

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH
TUESDAY, JUNE 14TH, 2016
CHAIRMAN MARVIN PERRILLOUX
VICE-CHAIR MICHAEL WRIGHT

The Council of the Parish of St. John the Baptist Parish, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session in the Rudolph Sorapuru Chambers, Edgard, Louisiana on Tuesday, June 14th, 2016, at 6:30 PM.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ABSENT: None

Councilman Wright led the Prayer. Councilman Becnel led the Pledge.

Legal Counsel Jeff Perilloux, Geoffrey Michel and Keith Green, Jr. were present.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BUSINESSES:

Acadiana Cinemas - Kathy Collins

Natalie Robottom welcomed Doug and Kathy Collins, Owners of Acadiana Cinemas and very pleased to have them as part of the format for council meetings and offered them the opportunity to address the council, to publicize that the theatre is open and what it has to offer. The Collins are a small business and they represent the entire corporate staff of Acadiana Cinemas and currently own five movie theatres in small towns, 4 of them in Louisiana and 1 in Picayune, Mississippi. Having the theatres are much of a hobby and a passion for the Collins as much as it is an investment. They have renovated the theatre and brought it back to the community by adding stadium seating throughout, all new chairs and reduced the seat count from about 650 seats to 425 and what that does is give everybody in there more space, more comfort. About a third of the chairs are recliners which is a latest trend in the bigger city. The council welcomed and thanked the Collins for choosing St. John for the opening of the theatre.

Xtreme Performance & Nutrition - Laie Wong

Laverne Saulny welcomed Mr. Wong with Xtreme Performance & Nutrition, located on Belle Terre next to Anytime Fitness. Mr. Wong and his wife are both trainers and they've been trainers for over 25 years. Their passion for training is there and clients ask "what can we use" because there is so much out there in the market and to cypher through all that stuff is where he and his wife came up with the business idea and Xtreme Performance & Nutrition has been around in Gonzales for over 12 years and has been very successful. They offer personalized experience to their customers, whatever you want, you

tell them your goal they're there to assist you. Whether its supplements for your health and wellness, then follow-up with you to make sure you're on your program and stay on your program. They also offer smoothies for your health, body fat test, nutritional guides and training programs. The council welcomed and thanked the Wong's for choosing St. John providing their services to St. John Parish.

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

Natalie Robottom read the proclamation for Parish/Councilman for the day - Carter Chauvin.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEMS: Approval of Minutes - May 24th, 2016, Regular Meeting Permit Approval - 16th Annual Independence Day Celebration - Thursday, June 30th, 2016 - beginning at 6:00 PM; Natalie Robottom - Appointment of Marqueria Ceaser as the resident commissioner to St. John the Baptist Housing Authority Board; Councilwoman Remondet - Appointment of Lisa Braud to the Animal Control Advisory Board; Councilman Boe-Appointment of Melynie Wright to the Library Board of Control to replace Stacey Waller who resigned her appointment.

MOTION: Councilman Boe moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda items: Approval of Minutes - May 24th, 2016, Regular Meeting; Permit Approval - 16th Annual Independence Day Celebration - Thursday, June 30th, 2016 - beginning at 6:00 PM; Natalie Robottom - Appointment of Marqueria Ceaser as the resident commissioner to St. John the Baptist Housing Authority Board; Councilwoman Remondet - Appointment of Lisa Braud to the Animal Control Advisory Board; Councilman Boe - Appointment of Melynie Wright to the Library Board of Control to replace Stacey Waller who resigned her appointment. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES:

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

The above item to be removed from the agenda per Councilman Boe.

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

MOTION: Councilman Wright and Councilwoman Remondet seconded the motion to remove Ordinance 16-20 from the table. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Councilman Wright moved and Councilman Boe seconded the motion to accept to approve Ordinance 16-20. The motion passed unanimously.

16-28 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving a re-subdivision of a portion of LaPlace Plantation into Lot 4A, Parcel C, Belle Terre Commercial Subdivision, situated in Sections 66, 67, and 68, T-11-S, R-7-E, LaPlace, St.

John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana and the Associated development agreement between the Parish and Belle Terre Land, L.L.C. (PZS-16-1144)

Alexander Carter stated, "This request aims to re-subdivide proposed Lot 4A, which lacks sanitary sewer system access. This request was unanimously approved by the Planning Commission. Administration recommends approval with a modification for sewer and a stipulation that the applicant enters into a development agreement with the Parish, guaranteeing installation at the time of development or within two years."

Councilman Boe stated, "Ms. Carter, I know we've approved these in the past but is it not practiced to put a map of the re-subdivision in our booklets?"

Alexander Carter stated, "That should be in your booklet."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "It should be in the back."

Councilman Boe stated, "No it's not in the book and it's not for the next item neither but, I mean I understand that it was unanimously approved and I'm going to vote for this, it would just help to have a visual."

Alexander Carter stated, "I have a copy of the map, if you'd like it."

Jackie Landeche, Council Secretary, "But it wasn't in the email. I wasn't given a map the last time."

Councilman Boe stated, "Thank you Mr. Chairman."

MOTION: Councilman Becnel moved and Councilman Boe seconded the motion to accept to approve Ordinance 16-28. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard absent.

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

Alexandra Carter stated, "This request aims to create one lot for the existing New Wine shopping center and one lot for future development. Both meet applicable zoning and subdivision regulations. This request was unanimously approved by the Planning Commission on May 16 and Administration recommends approval."

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to accept to approve Ordinance 16-29. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard absent.

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

Jobe' Boucvalt stated, "Parish Council thank you, Mr. Chair Councilman Perrilloux. Based on the recommendation the Sheriff's Office, Legal Counsel, Parish Council members and the Department of Public Safety, Administration

recommends approval."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yes I'd just like to compliment Ms. Remondet for all the work she put in to this. I read this completely, I have a golf cart and I think you did an excellent job and I think a lot of people are satisfied and pleased with the way you guys set up. And I know Reserve pretty good and I like that you did a real good job with that."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "Thank you for the compliment but please, Mr. Perilloux and Mr. Boucvalt and the Sheriff's Office really worked hard on this and looking for the ones that really fit our area. But they worked well with this though thank you."

MOTION: Councilman Snyder moved and Councilwoman Remondet seconded the motion to accept to approve Ordinance 16-30. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard absent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

MOTION: Councilman Becnel moved and Council Sorapuru seconded the motion to take a five minute recess. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard absent.

MOTION: Councilman Sorapuru moved and Council Snyder seconded the motion to go back into regular session. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard absent.

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Boe seconded the motion to accept the recommendations of the finance committee meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

There is no business at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Marvin Perrilloux - Appointment of L'Observateur as the Official Journal for the Parish

MOTION: Councilwoman Remondet moved and Councilman Becnel seconded the motion to appoint L'Observateur as the Official Journal for the Parish. The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Wright/Jaclyn Hotard/Natalie Robottom - Resolution - R16-38 - A Resolution in support of the proposed construction of an Artificial Reef at the Frenier Boat Launch in St. John the Baptist Parish

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes a few weeks ago there was a presentation made at the council meeting regarding this project and this resolution is in support of it. The Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) propose the construction of an Artificial Reef to support recreational fisheries at the Frenier Boat Launch. Support from partnerships with the private sector, government and volunteers, this project will benefit fisheries and aquatic life. Administration recommends approval."

MOTION: Councilman Wright moved and Councilman Sorapuru seconded the motion to approve Resolution R16-38. A resolution in support of the proposed construction of an Artificial Reef at the Frenier Boat Launch in St. John the Baptist Parish. The motion passed unanimously.

Buddy Boe - Resolution - R16-39 - A Resolution requesting the administration establish an "Outer Flood Protection Account" in the annual budget for the transparent allocation of funding for the designing, permitting, financing and construction of the Westshore Flood Protection System

Councilman Boe stated, "Thank you Mr. Chairman and as you guys know we've been over the past couple of months doing the necessary steps to begin creating the infrastructure necessary for St. John to be at the table with our partners at the Pontchartrain Levee District, The Coastal Production of Restoration Authority and also the Army Corps of Engineers. What this resolution simply does, it doesn't actually do anything but make a request of the administration because we can't tell them to do anything inside of the budget. But it is requesting that the administration create and account inside of our annual budget for the Outer Flood Protection System, so that not only our citizens, you as the council, we as the council, administration but also our partners can see the amount of funding that St. John has allocated towards our match, towards any agreements that we've entered into and we know how far we still have to go. We've got funding in bond issues, we've got some funding in line items but this will be a consolidation of that funding so that the public knows, okay this is dedicated to only Outer Flood Protection, which is basically the levee system in those pump stations. This is a request so that the administration can consider doing this for the 2017 Budget, we're already half way through the 2016 and so I'd ask for your support, I think this is important in building again that local infrastructure as we work to build the levee."

MOTION: Councilman Wright moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Resolution R16-39. A resolution requesting the administration establish an "Outer Flood Protection Account" in the annual budget for the transparent allocation of funding for the designing. Permitting, financing and construction of the Westshore Flood Protection System. The motion passed unanimously.

Natalie Robottom/Alex Carter - Resolution - R16-40 - A Resolution authorizing a study of Chapter 113, Zoning, of the Code of Ordinances, regarding maximum permitted height provisions; establishing interim regulations during the study; and providing for related matters

Alexander Carter stated, "Current regulations restrict maximum building height to 35 (thirty-five) feet in commercial districts Parishwide. This limitation constrains development and often necessitates variance proceedings. This resolution calls for a study of height restrictions Parishwide and sets a maximum height of 65 (sixty-five) feet during the course of the study. Administration recommends approval."

Councilman Sorapuru asked, "Is there a cost for this study

Alexander Carter stated, "No sir, it's all handled in house."

MOTION: Councilman Wright moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to approve Resolution R16-40. A resolution authorizing a study of Chapter 113, Zoning, of the Code of Ordinances, regarding maximum permitted height

provisions; establishing interim regulations during the study; and providing for related matters. The motion passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:

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

Councilman Madere stated, "What I really want to know is, several weeks ago I voiced my displeasure as far as, the number of roads in my district as 18 yards short and showed over a period of time in 2011, I think it was 2010. Okay 20 streets were done in the Reserve area, 35 in LaPlace and when we break it down by district, it was only 3 streets done in my district during that time. And last year we received a half of a half of street, I explained that to the council the last time and this time I think we had a list of 4 streets, I understand about Perrilloux and Melius Street, that's part of that construction project with the drainage that's going to be taking place. It don't make any sense to bust those holes up and then repair them. But E. 16th Street is a street that we bound by law, with this contract I brought to the Council and to our Attorneys last year and E. 16th was removed from that list as far as consideration, E. 13th is without a doubt is the worse street in the parish that have to be fixed unless it's on that list. But E. 16th is the street that must be done this year and we're going to have some money left over and if that's not enough, we have to find a little bit money somewhere else. But that street is one of the streets that's on E. 16th, that's the one that we have this letter, agreement between the parish and the people on E. 16th Street that was back in 1952 that we had to properly maintain that street. So I spoke to our Council Chair, I spoke to Mr. Nunes, I didn't get a chance to speak to Ms. Robottom because she was out of town at that particular time and my only concern is that E. 16th is definitely on that list to be repaired with E. 13th Street and that's my basic concern."

Brian Nunes stated, "Ok Mr. Madere we did go ahead after our last meeting and ask for an estimate on E. 16th because we thought there might have been a little bit of extra money in the budget. However we did come across a problem a few weeks ago, that's why we saved that buffer for incidentals if you remember the issue we had on Woodland Drive. Public Works budget had to pay for those repairs to get that road back open, now we are in the process of trying to recoup some of that money, but we haven't had it yet. So 16th is on the list but you know we're, I'm not a 100% sure that it'll get in just because we had to get some other money, it may take some time before we can."

Councilman Madere stated, "Well then we have to find some money somewhere else in the budget. Okay because E. 16th have to be on that list and whatever the amount of money that's left over, in fact, what is the cost of E. 16th Street? Do you have the cost?"

Chuck Savoie stated, "Let me tell you what we're doing to it because I designed it. We changed, we are present and I don't remember the exact number with me but I can find it out pretty quick. But E. 16th we're taking it we're chopping it up, we're going to redo the base on E. 16th and E. 13th and we going to be soil cementing that constructing new bases on both those streets and then coming back asphalt overlay. To give you an exact number I can call and probably find out an exact figure but I, we do have the cost estimate on it I just don't have it with me."

Councilman Madere stated, "Right, yeah I would appreciate that. Also I was also told that asphalt right now is the cheapest it's ever been."

Chuck Savoie stated, "We're at one of the lowest prices because that's due to oil prices right now, so we did get a lower price, we're at \$90.00 right now, we were at \$96.00 last year."

Councilman Madere stated, "Right, so we get a little more bang for our buck this time."

Chuck Savoie stated, "Exactly"

Councilman Madere stated, "Ok alright. I just wanted an update on that situation on those two streets, thank you."

Lennix Madere - (Carry Over 5-24-16) Code Enforcement issues - high grass and abandoned vehicles

Councilman Madere stated, "Ms. Carter, I read your response and it said: Code Enforcement method to a complaint based enforcement method, okay the ordinance doesn't read like that. The ordinance basically says that you have to maintain your grass at 10 inches and I heard you say that they're going to continue riding on the thoroughfares, you mean along the Airline and places like that? But let me finish, I disagree that the Code Enforcement Officer only writes up what is a complaint, if a neighbor complain. Ok that's not going to work, because I have a situation right now in my area where the house is abandoned, the neighbors not complaining and the grass is as tall as the house. In fact, it's half way the height of the house, so if no one complains about this for another 2 or 3 months, that grass is going to be a wilderness area again it's going to be taken over, it's going to be taken over (you talking to Ms. Robottom or you talking to me?)"

Alexander Carter stated, "I'm listening to what you are saying."

Councilman Madere stated, "Ok I just want to make sure your attention is directed to here. Okay so what I'm saying is, that's the problem I'm having and if we're going to do it like that then we don't need Code Enforcement Officers. If we're only going to write up someone when someone complains, when a neighbor complain then we don't need Code Enforcement Officers. The ordinance says your grass must be maintained at 10 inches. It doesn't say on complaint basis only."

Alexander Carter stated, "And I absolutely respect your opinion. I think that we are trying..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "That's not an opinion, that's the law."

Alexander Carter stated, "Code Enforcement has I would say very high expectations. There are 4 Part-time Code Officers and 2 Full-time Code Officers and there is a plethora of issues throughout the parish that we need to address every day. In order to make sure we respond to citizen's complaints fast, we have prioritized complaints. That doesn't mean we're not issuing violations that things that are very high profile like you're saying; like where like the grass is very high, we haven't received a complaint, we've talked to the Code Officers and told them, look ultimately this is about visible corridors, it's about life and safety, public safety. Grass that's above your waistline, that's rodents festering that's you don't know what's going on in there that's a public safety issue. When we talk about

prioritizing complaint based, it's where you may have grass that's over 10 inches and some places in a yard, we are writing that up. You know if one corner of your lot was over 10 inches we are writing that up and you are having an irate citizen at our door, when we weren't at the same time answering a complaint that was legitimate. So what we've tried to do is prioritize the complaints, the concerns of the citizens, public safety and high visibility corridors and because we've done that, I think we've been more efficient at addressing the public's specific concerns. But also the concerns you have about abandoned homes, we have a list of abandoned homes, we're not abandoning those, we're not saying this is because someone is not complaining about it we're not going to do anything, you know we're starting up the administrative hearing, we're going to start slowly but surely whittling that down and addressing those. But knowing that we have a reduced work force, we have to in order to be successful, acknowledge their capacity. And so, we're trying and I understand in a perfect world we would have 25 Code Officers and we would be patrolling the streets and issuing 300 violations a day and we'd have a ton of people at our door complaining about them, but we'd be able to handle those complaints. And these are complaints about property, these are complaints about fees, so...

Councilman Madere interrupting asked, "Complaints about what?"

Alexander Carter stated, "Fees, because that's the foot side of it. As per every violation you issue, you have somebody showing up at Code Enforcement complaining about a fee. And so it generates a duplicate amount of work and so where we make sure that those fees are imposed where they're absolutely necessary, having that complaint base helps. You know cause you know when you tell somebody, well yeah you have a fee, but it's because someone was concerned about this, you let this get out of hand. That's where we are, it's not the best case cinereous I agree, it's a frustrating thing to know that somebody has been complaining about something and it bothers you, my recommendation would be, call it in. You know if you know, if you know it's a problem and no one is doing a thing about it, it'll be addressed more quickly because you called it in and we're not dealing with 50 other violations that were generated that day that were a patrol based that may not have been as significant."

Councilman Madere stated, "Well all that what you're saying sounds good. If you need more Code Enforcement Officers, then you should request that. Okay because if we're not operating with a sufficient amount of Code Enforcement Officers then we're not getting the job done and our job is to make sure the citizens are taken care of. Those codes were written for a certain reason, they wasn't written to be on complaint basis. It says that if they see it, they supposed to write that up. And I'm sure it's not my job to ride around and see grass that high in an abandoned house and write it up, that's what the Code Enforcement Officer is for. If they ride and see that house that grass is that high and the people who complain about paying it, my answer to them is cut your grass you won't have to worry about paying it. Those are fees don't affect anyone from cutting their grass, those fees and that was put in place for those individuals who neglect their property, and that's what it's there for and to protect the citizens who live in the neighborhood. Like some people especially in the area where I live at, some people complain about it some people don't. But if they pass and see it, I understand even that high they might not write it up on grass that's this high, no one need to complain about that because I would hope that you're telling me if you see something extremely high, okay that they'd write that up and don't put the basis on

complaint because when you talk about safety and wellbeing of the citizen, if someone live next door to that type of house and one of these little kids go outside and get bit by a snake or something because you didn't cut the grass. Because someone didn't complain, we have Code Enforcement Officer and if you need more, let us know."

Alexander Carter stated, "Well I think this is important because ultimately there is a learning curve you know, where you go complaint base, I think this is something that will absolutely bring back to our Code Officers to make sure that they're aware if it is high grass and it is a public safety that they should in fact write it up. And that there may be a clarification here that's needed."

Councilman Madere stated, "We need to make that they're doing that not just complaint base I don't like that at all. Okay do your job, if I run a stop sign every day and so the cops not going to enforce it unless someone complains about it, okay do your job, do what the law says. It doesn't say anything about complaint basis. Okay I wish you express that to them and ok we'll talk later."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I agree with Mr. Madere completely, I don't think it should be that way and I'd like to know, what happens when they use a complaint that goes in the Planning & Zoning Department? Is it work request orders or does someone call a special number and say..."

Alexander Carter interrupting stated, "Sorry for interrupting. There a couple of ways we can get complaints. Some of them we have all our email addresses listed on the website and so they can go directly to the supervisor for Code Enforcement, they can post their complaint online, there's actually a FILE A COMPLAINT HERE (click), you can put in your name, it goes directly to myself and Beverly, communications also forward us complaints from Facebook and Social Media, we also receive many phone calls daily, we also have people who walk in and complain, when people come in for their permits they complain about their neighbors not having permits, so we don't have I think a problem getting complaints, having this meeting is important because we can get out to the public, that look if you do have a place and you're waiting for somebody to take care of it and there's a problem, complain about it you're likely to get a result. I think this is one step towards making it sufficient, I know it's not ideal."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I write I write work orders and I don't have a problem with it. All that sounds great just like Mr. Madere said, but there aren't many people that get online and make those complaints, there aren't many. Now you can say what you want to me but I know different and there's not many people that get on the telephone on call and say; my neighbor's grass is high because they don't want the neighbors to know they turned them in. You know, I mean it might sound good, all that stuff sound good, you know on television there but that's not really the way things work out there in the real world. Now we got Code Enforcement just did some contracts, send them out there let them do their job. Sounds like we're trying to take some work from these people, we've already taken work from crews in all the departments and in our parish. Recreation and other places like that, now we giving these to contractors, hey let's make them do their job. That's all I got to say about that."

Alexander Carter stated, "And just to respond, we're not trying to take any

work from them if anything they have a backlog of cases that we have to address and so this is allowing us to instead of continuing to generate work that we cannot closeout, we're trying to closeout violations that have opened for a significant amount of time and going complaint base will allow us to do that. I understand it's not ideal but there is a balance."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I think they've always had a backlog over there and you may want to get somebody to look at a more efficient way of handling that backlog enough to dwindling it down and efficient ways of taking care business maybe, I don't know."

Councilman Becnel stated, "Yes listen, I'm in total agreement, I disagree with the complaint basis only. I've been getting calls I get calls on a daily basis about well, you made me cut my grass but they didn't cut this particular person grass. I got a call from a constituent this morning and this is the god honest truth; the house next door is extremely high, the lady child was playing outside and he to practically chase a blue runner away. And I got a call this morning, so it shouldn't be based on just complaints. You know, just I feel the Code Officer that he or she sees the grass high, issue them whatever you'll issue out and just cut them, have them cut them and bill them. You know if they're in violation but don't make it a complaint basis because this lady called me historical this morning, I'm not going to call her name because it's not public record yet, but I'll be addressing it later on. So let's kind of revisit don't let it be complaint basis only, if you see it cut it. You know issue them the violation and whatever you have to do, that's all I wanted to say."

Councilman Madere stated, "One other question; who made that decision?"

Alexander Carter stated, "It was a recommendation Planning & Zoning parts to administration and it was in agreement that we had to figure out a way to start addressing because the problem is, is ultimately when you get all these complaints and when you're also generating violations and a patrol based approach, you do not address either one efficiently. Okay you're not processing your violations correctly because you have too many and then the people who are complaining are not getting responses. And so neither approach, it's a very difficult position it's just not that simple of patrolling. Patrolling also invites I would say inconsistent enforcement, you know you're picking and choosing which ones, neighbors are complaining my grass was high, his wasn't, how come I got one and he didn't get one. Well I can't answer that, but if it's generated from a complaint I can turn around and pull exactly why that violation was issued. And it was serious enough concern for somebody to complain, it's one way to naturally prioritize violations. When you have less capacity to process everything."

Councilman Madere stated, "Ok I don't have a problem when someone calling in and complain, then we write that up and we handle that. The problem I have is to tell the Code Enforcement Officer, pass by something that is in violation. Because we said we're not writing it up unless it's complaint base. So I mean if someone call in and complain about a property on E. 21st, you go check it out and write it up or you take the information from whoever call in. But the Code Enforcement Officer that's out there to do their job, if we need 2 more well then we need to get 2 more. And as far as the backlog, that's a problem that was there before you got there, you inherited that problem..."

Alexander Carter interrupting stated, "But it's ultimately my responsibility."

Councilman Madere stated, "I know that, I know it's your responsibility just like the problem I inherited with drainage and sewage and everything else and I accept that responsibility. Okay and I'm going to fight to improve it, ok so my thing is I'm not going to find any shortcut in the responsibility I have, I'm just going to have to work through it, you understand and work through it and dwindle it down. You just going to have to work through it ok, by going another means you know unless somebody complains forget about it. No, that's not how it works, it's still a complaint, it's still a violation, it still needs to be handled, it still need to be addressed. And that's the bottom line I'm saying now, complaint base is not going to work, it's not going to work do their job. That's based on what I'm saying just do their job. Hopefully, that it's told to them and have that removed from their mind that the only write up if its complaint based, that's is a no, no."

Alexander Carter stated, "And just to clarify it is complaint base but they still write up violations that are excessive that are high profile corridors that are public safety threats, they're not turning their eyes to things that are in that's in the interest of the public to write up and have it remedied immediately."

Councilman Madere stated, "When you tell somebody that, they're going to turn their eye. If you tell somebody, Code Enforcement Officer, if you're not going to write it up unless it's complaint basis they will turn their eye, because they may be busy that day and they may turn their eye. You don't put that in their head, you don't put that in their head, that they only write up is complaint basis, that's a no, no. Ok if you tell me, I don't have to work unless somebody complain about it, I'm not working."

Alexander Carter stated, "That's not the case that we have them doing their reports, they're doing violations they're processing their violations they're taking more of a roll in the processing."

Councilman Madere stated, "I do not like complaint basis, don't but that in their head. It's not something that should be put in their head!"

Alexander Carter stated, "Well if you'd like to discuss in a meeting, privately we may be able to."

Councilman Boe stated, "Ms. Carter regardless of the method that we do Code Enforcement, do you have enough officers to handle all the violations throughout St. John?"

Alexander Carter stated, "We would have to look into it more before I can gave you a response on that. But I would say..."

Councilman Boe interrupting stated, "But ultimately this is a budgeting deal and I guess that's the point of my question. We feel..."

Alexander Carter interrupting stated, "It is, it's just a matter of capacity."

Councilman Boe stated, "If we as a council feel this is a priority then there is a time period to allocate more money but, the department can only process well no matter what method we do. You know there's only so many violations that can go through the system with the number of bodies to do that processing. I think you guys have been doing as a good of a job that you all can, considering you know there were some issues on getting some resolutions

on some of the complaints legally, but I think we can double the number of Code Enforcement Officers and support staff to process all the files and still not keep up. So thank you guys and again we have that opportunity in the budget cycle to put more money if we feel that's a priority for us and I think all of us have blight or high grass issues from edge to edge, from St. Charles to St. James and everywhere in between and both sides of the river. Thank you for what you're doing and for the Code Enforcement Officers work, it's tuff. We can drive down one street in St. John and never leave for 6 months. Thank you."

Lennix Madere - (Carry Over 5-24-16) Sewer issues/solutions for District III

Councilman Madere stated, "Alright this is a simple question a lot of people would like to know. I took a ride several weeks ago or maybe even a couple of months ago with one of your employees. That retention pond that we're going to be you know putting in place, how much would that improve the problem that we have in District III, District II or whatever?"

Reed Alexander stated, "Man I couldn't give you an answer on that until we see that in action actually. I mean it's a three million gallon a day plan, it's going to allow the sewer from Reserve to go directly to the pond."

Councilman Madere stated, "So basically what I'm saying is that we should have some idea that it's going to give some relief."

Reed Alexander stated, "Oh it's going to give relief. Our bottleneck right now is getting it to LaPlace."

Councilman Madere stated, "Right, so what I'm saying by doing that we're going to illuminate that bottlenecking problem."

Reed Alexander stated, "Correct"

Councilman Madere stated, "Ok so that should in terms allow not to have the kind of problem that we've been having whenever we have these rain episodes, right?"

Reed Alexander stated, "I would agree."

Councilman Madere stated, "Ok that's what they looking for, they looking for an answer, ok you know will this, when you're going to spend this amount of money then we should get some type of results, relief by this. So that's what you to say, that when we do this we going to have some type of relief for these individuals because whenever we have a big rain episode, okay you don't get the phone calls, I get the phone calls."

Reed Alexander stated, "Oh no I get the calls!"

Councilman Madere stated, "Oh yeah but you get the nice ones."

Reed Alexander stated, "I get them from you and I get them from the residents."

Councilman Madere stated, "Right, right because I put it on you when I get it from, okay so we both get it you know what I'm talking about. So that's why I wanted it to be said at this meeting, so they can understand that this will

give them some relief because that's what they want to know."

Reed Alexander stated, "We already had an issue in that area and we did some improvements and it did help, it just didn't resolve the total issue. The oxidation pond should resolve the issue."

Councilman Madere stated, "Right, that's what I'm saying and that's what they looking for. Okay do we have a timeline on that oxidation pond?"

Chuck Savoie asked, "Can I interject something? The oxidation pond is going to give you a tremendous amount of help. And the reason is you are pumping 4.5 million gallons a day is what the capacity is of the River Road Plant. All that sewage except for Garyville which goes into the Garyville Plant, Reserve and so forth, all those to river road. It's pumped through the Za Montz Lift Station which is located down Za Road near where the oxidation pond is being constructed. So this flow that's right now in the Reserve area, all of that is going to wind up going into the oxidation pond there by relieving the also the river road plant and also not having to be pumped towards river road, so this is going to open up a whole new spectrum for sewage in that particular location. It's going to give you a lot more capacity and in addition to that, they're reserving some of the oxidation pond which they use for any overflows that they get, cause you do get a lot of infiltration which the parish has been working on for a number of years right now they're trying to get rid of a lot of the infiltration in the system. And this is going to be pumped also into this oxidation pond, which I think you're going to see it's going to help relieve a lot of the flow that's in that particular sub, I think it's money well spent on the oxidation pond."

Councilman Madere stated, "Right now the infiltration problem, okay I think I mentioned that at one time about them letting the residents know exactly who have these old pipes that let water into the system. Nothing have been done with that, where we stand with that, how we're going to allow them to know? You know, cause we get infiltration from the homeowners themselves right?"

Reed Alexander stated, "Yes sir"

Councilman Madere stated, "Ok so if I don't know I have cracked pipes that's dumping water into my system, then how do we..."

Chuck Savoie interrupting stated, "I think you get more infiltration from a lot of the infrastructure that's within the streets and so forth. You get some from residents and so forth because they leave a lot of the cleanout caps off and so forth so natural drainage in the areas, sometimes flows into the laterals which gets into the system that is true. And closing these caps and so forth helps, they find a lot of this through smoke testings' and such and so they're trying to locate these close off and resolve these problems."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yeah that's what I'm talking about the smoke test. Are we planning on doing any of that?"

Chuck Savoie stated, "Well eventually we'll be doing a lot of smoke testing."

Councilman Madere asked, "Okay in what areas?"

Chuck Savoie stated, "I don't know all the areas you know."

Reed Alexander stated, "No we haven't done any smoke testing in a while. The last area was the Reserve area when we did all the eye and eye work."

Councilman Madere stated, "And they pinpointed some of the areas that had the problem residents? Ok, were those residents informed about the problem?"

Reed Alexander stated, "No sir not that I know of."

Councilman Madere stated, "And you see that's the part I'm talking about if they did, I'm more than show a lot of them will fix those pipes."

Reed Alexander stated, "A lot of the residents were home when the smoke was coming out of the ground at the home..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Right did we go and follow-up to see if they were able to do anything? We need to maybe do a little follow-up to see how many was actually notified and how many actually did something, so we can tell them that they're part of the problem and not part of the solution."

Chuck Savoie stated, "I think the contractor CES is doing a lot of that correction work."

Councilman Madere asked, "Okay can I get a copy of those addresses?"

Reed Alexander stated, "Should be able to get you a copy of the report."

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

Lennix Madere - (Carry Over 5-24-16) Drainage issues/solutions for District III

Councilman Madere stated, "Alright let me first start off by saying; I know we had a couple of rain episodes that was especially the last one was pretty significant, I think we had about 4 inches of rain in about 25 minutes in about something like that, it was pretty bad. So my concern was not based on that, this was on the agenda before that rain episode happened. I had received a phone call from an individual on E. 16th Street, there's a canal that runs to the back of E. 16th Street go all the way to the railroad track, I think I brought you out the one time, that canal have not been dug or cleaned in years and this guy complained he almost lost his air condition because every time it rains there's a lake behind his house and his air condition is located back there and he called he was very irate and very pissed off, he said he was going to call News Scene 8 and everything else and he almost lost his air condition, it didn't quite get that bad but it was close. Alright that was E. 16th that canal need to be dug out all the way back there to the railroad track, but that's another issue when you get to the railroad track. Ok, so that's the issue on 16th Street, that's why I put that there and then to come this last rain episode, I been on record to saying that the drainage project that we doing in my our district, in my district is four streets and if I'm right, they're coming down both side the streets from the railroad track far as Sweet Lorraine, right? Both sides they got culverts in ditches and they would put 46 inch pipes in. Yeah about 40 something the guy told me and I was on record saying that, I definitely welcome that project, but I also say that's not going to solve the problem in a whole street. My prime example is after we had that rain episode, I was called; I'm not going to call the name who really had issues with water getting in this individual home and when I

went down that street the back of the street, the ditches were not full of water. But when I got to the front, midway where she live at, the whole street was covered with water all the ditches was filled up. So what I'm saying is, you could have 100 inch pipes back there if the water don't get back there, those big pipes aren't doing us any good. So we have to find out what is the problem in the midway of that street to correct that, in order for those 46 inch pipes to be affective. Now there was no water and the resident I spoke to is in here now but I told him I was going up to that street to talk to this lady and we're standing by his house and the water was nowhere near the top of the ditch where he lives at in the back. But when I got up to front of the street both sides filled up and water rolling into her house, okay in fact they had to kill a water moccasin going into her house. Now, this lady then had this episode three or four times, we need to find out what the problem is and get with the engineer and find out what's going on. Now in order for this project to be affective and give total relief to the whole street, you have to resolve that problem cause those 40 inch pipes are not going to do anything. And I asked an engineer that did a study for us on flooding about putting those types of pipes back there and what kind of results we could do for the remainder of the streets, and the answer was exactly what I said; if we don't do something to the front to make sure you got the right size pipe or they're not clogged up, then what you have in the back doesn't make that big of a difference."

Brian Nunes stated, "I agree with that the whole street does need to be fixed. You start at the outfall that's just the way you do it, when you design it. Because if you fix the front without fixing the back then it's just going..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Then you have the same thing, you have the same thing. What I'm saying is; if you want to put those 46 inch pipes, then we have to make sure until we get the residents to put the right size pipes, then we as a department have to make sure that the pipes that they do have in existence are open and not plugged. And simply you don't have to be an engineer to realize what happened, both sides of the ditches on E. 27th Street was plugged, that's why the water never got to the back. So if we're going to put those big pipes in the back we got to make sure at least the little pipes are not clogged up, especially when we have a rain episode coming up. And that particular house, I know that house very well, that house have never flooded except the last four years. So I mean we have to do something in those areas where we're putting those pipes. If we're going to put those pipes we have to make sure those four areas definitely are open so that water to get back there."

Brian Nunes stated, "You're right, we've done a lot of work out there but we'll continue to do it."

Councilman Madere stated, "And when exactly are we supposed to start on that project?"

Brian Nunes stated, "The contract was executed by our side about 2 weeks ago, so we should be setting up the preconstruction within another week or so and then..."

Councilman Madere stated, "I think I also mentioned to you, those pipes that we're pulling up on those four streets, the houses that going to remove their culverts, if they have the right size culverts and they're not going to keep them, I'm more than sure."

Brian Nunes stated, "Now nothing there was the right size, but if there's something that's..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "No, no you have some back there that are the right size cause we're doing to be picking up 18 inch pipes and putting down 46, 42 inch pipes so we going to be picking up those 18. So the ones that's 18, we not going to throw them away we need to put them somewhere, yeah put them up to the front somewhere down those streets where they may have a 12 inch pipes and so we call it reusable, recycle it."

Brian Nunes stated, "Depending on material and condition, sure."

Councilman Madere stated, "Right, find the area where you have the smallest pipe and replace those. Okay that would be the smart thing to do instead of throwing them away."

Brian Nunes stated, "I agree."

Councilman Madere stated, "Right, ok thank you!"

Larry Sorapuru - Update on drainage canals in Division A

Brian Nunes stated, "Wasn't exactly sure you wanted in this update. I thought we said we'd recommend a meeting with the appropriate staff to go through everything but as you know yesterday you and I spent quite a few hours together looking at Division A."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "I just would like us to try and identify the major arteries in the areas that need to be dug up. I'd like to get a list of all canals and some of the maps that we have, the map I have it doesn't have some of the canals. The one in Reserve that's an old Cornland Canal, I think Larry Snyder is familiar with that canal, that's one of those that hadn't been dug up in years probably."

Brian Nunes stated, "Right"

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Other than that on the Westbank and in Garyville we looked at so, you think we can continue to monitor those and get some work orders in and get the permits to do that."

Brian Nunes stated, "I agree, I think yesterday was good. We got to see a lot of things and speak with the residents and know the history of the area better than you or I do or better than I do, I should say I'm sure you know it. So that was very helpful and to actually see all those things, I think it's something we can move forward on with our in house crews and some of them might be a little too big for in house, like the one in Reserve but we'll go ahead and continue to move forward on those."

Councilman Sorapuru asked, "Ok and if you're going to need the extra man power to do that, you're going to engage on getting a game plan for that also?"

Brian Nunes stated, "The one in Reserve is going to take a little time to get to but, yeah I'd say within the next few months we'll have a game plan on that one. The other ones, well you saw we were digging yesterday, so we'll just continue going out that way."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "And we do have some canals on the Westbank that you don't have any that's listed for dredging. On that Moll Canal I think there's a, that's one that should be on the list. That Dugas Canal, I think there's a gentleman here today, he sent me pictures of the Dugas Canal, it's really not identified on the map and it's a major drainage artery that's taking water from the big park on the Westbank."

Brian Nunes stated, "We've had had a lot of problems getting permits on the Westbank because they're not in typical residential areas like subdivisions, but you know, you've help me make some pretty good connections at DNR, so I will follow-up with them see if there's something we can do for permitting. So I promise I will do that for you."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay just one comment I want to make, Mr. Sorapuru is absolutely right. There's several canals that haven't been dug in years and that's contributed to the problem we have. One canal I'm particularly concerned about, I showed you a couple of years ago, there's a dispute between landowners, as to who side if they've been cut on you know, hopefully the owners have decided to put gates up so the parish not being able to go in there and clean that canal. Now as we cannot allow that to happen..."

Brian Nunes interrupting asked, "Is that in Reserve?"

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes in Reserve. You know exactly what I'm talking about."

Brian Nunes stated, "I think it's the one we looked at yesterday so."

Councilman Madere stated, "Right okay and one landowner said we don't have servitude, the other one say; why they always cutting on his servitude and they both put up gates okay nothing is being done back there. So we have to take charge in settle, not settle that problem we have servitude. That's our canal isn't it?"

Brian Nunes stated, "It is our canal, right."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay so it is our canal. We have, I think it is 25 feet servitude on each side?"

Brian Nunes stated, "I didn't check it today, we just looked at it yesterday but it's probably about maybe 25 total."

Councilman Madere stated, "Right that's what I think. So if that's what it is then we need to get in there and take care of that and we can't allow two landowners who are going at each other causing problems for other residents in the community. We have to make sure that's taken care of."

Brian Nunes stated, "I agree."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "And I think Mr. Sorapuru just mentioned the Cornland Canal and we can get with legal and maybe send these landowners something from legal so we can do that, set up a meeting."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "Yes I know several years ago the council and administration worked to hire contractors to dig out some of the main canals that we have in the area, I look at it as preparation for storm season, it's

here already but I'm wondering how quickly we can get everything dug. Is that a possibility Ms. Robottom? I just mentioned about the canals if that's a possibility that we can work on that?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "We previously had money budgeted for that. I've discussed it with a couple of you and it's something if we're interested in considering we can do that, we definitely want to make sure that our permits are ready, we have quite a few in hand already, however they were not for dredging, those were extremely difficult. The recent meetings though are going to allow for some dredging, whereas as many of the others did not. But I think Brian's department will be putting together a plan as always we need to tackle this in many fronts. That is our in house crews doing some of the work, some of it may need to be contracted out, some of it will be dredged, some of it will be just snagging grabbing but we will be putting together a plan. Obviously we'll be working on the 2017 budget, it's unlikely that that will happen right now but there's some other components involved as well, which is blowing out culverts. Again, we're going to ask I know Mr. Madere referenced this but that our residents remove debris from the ditches, if the culverts are blocked it's because they're things in the ditches that are clogging the culverts. So this is more than just digging ditches and canals and blowing out culverts, it's about maintaining a clear path for the water to flow when it's raining, so it's going to take all of us, yes we'll work on something."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "Thank you."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "And one more Mr. Nunes and Ms. Robottom. I heard you say something about some money in the budget already for that, so can we go out and get a quote, that's what I'm asking I thought I heard you say that."

Natalie Robottom stated, "I said in previous years there was money budgeted for this type of contract. That is not in the 2016 budget, however we're getting ready to work on 2017 and if that's the desire of the council we can revisit that. But that was a project that was actually put out for bids previously and that's how the contractors were selected."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Thank you absolutely we want to do that."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I'd just like to pass this out to Ms. Remondet. I know exactly what's she's talking about, I'm from Reserve and out of those canals there we can dig without the permit. Because the inside of the neighborhoods close to the tracks, first track up there and we are the reason why some of those are clogging up. They have trees inside of those canals now that have gotten to be 12 inches in diameter, because they just didn't keep it up. And those trees and things have died over years limbs falling off of them, and those been plugging up those big canals in Reserve. And I know the one he's talking about on NW 3rd Street you know they have large trees, I don't know how we let ourselves get into this position. Now it's going to be up so us to do something but you know a little bit of anything is great. And we just start something, we bought a lot of equipment last year big dollar equipment to go in there and tear up those ditches and clean up some of those big trees like that and we paid a lot of money for that stuff. Let's use this for some of these canals, those big canals that's inside those neighborhoods that we don't need a permit to deal with. You understand that? And they're not no 30 feet canals but they are canals that get the water out from all the different neighborhoods and they'll plug it up. And I think that's what they were

talking about and that's what we need to start working on. Let's just go look and say okay, let's try this canal, you go do it I mean we got the men, we got the manpower we got the equipment. Even if they don't worry about it let them put three or four houses some place, you really don't like carrying equipment all over the place it could be a hassle sometimes but that's why we bought that lowboy, that's why we bought that that big dredging machine and things for that reason right there, ok."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yeah a final comment, I agree with Mr. Snyder. A lot of this is just done from neglect. Some of these canals have a tree with the soot this big in the middle of it and that restricts anything and I agree with Ms. Robottom, I said it many times before, it's not just a parish thing, it's with the citizens, the railroads it's a three headed monster. And the parish does everything, dig all the canals out, have all the culverts blown out and then the parish when the residents dump 50 bags of trash in there then we're back to square one again. Ok and the railroad not doing their part and I about had enough of them, the grass right now is still loading up on the side, okay even if we open everything up those 46 inch pipes like that, contractor guy told me they got twelve railroad tracks back there but only six of them water can pass through. So you have the capacity, so the railroad have to do their part, all this is, is a three way headed monster. The citizens have to do better job by putting debris, bottles, plastic everything in the ditch, pick it up and put it in the garbage can. We have to do a better job keeping the major canals open up and the railroad have to do their part to keep their area clean and then maybe we all might have a little success and have watering flowing freely. Now the one thing that bothers me and if Ms. Robottom and that's not her administration, I don't know if she was still here. We did a study in 2000, I think the parish paid \$250,000.00 for a parishwide study on drainage, we need to stop studying and take that \$250 and put it in some culverts ok because we just spent \$250 and got no returns off it and that wasn't you, that wasn't you, you wasn't there and this wasn't this council but \$250,000.00 to do a study? I know how water run, downhill, all day, every day."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you, I wanted to just clarify something. Do we need a permit to dig ditches in neighborhoods, because I know I've asked to have that done and you said we did. So do we not or how does that work? When we wanted to clean Gardenia you said we needed a permit."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "We do."

Brian Nunes stated, "The ones that were all on that list, we needed permits for all of them. We had DNR come down and look at all our stuff saying; can we just do this? Ooh not without a permit. So that's why I applied for permits on those, I didn't take them to..."

Councilwoman Hotard interrupting stated, "It was Gardenia on the list that ditch right there is not a major canal."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Yes, it is."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "No, no, no the little ditch right behind the neighborhoods. That's not one on the..."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "It's on the list."

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "It's on the list?"

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Yes, talking about the Hydel Canal."

Brian Nunes stated, "Its Haydel."

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "But it turns into that, not at the point that I'm talking about. And remember we had to do the silt testing to see if we could show where the settlement was and we were going to meet back, I guess with DNR to show okay, some of this was from the silt settlement that were only digging to the original depth."

Brian Nunes stated, "Right, right."

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "Ok, so you're saying that if we're cleaning let's say for example

Larry Sorapuru - Current status on Animal Shelter

The next meeting of the Animal Control Board is July 11, 2016 at 6 p.m. and Councilman Sorapuru is invited to attend and receive regular updates.

Kurt Becnel - Arthur Johnson - Grass Cutting Issue

This violation was properly addressed by Code Enforcement and the constituent was provided the required amount of time and notice to correct this violation and pay fees to the Parish for cutting his property.

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Sorapuru seconded the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the Update - Airtech, LLC, et al. vs St. John the Baptist Parish Council, #C-64672 & C-65363. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Natalie Robottom - Update - Airtech, LLC, et al. vs St. John the Baptist Parish Council, #C-64672 & C-65363

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

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

Parish Buildings - Security

Water bill issues - 133 Beechgrove, Reserve, LA

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

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

Any and all pending legal matters

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to go back into regular session. The motion passed unanimously.

There was no action taken as a result of the Executive Session.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

There were no ordinances to be introduced at this time.

PRESIDENT REPORT:

Good evening, I am extremely pleased that Ochsner and Acadia Healthcare have announced plans to develop a medical complex and behavioral health center in St. John Parish. This project is an investment of approximately \$20 million creating at least 145 new jobs. We are excited about the project and look forward to a close working relationship. Last week, I joined the Governor, other Parish Presidents from the region and state agency representatives for a joint press conference on June 1, 2016 to discuss hurricane preparations and plans for the upcoming season. We want to remind everyone that Hurricane Season is here and everyone should finalize their hurricane plans. Please review your plans and go to our website to register to receive e-news releases and Emergency Notifications to your cell, email and by text. A Hurricane Preparedness Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 22, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at REGALA Gym in Reserve. The Governor's Office of Homeland Security, National Weather Service and Entergy will make presentations. If your organization or group would like to schedule a hurricane preparedness presentation, please call the public safety office at (985)652-2222. Residents and businesses affected by the February 23 tornado can still apply online at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>. The application deadline is July 5, 2016. Once again, the parish partnered with the Youth Services Planning Board & Prevention Committee to host the annual Fishing Camp. The event was a huge success and we thank all involved in putting it on this year. The Summer Food Service program for school aged children began June 6 and runs through July 14 on Mondays through Thursdays. Breakfast and Lunch will be served at East St. John High School, LaPlace Elementary and New Wine Christian Center. Lunch only will be served at West St. John Elementary and the St. John Parish Alternative School. Breakfast will be served from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and lunch will be served at 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For more information or questions, please visit the Health & Human Service webpage or call (985)536-4955. Youth are invited to participate in a (STEM) Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics day on Monday, July 11, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at REGALA Gym in Reserve. Registration is \$35.00 and anyone interested should call the Grants Department at (504)417-6402. The Andouille Festival is schedule for October 14th through the 16th and vendor applications are now available online at www.andouillefestival.com or at the St. John the Baptist Parish Government Office. All vendor applications are due by July 1, 2016. As we approach the hottest months of the year, we ask that you prepare for the elevated temperatures that are anticipated in our region. Public Safety officials will continue to actively monitor and advise of any and all heat advisories issued by the National Weather Service. Residents and businesses should gather information about the symptoms of heat illnesses, and take proactive steps to protect yourself, fellow workers and others. Health tips can be found on our government access channel or on the Public Safety page of the website at sjbparish.com. The 11th Annual St. John the Baptist Parish Veterans Luncheon will be held Thursday, June 30, 2016 at REGALA Gym in Reserve. The honorable Governor and Army Veteran John Bel Edwards will serve as the guest speaker. The luncheon will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and all veterans and their families are invited. The 16th Annual Firework show will take place on

the evening of Thursday, June 30, 2016 at St. Peter's Catholic Church and the St. John Courthouse. The celebration will begin at 6:00 p.m. and the live broadcast will air at 7:00 p.m. The firework show will start at 9:00 p.m. The East and West Bank celebrations will be broadcast live on the government access channel for residents to watch at home. Sunday is Father's Day and we'd like to thank all of our fathers, grandfathers and Godfathers for all that they do and wish them a Happy Father's Day. Thank you.

CORRESPONDENCE/COUNCIL BRIEFS:

Councilman Boe stated, "Mr. Chairman, Citizens of St. John the Baptist Parish, President Robottom, members of her administration and members of the Council, since I was young I was always interested in public service. Anyone that knew me in my teens probably got one of my homemade business cards that read "Buddy Boe Future President of the United States." I ran for Councilman-at-Large at the age of 20 and again for Parish President at the age of 24. Each time, I didn't garner enough votes to win but my dedication to this community and region was strengthened and my resolve to make St. John stronger was firm. That being said, my greatest honor was placing my hand on the Bible a mere five months ago and taking the oath to represent the people of my district and have the opportunity to be a part of building St. John's future. In those five months, we have done great work. We have moved projects forward that have lay dormant for years, at our annual retreat we sat down as a group and debated issues close to our hearts and differing philosophies of government that has provided a platform for change internally and spawned new ways of doing things moving forward. To govern more professionally and effectively, we've partnered with administration on a variety of programs and initiatives that in the past would have resulted in a stalemate or worse. On February 23rd a large section of my district and several of yours were hit by a tornado that once again brought our community to its knees but didn't keep us there. I ran on making progress on the levee and I want to thank all of you for your support over the past few months. Our attendance in DC and the support of our entire Federal Delegation, Republican and Democrat helped to get the Westshore Flood Protection Project into the Water Resources and Development Act of 2016 and our Flood Protection Committee of the Council formed last month and our Outer Flood Protection Account requested tonight are vital parts of the process to moving our levee towards construction. To President Robottom and members of her Administration...thank you for your courteous efforts to work with me over the past couple of months on my small and sometimes large request. It was much appreciated and made my job easier to focus on getting the levee to move forward which is vital to the future of our community, but the entire River Region. Natalie, you and I ran against each other in 2010, but we've been running together these past few months as we traveled to DC as a united front to get this levee into that bill. I want to thank you for your partnership and know, that I will continue to be of assistance on the levee if needed. To my fellow Council Members; a huge thank you for the time we spent together debating, sometimes heatedly, the issues facing our parish. But respectful discourse is a part of governing and issues that matter have lasting impact and demand a thoughtful debate. We've debated, we've governed and we've done good and made progress. Thank you.

To those who voted for me. You gave me the greatest honor. I hope my time on this Council and the work we have done will leave a positive impact on St. John and to the future. To those who volunteered for my campaigns, yes, all of them. Thank you for your support and tireless efforts as we worked to bring positive energy and a determined vision to each position pursued. Now for logistics, according to our Home Rule Charter, once I resign you all will

appoint an interim member of the Council to serve in my position until an election can take place later this year. I respectfully submit for your consideration, Raj Pannu. Ms. Pannu is a small business owner, resident of District VII, has served in the River Region Chamber of Commerce and LaPlace Rotary Club, and most of us and most residents in District VII know her as the head of the Belle Terre Civic Association. She's tirelessly worked for that organization to improve the neighborhood. She's committed that she would not run for the position this fall and I ask for your support on this recommendation. My favorite motto for living life is to "Live the dash". On our tombstones there will be two dates and a little dash in the middle. The dates represent the day we got here and the last date represents the day we leave this earth. But that small dash in the middle represents everything that we do while we're here. And I've always made sure to live that dash to the fullest and make an impact in whatever role God has honored me with occupying for a certain period of time no matter how brief. And so...effective immediately, I resign my position of Councilman of District VII of the St. John the Baptist Parish Council to assume the role of Senior Advisor and Communications Director to the Lieutenant Governor of the great State of Louisiana. Thank you, it's been an honor and may God Bless St. John, Louisiana and the United States of America. Thank you."

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:35 PM, Councilman Wright moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with unanimously.

/s/Marvin Perrilloux
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
Council Secretary