

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JUNE 27TH, 2017
CHAIRMAN LARRY SNYDER
VICE-CHAIR JACLYN HOTARD

The Council of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session in the Joel McTopy Chambers, LaPlace, Louisiana on Tuesday, June 27th, 2017 at 6:30 PM.

CALL TO ORDER:

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, Larry Snyder, Councilman District VI, Thomas Malik, Councilman District VII,

ABSENT: Jaclyn Hotard, Michael Wright

Councilman Becnel led the Prayer. Councilman Madere led the Pledge.

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

MOTION: Councilman Becnel moved and Councilwoman Remondet seconded the motion to go back into regular meeting. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard, Councilman Wright and Councilman Perrilloux absent.

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilwoman Remondet seconded the motion to suspend the rules to add to the agenda under new business to declare - Monday, July 3rd, 2017 a parish holiday for all employees. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard and Councilman Wright absent.

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

There was no public comment at this time.

INTRODUCTION OF BUSINESSES:

There is no business to introduce.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEMS: Approval of Minutes - June 13th, 2017, Regular Meeting; Permit Approval - 17th Annual Independence Day Celebration - July 3rd, 2017 - Fireworks begin at 9:00 PM

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda item: Approval of Minutes - June 13th, 2017, Regular Meeting; Permit Approval - 17th Annual Independence Day Celebration - July 3rd, 2017 - Fireworks begin at 9:00 PM. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard and Councilman Wright absent.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES:

17-21 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance amending Ordinance 17-02 relative to the annual Operating budgets for the St. John the Baptist Parish General Fund,

Juvenile Detention Fund and Criminal Court Fund for the Fiscal year beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016. (N. Robottom)

Ross Gonzales stated, "This is a requirement to amend the Annual Operating Budgets for 2016 (last year) to reflect actual revenues and expenditures. A separate document presented to Council members explains the changes of greater significance and all questions regarding the document has been addressed. Administration recommends approval."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I have one question. Did we ever find out about that 2.2 million dollars?"

Ross Gonzales stated, "Yes sir. That's the 2017 Budget, but that relates to a FEMA Program that we've submitted all the documentation and we're waiting for FEMA to grant approval to start the program. The one we talked about yesterday on the phone?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yes, yes."

Ross Gonzales stated, "Yes that's the program that has not gotten FEMA approval yet."

Councilman Snyder asked, "And how long it's been, how many years has it been since Gustav/Ike, 10 years?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Councilman if I can elaborate on that. Jobe' and I met with GOHSEP a couple of weeks ago on a number of AG> Projects and one of the things that we learned from that meeting is the fact that, with the SRNRL, so their lost and competitive lost is that it has been quite some time and we hope to have to ready to go out by the end of the year. So FEMA is in the process of processing it as we speak."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay, I mean he and I talked about that. I need a motion on this."

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Sorapuru seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 17-21. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard and Councilman Wright absent.

17-22 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance amending Ordinance 16-38 relative to the annual Operating budgets for the St. John the Baptist Parish Airport Authority, Ambulance Fund, Animal Shelter, ARC Maintenance, Communications District, Community Center, Department of Health and Human Services, Economic Development, Office of Fire Services, Health Unit, Gustav/Ike CDBG, Hurricane Isaac, Isaac Recovery CDBG, Public Safety, Public Works, Recreation, Sales Tax District, Senior Citizens, Street Lights, Mosquito Fund, Solid Waste, Wastewater Fund, Water Distribution Fund, Parish-Wide Sewerage Construction Fund, 2009 General Obligations Bonds, 2010 General Obligation Bonds, 2014 General Obligation Bonds, 2015 General Obligation Bonds and 2015 Sales Tax Bond for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016. (N. Robottom)

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

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 17-22. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard and Councilman Wright absent.

17-23 (Public Hearing Held) A millage ordinance - levy millage 2017 (N. Robottom)

Ross Gonzales stated, "The Parish Council is requested to adopt the 2017 millage rates based on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll. A copy of the millage rates has been provided to Council for review and Administration recommends approval."

Keith Green, Jr. asked, "Can I address the Council?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yes you may."

Keith Green, Jr. stated, "Thank you. The DA's Office just realized with respect to this millage ordinance, the parish charter requires that a summary of an Ordinance be submitted to the L'Observateur or to our official parish of record, I'm sorry, official parish journal and the way Ordinance 17-23 is listed, with just specifically saying; a millage ordinance - levee millage 2017, we don't think that that's actually a summary that would be detailed enough to give the public an official notice of exactly what the Ordinance is attempting to do, so we just wanted to bring that to the Council attention. As far as a remedy for that, we would ask that the or we would rather advise that administration would provide an actual detailed summary of that particular ordinance and have the Council actually resubmit that Ordinance to the Parish Journal so that way the general public can be well informed of exactly what that Ordinance is and what intends to do. Thank you."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Yes with that being said, I'm thinking Mr. Green because I thought all that has been done already, but I know it was in detail here and that's what I was looking for and I don't have my book with me, so under that recommendation, I would say let's go ahead and submit that summary to the official journal and we'll table this item."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Legal can we table this. Is there any reason why we can't table this or is there any reason for the administration that we can't table it now?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "We, I don't know if this is sufficient in what we have in the council booklet, that outlines the actual millage. And if I'm not mistaken this something that we've done before annually. So this is not anything different than we've done in the past."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I think, I know I understood what it was, maybe the public didn't and we have to go through a newspaper. I understood, we do this every year."

Jackie Landeche, Council Secretary stated, "And this is to address the Levee Protection that we just voted on."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "That's what it is. We just voted for the levee."

Jackie Landeche stated, "That's why this has to pass because it was all put in the paper, coming up to this that it was going to pass at this meeting. We voted on that, that's what the people voted on."

Keith Green, Jr. stated, "I completely understand that. Our office is just in charge of making sure that you know that the Council complies with the Charter. And based on what that detailed summary is that's in the booklet unless another

detailed summary was provided to the L'Observateur which I'm not sure that was it, our office just want to go on record as informing the Council that we don't that this is a detailed enough summary to have been published within the L'Observateur to give the public sufficient information to let them know exactly what this particular Ordinance was going to do or what the intended purpose was."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Well let me ask. Since we can't table it, can we carry it over?"

Keith Green, Jr. stated, "I don't see a problem with that."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I'd like the administration. Do you have any problem with us carrying it over to the next meeting? What it cause any issues with our reporting with the millage itself, the millage itself?"

Ross Gonzales stated, "I believe it will because it's time sensitive and that we had to read a statement that it was to be introduced and adopted at these particular meetings, from Foley and Judell. So the introductory process will be more than 2 weeks. We're going to have to go through the reading of the statement that was read 2 weeks ago."

Jackie Landeche asked, "And would that come putting people on notice, because we have read that at meetings Keith that we were going to vote on this?"

Jackie Landeche stated, "No you're absolutely correct, and it has nothing to do with putting people on notice, but it has more affect to do with the fact the Charter specifically says: that a summary as to be submitted to the L'Observateur. And so that's what our office is basing this off of."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Let me say this before it's voted on. I'd like to get an explanation from the...yes sir."

Councilman Madere stated, "I think we should just carry this over because if our Charter, our Home Rule Charter states that, okay then we'll being going against the Charter which governs this, what we're all supposed to uphold as Councilman. So if legal says this is not what the Charter recommends or should follow then we should do exactly legal is doing and to make sure everything is done right, according to the Charter because this is what we're governed by, the Charter, each and every one of us."

Keith Green, Jr. stated, "Thank you."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay we have a motion to carry this over?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "No well we had made a motion to adopt, so I'm going to have to take my second back and Julia who had made the first if she want to, we have to take that back."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "I'll take mine back as well."

The ordinance was removed from the agenda for re-introduction.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Madere stated, "I'd like to make a motion that the council accept the minutes from the finance meeting."

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the motion to accept minutes from the finance meeting. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard and Councilman Wright absent.

OLD BUSINESS:

There is no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lennix Madere - Declare Monday, July 3rd, 2017, a parish holiday for all parish employees

Councilman Malik stated, "I have one question. Is this going to be a paid holiday?"

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Malik stated, "It will?"

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes it will."

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the motion to declare Monday, July 3rd, 2017, a parish holiday for all parish employees. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard and Councilman Wright absent and 1 against (Malik).

Natalie Robottom - Authorization to enter into an Indemnity and Hold Harmless Agreement with the Pontchartrain Levee District for the Annual Independence Day Celebration

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Thank you Council Chair. This agreement is required by the Levee Board to host our Annual Fireworks Show in Reserve and Edgard. The agreement was reviewed and approved by Legal Counsel and Administration recommends approval."

MOTION: Councilman Becnel moved and Councilwoman Remondet seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to enter into an Indemnity and Hold Harmless Agreement with the Pontchartrain Levee District for Annual Independence Day Celebration. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard and Councilman Wright absent.

Natalie Robottom - Resolution - R17-30 - A resolution authorizing the submission of a pre-application to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality for the purpose of placing St. John the Baptist Parish on a priority list for funding through the State Revolving Loan Fund

LaVerne Toombs stated, "This resolution authorizes submission of a pre-application to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) for commercial and residential water meter replacement funding through the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund. The loan is at an interest rate of 0.95% and a not to exceed amount of \$6,000,000.00. The purpose of the pre-application is to begin seeking funds to replace existing water meters with new meters utilizing automatic meter reading and smart metering technology with leak detection software. Administration recommends approval."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I have a question. Ms. Saulny, not only on a state level, can we put this on federal level to with the Clean Water Act?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "We're applying through the state."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Can we do it on a federal level to in D.C.?"

Rob Delaune, Digital Engineering stated, "We can look into it if there's some opportunities on the federal level, definitely. We will research that and if there are some federal level funding opportunities, we will try and pursue those."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Ok, thank you."

Councilman Malik asked, "The 0.95% for the \$6 Million, you're looking specifically to replace the entire system?"

Rob Delaune stated, "Yes."

Councilman Malik stated, "You know I'm not objectionable to looking, I'm objectionable to replacing an entire system that was built as being able to payed of itself over a period of time, which I don't think it has. I don't know why we want to totally re-change the current water system, although it does have problems and we need to resolve it."

Rob Delaune stated, "I'm not sure, I don't know if I'm clear with your question."

Councilman Malik stated, "What I'm saying is, I'm not objectionable to you going out and looking for money for this. I'm just not totally convinced a 100% revamping of the system is really what's beneficial or cost affective."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well is it, yes you want to elaborate on that? My understanding of the whole system is that, our meters are going bad. All of them, every last but 6 thousand of them?"

Rob Delaune stated, "Yes."

Councilman Snyder asked, "How many we have in the parish?"

Councilman Malik asked, "16,000?"

Rob Delaune stated, "There's roughly about 17,000 meters within the parish and I guess the main issue with the existing meters as they had a battery transmission battery that last 10 years. They were installed in 2007 and we're now in 2017, so its 10 years and these batteries are failing at a pretty rapid rate, which is causing the water department to have to go out and manually read. So either these particular units have to be replaced and new batteries installed throughout the parish or the parish can look into putting in newer technology that reads via antenna and also leak detection software to detect leaks. So that's kind of where we are with everything and there's not to say that this funding couldn't pay to just go replace the existing meter batteries, registers, it could. But there other options out there that will be looked into."

Councilman Malik asked, "How do these systems, the new system you're talking

about, how does that work? Does that also operate off of battery?"

Rob Delaune stated, "It does operate off of battery."

Councilman Malik stated, "It does. What's the life expectancy of these batteries?"

Rob Delaune stated, "These batteries life expectancy are 20 years."

Councilman Malik stated, "20 years."

Rob Delaune stated, "Yes and the newer technology reads via an antenna, so currently the parish has to driver by with a personnel, it would read the antenna from different towers, water towers throughout the parish. So the reading could happen a lot faster, they'll be more accurate and you'll get alerts also if there is a leak per particular meter. So that could be addressed much quicker than a resident getting a spiked bill. That software can alert the parish before that happens."

Councilman Malik stated, "So this system you're telling me will eliminate the spiked bills?"

Rob Delaune stated, "Yes, it will because if for some reason that meter starts moving a lot faster it normally should, then there will be an alert in the software that will alert the parish meter, it will alert the parish that there is a potential problem and they can go out and look at it, rather than waiting until they can get a reading a month later where the leak had been going on and there's a large bill."

Councilman Malik asked, "What current cities, municipalities are using the same system?"

Rob Delaune stated, "I know that Jefferson Parish has implemented this system, a similar type system in Grand Isle has a Pilot and other cities I'm not sure."

Ross Gonzales stated, "I'd have to get that information from the Aqua Metric, but we're entertaining doing a Pilot Program that we had spoked about to give everyone a feel for the capabilities."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Let's look for it on this Resolution, this is just for the submission of application right now."

Ross Gonzales stated, "Yes."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay I had a question."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Pertaining to that application?"

Councilman Madere stated, "Pertaining to what the discussion was just now."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Discussion was off track that's why I'm..."

Councilman Madere interrupting asked, "It was off track?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yes because they were supposed to be talking about

the application and we started talking about the...

Councilman Madere stated, "Mechanics."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yeah mechanics of it yeas, so let's vote on this, let's get a motion."

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilwoman Remondet seconded the motion to approve Resolution R17-30. A resolution authorizing the submission of a pre-application to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality for the purpose of placing St. John the Baptist Parish on a priority list for funding through the State Revolving Loan Fund. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard and Councilman Wright absent.

DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:

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

MOTION: Councilman Sorapuru moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to remove item: Larry Sorapuru - Update from Bond attorney on financing for water projects. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard and Councilman Wright absent.

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Okay I put this back for the past I guess 3-4 years before I got on the council, and after I got on the council for the past year and a half we had a number of workshops and we have a number of water projects that we looked at, particularly the Lions Water Plant in Reserve, the filter system, about 1500 feet of the Lion north of the plant and we talked about putting another well in Ruddock. I'd like to hopefully contact our Bonding attorney and see what our borrowing capacity is, we might need maybe about \$20 Million estimate, some of that money could be used for water meters if we see fit, if the council sees fit, we need to go that route but I'd like to move that we contact Bonding attorney see what our borrowing capacity is and have him to report back to us at the next meeting."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Will you instruct the administration to contact the Bond attorney?"

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Yes."

Councilman Snyder asked, "To see what out bonding capacity is now?"

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Yes."

Councilman Snyder stated, "So I guess we can expect some feedback by next week."

MOTION: Councilman Sorapuru moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to authorize administration to contact the Bond attorney to see what our borrowing capacity is and report back to the Council at the next meeting. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard and Councilman Wright absent.

Lennix Madere - Drainage/Utilities in District III

Brian Nunes stated, "Good Evening Council. The Reserve Drainage Project Phase III is in its final stages of construction. East 26th Street is complete with the exception of the asphalt repair at Perilloux Drive and a small amount of sod. All

42" pipe has been installed on 27th Street. There are four (4) tops to be set, three (3) driveways remaining to be poured and the sod is yet to be installed. The extra pipe has been ordered and the surveyor will stake out the work to begin installation, weather permitting. Not enough information to provide a response regarding Utilities in District III."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay well until the item wasn't on there, agenda or they had put it on there. I was just concerned about the drainage this meeting. What I want to say concerning the drainage and you know this has been a topic with me since the beginning of this, what I'm looking for I mentioned at the last meeting and I think we need to have a meeting with the individuals concerning a number of catch basins, I mentioned I had a concern about that. I went down another street all these streets are not the same distance right, why I ask?"

Brian Nunes stated, "Correct."

Councilman Madere stated, "That we're doing? Okay I went down 24th Street when I made my first initial complaint and then I went down the next street and we're still averaging 28 catch basins. So if all these streets are different lengths, then I don't see how we come out with the same amount of catch basins for each street. It should be different amount of catch basins if the length is different and I also compared to, like I mentioned before other streets. I don't think we might have a sufficient amount of catch basins, but I don't think we have enough compared to what I've seen in other locations. So that's what my concern about that to make sure that we have enough catch basins, because according to the parish Ordinance and my calculations we should have about 45, okay and we have about 28 you know so that was my concern, we're going to have a meeting and discuss that you know with the contractor, with the engineer really because the contractor only doing what the engineer told him what to do as far as constructing it. One other concern is, I have some individuals because I don't want this project to end and then when it comes to us finalizing the project, I don't want to have these individuals still calling me concerned. I have 3 locations and I had brought this to the attention of the engineer before and nothing have been done concerning these particular problems. Okay one is, if you can write the address down so you can check with him, it's 415, its Troy and Jason Kendrick, that was the first one concerning water..."

Brian Nunes interrupting asked, "415. Which street was that?"

Councilman Madere stated, "East 24th, concerning water on their driveway. Okay and that's one of the locations where a catch basin is extremely far away from the other house. Okay and I think another catch basin in the right place would solve that remedy on that particular one. Also I have a Rollette Lennix at 358, okay and she had her property surveyed and it cost her several thousand dollars to have it surveyed and the marker were removed, so those markers have to be put back in the right location so they may have to survey her land again if they don't, if they can't put it in the proper location. And the same thing is also for Robert Joseph at 352. Okay because my biggest concern is when, if the parish does projects or anyone do projects in a particular area, we should make sure that those properties and everything is returned back to the original state, you know and not made worse, if anything better. So if these individuals had their property surveyed, then before we pull out of there we have to make sure everything is back in its proper place. So that's what I want to make sure we understand that. Okay and whenever you can schedule a meeting you know I'd be more than happy to come."

Brian Nunes stated, "Okay if I can just respond real quick. You're absolutely right, our contractors are instructed to return to the same shape it was or better, than before they got there. So if there are a few issues, which you have brought a few of them to my attention before, but I would like to set-up a meeting, perhaps next week with yourself, the engineer and the contractor, have everybody at the same table."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay no problem."

Brian Nunes stated, "One thing I do want to address though, is the number of catch basins that you talked about versus the other projects, because I remember when that other one we spoke about was done in site, that was West 1st, West 3rd, that area, there is a lot of catch basins there but they have purity catch basins, but they really are in junction boxes. We hit a lot of sewer lines that we didn't know were there, so we had to put a box in. Now we put a grate on top because while we're building a box we might as well. But we anticipated that this time, so we surveyed these sewer lines a lot better, we actually had some cameras run so we could eliminate that because they're about 4-5 thousand dollars apiece. So it's not they had more on that job, it just looks like more because of the complex so we try to avoid that. But you can bring that up again with the engineer in our meeting next week and I'm sure it'll get addressed his side."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay, alright. Right, because he wasn't able to address it the other night."

Brian Nunes stated, "Correct."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I think the other night I went and read something on that to Mr. Madere and I think our Ordinance says something that, you have some up-rises and I found out what up-riser is, it's every 30 feet but catch basins are 60 feet. That's what our Ordinance says, but the up-riser is just a piece of pipe that comes off the other pipe with a grid on top so it looks like a catch basin but it's not really a catch basin. And our Ordinance says it should be like 30 feet, but the catch basin they said the distance, I think the minimum/maximum is 60 feet."

Councilman Madere stated, "But those up-risers, water does go in there?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yeah, yeah just a piece of pipe."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay that's what I'm talking about okay? I want water getting in the pipes, I want to make sure we have enough water to getting in the pipes. I don't care if the catch basin uprising or sideways I just want to make sure we're getting enough water in there."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I tell you something else to, I don't know what exactly it did back there lately, but I passed back there the other day when I was going to my niece's house and it was drained pretty good back there. I mean I was surprised you know back in the back, back, there. I mean Jesus and when you get to the front though oh they had issues up there, big issues on 26th Street, 24th, 23rd Street those streets, were bad. Let's move on here."

Kurt Becnel - (Carry Over 6/13/17) Kristin Bourgeois - Update on speed bump, littering and drainage on Capt. G. Bourgeois

LaVerne Toombs stated, "I believe it was our understanding that Ms. Bourgeois was

not to discuss the speed bumps, but requested to address the Council regarding trash and litter in the surrounding areas of the Parish."

The Bourgeois' stated, "Good Evening, Welcome to Captain G. (Presentation of trash and litter). This is pretty much what we have going on. This is pretty much what we have going on the street we've been complaining about. There's dumping down the street with a sign saying, NO DUMPING. There's constantly dumping, they always knock that light out..."

Kristin Bourgeois interrupting stated, "No excuse me. They shoot the light out."

Mr. Bourgeois stated, "Okay well, however they get it out. But we got Entergy they're on a regular base they keep that area lit. But this is what we have and this a major problem."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Is that on the East end down there where your daddy house at?"

Mr. Bourgeois stated, "Yes its right pass Time Saver. Yes."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Is that where it's at down there?"

Mr. Bourgeois stated, "Yes. Between Pine and right pass Pine Street and what that is?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "I know where you're talking about."

Mr. Bourgeois stated, "You know where I'm talking about. That causes a lot of drainage problems, you should see the water trying to get out the drainage which down there by us. We have major issues with that, not only that, I talked to Mr. Becnel about it and showed him where they covered one of the catch basins up and poured it with asphalt. Okay so that's another issue that we have problems with the water."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I know I had a few of those things picked up not knowing you all were coming to the council meeting with this tonight, but I did have METRO pick up some of that and also on Persimmon, they did pick that up which was illegal dump from the start and it had a citation, but we had to get it up because of potential rain coming from Cindy, so we had to pick it up. And I contacted Councilman Becnel on those issues they did pick it up and I past forward I know we have signs posted, still doesn't do any good because I just got some illegal dumping on a ditch bank say \$500 FINE. Now I don't know if we can get with the Sheriff Department and get some monitoring to pass there through at night when they're doing it or I don't know if there's a crime camera there. I don't know we have to check with Sheriff Tregre, I don't know but we can get some more monitoring from the police department passing through that area as far as trash dumping."

Kristin Bourgeois stated, "Sir actually we do have a camera right on Orange Loop, I requested that camera sometime around Katrina and about 5 years later we finally got the camera because I went ahead and sent in a complaint about the high dumping that we have been having there since Katrina and it just got worse. So every week I make sure I pass down to see what's new and actually this dumping is on a private property, as you see. And this fire hose/fire hydrant that we have right here is actually across the street from the parish yard. You can see that is not active."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well you got the players here, you got your Councilman here and you got your Councilman-at-Large here."

Councilman Becnel stated, "Yeah they're very aggressive and they're concerned and I'm concerned to because all that is my District. And I went over there a couple of times and I took pictures and it seems like we're getting lost I mean somewhere in the crack between, because I've turned in a couple of reports, I remember doing that and nobody ever addressed it. So I'm glad they were here with visual aid, hopefully that'll help. Because what the trash and not just the trash, it's the drainage and like you remember where it was covered up when yawl showed me that bus or that truck would turn, it's amazing and nobody addressed it, and that's why I invited them here in person hopefully we can, somebody can address it and can just, and what about Code Enforcement? Looks like to me they should be, my god I mean if they're passing there and they see this, write it up or something. This has got to be a violation somewhere."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes I'm glad yawl came. Yes because I mentioned Mr. Becnel I think it was last week or so about Captain Bourgeois. Okay and I think yawl said its right across some of this is happening right across from the parish yard?"

The Bourgeois' stated, "Correct."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay and said that's another big concern for me if it's happening right there across the parish yard that means our parish workers see this. Okay and they should have been reported, and we have now we have a drainage department that has 10 individuals in it. Okay and I've been asking for a drainage department since 2012 and I think 10 people with 15,000 ditches, miles of ditching, catch basins and things like this is enough individuals. Okay and I said this before many times before, the biggest department in St. John the Baptist Parish should the drainage department that would deal with this type of stuff. I remember one time I was told, we're not in the garbage picking business, but if you don't pick it up, okay it's going to stay there, okay? So like I said before, when you sit on this council, okay you're in the garbage picking business, you're in the grass picking business, you're in the healthcare business, you're in everything. And we have to find a way to make sure this type of stuff don't happen where you never going to stop it, but you, don't let it sit there, because that's something that's been there for a while, okay been there for a while. So like I said, you know and it's not just a parish problem, that's a people problem too that does that type of stuff, you know and we need some harsh penalties when you catch these individuals. Okay the we have enough problems already with the railroad trying to cut their grass and then we had trash on top of it, okay and I'm trying to get enough catch basins I can for drainage and we're covering up some, so it's a people problem, a railroad problem, a parish problem, state problem, okay and all four of us together have to work hard to clean that type of mess up and that's definitely unacceptable especially down the street where we have a parish location."

Kristin Bourgeois stated, "Correct. Actually, sir I'm sorry. We actually taped an individual that came with his trailer and went on this private property and said he had permission to come and dump in our area, and yes I knew that wasn't so because the street is actually honored in my brother-in-law's name. Who fought for our country he died in Egypt, and that's the reason why it's called Captain G. Bourgeois. I mean I just want to live clean and peaceful, we cleanup every day, every day, every day, and we just need some help. That's all."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Yes Councilman thank you. I just, Evelyn just shared with me that we do have 6 active violations against this property owner. Of course it is private property and it's the responsibility of that property owner to maintain his property. And so, we have Code Enforcement has done conducted inspections and have issued those violations."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well good, good!"

Councilman Madere asked, "You said they have 6 violations, right?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Yes six."

Councilman Madere asked, "Okay, have anything been done with those violations? Because if..."

LaVerne Toombs interrupting stated, "Six active violations."

Councilman Madere asked, "Okay, well if they 6, something should be coming to a conclusion. Okay because if I have 6 and I 7 and I have 10 and then nothing is being done, you get no results from it, what good are 10 violations? Okay we have 6, they all didn't happen at the same time, 1, 2 or 3, something should have happened by now."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "I understand that Councilman, but again it is private property, it is the responsibility of that property owner to maintain his property."

Councilman Madere stated, "But also know when you issue out these warnings and things are not handled then we have steps that we can do, okay so somewhere with those 6 violations, it should have gotten to the point where the Parish or Code Enforcement should be able to take some type of action."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Well that's something we'll follow-up with Ms. Carter when she returns, she takes care of part of the Administrative Hearing."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Excuse me. There is a process and you said it is in that process?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Yes sir it is."

Councilman Snyder asked, "This particular thing is in that process?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Yes, yes sir."

Councilman Snyder stated, "That's all we can hope for right now, let's say you guys want to you know, I mean you guys, that's a part of your District, right Mr. Becnel?"

Councilman Becnel stated, "Both of ours, yeah."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Follow-up on that, guys."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "And I drove through that area about a week ago and Mr. Becnel had mentioned to me that yawl were coming. But there was some debris that's right on the side the highway, the bulk pick-ups, the bulk pick-up should be able to grab some of that and pick it up. I mean we got these trucks that can

pick it up, there's no excuse not to get that picked up tomorrow morning."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well that's another issue, that's another issue there. You're right though and you're right. And we've had meetings on that and we just haven't gotten a resolution yet..."

Councilman Sorapuru interrupting stated, "I'm addressing Ms. LaVerne, Mr. Snyder on that issue. There's some debris that I saw on that picture that's right on the shoulder of the highway and we can use those bucket trucks we have to just pick that stuff up because it's right on the shoulder of the highway."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "No, we have to verify to make sure that we can do that. Again, we'll verify and see if that's, but the thing of is; we don't want to be picking somebody else's trash, it's still the responsibility of the property owner to maintain his property."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "But I saw it on the shoulder of the street Ms. LaVerne. It's on the shoulder of the street."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Well if its structure that it, a safety issue regarding that then we'll look in to that."

Councilman Sorapuru asked, "Yes, could you please do it tomorrow morning?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "We'll look into it Councilman."

Councilman Snyder stated, "We've looked into doing things, we've talked to the people that's supposed to be picking that up. But they have contractors giving us problems too, am I right?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "I'm sorry."

Councilman Snyder stated, "A contractor that's doing work and just putting there and he should have dumpster? You know?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Yes. It's costing and could possibly cost the parish thousands of dollars."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Right and I know we had a meeting not too long ago. I think Mr. Madere had a meeting with Metro on picking up a whole bunch of stuff."

Councilman Sorapuru asked, "Don't we have some of the lift trucks ourselves?"

Councilman Madere stated, "I just want to say about the process. Okay I'm glad you came to the council with this. And the fact that we know they have six violations already, and I think by bringing this to the attention, I don't necessarily say that the violations going to speed up, but I think they're going to look into it to see exactly where those six violations are. Because I had a similar situation at the last council meeting about a violation, and the very next day I got information that it was really should have been taken care of since 2015. So hopefully, your violation will find out where those six at because one or two out the six should be up."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "And if I could just add one more thing, I understand that's it's in an adjudicated process, which I know the DA's office handling adjudicated properties. So since it's moving in that direction, I'm sure the DA's

office will assist with that."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Thank you ma'am. Thank you Mr. & Mrs. Bourgeois."

Larry Snyder - (Carry Over 6/13/17) Update on the St. John Civic Center seating/equipment

Daron Cooper stated, "A meeting was held a few months ago with Council members, Recreation & Park Advisory Board members and staff to discuss other alternative uses of the facility such as adding bleachers, dividers, hardwood floors and break away basketball goals. Administration included \$154,000 in the 2017 Community Center's budget to partially cover the estimated cost for the bleachers. A conceptual design and cost estimate for expanding the Community Center to address another market such as conferences has been requested from the original design engineer. The main source of revenue for the facility has been the film industry and based upon film industry input and interest in leasing the facility, certain modifications would jeopardize alternative uses. A request for a conceptual design and cost estimate for expansion of REGALA gymnasium was also requested from the original design engineer. Neither has been finalized."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Okay now, what you're telling me? What are you saying? They're not going to get it done?"

Daron Cooper stated, "Well I'm waiting on Directors from administration on how to move forward."

Councilman Snyder stated, "First of all, I was told that there was money in that budget to take care of, not partial seating but to take care of the seating. And I got this information when we were dealing with the budget getting the budget ready. And I wanted some line items put in that budget to take care of that Civic Center. I was told there's enough money in the budget and the..."

Daron Cooper interrupting stated, "I'll defer that to Mr. Ross Gonzales."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Do that please because that's who told me that."

Daron Cooper interrupting stated, "That's not..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "Okay let's go talk to me."

Ross Gonzales stated, "And for clarity purposes, we didn't say it was in the budget, we said it was in the checking account. There is funding in the checking account."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Right, right."

Ross Gonzales stated, "But we didn't budget any Capital Outlay other than the \$154,000.00 of bleachers."

Councilman Snyder asked, "So in other words, we have enough money in the sum balance of the Civic Center, plus \$150,000.00?"

Ross Gonzales stated, "We have \$750,000.00 total in there. Some of that is going to be used to cover current year operations."

Councilman Snyder asked, "\$750,000.00 total?"

Ross Gonzales stated, "In the checking account, yes sir."

Councilman Snyder asked, "In the checking account for the Civic Center?"

Ross Gonzales stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Snyder asked, "And we budget on that one fifty-four of that?"

Ross Gonzales stated, "One fifty-four of that is budgeted for these bleachers. One fifty-four of the \$750,000.00."

Councilman Snyder stated, "You know what I'm afraid of here if we do ever get these seating, that we're going to get something shabby and they're going to get something thrown in there to please us. With partial payment, that's what my concern is right now, you see. And I don't envision that, I do not envision that at all, and that's where my issue's at right now. Now we had this meeting 2 months ago, that's written down here, you know what this is; this is fill in stuff, this is, I can't use the word I want to use, but that's what this is. Because this is just, fill in stuff to say ok, we discussed it at a meeting. And that's not, that's night, I can't handle that, that's not right. That's not right to the people in this parish who pay, now we're saying that the movie people say it's not good for us to do anything with that? That's what this down here is saying, that's what I read. Maybe somebody read it different than I did but down here movie say, no don't do that."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Yes sir that's correct. And also in regards to the \$750,000.00 that our CFO is referencing, that money is budgeted to pay expenses regarding the Community Center, so out of that \$750,000.00, \$154,000.00 of that was allocated for bleachers. However again, our primary revenue from the Community Center is the movie industry, and if we do any alterations to that it's a possibility that could jeopardize the movie industry of leasing that building, because that's where larger of our revenue have come. Now again, I understand Councilman you want to utilize, figure out a way where the community can utilize the Community Center. But again, at the present they're not utilizing it and it's not, and utilizing it at a, and we have it at a great rate, where our community could utilize it but it's not being utilized."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I mean you might be right, I read some numbers that what it cost for weddings might be, what it cost for a birthday party and stuff like that, I read that now, but the people in this parish pay for that thing, and they have a right to be able to use it reasonably."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "And they do Councilman. And in a matter of fact, our rates are much lower than any other rates in our surrounding parishes. And so again the community does utilize the Community Center, they have birthday parties, they have weddings they have all sorts of events at the Community Center."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Why don't we get seating though? I've been trying to just get seating for right now, so our schools could use it for graduations, for proms or dances..."

LaVerne Toombs interrupting stated, "Well Councilman we have reached out to..."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Activities for schools, but they don't have any seating there, you can't use it for anything."

LaVerne Toombs interrupting stated, "I understand that. But the existing schools, we reached out to East St. John, West St. John, what the other one; St. Charles Catholic and the already have their facilities where they have their graduations or events. And so they're very please well where they are, I think the only school that had showed some interest was, Riverside. And again, it's not, you have to look at the capacity in reference to you know the graduates, I'm not sure as far as how many graduating students or seniors there are at East St. John or West St. John, but I don't believe the Community Center has the capacity to accommodate the students and their family."

Councilman Snyder stated, "It'll accommodate any one of those schools, maybe East St. John might be a little problem."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "But again they expressed that they're not interested in utilizing that facility."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I guess not because it's costing an arm and a leg to have it there and we don't have the seating there, it's not set up for that, that's what I'm saying. We don't use it at all."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Ms. LaVerne you mentioned that putting bleachers in would hinder the movie company from using it, those bleachers fold back against the wall, we're not talking about putting bleachers all around in the whole building."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "I think it would be feasible again, and I understand Councilman Snyder, Councilman Snyder's concerns regarding the community utilizing the center. However, I think the better use of it would be considered to expanding the Community Center where we could have meeting rooms, where we could have conferences, that's something that we don't have in St. John Parish, where we'll be able to reach out to conferences or individuals who want to host meetings. I think that would be more economically feasible if we looked in that direction."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "And definitely that's a long range plan, a plan to put in place. But I think what Mr. Snyder is saying right now, it don't take a whole lot to put some bleachers in there and put some basketball goals in there for kids for the Recreation Department to come in and utilize it while we set up the long range plan to do the break out rooms or modification that's being suggested for the building. And what we're saying, what the public is telling us, we need to have access to that building and have use of it for this community."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "And the community has access to the Community Center and the present condition that the center is in right now."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "But we would like to bring, step it up and bring it to another level. It was designed for recreation and that's what's planted in peoples mind."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Well it was originally designed for recreation, you're correct and then they made a change after Katrina and turned it into a soundstage where the industry now, the film industry is utilizing it and that's where the larger amount of our revenue is coming from."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "But right now..."

LaVerne Toombs interrupting stated, "And if it wasn't for the film industry, then again we wouldn't be generating new revenue from it."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Well I understand that Ms. LaVerne and you know, I guess I don't think we should be catering to the film industry. They just happen to be there and they needed this building, but I think our customers are this community, these kids in this community. These organizations in this community, non-profits, the church's, or whatever we might want to use it for. But putting some bleachers in that building, some basketball goals it's not going to take a whole lot to do and I see no reason why we can't step this up and move on. We've been talking about it for how many years Mr. Snyder?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "Five and a half."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Ok."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes it was originally designed for recreation and the previous council changed the direction of that building in terms of what they want to use it for?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "I wasn't here sir, but I understand that was the case."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay so if that was not voted on, okay then the original design to do individual people in the parish voted for then that's what that building should be used for, being able to be used that way. And as far as how much it cost to rent that building, I think we talked about that one time before, you know I think Mr. Snyder had come up with a, how much it was if you remember?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "Fifteen hundred dollars it would have cost us a month to just have it sit there."

Councilman Madere stated, "Just have it sit there, cost us \$1,500.00 a month and my thing was, if it cost us \$1,500.00 a month just to sit there, okay we should be able to rent that building you understand, a lot cheaper than what the current price is. Okay because the reason why that building is not being use because you'll have to have almost \$4,000.00 okay just to rent that building. Okay I don't think the average citizen can put on an event using four or six thousand dollars just to get that building, okay we have to have a price that's a lot easier competitive priced where the parish can use it. That's why the individuals don't use it. The only one that can afford to use it is the movie industry, and I understand they provide us money, but if we had that building accessible to the community and they would use it a whole lot more, we'll make money. We'll make money, we make money, you understand, the thing is if you break even on a month, that's okay with me. Okay we're not losing and the people are using it. And I think the reason why the schools don't use it because it was too high, and they did go other places. Okay and I think they would come back home if the price is reasonable. They'll come back home, okay they'll come back home, everybody understand about saving a dollar. Okay and I think they'll come back home if the price was reasonable enough."

LaVerne Toombs interrupting stated, "Well Councilman..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Wait I'm not finished."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "I'm sorry."

Councilman Madere stated, "And another else, alright I don't see a problem where you can't have bleachers and that folds back against the wall. That's not going to cause to take up a whole lot of space. And whoever originally designed that building, okay it was designed to be I think they said recreation or whatever. Okay I don't know if they did a great job designing that, because I'd like to see the plans on how it was designed the building for recreation that didn't include bleachers."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well thank you guys Mr...."

Councilman Perrilloux interrupting asked, "Mr. Cooper, when will the design engineer have a final design for you?"

Daron Cooper stated, "I spoke with Mr. Tommly, he said he's just doing like a probable cause, he's not doing an actual design right now, he's just going to give us a cost on what it may be to do these additions for a meeting room/conference rooms to the center. So he said within about a 2 week period."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Ok good."

Daron Cooper stated, "He should..."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Get a copy and send to the council in 2 weeks period, and I agree with the rest of my council members. Yawl know how I feel about that building, I initiated when we lowered the price the first time you all previous council adopted it and we lowered the price, it was designed for recreation. That building if it was having volleyball tournaments and basketball tournaments over there, because a win-win situation for parish, people are going to come and bring their kids, their family, they can utilize the hotels and the restaurants, that's revenue generated for the parish. That building can be used every weekend. I'm not going to sit here and let a movie dictate what we should with our own building. Now we've been talking about his for 5 years, back and forth with administration. All for motions put an ordinance together this is what we want to do with it, and do it and forget about all this back and forth with it and do it and let's do it and then finish with it. Because I know 5 kids in recreation, I spend a lot of money traveling to other facilities, staying in hotels; eating in restaurants they can come and do the same thing in our parish. We got to stop letting that building sitting over there just cooling space. That's all we're doing cooling space hoping a movie come her. I'm not waiting on a movie because they got that big facility in Baton Rouge they can have movies, the go the big facility in New Orleans, they don't have to come to LaPlace. We need to use that building for our residents. That's what it was designed for, that's what I voted on it for and I wasn't for changing and I'll go back and vote to change it again and have it for recreation for the citizens of St. John Parish."

Councilman Malik stated, "I just got clarification, the state and certain modifications would jeopardize alternative uses? Are they speaking and this is the movie people speaking specifically about bleachers?"

Daron Cooper stated, "No I think it was more in particular when we had met with Councilman Snyder, we talked about putting some type of flooring in there for recreational purposes, like a hardwood floating floor for basketball tournaments and whatever have you may be the case, I think that was the issue you know when

you would have a movie come in you have to remove the floor, store it somewhere because you couldn't you know actually have a movie set on top of the court. So that, I think that was the issue with you would jeopardize the use of the building by putting a floor down in the facility."

Councilman Malik stated, "Okay yeah that makes a lot more sense now, based upon film industry input. So they're saying please don't put the floor in."

Daron Cooper stated, "No I mean they're not saying I mean it just you know a, I guess it would be just a thought process of you know what may can happen you know if they come in and see you have a floor down or something you know, would cause significant damage to the floor if you know would come in and did a movie set."

Councilman Malik asked, "They're responsible for it?"

Daron Cooper stated, "Right correct."

Councilman Malik asked, "They want to keep it as is so they can continue to use it?"

Daron Cooper stated, "Correct, correct."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "When we talked last council, really its two councils' ago, when all that was done around Katrina and at the time there was meetings going on about this some said recreation some said multi-use. But yet the recreation department was planning for this to be a recreation department building, because they were designing the shelves for the trophies and everything, Economic Development didn't have anything to do with it. But in midstream, they felt like it was too much of an expensive building to be a recreational hangout all day and they wanted it to generate money, realizing that the fund that was in place for the hotel/motel tax did not cover maintenance for the building. So we really didn't have enough funds to say maintain the building, utilities and all that, so they wanted to find alternative uses and the movie industry was coming in at that time. And they were looking for any building possible because there were no soundstages whatsoever. And it was a smart choice at that time because no one was really having many functions anywhere. It made us stay in the black with that building. Am I correct on that? Our only dilemma at this point and time is talking to someone from the filming industry right now is, 80% of the film industry is leaving Louisiana, the incentives changed. So I'm not sure how much movies we're going to get, and I'm justifying the movie use I really am, I think that's been good for us but a lot of that movie industry has left the state. So are we waiting for something that's not going to happen anymore or I think we need to look at all those avenues, that's all I'm saying? I'm just concerned about their leaving so are we really waiting for something to come or not and do we want to wait?"

Councilman Snyder asked, "It's a question?"

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "Yeah."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Are we looking at something soon besides what that movie is; Queen Sugar?"

Daron Cooper stated, "Queen Sugar. I'm not sure."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Well that possibly could change in reference to the movie

industry, so there's discussions right now on regarding that. But again we have Queen Sugar, and I understand speaking with Jo Banner at the Community Center that there are always individuals from the movie industry coming in acquiring about that particular space. So again, I believe that we did those alterations that it could jeopardize the opportunity of an industry that is generating revenue for the Community Center."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "Okay I just was concerned when I heard they reduced that. They were saying how many movie industries and I did speak to a location scout that told me that, a large percentage have left the state because of it. But if that's going to come back into place or would they reconsider that incentive, I'm not sure. I just wanted to make sure."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "However as Councilman Perrilloux alluded to earlier, that we'd be more than glad to present the conceptual drawings as well as the estimated cost to the possible expansion to the Community Center. And keep in mind you still have REGALA gym as well, they utilize and I know that Mr. Watkins served on the Sports Foundation Board where he very familiar with what all the major sporting events are going on that can be possible beneficial to the parish as well, so that's just again, an opportunity to use a gymnasium that we have in our parish."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "And just one other statement. You're talking about modifications regardless I think we need those modifications. Because we can't handle those bigger conferences, whatever if they don't have breakout rooms and things like that. We do need that because we're missing another boat and being able to host functions, so I agree with you on that 100%."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes a couple of things. You mentioned if we had the wood floor, they would be concerned if we're responsible if they damage it, right the movie industry."

Daron Cooper stated, "Correct."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay how much damage have they done to the cement floor? I know the anchored, anchored things down in that cement."

Daron Cooper stated, "Right, I think I..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Wait, wait, wait let me before I finish with it. Okay I know they anchor things down in that cement, when they pull those anchors up are they repairing that cement or they're leaving that hole there?"

Daron Cooper stated, "They do, do some repairs and I believe we hold a damage deposit from, withhold a damage deposit that they have to pay upfront."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay so my point is what we're actually doing to that building, okay is little by little damaging that floor with the movie industry and all we're getting is a patch, okay? And eventually you're going to damage the entire floor, okay that's my point. Because I have walked in that building that cement floor and I have seen a lot of holes, marks okay? So all they give us, they put us a hole and they give us a patch, okay that whole entire floor over years it's going to be nothing but a big patch. Okay when do we redo the whole floor and who pays for that? Okay they damaged it now, as far as opportunities, you have two choices, opportunities to make money with the citizens of St. John the Parish or opportunity to make money from outside those that's coming into St.

John Parish. Now if you're using it more like a Sport Arena like Mr. Perrilloux and Mr. Snyder just indicated, you have a lot of big time sporting events. Okay and the one that come to mind, you understand is; basketball, they have all types of sporting programs for these kids, you know and that's a big thing, recreation and we have all these hotels back there and all those restaurants back there and that's an opportunity and money coming in right there. So it's no such thing as if we move towards the citizen more that we lose money. We just have to figure more ways to get money from the community and from outside areas that deal with these sporting events. Okay and also in Baton Rouge every year I coached for 37 years in this parish and every year when we had the coaching clinic in Baton Rouge, there's always a big softball or soccer tournament down in there in Baton Rouge in those particular areas. Okay and if we had a facility like we talking about developing, we can get some of those big time events to come to St. John the Baptist Parish and sometimes those events last for a week, okay and you're talking about a lot of individuals that come in there. So my opportunity is to make money, I rather make it with the people in St. John the Baptist Parish and give them the opportunity to use that building, than to give it to someone that's coming from the outside and slowly piece by piece damaging that floor of that building, because there's a lot of holes in that floor that wasn't there before."

Councilman Sorapuru asked, "Daron, how long would it take just to get some numbers just to retrofit part of the building to look like REGALA on the inside? Flooring, goals and bleachers, how long would it take to get some numbers for that and get back to?"

Daron Cooper stated, "We would have to get with a design engineer for the flooring, purpose of it, the number 154 that did come into play. I did some research on it myself and met with seating company and that's where we derived from the number to provide bleachers on both sides of that auditorium in that building. I couldn't give you exact round about number but I could speak with you know someone or engineering firm to kind of point us in the right direction to derive those numbers."

Councilman Sorapuru asked, "Ok. Any particular reason you went with a hard wood floor?"

Daron Cooper stated, "Well because it would be removable you know if you would get another event in the building you could pick them up, I'm not very familiar with them, it was just some ideas we had kicked around it wasn't nothing solid that we decided upon doing. But that's what was mentioned, Kerry had mentioned the removable hardwood floors."

Councilman Sorapuru asked, "Okay alright, but you can get some numbers back to us in about 6 weeks, maybe?"

Daron Cooper stated, "That should be doable. Let me speak with the engineering firm that's more familiar with that and we could look at it and then see."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Numbers on what again?"

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "On the bleachers, floors..."

Councilman Snyder stated, "He already got that."

Daron Cooper stated, "I got the numbers. We have the numbers on the bleachers we did that several years ago when Mr. Snyder originally requested that. We have the

numbers for that."

Councilman Snyder stated, "He got all of that."

Councilman Sorapururu stated, "Alright okay."

Daron Cooper stated, "We just don't have numbers on you know on flooring and you know striping and goals and everything."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Actually you use the cement floor you know they do wonders today with cement floors in homes you know. So you don't need to go with wood floors and all that stuff. Thank you I appreciate you. We'll look forward to that report."

Daron Cooper stated, "Ok."

Councilman Snyder stated, "What we're going to do, we're going to the agenda here and what I would like to do is move up a couple of items. Okay the last 2 items that's by Mr. Perrilloux, the last 2 items on your agenda. And one is:"

Marvin Perrilloux - Drainage of Foxwood Levee from Fairway to Foxwood

Brian Nunes stated, "The Capital Projects Administrator, Public Works Director and select members of the Weather Protocol team are investigating a path forward to address this issue. We were actually supposed to have a field meeting today but there was a conflict of our schedules, so we're going to try and do it tomorrow, but we do have a good idea of how to address that one problem along that Sugar Ridge area, which I believe is what this item is referring to."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Yes thank you Mr. Nunes because like I said, we spend a lot of money on projects and if we don't maintain them somebody says something negative it's a blemish. And path forward on this particular Foxwood Levee, when it was originally designed we know we didn't have enough space between the fences from Fairway, Sugar Ridge to Foxwood. And it was a swale was built to let the water flow out the resident's backyard down to Foxwood to go into the catch basin which goes inside the neighborhood canal then pumps back into Plantation Canal. Well that's not happening. Because since we dedicated a levee and in use now, we hadn't cut the grass on it for a long time we just did, but we need to go back and clean along that fence line allow that water from ponding in these resident's backyard to flow down to Foxwood, that's what it was designed to do. But with all the debris and I guess dirt may have fell down, it's not doing that. So we need to look into that and see what we can do, I know I talked to Mr. Cooper about saying putting a pipe in between the levee to let some water drain out, may be good. Well if that Plantation Canal get high too it might suck it back in the yard so we have to be careful on that and not deviate from the design of the levee, how it was designed for the swale. So we need to look into that along with I guess you said the Project Engineer, that's Rick Shread?"

Brian Nunes stated, "No I didn't contact the Engineer."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Okay well we need to look at that because that's what that was designed do and I think if we put that on a regular pm, say every quarter, that we clean that area and clean the levee, I think we won't have not problems with it. But we haven't did anything on it since it was built. We put it on a regular schedule, pm schedule say every quarter I'm going to go in and clean along the fence down to Foxwood and cut the grass. I think we won't have this

problem."

Brian Nunes stated, "Cutting the grass isn't a problem but it's real tight as far as getting in there to dig, that's why we think this pipe issue might solve the problem. We had 3 separate meetings to that and that was the Chief Administrative Officer, I know the Utilities Director and I met with Mr. Cooper and we all discussed this, it's just our schedules didn't align for us to all go to the site together but we are going to make that happen and I will come directly to you with our recommendation."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Please do thank you, that's what I wanted to hear."

Councilman Madere stated, "Mr. Brian Nunes, first of all I want to thank you for showing up at every meeting. Because you get bombarded by drainage from District III, IV, every one of them and you stand up there and take it like a man. Okay, you're like custard okay, but I just want to tell you and I've been saying this since 2012 I'm a say it until I leave out of this council. Okay all the problems that's being presented to you from this entire council about drainage and you have 10 people, okay you have no chance. Okay I'm saying it, you have no chance to solve the problem on Captain Bourgeois you have no chance of solving the problem over there, because while the problem is going on in Captain Bourgeois it's also going on in Mr. Perrilloux district, it's also going on in my district, it's going on in everybody's district and we're trying to handle this big problem, because I've been saying since 2012 with 10 people, 10 people. Okay, you don't have a chance when you come up here on the council meeting because drainage is going to be always up here, you're always getting bombarded, oh we can look at it, we're going to try, we going to do this we going to do that, and I'm glad you could go help Mr. Perrilloux, I'm glad if you if you go help them. But if you're helping them tomorrow, you're not helping me because you have 10 people. Okay so we need more than 10 people and I'm saying it now, okay and thank you for taking it up there and taking it."

Brian Nunes stated, "Alright thanks."

Marvin Perrilloux - Drainage from Ochsner Hospital to Camelia Street in LaPlace Park

Brian Nunes stated, "Despite the fact that it's a DOTD's right of way, the Public Works Department cleaned the ditches on the north and south side of Airline Hwy. (Winn Dixie to LaPlace Park). CES cleaned the culverts along Airline Hwy. to Tiffany Drive and will camera problem areas on an as needed basis. It is anticipated that this work will improve drainage in the area. We are also working with the Sheriff's Office on their drainage and expansion plans along Barton Granier Drive."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Thank you so much and I appreciate what you all done, because I went out there and I looked but we need to address that and I'm thinking because I watched the last rainfall we had, we had about the water is not going under Tiffany Drive, it's flowing on Tiffany Drive. It's not making it all the way to Camellia by the, into the Haydel Canal, is where it's supposed to drain. I see you all did some cleaning out over there and you said you're going to camera it, hopefully we could see if the drainage isn't plugged somewhere from Tiffany to the Shell Station. Because I'm thinking that's where we have a restriction at and I think over the time it look like Tiffany has sank, because you can look at the Airline way up here and it's just way down there. Everything

has sunk, we need to look at addressing this situation. Now as far as the other side, yes we do have a problem where the water drains by the Sheriff Department, the new car wash and New Wine parking lot, because the last rainfall we had calf deep water in that parking lot and it took a while to drain it out. We are restricted somewhere there from I would say from the auto place to the car wash. Because I went and look in the Plantation Canal, I mean I'm sorry the Haydel Canal, I saw the water was draining but it wasn't draining fast enough and I know we have another canal that comes in on the west side of the Sheriff's Jailhouse over there that flows in there to. So we need to look and address that area, probably solve and I know it's not Public Works, it's the state but I know you got first hand to the state and Snake, that we need to address this problem and take care of this because I know Ochsner want to build some more facilities, buildings on that piece of property. But we got to correct the drainage first. I'm in favor of building but let's correct drainage and alleviate that problem especially on Tiffany Drive, and I think that would help some of it and at the next meeting Jackie if you will put Tiffany Drive on there because I want to get an update on that I know we were camering it but I just want to find out what we doing. But we need to address the Airline I think that's going to help us out."

Brian Nunes stated, "I agree with you. We did clean out those ditches, the contractor hasn't done all the culverts yet he's actually, we're doing some other work. He's pulling off tomorrow morning we'll be Thursday morning and we've already instructed him to go, it's a small culvert right there by that gas station that goes to Haydel but we're going to clean that whole thing out and just see if it helps, it really should, I mean if we have to get the state involved to replace that culvert then that's what we'll do next. But we're going to try and clean it first."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Thank you. Aright, thank you Mr. Snyder."

Larry Snyder - Update on status of Volunteer Fire Department and their claims

LaVerne Toombs stated, "On April 20th, the engagement letter with Mr. Carville's office was approved by the DA's Office, signed by the Parish President and forwarded to Mr. Carville's office. He has since sent a letter to each of the Volunteer Fire Department organizations detailing the reasons that fire station properties need to be titled in the Parish's name. Reserve has agreed to transfer all three (3) of their fire stations into the Parish's name and passed a resolution to do so. Based on conversations with Westside and Garyville, they have both stated they will do the same. No response has been received from LaPlace. A follow-up meeting with Mr. Carville is being rescheduled and was delayed due to weather last week."

Councilman Snyder stated, "And so Mr. Carville is on top of this? Am I right?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Yes sir he is."

Councilman Snyder stated, "That's all I wanted. Anybody has any questions on this? That's what I wanted to know, exactly where we were, what's going on. It seems like most of our fire departments have just agreed to sign their paperwork over right?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "That is correct sir."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I'm good."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Except haven't heard from LaPlace, but I'm sure we will."

Larry Snyder - Update on Homes Elevation Program

LaVerne Toom stated, "At this time, approximately 300 applicants are being served through the housing program. Since April of 2016, 180 homes have been repaired and 135 more will be completed within the next year. The Program is also elevating 45 homes located in FEMA designated flood zones. Currently, the projected elevation projects completed or to be completed are within the program budget. We may be able to include an additional 2-3 elevation projects (if the budget allows) but do not expect to be able to perform much more than what is being presented herein. And also we have Mr. Scott Reddick from Royal here to address any questions you may have."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay the biggest, Scott I know you've been on top of this but, people who have gotten your letters are saying that the program is on hold, do not understand that if that's all you're telling them. They want to know why, that's what they're asking me. I tell them I don't know, I don't really know why, because no one has sat me down and in a seed and said; this is why we're doing this. Now I see here we have 2 or 3, you said maybe there's 2 or 3 in all you'll might be able to do it later on? How are you going to determine that? Has it been determined already and what's the reason why we're on a halt right now in everyday language?"

Scott Reddick, Royal Engineering stated, "So the, the way the program works is St. John Parish was allocated a total of thirty-two million dollars overall for the CDBG Program and we get that in the form of a CEA from state, we're working on our 5th one right now. So they didn't give us the entire batch of money all at once, so basically the way this works with the state is, that we present them a group of houses that we have ready to perform construction on, they give us a budget, typically they do it for about 12 months, as we expend that budget when we get up to a 50% expenditure on that budget which is usually about 6 or 7 months, we go head and start the process on writing another CEA with the state. Now the state goes up to HUD, obviously there's a bunch of mechanics at the federal level, congress has to deal with HUD and all that before they make an allocation to us, but essential to where we are right now is the money that we would receive to date, has either been expended or is nearly expended on act of construction projects. So we have additional projects that are ready to go to construction, however the parish doesn't currently have a mechanism to pay for those construction contracts because we haven't gotten the money from HUD yet. Those contracts will be funded, you know we have a there's money that's still available to perform those, it's just that the parish could not draw that down. So that's on an administrative hold essentially until OCDDRU gives St. John Parish the next batch of funding essentially so that we can then continue work."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Tell me this. How much of that money is spent on elevation at \$32,000,000.00? How much did we allocate for that?"

Scott Reddick stated, "On the elevation, the housing program itself is about I want to say it's about \$12,000,000.00 overall. I don't have a hard budget in front of my right now but..."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Just elevation?"

Scott Reddick stated, "No that's the entire thing. That's, that's fixing houses, that's elevating the whole nine yards. Elevation projects account for \$5.6

Million of that."

Councilman Snyder stated, "\$5.6 Million for elevation, not 32 Million?"

Scott Reddick stated, "No sir not \$32 Million."

Councilman Snyder stated, "When you're dealing with the public you got to be kind a let them know exactly what's going on. Alright, we are in the process of elevating homes right now, I know that for a fact. But the letter said, everything was going to STOP. My understanding people got letters a month ago saying they just going to stop, it's on hold. But I've seen material being brought in, new jobs within the last week and a half, and 2 weeks. So I'm just wondering what's going on, you see because I need to know when I get asked these questions. Well why I got this letter saying everything was on hold but now I see a new project have started? How would I explain that to people that asked me that question?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Well Councilman if I may, we're not aware of any letter that has been sent out to any of the residents."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Uh I got, is it letters or calls."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Maybe calls."

Councilman Snyder stated, "That's just mentioned today you know?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Okay, I'm just, when you said letters I was just wondering..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "Well maybe we should have sent a letter."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Well we're in the process of doing that Councilman."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Because people calling me over telephone, you're telling them the project is on hold. That's all you're telling them."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "But again, administration we did..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "Because of funding or something like at the state level."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "That is correct. And I believe what Mr. Reddick had just explained to you is exactly what we're being faced with at this time. We did a request to CEA sometime last year November or December, and we're waiting on those dollars to come in so that we can continue to repair, elevate or rehab or new construction on homeowner's homes."

Councilman Snyder asked, "So 5.5 Million Dollars for elevation?"

Scott Reddick stated, "5.6 yes sir."

Councilman Snyder asked, "5.6 Million Dollars. So what are we waiting on now, the reason why we stopped this program is because the funding hasn't come down for that particular part of it?"

Scott Reddick stated, "No sir. So we've got obviously you're saying elevations going up, we've done several in your district. For projects that we had awarded

when we had the funding available that either had started the design process, where you know they got to get a designer in and get plans and specifications over to Planning & Zoning for approval. Some of those may have a, what I'm trying to get at is, the reason why you may just see them turning dirt now is there may have been an administrative and preliminary process to get to that construction. For a contractor that may have awarded 3 or 4 months ago. So anything that's you know basically the way we did it was we went back and looked at what was the latest things that were, you know ready to go and those were the ones that needed to be placed on hold until we get the next slug of funding in for drawdown."

Councilman Snyder asked, "So it isn't over with? It's just being it's just because of the funding process."

Scott Reddick stated, "Yes sir, so the contracts I had money for are under construction. The contracts that I don't have money for are on administrative hold until the parish receives funding for those."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay and then we're going to start again? We going to start the elevation again?"

Scott Reddick stated, "Yes sir all construction activity. Yes sir."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Start the process of getting you know, you know what I mean."

Scott Reddick stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Snyder stated, "And I think that's all people want to be aware of is that, tell them something like this, now they may understand that it's just a funding thing. It's in the process but we're coming back at you and we're going to take care of you if you were qualified at the time."

Scott Reddick stated, "Well that is correct. Now we've always had more applicants than we had money to serve. So..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting asked, "We didn't qualify everybody though?"

Scott Reddick stated, "I'm sorry sir because you're..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting asked, "Did we go and say okay; 150 people, all of you qualified, you're going to get your house raised because everything you have all your paperwork done. But we come here and we say now only 75 of them are going to get their elevation and its first come first serve?"

Scott Reddick stated, "The program is structured as first come first serve and those people that were, completed the application and were like you said approved."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Completed."

Scott Reddick stated, "Completed. Now the way that it's working and when Ms. Toombs mentioned you know additional 2 or 3 projects, that was a safe number I'm telling the administration right now based on the amount of funding that I know is going to be available. Now for the construction projects I don't have a hard fast number on exactly what it's going to cost, we have change orders on some projects, some projects we have a little bit an overrun or something like that."

So what I'm looking at is I've given them a total number I think applicants that we can serve or houses that we complete within the amount of funding that we have. And I may have something that comes in a little bit cheaper, once I get contractor quotes in. Some of these are averages that I'm using right now, so you know it's just but I'm we're pretty close to being pretty accurate on the number that we're going to be able to serve."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay and I think that's all people wanted because they asked me about it and I appreciate your explanation I appreciate you coming out here and explaining that to us. I'm sorry for saying a letter, I thought it was a letter I guess I took for granite it was a letter but it was just a phone call."

"And Councilman if I may, we met on this today but we are in the process of communicating with those individuals that calls were made to, to inform them exactly what's going on, so we going to call them and we're also going to send them a correspondence and then in that correspondence they're more than welcome to call us if they have any questions or concerns."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Ok good, thank you!"

Larry Snyder - Steps to prevent advertisement papers and other debris from plugging up drainage catch basins and culverts

Councilman Snyder stated, "It'll be addressed from the Council Chair, you better believe it it's going to be addressed from up here. And the only thing I was asked of the administration, what can we do to help us to, we're having drainage problems, we're telling people to clean out your drains, don't let them get plugged up but at the same time, we're throwing newspapers in the yard or on a curb and it's going right into a drain when it's raining, while it's raining. I've got 2 calls, I got pictures a guy showed me, it's raining and people throwing 2 newspapers and it's going down the road going to a drain some place. Okay now what can we do to stop that? We can't stop the people from throwing the papers, but we can stop them from throwing papers I think in your yard. I called Morning Advocate or the Advocate and I think we were supposed to get the Times Picayune also. And I do have a number and say well look, don't throw no papers and I gave them my address and they said; okay we're not going to throw at your address. So if you, I'm here since it's being addressed from here, I'm here to let you know that there is a number you can call at the Advocate, that's the one with the orange papers saying that call this number, do not throw papers at this address. If you need do that do it! And did we get one from the Times Picayune yet? We got a number?"

Jackie Landeche, Council Secretary stated, "We have both of them, yes."

Councilman Snyder stated, "And we got a number for both, we have a number for the Times Picayune also. I don't want no paper thrown in my yard and they just call this number and they're not supposed to throw paper. You can't get upset with the people throwing the paper because that's people trying to make a living. They are, I stopped them and the lady I'm just trying to make a living. I'm a single parent trying to make a living. I said I understand that, she said well call the paper. That's what I did and they told me that, very nice people. I don't know if I should say these numbers over here, but you can the Times Picayune, they're good for me though. The Times Picayune or the Advocate that throws that paper out in your yard, on side the streets and plugging up our drainage and look I don't want none of that in my yard. You can do that."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Councilman if I may, the Council could create an Ordinance regarding that particular issue on soliciting paper being thrown in resident's yards if you all chose to go that route."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Unhah."

Larry Snyder - RFP/RFQ recommendations to Council from administration

LaVerne Toombs stated, "As previously discussed at the April 25th Council meeting, a Resolution 09-21 was adopted in 2009 as the CDBG and LCDBG Procurement Policy. It is consistent with other state and federal requirements and specifies evaluation factors or selection criteria including the point system to rate the proposals or qualification statements. The procedure outlines the process for reviewing and conducting a technical evaluation to identify the most qualified competitor. Utilization of this criteria and scoring process allows for a fair evaluation and comparison of each proposal or qualification statement. Ordinance 13-20 was adopted by the Council in 2013 requiring Council approval before soliciting RFPs and RFQs so they would be informed before any solicitation. In the current process, the Council approves the request prior to moving forward, is provided a list of all proposals submitted, an electronic copy of each proposal and 2 printed copies of each for their review prior to the committee scoring. The recently amended Purchasing and Procurement Policy & Procedures approved by the Council on November 22, 2016 describes procurement methods and establishes standards for procuring professional and Architectural & Engineering ("A&E") services. Although it's been in practice since 2011, the document outlines the process using best practices. A competitive process of procuring professional A/E Services, i.e., RFQ, is utilized by most governmental entities and is required for projects funded by the state and federal government, such as CDBG, HMGP, EPA, DOTD, DEQ and DHH."

Councilman Snyder stated, "When you look at the ordinance, when you read the ordinance you get the recommendations from the administration on selecting people to do contracts with and we do have a process in place. But if you notice everything that she read, Ms. LaVerne just read, it was the council approve this and the council approve that, council approve that process and this process. That's fine, we approve certain orders, ordinances that pertains to RFP/RFQ's. Now, are we supposed to, my problem my issue is, are we supposed to just whatever the administration gives us say OK to it, we either rubber stamp it or are we supposed actually do our diligence and look at the RFP's, look at the RFQ's from their recommendation, and then from there make our decisions on RFP's and RFQ's who we want to do work. And I'd like to get your input on this, I'd like to get your input on this, because I don't like rubberstamping anything. I like to read things, I like to make my decisions and now I can understand the process that the administration use as far as their numbering process and how they choose things, I don't have a problem with that, but what I would like to see from this council is a motion, asking administration to give us the top 3 or the top 4 or the top 5 whatever you want to. And from there we do our homework and go read, if you give me 5 people that's qualified or 3 people that's qualified you can rank them, I don't have a problem with that. You can rank them 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 if you want to rank them. But it's up to this council to decide on which of those we want go by our due diligence."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay I'd like to say I agree with you, except I don't need them to be ranked, I just need to know if they're qualified. Okay if we have 4 or 5 people that's qualified. Okay because ranking to me to me ranking says well this one was better than this one. If they qualify, okay that was mentioned

one time before a few meetings ago by Ms. Robottom that everyone on the list was qualified. So if they all qualify, it wouldn't make a difference who we select and the key word is; Recommendation, but that word recommendation mean to me that we don't have to select that individual. But recommendation according to administration means that we have to accept that individual and that's rubberstamping, and that's their decision, to me the decision belongs to the council. Now you do your job and tell us now if you said, no one else was qualified than that's different. But if you have 4 people that's qualified, there's no need to rank them and then you may recommend a particular one but it's up to this council as a whole, not as an individual as a whole to select. Okay and I think that it's being taking away from this council, the ability to select if we have to rubberstamp the one that the administration says is the best. That's rubberstamping okay, why recommend?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "There's supposed to be a recommendation and that's anybody else want to add some input to this?"

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Mr. Chairman are you asking for a motion for us to put this into effect as to right now. You want a motion..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "Yeah I want a motion I want a motion. We need to be in this process and not just you know rubberstamping things. I mean if, I don't have a problem with them ranking them. You can rank them 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 that's up to you how you want to rank them. But let us, give us the information put them in that office over there, let us go read sometime during the week, read what you want to read about a certain ones and you know what kind of work being done, you can ask questions, we know all the councilmen that's been here before. We have engineer friends we know we could talk to you know about these people. And that's, if you want the top 3 or you just want no rank just give me 5 that's qualified to do this particular engineering job, give me 5 names, give me 5 names."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "I totally agree I totally agree."

Councilman Becnel stated, "Look I work in this over 30 plus years with RFP's/RFQ's. The thing I don't like and I've been around and I've seen it, scoring systems don't work for me. I don't care what you say, because if a company been in business 10 years and one been in business 5 years you going to give them more points because they've been in business 10 years? That is not fair. I don't like it and I can't stand it, and I don't like point systems and I definitely want to be involved in this, because this got to stop. You know because like you said, they can make the recommendation, but as long as I'm breathing, we are the governing body and I'm going to be the one going to start choosing, we're going to start choosing. You know I'm not going by those point systems, I've been around with this, long time, DBE Programs, all of that and what we're doing over here, no it's not going to be no rubberstamping as long as Kurt Becnel is Councilman. I can guarantee you that."

LaVerne Toombs asked, "May I make a comment a Councilman?"

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Yes ma'am."

LaVerne Toombs asked, "I'm not really clear to what you mean by rubberstamp, because again administration does its due diligence in reference to how we go about making those recommendations. Again when we talk about EPA or federal grants or their criteria then we have to follow their criteria. If they state the

fact that we need to have a Score Selection Committee, then the Parish President select those individuals who have the skills set to be able to grade, if that's their requirement, then we have to follow that requirement. And again, administration makes those recommendations to you all based upon the due diligence based upon the experience from our Public Works Department, Utilities Department or whatever department that has that specialty. So again I believe Councilman Madere when Parish President stated the fact that those companies are qualified, yes they are, however that doesn't mean that they may be qualified, but there may be some specialty or expertise in one company versus another company. And that's who we're able to grade or determine what/who should go first or second. So again, as far as rubberstamping I wouldn't define it that way. I would say the fact that administration is presenting a list or presenting the companies to you all for your recommendation based upon trusting the fact that administration has done its due diligence."

Councilman Madere stated, "Back to that word Recommendation. I have a problem, okay you recommended to me but you tell me I have to take it. Recommendation to me means I do not have to accept it. I can if I want but I do not have to accept it. That's what Recommendation means to me okay!"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "But again I think that's..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "It's only a suggestion."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Again Councilman Madere I think what we are misunderstanding here, is the fact that we have followed the criteria based upon, let's just use; EPA for instance, and we followed their criteria and the fact we did everything that was told of us to do, and they basically stated the recommendations that we gave them it was accepted and they accepted that, then we present that to you all based upon the guidelines and criteria of that particular agency. And again, that's not rubberstamping, that's the fact that we have presented to you a recommendation. But if another agency that has a criteria that we have to follow, we have to follow the rules no matter who it may be, I understand you're the governing authority but you have to follow those guidelines as well as we do."

Councilman Madere stated, "I have an answer for that to. I spoke to the EPA myself, I make phone calls myself. And the EPA told me point blank, they don't care what method we use okay, they don't care okay, they don't care what method we use. I was told that just the other day. Okay but once we select a method and tell them, then that's the one they expect. But initially they're not concerned what method we use to find individuals that's going to do the job."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Well I only used the EPA as an example. I know this is not part of the agenda item for discussion. But again I just used that as an example."

Councilman Madere stated, "No I'm just telling you I'm just telling you because recommendation, the key word to me is Recommendation. If you recommend something to me I don't have to take it..."

LaVerne Toombs interrupting stated, "I understand that, that's the way it's always been is that we recommend to you as a council all items regarding the agenda."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well we're about to lose a contract because you

recommend someone we said we don't want that one. We want this one over here and now we're fixing to lose one for \$68,000.00."

LaVerne Toombs asked, "Oh we can talk about the EPA?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "No we're not going to talk about the EPA. We can talk about anything I want to talk about. Anybody want to say something over here? Anyhow can I get a motion or give us a the top 5 RFP's and qualified RFP's, just put it in your own words and then from there we can decide on what'll we want to do. Can I get a motion from somebody who want to make that motion? I can't I can't."

MOTION: Councilman Becnel moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to present to the board we got RFP's and we got to make a decision on who is going to do contract for us, that we get the best qualified people presented to us 5, 3 or the most qualified people. What numbers you'd like to use?"

Councilman Becnel stated, "Three."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Or four?"

Councilman Becnel stated, "Three."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Give us 3 qualified people, from there we'll make the decision on it, give us the qualified people and the information, all the RFP information you have, put it in our office over there. Now it's up to us to go over there and you want to read some of it, read some of it on these people or go on Facebook or something and find something out about them. Alright? Okay use your lights."

MOTION: Councilman Becnel moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion directing the administration to present the Council with the three (3) best qualified individuals/companies and their supporting documentation in relation to all RFP's and RFQ's to allow the Council to make the final decision/recommendation for the Parish. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard, and Councilmen Perrilloux and Wright absent.

There was no executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Latoya Julien, et al v. St. John the Baptist Parish, Docket #66791 - discussion of settlement authority and reasons for settlement

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

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

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

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

Any and all pending legal matters

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

- 17-24** An ordinance requesting approval to further extend the valid period of time for an additional twelve (12) months for Preliminary Planned Unit Development (PUD) as per SJB Code Sec. 113-289, including amending the zoning map from the Residential One (R-1) to the Planned Unit Development (PUD) zoning district and re-subdividing four undesignated lots of record into lots A and B, Square 11, Lot C, Square 20, and Lot D, of the Glencoe Plantation, commonly referred to as the Garyville Parish Housing Authority (PHA) site, which is bounded by South Fig Street, Museum Street, Historic Main Street, and Blue Bell Street in Garyville, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana (PZR-15-1041) (N. Robottom)
- 17-25** An ordinance approving the requested rezoning of a Portion of Farm Lot 31, Woodland Plantation, located in the area generally bounded by the Y&MV/Illinois Central Railroad, La Hwy. 628, Ideal Ct., and Cardinal Dr., containing municipal address 1128, LA Hwy. 628, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana from the Residential District One (R-1) to the Rural zoning district, as Shown in Exhibit 1 attached (PZR-17-1074) (N. Robottom)
- 17-26** An ordinance approving the re-subdivision of the Norman Ludger Ory Tract into Lots 1 and 2 of the Norman Ludger Ory Tract, located in the area generally bounded by LA Hwy. 18, East 13th St., Odel Barre Ct., and Whitney Ct., containing municipal addresses 1117 and 1121 LA Hwy. 18, Edgard, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana as shown in a survey prepared by Stephen P. Flynn, P.L.S. on May 3, 2017 (PZS-17-1166) (N. Robottom)
- 17-27** An ordinance to adopt Chapter 114 of the St. John the Baptist Parish Code of Ordinances establishing local historic districts, designating local historic landmarks and establishing the St. John the Baptist Parish Historic District Commission for their preservation and stewardship (N. Robottom)

PRESIDENT REPORT:

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Good Evening - Once again, we were very fortunate that Tropical Storm Cindy did not bring the amount of rain that was predicted. I would like to thank all of my staff who worked long hours before and during the event and for all of their hard work. This event served as a good drill for our emergency teams and also hopefully showed our residents that now is the time to get a game plan and make preparations for themselves and their families. Each weather event exposes what we already know - that when the Lakes are high and our systems are full, there is no place for the water to go and water begins to pond near I-55, low Hwy. 51 and low lying areas. One of our long-term goals is levee protection with pumping stations that will facilitate our ability to drain and prevent recirculation, but we need your help. The Corps of Engineers' budget for Louisiana projects in the President's budget does not include our levee project. Please help us with this call to action and contact our federal delegation to restore these funds. A Sample letter can be found on our website with contact information or at our office. Please also remember sign up for emergency alerts via sjbparish.com or by calling our office at 652-9569 for at your fingertips emergency information. Residents of St. John Parish will have the opportunity to receive no-cost medical, dental and eye screenings from July 12th - 22nd. Services

are provided by the Delta Regional Authority and Department of Defense. Any resident can participate, and no identification or insurance is needed to get treatment. The clinic will be open to the general public from am to 4:00 PM at East St. John High School July 12th through July 21st. No appointments are necessary, but residents are encouraged to arrive early to ensure an opening for services. In addition to receiving medical services, residents will be able to obtain information at clinic sites about local medical programs, resources and information. For more information call: (662)624-8600. The 12th Annual St. John Parish Veterans Luncheon will be held Monday, July 3rd at 11:00 AM 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. We hope you can join us for the 17th Annual Independence Day Celebration and firework show to be held on the evening of July 3rd 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. St. John Parish Government Offices will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day. We wish everyone a Happy Fourth of July, and we hope to see you at our Independence Day celebrations on Monday!

CORRESPONDENCE/COUNCIL BRIEFS:

Councilman Snyder stated, "We need to amend the motion from earlier in reference to the RFP's."

Councilman Becnel stated, "I would like to amend my motion from three (3) best qualified to the five (5) best qualified."

MOTION: Councilman Becnel moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion directing the administration to present the Council with the top five (5) qualified individuals/companies and their supporting documentation in relation to all RFP's and RFQ's to allow the Council to make the final decision/recommendation for the Parish. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard, and Councilmen Perrilloux and Wright absent.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:00 PM, Councilman Becnel moved and Councilwoman Remondet seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard, Councilman Madere, Wright and Perrilloux absent.

/s/Larry Snyder
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
COUNCIL SECRETARY