate."

Councilman Malik stated, "Ok. Let's say that the Council, you get the money and this is put in. This, you're going to be able to read all the meters from the office?"

Blake Fogelman stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Malik stated, "Ok. What's the expectation on your manning level?"

Blake Fogelman stated, "I think there would be some people repurposed, but based on preliminary discussions with different vendors, obviously everyone has their own, hey you should do this while you're clicking the button, don't get complacent and this is the I guess recommended maintenance, there are going to be maintenance checks throughout, you still have a supplementary service which is the connect/disconnect rereads, spot checks, you know the one that don't come back to the office because you hit the button and you don't see anything showing up. So you do have work orders being processed, and I think the remaining would be refurbished. I don't think we have the magic number on how many people we think we're going to need yet."

Councilman Malik stated, "Yeah ok. So I mean the same thing would go with the billing department and number of vehicles that you currently need?"

Blake Fogelman stated, "Vehicles that we need as well as staffing in the back office with the upgrades, you know there's a lot of things that we're going to

evaluate as they roll out, to see how much more efficient we become and see what we can do with the staff that we have."

Councilman Malik asked, "Ok, and you're looking at what period of time to actually start..."

Blake Fogelman interrupting asked, "For?"

Councilman Malik asked, "Start! When do you want to do it? Cause I know you actually wanted to do this about 18 months ago. Okay, let's be honest."

Blake Fogelman stated, "I'd like to as Councilman Snyder said, I think we all need to come to the table and let yawl chew on what we have put together and make a decision moving forward. As an operational guy, I want it to be fixed. Flat out, operations are big to me and we need to get it back right. And that operation affects the public, so that's my drive on that."

Councilman Malik asked, "Okay so, but if we get this thing, you're going to be able to show the system is going to be able to pay for itself? Is going be different return on investment or can you do that?"

Blake Fogelman stated, "Well I mean I think as far the 20 year, the 20 year projections and comparisons that we put together, in my research has shown a slight reduction in an overall cost reduction over the 20 year projection. Just for operations, but if you want I can't even put a finger on without some pretty significant research to see truly what it would mean for revenues would just correct billings, timely billing and the revenue and returns on what we're not collecting because of X,Y and Z manual input whatever that nature."

Councilman Malik stated, "It sounds like at the end of the day the biggest benefits for reduction would be with the leak detection."

Blake Fogelman stated, "Leak detection, customer portal, information that we now have to provide if we run data on it that stated that customer can have on the spot at their own fingertips. Being able to work with the community and have both sides of the table understand water usage at their home or their place of business."

Councilman Malik stated, "Then it'll resolve a lot of your problems with Utilities? Billing?"

Blake Fogelman stated, "Well I it will help community..."

Councilman Malik interrupting stated, "Etc., etc., etc."

Blake Fogleman stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Malik stated, "Ok, thanks."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thanks. Thank you Blake, just quick question. So with this are we still looking at a manual versus an automatic reader, have we abandoned manual?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "Based on the comparison we did, we were we never moved off of center with this because of the timeliness of getting a loan and the funding and everything. So if we would have just halted on this till we made a full decision I think we would have pushed ourselves behind the eight ball. We're

not obligated to any of this right now, we've been pre-approved and we're very close. In fact, even if they would award it and something would have come up, we're only out the money that we've either paid for the application, or money we used. So, though it wouldn't look good in DEQ's eyes if we got all this money and then turned away but, so we've been still talking about that, but the fact of the matter still projecting ourselves over the 20 year or over even a 10 year life, you still would end up having to do a full grown replacement of manual readers at some point, whether it's now or 2 years or 3 years or 4 years or 5 years.

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I'd like to ask this for Rob, you know since you're working on this project just as the Engineer to maybe even look at St. Charles juts so we have some good hard numbers, and I know it's kind of hard if you prefer one type of system over the other, you know if you know you want one you know manual, or automatic or whatever to just kind of look at it from and you know I don't want to say a bias cause that's not right, but I just want to look at some hard numbers. Look at St. Charles Parish, we know that they do manual reads, and just make sure we're making the best decision. I know that that down the road, most of us probably you know won't be here or involved in it in this capacity, I just want to make sure we're leaving the best thing to those folks that are going to have to in after us. And if it is you know fully a digital you know maybe mixed with some type of manual person may still have to go out there, if that's the best way to go. I just want us to be able to sleep at night knowing that we're just leaving the best thing for the people who are coming behind us. Instead of you know not that wasn't done when these meters were, came in but, you know technology changes, things change. So I just want to make sure that that we take a really good comprehensive approach to that so that we know exactly, you know that we're making the best decision."

Rob Delaune stated, "Okay what we have done, and what we can present we go over the performance specifications, we've also done a 20 year financial projection with manual in house reading, manual contractor reading, an AMR System, and an AMI System. So over 20 years, how much is that going to cost, what personnel are you're going to need, what vehicles are you going to need, how much fuel cost are going to be, we've done that and we have it and we're willing to present that to you all when we go over all the performance specifications so you can make the best decision."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Ok. Sounds good. Is there a maintenance factor in there? It seems like where ran into most of the problems here was from a maintenance you know perspective, and not so much on any one individual you know, even in that department we've had you know turn over. You know so when you have one person coming in, another person leaving, that's always something. Just like Curtis kind of gotten thrown into this before it even started, and the manager before that was only there for a short period of time, so it's you know I just want to make sure from a maintenance perspective that we will look at that, to say that no matter if you know we have one person for 6 months, another person for 6 months, that is not going to adversely affect what we have in place. It'll be something that'll be easier to be maintained. Even if we have a high turnover. Thank you."

Councilman Wright stated, "Thank you Blake, real quick just for you. So what type of time frame are we're looking at before we can have a recommendation forwarded to the Council so we can take action?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "Before we can bring this to the Council, we got to work out the site certificate with the DA's Office."

Councilman Wright asked, "Do we have a time frame?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "I think before taking action, I think we can schedule and start talking about having the conversation on the specifications and things like the maintenance and all that now. And then work out the paperwork issue on the site certificate..."

Councilman Wright interrupting stated, "Simultaneously...please."

Blake Fogleman stated, "So I'll get with the Administration, we'll start working on how yawl want to put that together and start discussing that."

Councilman Wright stated, "Thank you."

Councilman Snyder stated "Sound like Mr. Delaune what he just said is that we're ready to do something now. Because the information he just gave, the information you just gave, that's what I wanted to know anyhow. You know that can help us make some decisions on exactly what we want. So we probably can do that before one of our meetings. You know like 5:30 or something like that."

Blake Fogleman stated, "Sure, sure. And that's fine, and I know Rob's offered and is ready. You know they've done a lot of work on this and had been part of this, you know maybe 3<sup>rd</sup> party but then part of this process and watching everything unfold, so they understand the importance of this project."

Councilman Snyder stated "I mean all that, this stuff with this certificate and all that. Yawl can handle all that, but we want to know what we got to make decisions on manual, AIE or AMR, things like that, and you know cost and things like that. That's what we want to do and if we can do that, we might want to do that before our next meeting. I don't know how the rest of the Council feels about that, but before our next meeting we can, 5:30 we can be here and do that."

Blake Fogleman stated, "We'll get something and make sure Rob and them are available and as I'm sure they'll make themselves available, but we'll check everybody's schedule and start working on that."

Councilman Snyder stated "That'll work. Okay and I had one other thing. Have we did any work on finding meters? You know the more I look at it, you know most of our meters probably easy to find. But I was just wondering if we did anything on trying to find the one that might be a little harder to find in the rural areas? Because you know you can get from River Forest all the way to Reserve, you'd probably could find every meter right there, you know on the Northside of the Airline. I can't see where you know, if you miss it you miss a few. Because most of them you're pass them every day. But when you start getting in those rural areas, those are the ones that are going to be hard to find. And most of them back down here, and seems like if we start doing some of that work upfront you know, we might be able to help ourselves out in the long run."

Blake Fogleman stated, "And I think we have a couple of plans, operational we're developing trying to make a push for that, certainly to make a push for that prior to the day this construction project would go into place, so that it doesn't, we don't get 100% install or don't get say 90% of that's what we're shooting for. We want as many installed under that contract as we can through those phases of work. Part of that is working out a way to read as many meters as we can and the same time, find as many meters as we can at once."

**Larry Snyder - Discussion involving customer service group to handle new meter issues, connect/disconnects, notifications, etc.**

Blake Fogleman stated, "A meeting was initiated by Councilmembers Snyder, Sorapuru and Madere, with a consulting firm, the Utilities Director, and CFO, to discuss services available."

**Larry Snyder/Larry Sorapuru - Discussion on CDBG, update of incomplete work in Cambridge, Riverland Heights and the West Bank**

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Thank you. The recommended path forward has been tabled since February and Administration recommend removing the item from the agenda during the Finance Meeting. The CDGB Rehabilitation Program is on hold while contract issues are addressed and revised duplication process Duplication Benefits (DOB) process is implemented."

Councilman Snyder asked, "In other words there is no work going right now, except for Royal that's closing out? Am I right?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Royal is not in a close out process, no sir. They're still assisting us with the Duplication of Benefits."

Councilman Snyder stated, "The process of Duplication of Benefits or Duplication of Benefits, we're weening them out?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "I'm sorry, say that again."

Councilman Snyder stated, "You said they help you with Duplication of Benefits. How?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "They're in the process of reviewing the files and making sure we have a different Tier. We have 3 different Tiers that we presented to the state. The Parish President and Ms. Valentine did visit with the State on last week regarding the DOB process, they gave us some guidelines that we should follow that we're in the process of pulling those files to make sure that the process is correct. Once they see that the process is correct, then we can move forward with the rest of the files. But right now, they have instructed us to pull I believe 10 files, to make sure that we're doing it correctly, and once they review the process and see that it's done correctly, then we can move forward with those files and make sure that we've done things accordingly."

Councilman Snyder asked, "And then we still got to work through the contract thing?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "That is correct sir."

Councilman Snyder asked, "What we've got done? So right now we got the process in place and we're using the process now. Has it been approved yet?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "No sir it has not."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Oh okay, it hadn't been approved yet. So what type of timeframe are we looking at? You know as far as I don't know, Baton Rouge saying you can go with it or whoever got this HUD or say we can go with it, I don't know. What kind of timeframe are we looking at here? To get started so we might be able to at least get the timeframe whereas from here we could start maybe looking at a contract with someone or getting them back in here or whatever or

*getting things done on people houses. Cause I passed a house yesterday it was just being built and they just stopped building on it you know I don't, I just want to know what kind of timeframe we're looking at."*

LaVerne Toombs stated, "I don't believe that OCD gave us a timeframe."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Ok."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "They are aware that in fact that this program has to be completed by September 2019."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yeah okay."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you and thank you Mr. Snyder for putting this item on the agenda. I have a question for Administration. Was there ever a Duplication of Benefits processed in the inception of this program?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Yes ma'am it was."

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "And when did this program begin?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "As far as the DOB, it started from the very beginning when the intake with Providence."

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "When was that? Roughly?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "I wasn't here Councilwoman, so I would have to assume is was in 2013. Cause Isaac was in 2012, well I think it was 2014 when the program began."

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "About then 2014?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Yes ma'am."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I guess my question is: if they're asking us to revise the Duplication of Benefits process, I mean it's 2018. So was it ever accepted if we had one in place in 2013, was the Duplication of Benefits process ever approved?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "I believe there was a policy regarding the Duplication of Benefits, but then again, through this process we have changed policies at least 5 times since this program..."

Councilwoman Hotard interrupting asked, "OCD?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Yes ma'am."

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "They've changed it?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Yes ma'am they have."

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "Okay and so currently, who is working on revising the Duplication of Benefits? Is that us or is that Royal?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Both. It's Administration, with Ms. Valentine primarily and her staff and Royal."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Ok. And I guess the frustration comes in just from the Council, we hear from the residents. You know they call us when things are held up and it seems like to me and it could just be conception, but we hired a Program Manager, one because nobody here had expertise to do this. You know after Hurricane Isaac we've got 7+/7,000 flooded homes, and nobody just had the expertise in managing disasters like this. And so we brought in a team of firms (it wasn't just one firm) I don't know where the problem is, so I don't want to throw it at Royal. But we hired a team of firms to really manage it, and it seems like just from what's transpired from that point to now, that we're in a like we're managing it also. That the parish has always been heavily involved with the process, in the process, and that the company that we hired to be a Program Manager is more so, acting as a Sub just from the surface because there's so much that has been managed in house and so it makes me say well, what was the purpose of a Program Manager? And then I remember at one point (and Jackie if you can pull the minutes just this week or next week whenever you have free time), we had to renew the contract and there was concerns from the Council Members because we were having problems and we were told by Administration that if we wanted to cancel that contract at the time and find somebody else, that we would lose ground, that it would be you know not advantageous for us to do that, and now it almost seems like that those concerns that we had at the time were valid. Because now we're seeing all these problems surfacing. So I just don't understand if we hired this firm or a group of firms to totally manage this money, has it not been managed I guess, or why has the program not been managed. Why are all of these things that should have been done by true Program Manager, they were really being done seems like by the Parish. So I don't know if it was problems in contract language or I don't know what it was or what it is. It's been problematic from the beginning. It seems like if you hire somebody to do a task, you know cut grass or lay a road. We don't have parish crews out there also pouring asphalt or concrete with a concrete paver. We hire them and they go and take care of it. In this case we hired a Program Manager but we've been managing it, we've had staff managing this also."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Well my time being here Councilwoman Hotard, I know it's very difficult to understand. It really, I guess you would say no blame on any part really, because there's so many changes and so many different parts to this process. It's a monster as we called it. And I believe Royal has always been at the table with Administration or with our staff moving this program forward, we've have some challenges with a number of changes, delays regarding funding, so I can't really put all the blame on Royal, of course there's a responsibility on all parts, but in that time that you're speaking of, I believe that recommendation was made because at the time when we laid out the plan of action, we actually was supposed to be completed with this program in January of this year. Unfortunately the state made the changes and they constantly made changes. Again, when started this process in 2016 I worked very closely with Ms. Valentine on this program, yes we were there with Royal. We made recommendations, we spoke with the state we have our conference calls on a weekly basis. A lot of times with the state, make those policy changes then there's this long drawn out delay, which means that it impacts our residents, which is very unfortunate. However, we receive those phone calls to Councilwoman Hotard on a regular basis. It's amazing how Ms. Valentine and her staff are able to serve the residents and get the information and try to provide information to you all regarding your constituents and your concerns. They're did such an awesome job, but again we're very disappointed that the fact we're in this position..."

**Marvin Perrilloux/Lennix Madere - Discussion regarding local business advertisements at I-10 LaPlace exits**

Baileigh Rebowe-Helm stated, "Councilman Perrilloux was provided information on the process for business owners to apply for Interstate Logo Signs advertising their businesses to motorists traveling along I-10."

**Larry Sorapuru/Kurt Becnel/Lennix Madere - Update on the construction of a new West Bank Community Center**

Robert Figuero stated, "The CFO met with Council Members on Wednesday, May 30, 2018 to discuss options for re-construction of the West Bank Community Center. A follow-up email was sent to Council members with information from the Parish's Financial Advisors and Bond Attorneys regarding funding."

**Larry Snyder - Discussion regarding financing and need of a back-up, tap water supply for all of LaPlace**

Blake Fogleman stated, "As stated at the May 22nd Council Meeting, the Parish Financial Advisors and Bond Attorneys provided three options for financing future water projects. The three options included increasing Ad Valorem taxes, increasing sales taxes, or increasing water rates. The amount of the increase would be determined by the cost of the projects and the ability to repay the debt."

**Larry Snyder - Discussion regarding unwanted newspapers/advertisements thrown in constituents' yards**

Councilman Snyder stated, "I had to put this on there, I'm sure we've all got some complaints about this. When I first complained about this some time ago, it may have been about a year ago I'm not sure, and I was told call Baton Rouge get on the list and they're going to stop throwing papers at your house. Well that didn't work, I did all of that. That didn't work, they're still throwing papers in my yard and I don't use them, I don't read them and they go in the drains, I don't know if you, I've took some out the drain where most people flooded, you know what I found in the drains? Is papers. So now, legally what can we do? That's what I want to know. If we want to do something, if you don't want to do anything that's fine. But if we want to do something, legally, what can we do? I was told by someone that it's 'Freedom of Press', how's that 'Freedom of Press'? 'Freedom of Speech', how that's 'Freedom of Speech' someone throwing paper on the ground? That's illegal, that's illegal. You know that's illegal. You know I had a friend of mine got a ticket for throwing cigarette paper out his window man, they gave him a ticket. You know and they give him a ticket. But these people can throw these papers around, I don't know why. What can we do anything, and that's what I'm asking legal now, if we can do anything."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thanks, and I was asking Keith about it and Mr. Councilman Snyder I did the same thing. I called the number and emailed and all this other stuff. I have one that I'm looking at, that I looked at on the way out and it's in the red wrapper so I know it was Advocate, because it was there in the red. And so I was just asking Keith if there's something that we can do or maybe we need to have them look into it, maybe with if you don't have a subscription, or you know some people like the free paper, or maybe we can have them actually enforce their policy, you know if someone contacts you and ask not to receive the paper and they receive it for so many times, I'm not really sure. I know it's going to have to be a legal question, but I know just like you Councilman Snyder, I have called to not receive them because another that happens is if you're out of town, you know when people who are kind of driving through the neighborhood to see who's home, they see 4 or 5 papers in the yard, ok well

they're not home, or nobody lives there. You know and I had a situation in, it was maybe Sugar Ridge or something, an abandoned house and they had to people that were you know doing some, you know, bad things you know in an abandoned house and they knew it was abandoned probably by you know the papers and things like that. But it is a problem, so I don't know if maybe we need to send an email or if this is good just to ask legal here to look at what we can, you know what we can actually do, maybe by some type of ordinance."

Councilman Becnel stated, "Okay listen prior to I received a phone call from a lady name Mrs. Theresa Storms, she lives on Melrose Drive in LaPlace. But prior to her calling, I'm glad she did because on the West Bank a lot of people have been asking me, Councilman - what can we do with those papers, they're just piling up, piling up and what the frustrating part is; most of the people on the West Bank receives the Times-Picayune or whatever. And all that is, is a repetitious you know the same lil piece of paper that they saw in Sunday's paper, so the first thing I did is I contacted Baileigh and asked her to kind of guide me and Baileigh you want to get up and share some information on what you found? You told me about a number! You told me about a number that I could, no I mean but she said I think she found another one number. Did you find another number? Alright and its working?"

Baileigh Rebowe-Helm stated, "I did. Thanks to Councilman Becnel I spent a whole day calling, a bunch of phone numbers, Times-Picayune, Advocate, to try and relieve some of the headaches because I do get the paper as well, I do live in LaPlace. And it two different just be clear, the Advocate, the other one is the Times-Pic/River Parish which is only once a week, I think on Sundays and like you said you got the news already. Now the Times-Picayune phone number that they actually have on the paper that they give out which is kind of frustrating and I actually spoked to one of my colleagues in that office, is not a working number. So if you go to call the Times-Picayune circulation desk that's on the newspaper, it actually gives you that tone and no one's there. So after calling around and trying to get to it, I called, they gave me the customer service line to give out to residents, which I'll give, they say that's how you take your address off. I do hear you have to call two and three and four times, that doesn't work the first time. But after getting some clarity, I was told they do (I'm not Jerry I'm not an Economic Development Director or expert) but they do studies in certain areas on business, so they drop certain newspapers with advertisements in certain areas of certain parishes. I'm not really sure how that goes but they have a list of addresses that they put newspapers out more than others (FREE), you didn't register for it you never signed up, the people before you never signed up. So they have a way, you have to get your name off that list for good. So it's not just as easy as saying, hey now I don't want the newspaper, there's another piece to it. And I'm still gathering information so I can try guide residents on it, but the customer service line for the Times-Picayune, I actually am going to do a little bit of a study, cause I've called twice, so we'll see how long it takes for them to take the paper off my yard and we'll see. But it's 1-800-925-0000, and even though it's an 800 number, there is a person you call and you speak to. He said that there's a data base sure enough (I won't give my address out but it was in it), and he deleted it from that data base. So hopefully, those types of things is the way to go, for circulation wise, the number in the actual Times-Picayune/River Parish is not a working number and I brought that to a Supervisor's attention, which I think is a little bit misleading for those who get the paper. As far as the Advocate goes, they also have a phone number. I'm sure Jaclyn knows it as well, we get tagged in the same post on St. John Talk all the time, that's 225-383-0111. And it's important that you call that direct number, because the other ones are in different parts, New Orleans, Baton Rouge,

*but that one is actually for the River Parishes circulation."*

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "Can you repeat it please?"

Baileigh Rebowe-Helm stated, "225-383-0111, that's for River Parishes circulation. So I do get the complaints as well, and just to throw it out there, try to look at the glass half full, if you do have some newspapers that you are picking up, we can use them at our Animal Shelter. If you want to collect them in a bag and you don't want to just throw them away, or if they're getting in your drains and that type of things, we'll take them at the Animal Shelter. I know that St. Joan of Arc has a store that they wrap collectibles in with newspapers, so just be mindful of what you do with the newspaper. There's a lot of agencies that could use them."

Councilman Becnel stated, "Thank you Baileigh."

There was no executive session.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Parish Buildings - Security

Any and all pending legal matters

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

**18-18** An ordinance requesting approval to further extend the valid period of time for Conditional Subdivision Approval for an additional twelve (12) months, as per SJB Code Sec. 113-117(c) for Tiger Landing Subdivision, including the re-subdivision of an undesignated tract of land into Tract A, Lots 1-3, 5, and 7, Block 1; Lots 4 and 6, Block 2; Lots 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, and 23, Block 3; and Lots 8, 10, 12, 1, 16, 18, 20, and 22, Block 4, Tiger Landing Subdivision, Edgard, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana and the dedication of Jes Drive and Breeze Way Street, which was originally approved on August 9, 2016, as part of preliminary/conditional approval for Tiger Landing Subdivision and further extended on July 11, 2017, and to grant a one-year extension of the Construction Agreement with J.E.S. Construction, Inc. for the installment of all associated improvements (N. Robottom)

**18-19** An ordinance amending St. John the Baptist Parish Code of Ordinances, specifically Chapter 16 - Fire Prevention and Protection to modify standards for the construction and ignition of Bonfires (Parishwide) (N. Robottom)

**18-20** An ordinance introducing the annual budget for the GOMESA Fund for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2018 (N. Robottom)

**18-21** An ordinance amending ordinance 18-06 relative to the annual Operating budgets for the St. John the Baptist Parish Economic Development Fund, Fire Department Fund, Isaac CDBG Fund, 2009 General Obligation Bond Fund and the 2015 General Obligation Bond Fund for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2018 (N. Robottom)

**18-22** An ordinance amending ordinance 17-50 relative to the annual Operating budgets for the St. John the Baptist General Fund, Animal Shelter Fund, Department of Health and Human Services Fund, Communications District Fund, Public Works Fund, Recreation Fund, 2010 General Obligation Bond Fund and the 2014 General Obligation Bond Fund for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2018 (N. Robottom)

**PRESIDENT REPORT:**

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Hurricane season officially began on June 1<sup>st</sup> and we have already seen a named storm. In addition, this time of year, the possibility of severe weather increases. Residents are encouraged to stay weather ready by assisting with 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. Please get a game plan and be ready at little notice if a storm were to arise. Hurricane Brochures were mailed to residents and information can also be found online at [sjbparish.com](http://sjbparish.com). The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual St. John Parish Veterans Luncheon will be held Tuesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 11:00 a.m. at REGALA Gym in Reserve. A video tribute to pay homage to St. John's veterans and service members will be featured again this year during the luncheon. The video will also be played later that day during the televised broadcast of the Independence Day Fireworks Celebration. Residents are asked to assist with the video by submitting photos of local veterans and service members in their military uniform. Black and white or color photos will be accepted, but high resolution digital files are preferred. The deadline for submitting photos is Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30 p.m. to allow adequate time to complete the project. Photos may be emailed to Baileigh at [communications@stjohn-la.gov](mailto:communications@stjohn-la.gov) or mailed to the St. John Communication's Department Attn: Veteran Tribute, 1801 W. Airline Hwy, LaPlace, LA 70068. Please also mark your calendars for the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Independence Day Celebration and firework show to be held on the evening of July 3<sup>rd</sup> on the grounds of the St. Peter Catholic Church, and the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Edgard at 6:00 PM. The Televised broadcast will start at 7:00 PM. The Fishing Camp, hosted by the 40<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Children & Youth Services Planning Board & Prevention Committee, has been rescheduled to Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Bonnet Carre Spillway and it's free to youth ages 8-15. To register, volunteer, or donate, please contact Bernell Charles at (504) 570-4885. Just a reminder - the summer food service program is running through July 20<sup>th</sup>. Sites are available on our communication outlets. For more information, contact DHHS at (985)536-4955. Thank you."

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 9:02 PM, Councilman Malik moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with unanimously.

/s/Lennix Madere  
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche  
Council Secretary

