

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, JULY 11TH, 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 Rudolph Sorapuru Chambers, Edgard, Louisiana on Tuesday, July 11th, 2017 at 6:30 PM.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ABSENT: None

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

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

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

There was no public comment at this time.

INTRODUCTION OF BUSINESSES:

Larry Snyder - Presentation - 2017 Backpack Giveaway

Eliza Eugene, Founder of Blessed to be a Blessing was present to give a brief presentation on the 2017 Backpack Giveaway. We want to first thank our Parish and all of our partners for what we have accomplished this year. Some 11 years ago it was just a vision that I had, I began working in St. Charles Parish and I just knew that with public and private partnerships we could do the same thing here in St. John Parish. So we began working I think about 4 or 5 years ago, Marathon came on board as our title sponsor and from there we partnered with United Way. And we are very proud through that partnership we were able to bring on the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, and we have the representative here that he's not in his purple, but he's still here Mr. Skip. So they had their own backpack event at one point but they decided come on as well as a sponsor for this event. We also have this year another one of our businesses that's doing business with the parish. Metro Services, they will feed all 900 kids this year with their healthy snack from Subway. So we're very, very proud of that as well, a healthy Subway meal. I would also like to thank our many government partners: Our Sheriff Office, Assessor's Office, District Attorney's Office, Clerk of Court's office and our School Board Office for their participation.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEMS: Approval of Minutes - June 27th, 2017, Regular Meeting

MOTION: Councilman Becnel moved and Councilman Sorapura seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda items consisting of Approval of Minutes - June 27th, 2017, Regular Meeting. The motion passed with 8 yeas and 1 abstaining (Hotard).

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES:

17-24 (Public Hearing Held) 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)

Alex Carter stated, *"The Garyville Redevelopment Project remains I process but has not received the necessary tax credits to facilitate moving forward. This extension will facilitate conditional review of the Housing Authority's PUD application. Administration recommends approval."*

Carl Monica stated, *"Good evening Councilman, Councilwoman, Madam President. In 2015 I voiced my concern about this project, and it's been 2 years now and 2 other meetings I also voiced my concerns about it. This development if it was going to be done in a city, if you were to do this development in a city of 30,000 people or more, like LaPlace it would be very little impact. But to do a development like this in a city of only 3,000 a small town, it's a major impact. And as I had mentioned to you before I won't go through all the semantics that I went through before, but don't think enough attention has been made to this thing with the people in Garyville. The people in Garyville I can assure you, the majority of them did not know the impact of what this would do for their community. We saw what happened in the 1970's and there need to be a lot more care in doing this the second time around. And I personally am pushing tonight for you all to do another public hearing today, I mean soon. We got a new Governor, we've got a new councilman, councilwomen, woman and at-large councilman. So things have changed in that period of time. And the people who don't realize what's going on, there's many property owners like myself, I've been I mentioned to you, I'm 150 feet away from that project. And tonight do it properly and with the proper planning. All we've had so far was a meeting when we had a few pictures on the wall, there's not been a lot of input from the people of Garyville. They do not know what's going on and I think it's only fair that no matter what you do, to let them have a public hearing. I'm asking you to do that tonight and I hope that you give that serious consideration, because it's a very major impact, especially with the history we've had in the past years when you're going to do that type of development no matter how pretty it looks, it needs to be properly planned and thought of. And I don't think, I really don't think it's been thought out close enough. I'm urging you to at least allow a public hearing, that's all I'm asking for tonight. Thank you."*

Councilman Snyder stated, *"You're welcome."*

Alex Carter stated, *"Just to respond this is just for preliminary plan approvals. So it's only a concept design, it will go through public hearing again for conditional and for both finals. So it will still go through Planning Commission and Council at least 2 more times. So it is conceptual in design."*

Councilman Snyder stated, "I think we all understand that but you know we have to, it was on the agenda so they had to give their opinion."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "I was just going to say, I spoke with Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Robottom and Mrs. Toombs today about it and there are additional meetings scheduled. And this did happen in the beginning of Larry and I's 1st term, and we knew more information would be coming out, so I am pleased that more meetings are scheduled so we can review this a little bit deeper, but thank you so much."

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 17-24. The motion passed unanimously.

17-25 (Public Hearing Held) 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)

Alex Carter stated, "On June 19, 2017, the Planning Commission recommended approval of this request by an 8-0 vote with (1) absent. This request is consistent with the Future Land Use map, the existing neighborhood character, the surrounding land uses and the intent of the Land Development Code. Administration recommends approval."

MOTION: Councilman Sorapuru moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 17-25. The motion passed unanimously.

17-26 (Public Hearing Held) 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)

Alex Carter stated, "On June 19, 2017, the Planning Commission recommended approval of this request by an 8-0 vote with (1) absent. This request is also consistent with the Future Land Use map, the existing neighborhood character, the surrounding land uses and the intent of the Land Development Code. Administration recommends approval."

MOTION: Councilman Becnel moved and Councilman Sorapuru seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 17-26. The motion passed with unanimously.

17-27 (Public Hearing Held) 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)

Alex Carter stated, "This item proposes the creation of a Historic Preservation Program as recommended by the Study Committee. Recommendations include the establishment of four local historic districts, creation of a Historic District Commission, mapping of three small commercial design review corridors, and local designation of existing national historic landmarks. The following groups recommended approval: (1) President's Advisory Committee on Community Development and Neighbors (2) Economic Development Committee, and (3) Planning Commission.

Administration recommends approval."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I have one, just one question I just want to know. The Historic Study Commission is going to be dissolved?"

Alex Carter stated, "Yes sir. That's part of their finished work product."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well once we get everything we're going to dissolve. That means we're going to get rid of Rene to?"

Alex Carter stated, "No we're not getting rid of Rene!"

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay I'm just playing we don't want to get rid of Rene and Evelyn for sure! And then after that we're going to come together and get us another group to kind of govern this thing."

Alex Carter stated, "Exactly."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Good, that's a good plan. Thank you very much."

MOTION: Councilwoman Remondet moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 17-27. The motion passed with unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to accept minutes from the finance committee meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

There is no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Natalie Robottom - Resolution - R17-31 - A resolution authorizing Parish Administration to apply for a grant through the Delta Regional Authority Creative Placemaking Investment Program

Natalie Robottom stated, "This application aims to build momentum towards revitalization of the Parish's main streets, including development of a new logo for marketing and promotion of the Parish's historical/cultural districts. If awarded, Economic Development would finance fifty percent (50) and the grant would fund fifty (50) percent. It would be for the creative Placemaking project, while providing the Parish with up to fifty (50) hours of technical assistance to assist in this effort. Administration recommends approval."

MOTION: Councilman Becnel moved and Councilman Sorapuru seconded the motion to approve Resolution R17-31. A resolution authorizing Parish Administration to apply for a grant through the Delta Regional Authority Creative Placemaking Investment Program. The motion passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:

Lennix Madere - Drainage update on Chad B. Baker Street

Brian Nunes stated, "As discussed at the January 10th Council Meeting, the Parish Engineer drafted a report that was distributed on November 22, 2016. Based on preliminary review of the report and comparison with similar projects, the estimated cost of the project ranges from \$750,000 to \$1 million. Because funding for this project was not included in the 2017 budget, a funding source must be identified. In the interim, Public Works will dig the ditches along Chad B. Baker area and blow out the culverts as soon as the river levels decrease. This work is expected to be completed before the end of this month."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay thank you I was pretty pleased to read that report from administration that something will be done. I understand we, everything is concerning money and we have to find the money to actually go down Chad B. Baker and make sure everything has the right size culvert and everything in line. But in the meantime, digging the ditches out, blowing out the existing culverts should help improve drainage a whole lot back there. One concern is, is that when we dig those ditches I mentioned that before, okay we need someone to make sure we're shooting elevation right going down, because like I mentioned before we have a backhoe guy, and a guy on the truck and no one shooting elevation and it's impossible to dig a ditch without someone making sure the elevation is right so we don't have these ups and downs and pockets of water. So when the water does flows, it goes to the back. Okay and then the culverts being open I know some of them are the wrong size, that should at least improve it by 50%, I would think."

Brian Nunes stated, "I won't say fifty (50) percent because I don't know but it will..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Umm about forty (40), because when you don't have no drainage, when you don't have anything going it should be a noticeable improvement."

Brian Nunes stated, "Right. It's what we will do. I agree, we should shoot the grade I'll have my drainage foreman shoot it himself."

Councilman Madere stated, "Right okay and you know make sure it's right. Okay and get the pipes out. So I'm pleased and we do have sort of a figure how much it's going cost to do a permanent work down there."

Brian Nunes stated, "Right that's a ballpark, we haven't located any utilities or candidate for relocations, but that's general area where we'll be."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay at least we're by the ballpark now. Ok, thank you."

Councilman Snyder asked, "What can we do, in the introduction you said it would cost from \$750,000 to \$1 Million to get the job itself done and interim we're going to use our people to do some of this work?"

Brian Nunes stated, "Right. We're going to do the ditches, just kind of get the flow moving. Clean the culvers, dig the ditches, clean the trash out, that sort of thing. These pipes are the wrong size, they're at the wrong elevation they really would require a full design."

Councilman Snyder stated, "So we just going to out there freehanded and do just this or we're going to get some kind of system setup or something setup whereas we'll know where our issues are. Where the real problems are, I mean not..."

Brian Nunes stated, "We didn't know that we've had a survey done. We had a topographic survey go from river road all the way to the railroad, so we know where the bad spots are, it's just it's a lot of work to fix it and we can't just fix parts of it because in some of the ditches are too deep for some of the driveway culverts and it needs to be one complete fix done. So right now what we can do is fix what's out there, we can clean what's out there which will help the water flow it's not..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting asked, "You're going to dig the ditches and clean out the culverts?"

Brian Nunes stated, "Right."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay, I asked I asked I asked Joseph to just look at some stuff for me and just me and him and he told about some things, and he showed me some pictures. We have some bad culverts, we have culverts this big on 29th Street, on Chad B. Baker Street and we have some this big all flapped up, so we're not going to do anything about those? Why don't we identify these? Why don't we identify these and none that we can do let's do them. You know because that's what's killing those people back up in that street and on 23rd Street and on 26th Street, on 29th Street, that's what's getting them you know and we just going to go out there and dig the ditches, the culverts withy those small culverts, with the kind of rain we've been having with you know it haven't worked for a while but I think we need some kind of survey done on this, you know just look at it give us some kind of, give us something to do. This is our game plan, from there we can make a game plan, I don't know I don't know. To me that's what I would do, I wouldn't just go out there and start digging ditches and we got small culverts like this because I saw some, I can show it to you."

Brian Nunes stated, "Oh I agree with you we know where they are, we have had the survey done. There are places where there's a 12 inch culvert right now, they're probably requires 36. But if we go with a 36 there, we have to fix everything from there all the way to river road. So you just can't spot you got to fix the whole thing."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I'd rather have a 36 here a 18 over here and a 12 there then to have one this big all the way up and down the street, doesn't matter to me. You can blow out the 12's you can blow out the 18's you know, and it might help, but some of them are small like this, I saw some small like this. You know like 12 inches or 10 inch culverts."

Brian Nunes stated, "The plan for this month, by the end of the month we're going to blow it all out, dig all so that the water moves, right now we got some stagnant places, we're going to keep everything moving and then we'll look at a fix going forward."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay well Mr. Lennix Mr. Madere and them are satisfied with it, I guess I got to be satisfied."

Councilman Madere stated, "Well Mr. Madere have another comment. Okay now, let me explain something to you. Mr. Madere is never satisfied until we get it all

straight and that's just how it is. Okay now as far as fixing spot fixing it, okay that would help a little bit, but I have said it before many times since I've been on this council, okay I have to get with legal again to find out why we can't fix these things and charge them \$5.00 to pay for the culverts until we get it paid back. Okay one time I was told, not by this District Attorney that; suppose somebody moves? Well if you move and somebody buys that house they inherit the remainder of that bill. Okay if we pay for mosquito control, we pay for garbage, we should be able to pay for the right size pipe in front your driveway okay, so I mean it don't help the entire parish it helps the individual that they have the right size pipe. Okay and I know throughout my district and not just Chad B. Baker that they have a 12 inch pipe or a bucket underneath the driveway, it's throughout the parish. Okay so I understand to fix it but like I said before, not every house down that street they have the wrong right size pipe. Okay and Mr. Snyder had mentioned about identifying, I said that before okay, identify the ones that have the wrong ones and approach them and let them know. Okay this whole problem started back when the council first came up with that idea, okay I remember it was back in the 80's about 18 inch pipes, when you grandfather in a problem, you never grandfather in a problem. It should have said back in the 80's within 2 years everyone must have an 18 inch pipe, and we wouldn't be talking about this now. Okay but you grandfathered in, I never did like grandfathers, grandfather this and grandfather that. Okay that problem come back you don't get rid of the problem. Now we need to find a way either we're going to try and get with legal and do the suggestion I said about trying to get the homeowners to pay for it, so much on their water bill a month until they pay for that pipe or we going to have to go the route of getting money through a grant of \$700,000 or a million dollars to do it? But the bottom line is we have to do it. Right now we're caught between a rock and a hard place, we know what the problem is we don't have the money."

Brian Nunes stated, "Correct."

Councilman Madere stated, "So in the meantime, the Band-Aid on the situation is to dig it and blow it out okay until we find \$700,000 or a million dollars or do what I suggested years ago. Identify the homeowners, tell them that they have the wrong size, okay and the parish fix it throughout the parish, not just down in my district and you get it back on your water bill. Whatever solution they come up with, is fine with me, but I've been saying that since 2012."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well I think we can do something about that through ordinances, we can..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Right, that's what I mean, you have to be able to make sure we can do it."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Right, well you can almost anything as long as it's fair to everybody."

Councilman Madere stated, "Well we can do it now, in 2012 they didn't do nothing."

Lennix Madere - Mosquito Control update on West Nile Virus in parts of St. John the Baptist Parish

Brad Peters, Biologist, St. John Mosquito Control Services stated, Good evening Council, I'm Brad Peters and this is Andrew Carpenter and as yawl know we had a couple of positives from mosquito pools a couple of weeks ago, so I want to

explain to you kind of the process how that works, how we follow-up on things. Entaining with running the night trucks we do a lot of virus testing, we'll put merial traps out to test to test for different virus's; West Nile virus, Zika, all that stuff. So a couple of others traps we put out did come back positive on the West Bank side of St. John Parish and what we do then is actually go door to door and do a lot of pamphleting in the neighborhood and alert the public, let everyone know what to look for, so the pamphlets actually say; look for anything that could hold standing water, tears in the screens on windows, repair those, it's a good chance for us to interact with the public, and I let them know what to be on the lookout for. So in addition to that we've thoroughly Larvacide the area, we treat any drains, standing water, roadside ditches, all that and a at the point we actually run the evening trucks for 3 consecutive nights, and in this event we had 3 very successful applications for the 2 positives and also we paired that, we were putting the plane up for the 4th of July weekend, and we were able to go for those areas that were with, where the mosquito pools were found. So, feel pretty good, very thorough response and I think going forward you know hopefully the virus mends for the minimum, but if it does happen again we'll be ready to respond."

Councilman Becnel stated, "Yes I'd be the first to commend you on a great job, because it affected my area and I was very concerned and believe you me, I witnessed those trucks and yawl were very, very persistent and consistent in spraying, so yawl did a good job."

Brad Peters stated, "That's great to hear."

Councilman Becnel stated, "I didn't want to put the West Bank you know in a state of panic because I told them you all were spraying. I even think yawl did a night spray with an airplane or something?"

Brad Peters stated, "We did, yeah on the 4th of July weekend which we put a plane up. So it appeared to be an aggressive response."

Councilman Becnel stated, "I want to say as far as representing the West Bank yawl did a good job."

Brad Peters stated, "Good deal, good deal yeah. We try to get great coverage throughout the whole parish."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay I place this on there because I, this is not just any particular district concern, it's the whole parish that's concerned because these little mosquitos don't understand boundary. They fly all over the place you know, so what's in Edgard is over here in Reserve and in Reserve, Garyville, in LaPlace and everywhere else. That's why I had on this agenda to address and allow everyone the opportunity to understand that this is a present danger. Okay, it's nothing to be taken lightly you understand and it's been located in our parish. And I wanted, like he said commend yawl for the job that you're doing but I also want to make sure and point out in District III okay, on Perrilloux Drive we have a new retention pond, okay an unexpected retention pond that has water in it. Okay so make sure that you get back there and spray in that area you understand, give us a little aerial you understand, okay?"

Brad Peters stated, "We'll certainly monitor that, yeah."

Councilman Madere stated, "Alright because I'm giving him my personal email in public. Okay, make sure you check out the new retention pond on Perrilloux Drive

okay? Thank you."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Did we have any cases or we just found some mosquitos infected?"

Brad Peters stated, "Yeah it was just positive mosquitos. We actually have these traps out to catch the mosquitos that have the primary vector for summers."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Thank you sir appreciate it."

Lennix Madere - Update on drainage Phase III in Reserve area

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay I can take it Mr. Nunes, I just have something to tell you. We had a meeting the other day, Mr. Nunes, myself and the Engineer, and we discussed several things and pretty much came to an agreement, but I never like to take anything off the agenda, I like to make sure that the residents know basically some of the things we talked about. I gave some of those address and names again of some of the concerns that the people have; one guy with the pipe that's not connected that he have, a couple of areas where the surveys flag were moved, a couple of areas where a lady had a didn't have a drain that she had before, I mean water sitting there. Okay and at that time we discusses about how where they put the catch basins, and at that meeting it was mentioned that they went every other property line. Remember?"

Brian Nunes stated, "Yes I remember."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay and they also was told to us that all the property was the same size, at that time I said; that was not true. Remember that?"

Brian Nunes stated, "I remember the conversation."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay and the biggest design on some, I don't know, I think he got and I also said that, I was born and raised in that area so I know all the properties are not perfectly the same size like you have in some subdivisions. Okay and I mentioned too and I'll say it again, that guy that said that, that all the property was the same size down those streets probably was smoking something, okay because it's not true. Okay and so we have different sizes and that's why I said that. Okay we can't just draw and say, every other property line because you have some distance sometime between them, and that was my concern. But I did say, that the water does drain pretty good back there, except for maybe a couple of locations and when we said when they would have another rainfall we have to get out there and take some pictures so we can address those particular areas. Is that's about what we discussed in a nutshell?"

Brian Nunes stated, "That sums it up I believe, yes."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay and I just want to make sure that the residents know when they come to me with those concerns that I do relay it to you and to the contractors and the engineers. And I was assured at the meeting that they were going to take care of those individuals."

Brian Nunes stated, "That correct. We didn't get out there today, I apologize. We will get out there..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "I understand I understand I understand."

Just as long as those individuals are taken care of and they have what they're concerned about taken care of and if that happen, I'm good."

Brian Nunes stated, "Ok."

Lennix Madere - Update on all road repair asphalt/concrete parish wide

Councilman Madere stated, "I was just concerned, I know you're doing some asphalt work in St. John in my district, okay but the reason why I said, did we use all that asphalt money yet or do we have, I see in the response there's \$200,000 out there?"

Brian Nunes stated, "That's proposed. We used all the \$440,000 that was initially put into the budget. And then we did have a carryover from last year that we've also used. But there is a proposal to move another \$200,000 from the concrete item back to the asphalt item, which would still leave us enough money to do a lot of concrete work, but we could include some more asphalt streets as well."

Councilman Madere stated, "Well my major concern is this; next year, okay I don't know if it's going to be this year okay, I would hope it would be this year, but next year for sure. Okay when that project in Phase III in District III is finished, we have 4 streets 4 streets that was basically torn up because of this project, okay and without a doubt, those 4 streets need to be on that list to be repaired next year. Okay that's no if or and questions about it, those streets must be repaired either this year or next year okay, I'm putting it in right here right now, okay because those big pipes and digging up, if you go back there now, those 4 streets have been destroyed okay? They have basically been destroyed."

Brian Nunes stated, "Actually Perrilloux Drive has been on the list for about 2 years, but we've held it off because of this project. So now it'll be included as soon as this project is done."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay so since the project started, that's 24th, 25th, 26th and Melia Street have been added to Perrilloux Drive because now they are in the same kind of shape Perrilloux Drive is because of the big equipment and the rain and everything else, the road is completely torn up. So I'm saying it right now, those 5 streets need to be repaired, if not this year next year for sure, when the summer rolls around."

Brian Nunes stated, "I can add them to the list for evaluation, I can't promise everything is going to get on the list for next year."

Councilman Madere stated, "Oh I..."

Brian Nunes interrupting stated, "Perrilloux is on the list."

Councilman Madere stated, "Well let me tell you something. You probably can't but this Council can make sure that those streets are on the list. And they definitely need to be on the list. And if anyone in this council doubt what I'm saying, I'll pick you up and take you for a ride you understand, but you better strap yourself in, because it's a lot of holes and the road is torn up from this project. Okay it's collapsing, alright so it's going to be on the list."

Brian Nunes stated, "On that note if I can just add: from all the council members I'd appreciate all your input, right now it's a good time, it's mid-July, we're putting together things for next year including the budget proposal for 2018, so

if there's roads we want to get added or evaluated, now would be a good time to send it to me."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you and it's more so a comment to the council and administration as well. While we're putting roads on the list and I've made this request, and I'd like to ask my fellow council members, take a ride down Carrollwood Drive, from Dominican to Greenwood, we've blacktopped over the concrete at least twice since I've been here, could have been 3 times because it was a cheap fix before I got here. They didn't have a lot of money, they threw asphalt on top of it, and as you know you have problems, you start to have sink holes the road is deteriorating. And we need to finally have a fix for the road, I'd like to ask administration and maybe Brian you can assist with this; some of the problems that we've had with that road have been sink age from sewer issues, if we have to go in and repair some of those problems we can tap into some of the sewer money that we have, but that road now when you drive on that portion of Carrollwood and I mean it feeds you know B and four and seven, you're doing this through the road, just to dodge all of the sink holes and we cannot keep throwing good money after bad. Had it had been repaired you know the right way the first time, we wouldn't have had to spend all that money on asphalt. And you know at the time you just have a little bit of money, so you want to do it that way, but it is not working. So I would ask my council members if you get some time, go in LaPlace from Dominican to Greenwood, that portion of Carrollwood, it was originally a concrete road. We just keep patching, patching, patching and it is bad right now, it's bad."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Thank you Ms. Hotard and we're going to take some money from a, from a never mind..."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Oh I'm with you, I'm with you!"

Councilman Madere stated, "Yeah it's not coming out of asphalt."

Councilman Snyder stated, "You don't have the floor yet."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Actually we're going to scrape up the asphalt and send it to you!"

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yeah there you go!"

Councilman Madere stated, "No, just make sure that it's right!"

Councilman Snyder stated, "Thank you Mr. Nunes. Appreciate you!"

Larry Sorapuru/Kurt Becnel - Prescott Bailey - abandoned house 129 Jessie Lane in Wallace

Good Evening, my name is Prescott Bailey. I live at 134 Jessie Lane, that's in Wallace, LA. What I'm here for, I've been complaining a lot about a building that burned, that's about 50 feet from where I live at. And in May, Planning & Zoning said they was about, they was going to tear down the building for the 1st of June. The second week in June the building wasn't touched, I called up Kurt Becnel and I told him about it and he said he was going to check into it. Okay the same day I called Kurt and I told him about the building, I told him about the grass and everything, the same day I walked around I killed a snake in that. Nothing but tall grass in that area, nobody wasn't taking care of that. I called Planning & Zoning quite a few times, I spoke to Carter and they said they were

going to take care of the building. I called her a few more times and they told me hold on they're going to call me, leave my telephone number. I left my telephone number, my wife answered it the next day, the lady sent and say; that building will be teared down in between August and September. It's awhile back I wasn't at the meeting and like I said, they said they were going to tear down the building the first of June, it haven't been touched and I keep complaining about it. The grass is growing, nobody taking care of it and I live about 50 blocks away from it. It happened one day my wife got up in the morning to go to church, galvanize is in the street from the building, every time you look they got a strong wind or something, the galvanize is falling from the building into the street or something else is going into the building. I'm getting tired of discussing it, I discussed it to Planning & Zoning, calling as you know I call yawl a lot, I say well they going to get disgusted of hearing me, but nothing is being done. The building needs to be moved, but what they say; the parish don't have no money? As far as I can see, they have money to spend somewhere else, but nowhere near me. Every time I complain about something, it's not being done."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well I know Mr. Becnel is working on that, he's been working with Alex. Kurt you have something you want to say?"

Councilman Becnel stated, "Yeah I want to comment on that. Basically like you said, when he called me and I usually call Code Enforcement or whatever, I tell the people, let's do something about this and I understand Mr. Bailey's frustration because he keeps getting misled, they'll tell him May then June then September and I think we're basing this on grant that may never come, we don't know. And not only is he's telling you this, he said snakes but, rats, possum's, I mean they have all kinds of things, even a sign of indecent exposure sir, in the garage the abandoned garage and activity was going on, drugs and everything. So I mean I sympathize with him, every time he calls I try to help him, the grass, I mean how can we ride around and see grass like you'll pick an area but you don't even go cut it around there, that is embarrassing to me. You know all fairness to Alex and them, I think they're doing a good job but, they're dropping the ball on this one as far as this. Because this house should have been torn down. That's not his fault that the house burned down, he and his wife can't sit outside and like he said; that day I was so upset when the wind blew and she couldn't leave to go to church. She could go to church because the galvanize blew in the road because they waited 2 months, they had told him 2 months prior to that we're going to tear down the house. Then all of a sudden, I mean his wife couldn't go to church because the wind blew all that galvanize. We need to do something as far as the parish. We got to do something."

Prescott Bailey stated, "The galvanized roofing is still on side of the road. No body moved it, couldn't move it, come by move it put it into the building."

Councilman Becnel stated, "Yep, so on that note I'll let Mr. Sorapuru handle that."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Yes I went to visit that location on three different occasions as far as public safety that is definitely an accident about to happen. This man is living within 50 feet of that house, the galvanize, the metal on the roof is coming off when you get high winds but it's an abandoned piece of property it's an extreme eye sore and he told me this afternoon; it's very depressing for me to walk out of my house. So I'm going recommend to the Public Works department, I'm no specialist, I'm not in demolition business, but one backhoe and one dump truck, one person on the ground can tear that house down within 4 to 5 hours and have it picked up within a day. And I think we have

enough people on this workforce to go and do that for Mr. Bailey. I know there's a lot of locations in the parish that have abandoned property, that needs to be torn down but I'd ask Mr. Jobe' Boucvalt and Travis to take a look at this building a while back, I spoke to Code Enforcement but, this is very extreme situation with the galvanize when Kurt called me and told me the lady couldn't go to church that morning, but we're in the midst of hurricane season and I don't know what's going to happen with the grant from Royal, we don't know where that is, but as far as public safety, this man life, his family, neighbors are in danger right now. The windows are all blown out, it's wide open, snakes, birds, animals, if young kids go and play in that building the building could collapse on them, but it's close to other surrounding structures also in that community. So I'm going to ask the administration that we ask Public Works department to take a look and spend a day spend a couple of days getting this house picked up. We have the equipment to do it, so."

Prescott Bailey stated, "That building has been there at least close to 4 years."

Councilman Snyder asked, "You know who the property is for though, right?"

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Yes."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay yeah. Yes sir, Mr. Bailey."

Prescott Bailey stated, "That man he's retired right now. That was Rick Mora, he was in it. He said..."

Natalie Robottom asked, "Rick Moran?"

Prescott Bailey stated, "Rick Moran yeah something like that. He came after the building was burnt down, he used to come every once in a while and take a look. He said in a year time it should be moved, it's going to be moved. Right now it's going on 4 years and I'm getting tired looking at it."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well and I understand that. And we sympathize with that."

Prescott Bailey stated, "And I don't see where nobody doing nothing."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well I know they're trying."

Councilman Madere stated, "Let me, I'm sitting here listening and the more I'm listening okay I don't know how to phrase this, but I'm just going to phrase it like I feel, you understand? I'm get peed off about that. Okay because I'm listening to a story for you, I heard this story not from you but I heard it from one of my constituents and I feel very sorry I couldn't accomplish for him, what Mr. Becnel is trying to accomplish for you. Okay, Mr. Keller on 30th Street, he's dead and gone, he hadn't been dead a year yet. When I got in office in 2012 that was his request to get rid of that building. I fought with this council and this administration since 2012 to get that house torn down and it's not torn down yet. Okay and that was his only request that he wanted that house torn down from him, and it was not 50 yards away, it was 2 feet it was 6 feet from his house. Okay and that really made me mad, okay and finally at the last council meeting I get a paper saying would tear it down in July and maybe August..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "Mr. Madere, look at the agenda..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Look, I understand the DA go head and talk to you and all that kind of stuff, we talking about a house..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "Look at the agenda..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Tearing down houses. Now it has got to the point where, when the citizens ask us for help, we have to do something about it. And like I said, my constituent dead and gone, and he asked since 2012 to tear that house down. Okay so you have to wait as long as he did, you may be dead and gone to. Okay we need to start doing something. Yes it made me mad about that, okay we have some houses that no one should be living next to, and those houses have to come down. When they reach out to us for help, our job is to go out there and help them, and not put them in the ground and he'll never have the chance to live next door to a house and when he grew up and build his house there he didn't have that problem. Because I knew him, and I knew the people who owned that house. And everybody was living together, nice community, he died, he got to live with it till he died. Okay that house should have been torn down since 2012, 13, 14, 15, any year you want it but it should have been down."

Councilman Wright stated, "Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Bailey I want to thank you for coming to the council to bring this issue to us. I would like to ask administration for a response, I did read the administrative report and I would like to get feedback from you guys on why this property has not been torn down yet."

Alex Carter stated, "Good Evening Council. Administration is very familiar with both of these cases and with all of the cases that's been outstanding for years. We have reprocessed over 40 cases in this regard. We have been them through administrative hearing process that was recently adopted in 2017, I think 16? We're like 9 months in, we've got judgements on over 30 houses we've seen 17 houses torn down by property owners. I think what we have to remember is that, you know when there is a house in this type of condition, we have to really work on the property owner to demolish it first, and that's what we've done in this case and in the other case. And that moving forward, we can't see that resolution happen on the private side, we have to look for creative solutions on our public side, and that is what we have done in these cases. We have found grant money and you know to be fare in June we did advise that we estimated that the timeline for the grant would be June or July, but it was very clearly an estimate. At this point we're estimating August and September, which is literarily one or two months away. I understand you've been waiting a very long time, but it's, this is out of my control. Everything that we've done administratively to see these things demolished has gotten us to the point where I can tell you it's only one or two months. And I think that is something to be happy about and we'll see with this grant program before the end of the year a significant number of houses demolished. So we're making progress on this, I understand everyone is frustrated, it's not perfect. But we're doing what we can and you know we had a long way to go, we have a lot more to reprocess and a lot more to look at. But you know we all have been working very hard to get there."

Prescott Bailey stated, "Excuse me. Before the meeting tonight I spoke to you about that and you told me we had 4 buildings down, didn't you tell me that?"

Alex Carter stated, "Mr. Bailey..."

Prescott Bailey interrupting stated, "Said you had four buildings down, how long have I been asking yawl to handle the one next to me?"

Alex Carter stated, "I think you may have misunderstood what I told you before the meeting, to be frank. The agenda item is 129 Jesse Lane. I think you were..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "Mr. Bailey, hold up."

Natalie Robottom asked, "Can I address?"

Councilman Wright stated, "I still have a question."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yes ma'am."

Natalie Robottom stated, "It is specific to this item. It's unfortunate and you're right, we're going to take a look at it. I think you commented or somebody commented that Jobe' and Travis looked at the property, so I'll get with them and see what decision they made, but the grant is, it is our money, it's our CDBG money. We obviously don't have enough money to tear down and do all the work on private property that's needed. As a matter of fact, we're about \$600,000 in the hole right now for cutting grass, tearing down property, and not being paid back for that. So we she said, we cannot afford to do it, it's because we can't afford financially. But this grant is specific to demolishing these houses, I think it's just a matter of us getting the funds in hand, like they did to the houses, once the money is here we can get it done. But it is our money, it's not an application, it is, it's a project that's been approved it is our money. And we're hoping to get many of the homes torn down utilizing those dollars because it is going to be expensive. If she's saying there's 40, well you know we have to pay for that, the problem is we don't get paid back. And when we're doing that, we are actually spending public dollars on private property. But if there's an extreme case and I will definitely discuss this one, you know I am a little bit concerned about what you're saying with tin flying and you know that's a little bit different circumstance. But I don't have that information, I had the information that you know we went through the process, which we have to, we can't just go on somebody's property and tear down. We went through the process, a judgement was rendered, the property owner was given 30 days to tear it down they did not. So then it comes back in our ballpark, we have the right to go and tear it down, but we have to have the money to pay for it. And because we had us a pot of money to do demolitions we were trying to wait to use that pot of money, so we don't put ourselves in a deeper hole of debt, above the \$600,000 that we're still owed for work that we've done on private property, but we'll take a look at it."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Ms. Robottom, could you answer Mr. Wright's question?"

Councilman Wright stated, "You did answer most of my questions. My question was regarding the grant, what it was going to be allocated towards. If the funding retroactive where we can spend some of the money now and."

Natalie Robottom stated, "No. You know, it's part of the CDBG process. We had a housing program, we had a demolition program, we had several programs and they're all moving. It's a matter of when the money comes in that we can spend them, in terms of the program, it's approved it's our program, we wrote some very specific language to get us the money. We already know we don't have the money to demolish all the abandoned buildings that need to be done. But we put together a plan to get some money to do that, it's just unfortunate this program and you guys felt it through the housing. It takes a lot longer than we want, but we know this money is ours and it will be used for demolition. But I'll have somebody take a look at your specific case."

Prescott Bailey asked, "Who takes the picture of them? Nobody is cutting the grass around there."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "Mr. Bailey we have put a lot of time on this. The Parish President has gave you her word that she's going to look into it, so I think we got to go with that."

Councilman Wright stated, "But my question was. Can we spend the money now, starting tomorrow and wait?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "And get reimbursed, no."

Councilman Wright stated, "Ok."

Natalie Robottom stated, "You have to have the money in hand in these kinds of."

Councilman Wright stated, "What I would ask just in this individual circumstance since you do have the authority to execute demolition on structures eminent natures on collapse to look into this because it sounds like..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "And that's what I just told him. I wasn't aware that both Jobe' and Travis had looked at it. We'll get together on it, I am concerned that you're saying that tin is blowing, and you know that's a little different from what some of the homes are, and we'll take a look at it and I'll get back to you."

Councilman "Wright stated, "Thank you."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you and that was going to be my suggestion since this seems like an extenuating circumstance, obviously if it's a health you know hazard and safety hazard, and possibly if we can have administration maybe give us the findings at the next meeting, so if we do need to make some type of you know appropriation at administration's request, we can go ahead and handle it. So we'll at least get some movement by the next meeting. That's what I was going to ask about the emergency declaration"

Councilman Snyder stated, "We understand your plight, you've got these two guys definitely fighting for you over here, and the Parish President and already she has told you what she's planning on doing with her people. So the only thing we can do right now is wait sir. Sorry you have to go through this."

Prescott Bailey stated, "I'm sorry I talked to long for the discussion."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Alright Mr. Bailey."

Councilman Madere stated, "Wait, wait Mr. Snyder, after I left out I was on that list to speak after her concerning..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting asked, "What do you have Mr. Madere?"

Councilman Madere stated, "Here's my concern about that. I'm listening to everything Ms. Hotard said and Mr. Wright said and Ms. Robottom and everybody said, now I totally agree with it. Okay the only thing that upset me about this, like I said I had a situation, where was all this solution all this information

and all this effort back then when I had a house the same way, the same condition...

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "Mr. Madere..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Okay now wait, that's what I say..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "That's not what we're talking about 129 Prescott, Prescott. Let's move on..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "I don't need all this sympathy now!"

Councilman Malik stated, "Quick question though, when can we expect some money?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "August/September."

Councilman Malik stated, "August/September okay. Is the age of the structure, is it pre-73, 1973?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "Probably."

Councilman Malik stated, "Probably!"

Councilman Snyder stated, "Probably yeah."

Councilman Malik stated, "Okay the clean water act wouldn't affect then. Thank you."

Larry Sorapuru - Update on the Belle Pointe levee completion

Brian Nunes stated, "One thing before I read the response, we got to be careful about calling this a levee because it wasn't designed as a flood protection levee, it's just a berm that's being built. But Delta Land had agreed to have the fence moved and to construct a berm in its place. Delta Land will pay for the berm and the Parish will pay to move the fence. The walking path should not be affected. We are currently awaiting documents from Delta Land people to move the project forward."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Okay and we had a meeting about a year ago Brian, I think Mr. Madere you were at the meeting also? And these guys told us they were going to come in and."

Brian Nunes stated, "They changed their plans. We had an original plan they decided they were going to move it to a different place..."

Councilman Sorapuru interrupting stated, "Put the berm put the levee but, I'm calling it a levee because our people were out there until 8:00 at night, your guys your men were out there until 8:00 at night, in the rain trying to put up a temporary levee and we're in the midst of hurricane right now and well if levee berms going to stop water, whatever you want to call it. But your guys were out there till 8:00 at night in the rain."

Brian Nunes stated, "That's correct."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "And we don't have to do that. We should hold them, make the accountable for what they need to be doing with that piece of property."

The homeowners in that area, that water could come up and get these people, but the main thing, could you get legal to send them a letter to get some response and paperwork going on this project? We're waiting and we might be waiting until another year right now, you know so."

Brian Nunes stated, *"I understand your frustration."*

Councilman Sorapururu stated, *"So that's good, thank you."*

Councilman Madere asked, *"So what you mean by the fence, move the fence?"*

Brian Nunes stated, *"We're going to move the fence, it's proposed right now to move it 5 feet onto their property, which means they would give up 5 feet of their property, because if we build up the levee or sorry excuse me, until they build the berm outside of the fence right now would cover part of the walking path, we don't want to do that, so we said it couldn't happen that way. So they agreed they would give us 5 feet to move the fence in if we paid that. We've already received a quote on it, it's a little high that's why we're kind of looking at..."*

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, *"Okay we'd have to pay to move the fence?"*

Natalie Robottom stated, *"They'll give us their land."*

Councilman Madere stated, *"They'll give us the land and we move the fence"*

Natalie Robottom stated, *"And build the berm."*

Councilman Madere stated, *"And build the berm, we move the fence?"*

Brian Nunes stated, *"Correct."*

Councilman Madere stated, *"Okay, sound like a good deal."*

Brian Nunes stated, *"We would maintain the berm as."*

Councilman Snyder asked, *"So our fence now, is on our property?"*

Brian Nunes stated, *"It's their fence."*

Councilman Snyder asked, *"It's their fence?"*

Councilman Madere asked, *"And it's on their property and they're close to the fence line?"*

Brian Nunes stated, *"They're moving their fence 5 feet onto their property. Which is giving up 5 feet of their property to allow for the footprint of the berm."*

Councilman Snyder stated, *"Alright then good."*

Marvin Perrilloux - Update on status of administrative order from DHH - August 2016

Blake Fogleman stated, *"Thanks Councilman. According to Councilman Perrilloux, he only looking to clarify that in December of 2015, the Administrative Order for Water District #1 related to ameba was fulfilled and closed out. Typically, the*

Department maintains residuals at approximately 1ppm of chlorine. During warmer months, the Department performs internal spot samples and additional controlled flushing where and when required. All water systems are consistently meeting state requirements for chlorine residual as set by LDH. And although it has been discovered in other Parishes, the ameba is not found and has not been found in St. John the Baptist Parish."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Thank you Mr. Fogleman, that's what I was looking for because I wanted to know what precautions we are taking to keep our water safe and I wanted the public to know since we're hearing that around Louisiana."

Blake Fogleman stated, "Absolutely. There was three cases this year in different parts of the state, up north and down around us. But yeah, we are taking active precautions in warmer months, LDH actually comes out more often as well, so we certainly look out for it."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Thank you."

Councilman Snyder asked, "This one ppm, that's at the end of the headers?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "That's throughout our system, throughout our system."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Where do we take the test at?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "We take it at our plants as well the last pipe in our system at the very end, in the beginning and the end then we make sure that that has, the state requires .5 and we actually maintain it at a 1.0 or a temp 2 for the most part."

Councilman Snyder asked, "And the methane's, they're going to be alright too?"

Blake Fogleman asked, "What's that?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "The methane's?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "The trio-methane's, yeah we're working on those. We're generally good and everywhere across the board we are addressing the Pleasure Bend with our new project that we have that's in the bid process right now."

Councilman Snyder asked, "So all kids can go swimming now?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "Absolutely."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yeah you right, thank you very much."

Larry Snyder - Discussion on a drainage line item in budget

Councilman Snyder stated, "This is just for discussion, it's not for you actually. It was for these guys here sitting around me to my right and left you know and that's something we need to look at. I just want to bring it to your attention, just look at it for next year a line or an item in our budget to address drainage, you know how you start talking to people about that and how much money we'd like to put in and got to find some money for it. Drainage seems to be our number one priority issue right now. So we need to look at it and we got to line items for many other things you know, so let's get us a line item down there or increase a little bit so we can get where, Mr. Nunes would talk

about getting those things dug out you know and have our people do it, not to rent equipment, might have to get some contractors to do it at time so, that's just a thought, so when we're getting ready to do our budget start thinking about that."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I have a comment, because I was looking at some items on here. I'm reading what administration have on here as far as the Haydel drainage project, and drainage throughout the parish that we're using some of the high end money for other drainage. So where are we going to get the funds from already?"

Brian Nunes stated, "No we're going to use some..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "That's for next year now, drainage for next year."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "According to what I'm reading in the administrative..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "At the time we budget, we thought the project would move along quicker. I know Mr. Michel's working on it, but if it's not finished and we can't spend that money this year, then we'll spend it on our basic drainage and next year we'll budget it again."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Okay."

Natalie Robottom stating, "You know so we're not taking anything from it, but rather just let it sit there and not use it, but if we have to purchase property or get started on it before the year it's in, we're going to use it."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Okay."

Natalie Robottom stating, "But if it's still there, we'll just use it and put it towards our basic drainage programs and budget it again for 2018."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Okay thank you."

Larry Snyder - Update on discussions with Metro on house hold goods pick up

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Thank you Council Chair. Metro is continuing to follow their contract and is responsible for collecting 2 cubic yards of bulky waste once per week on the second collection day. They are in the process of tracking the average amount of bulky waste that exceeds 2 cubic yards and will provide a projected cost for this additional service. Now Councilman I know that you were remember a few weeks ago that we met with representatives from Metro and had this conversation regarding you all's concerns regarding pick-up that exceeded the 2 cubic yards and that they were in the process of coming up with a plan of action and to present back to you and I believe Councilman Madere regarding the amount that exceed and as well as cost."

Councilman Snyder asked, "So when will they have all this data ready for you?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "I can make a phone call to Mr. Carter and ask when he can return and discuss that with you all. Okay, well the Parish President has a meeting with Mr. Woods on next week, so we can have that discussion at that time."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay, anybody else?"

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Well Ms. LaVerne, I remember the meeting you had with Mr. Woods, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Madere was there at the time. But I had asked to that we put something in the water bills letting the residents know because if, I'm going to use Persimmon Street as an example; when we picked up all that garbage over there that the residents could have been billed for that amount that we picked up. So we need to let them know, because right now everybody is changing their fence. I got a lot of fence to pick up now and it's over 2 cubic feet. So the residents are not aware that they have to put a certain amount out there for Metro to pick up. I mean I've been calling George to pick it up, but and you said it's not in the contract. So we're paying for the cost so residents need to know if we're not going to make the resident's pay for that. Are we?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Well I believe that information is presently on the our website and I believe that Metro came into the parish they had provided that type information as far as to what they can pick up, but I did, I had a conversation with the representatives of Metro to come up with some sort of, I guess an educational campaign regarding educating the residents regarding the amount that can be picked up and you know the bulky waste. But again, for information purposes it is on our website."

Natalie Robottom stated, "They went door to door giving information."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Okay."

Inaudible comments from Baileigh Rebowe were presented from the audience.

LaVerne Toombs stated, "But again, you know we can have further discussion with Metro just to remind the residents regarding what can be picked up and when."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Good, because right now I have through District IV I have a lot of fence boards, people are putting new fences and they're just putting it on the curbing hoping Metro will pick it up. So, and it's been sitting there for a while so that's why I want to know and since Ms. Robottom meets Mr. Woods next, I guess you'll come back to the council, we got to amend the contract or do something differently. Because we are still getting piles of wood, I know my district I can't speak for anybody else, but a lot of wood is being placed on the side and I having Mr. Carter picking up. Sofas, mattresses, and he is picking those up."

Natalie Robottom stated, "And we can get you all a cost. They're picking it up."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Yes it is a cost. And I think that's something that we discussed in the meeting regarding the cost, it's very costly."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Let me ask this and Butch you might think this is something we can do. When there is a resident who does have a large amount of waste, is there something that maybe Metro can leave on the door at that time also to say; you have this pile, we can pick up the 2 yards or you can have it you know collected by a commercial..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "Or the option to bring it, you know there's different..."

Councilwoman Hotard interrupting stated, "Right maybe, because they put it out

they don't know, they don't go to the website they just put it at the road, I wouldn't think to just go on the website. But when we see it or I would say Metro because they're on the route, then maybe at that time they can also leave something to let the resident know. Because like you said, they don't really know and most people don't log on online before they put debris out at the road. And in many cases it is a contractor, I saw a tree contractor today cutting down a tree and he left everything you know at the road, I mean obviously I wasn't going to stop the contractor, but I know that's the contractor's responsibility. But even our residents don't know and like I said, it's a private individual I probably wouldn't log online before I put my fence boards out. So maybe that would be something that would trigger a note to that individual."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Well we'll have further discussion with the Parish President and the Representatives with Metro to come up with a plan on what we can do regarding that matter."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Right and like Butch said, it could be something as simple as letting them know to put a little bit out at a time, not that they have to incur the cost, but just know it might take several pickups because they are picking that up by hand, they don't bring the grapple every time, so that's a good idea."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Good, thank you."

Thomas Malik - Hurricane preparedness

Councilman Malik stated, "Yes actually I had a number of constituents that were interested in hurricane preparedness, what the parish is doing. What they've done with the drainage, how well the drainage is working, the original 2 meetings were cancelled because we had Cindy the tropical depression that came along. And I understand that we're going to reschedule those meetings? What are the tentative dates?"

Jobe' Boucvalt stated, "Well we're talking about two different things. One we have the drainage workshop coming up and Mr. Nunes will discuss that."

Councilman Malik stated, "Exactly, and the tentative date of that is sir?"

Brian Nunes stated, "The first week in August is what we're looking at for scheduling that one."

Jobe' Boucvalt stated, "And now with the Hurricane Preparedness we're working on it, not next week the week after. And we're trying to confirm with Ken Grant with the Weather Service, and that's what you're waiting on Mrs. Helm?"

Inaudible comments from Baileigh Rebowe were presented from the audience.

Councilman Malik asked, "We'll post those up on the website? Top notch thank you."

MOTION: Councilwoman Remondet moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss St. John the Baptist Parish v. Jovan Washington, Docket #70634; Latoya Julien, et al v. St. John the Baptist Parish, Docket #66791 - discussion of settlement authority and reasons for settlement. The motion passed with Councilman Perrilloux absent.

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

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you Councilman Snyder. As a result of executive session we have two items that we're settling, I'll put those together in one motion. We authorize the final settlement of St. John the Baptist Parish v. Jovan Washington, Docket #70634, that amount was \$25,000.00 and the check has been sent to the council secretary; the second item is one that we previously motioned to settle and we had to adjust the amount and this was; Latoya Julien, et al v. St. John the Baptist Parish, Docket #66791 in the amount of \$3,372.68. That'll be the motion."

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to authorize administration to enter final settlement agreements with St. John the Baptist Parish v. Jovan Washington, Docket #70634, in the amount of \$25,000.00 and to also enter into settlement agreement with Latoya Julien, et al v. St. John the Baptist Parish, Docket #66791 in the amount of \$3,372.68. The motion passed unanimously.

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:

17-28 An ordinance requesting approval to further extend the valid period of time for Conditional Subdivision Approval for an additional twelve (12) months, as per SJB Code Sec. 113-107(c) for **Tiger Landing Subdivision**, including the re-subdivision of an undesignated tract of land into Tract A, Lots 1-3, 5, and 7, Block 1; Lots 4 and 6, Block 2; Lots 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, and 23, Block 3; and Lots 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, and 22, Block 4, Tiger Landing Subdivision, Edgard, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana and the dedication of Jes Drive and Breeze Way Street, which was originally approved on August 9, 2016, as part of preliminary/conditional approval for Tiger Landing Subdivision (N. Robottom)

Notice of Public Meeting

Notice is hereby given that St. John the Baptist Parish, State of Louisiana, plans to consider an ordinance providing for the levy and collection of a new ad valorem tax in the Parish of St. John the Baptist, to be spread upon the 2017 Assessment Roll of said Parish, at its meeting on Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at

6:30 PM at the Joel McTopy Chambers, 1801 W. Airline Hwy., LaPlace, Louisiana

PRESIDENT REPORT:

Natalie Robottom stated, "Good evening. We hope everyone had a relaxing Independence Day. I'd like to thank all who attended the Veterans Day luncheon and Independence Day firework show. Over 400 veterans and their spouses attended the luncheon and thousands gathered on the East and West banks of the parish for the firework show. I would like to thank all of the guests and elected officials who attended and Secretary Strickland and Congressman Graves for taking time out of their busy schedules speak at the luncheon. It was an overall great day and one dedicated to all of those who have fought to give us the freedoms we enjoy. One of those great examples was Mr. O'Neil Boe. Mr. Boe passed away this weekend at the age of 95. Funeral services were Thursday and we ask that continue to keep his family in your prayers. The annual Veteran's video tribute continues to grow as we add more photos each year. As soon as the DVD of the broadcast is ready, it will be replayed on the Government Access Channel. It's currently available on the homepage of the parish website. Thanks to my Administrative team and all of the staff and volunteers who worked tirelessly to make the day a success. Great job. A rededication ceremony of the Roland Borne Sr. Memorial Branch of the St. John the Baptist Parish Library will take place tomorrow, Wednesday, July 12th at 10:00 AM. The Public is invited to attend this ceremony to commemorate the recent expansion project. Residents of St. John Parish will have the opportunity to receive no-cost medical, dental and eye screenings from July 12th - 21st. Services are provided by the Delta Regional Authority and Department of Defense. Any resident can participate, and no identification or insurance is needed to receive treatment. The clinic will be open to the general public from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM at East St. John High School July 12th through July 22nd. 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 obtain a resource guide with information about local medical programs and resources. For more information call: (662)624-8600. Blessed to be a Blessing in partnership with Marathon Petroleum, LP, St. John United Way and St. John Council & Government, will again spearhead the Backpack Extravaganza, school supply giveaway and blood drive on Saturday, July 22nd, from 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM at the St. John Community Center. Free backpacks, school supplies & hygiene kits will be available to the first 700 children. A parent or guardian must be present with the child to receive supplies. For more information please contact Sheryl Gaines at: (985)359-9954. The St. John Theatre will open its summer musical "Hairspray" in the upcoming weeks. Residents are encouraged to attend one of the shows July 21st - 23rd or July 26th - 29th. Tickets are available at Allied Express or www.stjohntheatre.com. The 44th Annual Andouille Festival is slated for October 13th - 15th and applications for craft and food vendors are now available. Please return or mail your application to St. John Economic Development, 1801 W. Airline Hwy. in LaPlace. Forms can be picked up at our office or downloaded at www.andouillefestival.com. The Department of Transportation and Development started the drainage work on Belle Terre Blvd. Intermittent, alternating north bound and south bound right lane closures will be in effect on Belle Terre, between US 61 and Cannes Drive. The left lane will be open at all times, reduced speed limits will be posted. Motorist may experience a 5 to 10 minute delay. Congratulations to our Communications Director Baileigh Rebowe Helm for being selected to participate in the New Orleans Regional Leadership Institute Class of 2018. She was selected through a competitive application process focusing on leadership ability and commitment to the community. She is the 5th member from St. John to participate in the prestigious program which is designed to enhance personal leadership skills, while also examining issues critical in our region.

Congratulations to Baileigh on this honor. Thank you."

CORRESPONDENCE/COUNCIL BRIEFS:

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:10 PM, Councilwoman Hotard and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with unanimously.

/s/Larry Snyder
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
COUNCIL SECRETARY