

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH
TUESDAY, JULY 12TH, 2016
CHAIRMAN MARVIN PERRILLOUX
VICE-CHAIR MICHAEL WRIGHT

The Council of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session in the Rudolph Sorapuru Chambers, Edgard, Louisiana on Tuesday, July 12th, 2016 at 6:30 PM.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ABSENT: None

Councilman Perrilloux led the Prayer. Councilman Sorapuru led the Pledge.

Legal Counsel Jeff Perilloux, Geoffrey Michel, Bridget Dinvaut, District Attorney and Keith Green, Jr. were present.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BUSINESSES:

There was no new business.

Lennix Madere/Natalie Robottom - Recognition - Travis Cook

Natalie Robottom and Councilman Madere acknowledged Travis Cook, a resident of Reserve and a life guard for his bravery in rescuing a 57 year old female from her vehicle after it submerged in Lake Pontchartrain. Mr. Cook was presented an award by the Parish President and Council for his recognition and appreciation for his time and efforts to those in need.

Eliza Eugene - Presentation - 2016 Backpack giveaway

Eliza Eugene was present on behalf of Blessed to Be a Blessing, as the board President to speak about the all for one Backpack Extravaganza. The Board is very grateful for the many sponsors, partners, St. John Parish Council, St. John Parish President, past administration, St. John Health and Human Services and also the Omega's this year, they have chosen to be a partner with us again this year, so they will also include a Blood Drive along with services through Health and Human Services who worked very closely with them. Thank you to Marathon, United Way of St. John and all the other businesses/groups for financially supporting and purchasing the supplies for this event. The giveaway includes: Back-packs with school supplies and Hygiene Kits for the kids being held at the St. John Community Center on July 30th, 2016 from 8:30AM -11:30AM. She thanked the council and everyone for their support who have participated to make this a fun day for the kids. It is a first come first serve basis so no applications will be taken for this event.

MOTION: Councilwoman Remondet moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to suspend the rules to enter Executive Session to discuss Evette Lacarbo Anderson vs. The Hartford Casualty Insurance Company, Et als - 40th JDC Parish of St. John Docket #52225. The motion with Councilwoman Hotard absent.

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to go back into regular session. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Wright stated, *"We do have action as a result of Executive Session."*

MOTION: Councilman Wright moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to authorize Carl Butler to settle, Evette Lacarbo Anderson vs. The Hartford Casualty Insurance Company in an amount not to exceed thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00). The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEMS: Approval of Minutes - June 28th, 2016, Regular Meeting

MOTION: Councilman Becnel moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda items: Approval of Minutes - June 28th, 2016, Regular Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES:

16-31 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the rezoning of Lot 7 of Lot Q-2, located in Section 25, T-12-S, R-18-E, Wallace, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana, from the Residential District One (R-1) to the Residential District Three (R-3) zoning district (PZR-16-1049)

Evelyn Campo stated, *"This rezoning aims to facilitate the construction of a multi-family dwelling, which is inconsistent with the Future Land Use Map, surrounding land uses, intended character of the area, and Land Development Code. On June 20, 2016, the Planning Commission recommended approval of this request with a vote of six (6) members in favor, one (1) against, and two (2) absent. Administration recommends approval."*

Councilman Becnel stated, *"I think we made it specifically. We made it clear at the Planning & Zoning meeting I attended. Like I said, some of the roles we're different on the Westbank you know it was something about the frontage, when you step out of the house you don't have enough land or yard, that whole street is like that and that's the way it's been for years. And all the neighbors are excited that this guy is going to enhance this neighborhood, he's going to build a few more houses for low income people, like government related. Ok, that's all I wanted to say."*

MOTION: Councilman Becnel moved and Councilman Sorapuru seconded the motion to accept Ordinance 16-31. The motion passed unanimously.

16-32 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving a re-subdivision of the west half of Lot 3, Hope Plantation Subdivision into Lots 3A and 3B of the west half of Lot 3, and a remaining portion of the west half of Lot 3, Hope Plantation Subdivision, situated in T-11-S, R-6-E, Garyville, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana as shown in a survey prepared by Stephen P. Flynn, P.L.S. on April 12, 2016 (PZS-16-1145)

Evelyn Campo stated, "This re-subdivision request aims to facilitate the sale of the rear portion of the applicant's property and the existing dwelling constructed thereon. Administration finds that this request is reasonably constrained by existing conditions of the property, which if approved, necessitates a subdivision modification for deficient lot width, and that the proposal is consistent with the development of the surrounding area and the Parish's comprehensive plan. This re-subdivision was unanimously approved at the Planning & Zoning Commission's meeting on June 20, 2016 and Administration recommends approval."

MOTION: Councilwoman Remondet moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to accept Ordinance 16-32. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "At this time I'd like to ask that the council accept the recommendations of the finance committee."

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilman Sorapuru seconded the motion to accept the recommendations of the finance committee meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:

Brian Nunes - Update on Canals

Brian Nunes stated, "Good evening Council. I just wanted to give you an update on some other permits that we're trying to get. Mr. Cooper and I met with DNR again, not last week the prior week. As you are aware we did get the dredging permits for the Eastbank but we're also attempting to renew or get new permits, for not just the Eastbank but Westbank as well just for all the cleaning and clearing and snagging of them, because we've had some since 2012 but they've expired, some are expired some of them not. We met with Mr. Morgan, he told us that the Coastal Use Permits that we have that are not expired can be renewed for three years. We have some other ones that are general permits that are only good for a onetime cleaning, so what we're going to do is, we're going to get Coastal Use Permits for all of them, thirty something, 40 something canals. What those are good for is five years, as many times as we want to clean them during that five years and then before that five years is up, we just go online and submit an extension, we get another three years. So by the end of, they do take about 60-90 days to get, so we're thinking by the end of September to October, we'll have permits for all of our canals to keep them clear, not to dig them but to keep them clean and we'll be able to hold those permits for eight years. So I just wanted to let you guys know that it's in the process, me and Mr. Cooper are working on it and hopefully in the next three months we'll be good for the next eight years."

Councilman Snyder stated, "This cleaning and snagging, that's going to help us?"

Brian Nunes stated, "It'll stop the restrictions in the canals."

Councilman Snyder asked, "So that means we can actually cut the trees?"

Brian Nunes stated, "We can pretty much do anything that's not in the wetlands and doesn't touch the water bottom."

Councilman Snyder stated, "And most of this I think they wanted done on the Westbank is considered wetland and fields back there, behind going to Lake Des Allmands?"

Brian Nunes stated, "Outside the topper bank is mostly wetlands. Wetlands yes."

Councilman Snyder asked, "So we just going to clean and snag? It isn't as hard to get as cleaning the canal? Were we looking to maybe cleaning them, when we get them clean and snagged maybe we should put in for a permit to get them cleaned, it might take five years for them to get them done but at least we'll have it in."

Brian Nunes asked, "For a dredging permit?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well isn't that what we need for drainage, why we cleaning and snagging if we're not trying to improve the drainage?"

Brian Nunes stated, "We're just keeping them clean because they do get overgrown, these trees fall all the time and we can't back there to blotch things up and what ends up happening is those things fall we don't clean them and it blocks so much up that the canal doesn't become a canal anymore, it just gets silted in. So, by keeping them open and keeping the flow going, it's going to improve or it's going to allow the canal to continue to exist. But yes we can put in for permits to dredge, I don't know that we're going to get them because it is wetlands."

Councilwoman Pannu asked, "Have you ever been denied?"

Brian Nunes stated, "We hadn't been denied in the past, but Mr. Morgan said you can submit anything you want obviously, but."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well I was just looking at it for the future you know, because I know what happened to the canals in my district, how they filled in 4 or 5 feet deeper from sludge and we're trying get those done, it took us over a year to get those permits and I appreciate that Mr. Nunes, so that's why I was trying, we need to snag them, we just can only get what we can that's not below the sludge, am I right? We can't go any lower than that, am I right?"

Brian Nunes stated, "Right the water at the bottom we can't touch it."

Councilman Snyder stated, "We can't touch it, we can't touch that. Well it's just an idea maybe we can talk about it some other time or maybe there might be certain canals you want to look into doing. Maybe Mr. Larry and Kurt might want to talk to you about that. My other question is that; the canals that a like I know we talked about Vicknair Canal and I don't know, I'm not sure Mr. Nunes but the canals behind Melrose and the canals behind if you can follow me here between Melrose and Oak Alley the big canal goes into the Vicknair Canal,

that one will be cleaned also am I right, I think you'll are working on, the utility people are working in that area right now, a busted line was in there. If you can figure that, because that's what I'm concerned about that canal right there. Because I know some of the drain line coming off of Melrose is underneath the sludge and I was out there Saturday and we saw that."

Brian Nunes stated, "I'll take a look at it. I think, I don't know if that was included on the list or not."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Its part of the Vicknair Canal."

Brian Nunes stated, "Well then yeah if it's part of Vicknair then we should be able to."

Councilman Snyder stated, "It's not very long it might be about 200/300 yards long."

Brian Nunes stated, "Ok that's something we can take care of."

Councilman Snyder asked, "And have we started with those embankment problems that we have you know I have two spots over there, I think I told to Assistant Director, whereas they were supposed to start yesterday, he said if it rain and the rain hold up or they might start today if the rain hold up. Do you know off hand whether they started trying to dig up those drainage lines that the people over there on Melrose think is plugging up their drainage?"

Brian Nunes stated, "I don't think we got to it today but it should be this week that we get to it."

Councilman Snyder stated "Yeah he did say something about this week right, right, right, alright well look thank you very much for that then, we'll see."

Councilwoman Pannu stated, "Speaking about canals, I have a question about the canal that's next to I-10, Woodland and the canal that's running adjacent to Belle Terre. You know we've always had a problem with the state, because every time we talk about it I'm told the state the bottlenecks belongs to the state because it goes under I-10. Are we doing anything about that because every time it rains you know now we never used to have the floods in our district, so now water stands around so we want to make sure, do you have the permit to clean that area?"

Brian Nunes stated, "We spray those canals to keep the vegetation down. We haven't dug them, we don't have permits do to them out. But we do spray them to keep them clean. Now the culverts that go beneath the interstate we don't do anything with those, those don't belong to us."

Councilwoman Pannu stated, "Okay but every time we talk about it, I think there is two times I remember when we met and we talked about those canals and I was told that it's the state that takes care of that. But if that's a bottleneck over there that's stopping all the water from flowing through, I think maybe it's time for us or maybe you can contact the state and make sure that that is clear. Because if that's already a bottleneck and our subdivision is going to flood again. So is there anything that you can do while talking to the state or getting a permit?"

Brian Nunes stated, "Certainly, I mean the state, they've been good partners

with us, they've been responsive and they do help us out on a lot of projects and we try to help them as well. I think that's just a phone conversation I could have with them, maybe I can meet you after and show me exactly where your bottleneck is. Oh yeah there's some state representative here to so, they'll be up here for the next item you can yell at them then."

Councilwoman Pannu stated, "Alright very good thank you."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Yes Brian as far as the canals on the Westbank, we spoke about the major ones that drain just about the whole Westbank, so I'd like you to put in a request to have them to dredge those canals and even going across 3127, the culverts need to be either replaced or put a bridge there because that stuff been there for about 25 years I'm pretty sure. Do you have the equipment to blow those culverts out?"

Brian Nunes stated, "Yes"

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Could we get that done and even the railroad track you know if you can get that done, even the railroad once it's blown. Maybe we need to just blow them. Well we need canals and the water not flowing then we wasting our time."

Brian Nunes stated, "We can do the culverts under 3127, the railroad I'm sure the state will give us permission to do the culverts but the railroad I don't think we could."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Identifying that one, I think its Dugas Canal the one that we spoke about that's not identifiable on the map. I don't know how it's not on the map, it's a major artery for the park in the area and we're building the Senior Citizen Center at that park and that area has very poor drainage and I would put that as a priority, Gasson Canal is a priority, Ben Canal is a priority, Columbia Canal is a priority, but just a few major arteries and also on the Eastbank the one in Cornland the one with all the trees, trees been there for 40 years and so you know I would say the major arteries whatever we can do. But I would request that you put in for dredging for those okay."

Brian Nunes stated, "I can do that which like I said it has been in the past we have been denied. I certainly will do it, I think our best interest right now would be to get the cleaning permits. If we can get those, it takes 90 days and those are good for three years. And then once I have all those in, then these dredging permits take a lot more time, they take survey work, they take you know all that stuff."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "And go back to River Road and we drove that last July, the drainage ditches coming from the River Road going to those canals. I was told it was private property, we can't go on private property but there's a ditch there and it's not there for decoration, so somebody's got to get permission to go dig those ditches and I don't think it's going to be a problem working with those sugar cane farmers in that area, on both sides of the river. But we have a major water problem on the Westbank and on the Eastbank to and in Garyville we have a certain area that's holding a lot of water. And also could you check out the drainage ditch next to the Animal Shelter, that ditch is holding a lot of water. I drove around yesterday I walked around the building but those are some hot spots. If you can get back and follow-up when you can. Thank you."

Brian Nunes stated, "Sure you're welcome."

Councilman Becnel stated, "Just one question, I just want to make a comment. Brian please pay attention to, I've been getting a lot of calls at the Westbank Recreational Center because like Mr. Sorapuru said, the drainage is very poor over there and actually folks when it rains a lot, underneath the pavilion it becomes a lake, so that's definitely a drainage problem there. I'm not saying it can be fixed overnight but we need to address it, because like I said when they host events, I mean they actually have to leave sometime the rain just get all underneath there. So we have a drainage problem, so please just consider looking at that. Alright?"

Brian Nunes stated, "Sure"

Lennix Madere - Report on drainage E. 15th, E. 26th, E. 27th and Chad B. Baker

Councilman Madere stated, "Mr. Nunes, anything new you have to tell me about anyone of these streets, especially Chad B. Baker because I know Mr. Savoie gave a report on that particular street after we had that bad rain, okay did you get that report?"

Brian Nunes stated, "I had some reports from 01, 02 and 03 the ones Mr. Savoie delivered to me about 2 weeks ago."

Councilman Madere stated, "Right and I think that's the latest one he gave you or that's an old report?"

Brian Nunes stated, "That was a 2016."

Councilman Madere stated, "2016 ok. Well it's well documented about the flooding areas, I mean the problems we have in District III it's flooding as everyone know it seems to be all over the parish. But I think we have identified o Chad B. Baker some specific problems that we have on those particular streets. And 26th, 27th I know 27th is one of the streets that is going to be part of this project that we're getting ready to start. Do you have any idea when that's going to start?"

Brian Nunes stated, "Yes the pre-construction meeting is next Thursday."

Councilman Madere stated, "Ok, so I understand 27th is part of that street. Chad B. Baker is not included in that particular thing, but we do have a problem with Chad B. Baker that need to be addressed now you know real quick and I think in the report it mentioned missed aligned culverts, wrong size culverts and the grade is not right, so I think Chad B. Baker street definitely some needed attention because the problem is only getting worse that when it rain, I mean the whole street becomes a lake, the whole street becomes a lake. Okay and we have some water getting in some individual people's home and we want to try to alieve that. Ok in fact, I have tomorrow have to pick up some sand bags for this particular lady to bring to her house because we have some rain coming and she knows it's coming. So we have to try to address Chad B. Baker as soon as we can soon as possible. East 15th Street is the street that I identified a couple of years ago, we have a canal that runs all the way back there in the back of 15th Street all the way to the railroad track and I think you looked it up for me last year, it was when the parish attempting to put a road back there and we found out that it was private property, but that canal belongs to the parish. Okay, you remember

that?"

Brian Nunes stated, "I remember going out there I don't remember..."

Councilman Madere stated, "Right, that canal runs to the back of East 15th Street all the way to the railroad track and that canal hasn't been dug out in years and so now it's down to almost like a lil ditch. And the resident on the back of 15th Street, in fact the guy called me he was very irate, his air conditioner almost went completely under water because the water cannot get out the back of 15th Street, that canal is really plugged up and it hasn't been dug out in years in the back of 15th Street. That's why I have 15th Street on there, 16th Street, 27th Street, I talked to you the other day about 26th Street, when do you think they'll be able to address those culvert problems?"

Brian Nunes asked, "As far as blowing out?"

Councilman Madere stated, "Well that's the one that has the collapsed pipe and the pipes separated that's one of the ones that actually come out the ditch and go in the road."

Brian Nunes stated, "Yeah that one with the hole. We were going to try to get to today we didn't get to it, it'll probably be this week."

Councilman Madere stated, "Alright, for those streets that's listed on here, are streets that really need some serious attention and are right away, 15th, 26th, 27th and Chad B. Baker and I know the other street hopefully, the project that we're doing will help relieve some of those issues. But Chad B. Baker definitely run on both sides that need to be addressed."

Brian Nunes stated, "Right I mean that's the one, that's the problem we're having in Reserve. Specifically Reserve, I mean there's problems other places to but, these are old culverts like you said, they're the wrong size, they're the wrong inverts, you know the slope might be going backwards for all I know, but to replace entire street..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "It's going backwards than going up, that's what it's doing. But Chad B. Baker and E. 15th Street for sure, okay 27th Street is well documented already you know we had some problems with that one and I don't want to see Chad B. Baker to get to that situation, okay it's heading in that direction."

Brian Nunes stated, "We're going to look at it and I'd talked to administration earlier, not earlier today but, previously about possibly a survey crew out there just to show us what's underground you know that would be habit, we know what's there, we know where the trouble spots are, now as far as replacing everything, I mean that's a huge amount of money we're talking about."

Councilman Madere stated, "Well I know you know, we got to try and find some grant money to change some of those pipes I understand that. Okay my idea I had one time they didn't seem to believe that I may I know we haven't talk with legal you know, but I said you never should of grandfathered in a property and that's what happened years ago when the council decided say 18 inch pipes was the right size. And any new construction or any new driveway have to have 18 inch pipes, but you grandfathered in a problem you know years ago. To me that ordinance also should have said within 10 years or 5 years

everyone would have to upgrade to that size and we wouldn't be having this discussion now. But you grandfathered in 12 inch pipes, 8 inch pipes going into, you grandfathered a problem here, okay and so that's something that we did, I'm trying to talk to legal or some kind of way maybe we can find a way to get out of that, you know try to require everybody to have the right size pipe."

Brian Nunes stated, "Right, well in the meantime what we'll do is get that survey done like I told you and you know maybe some spots are really, they'll stand out more than others, and then we can identify just address those to improve their baby steps what I'm trying to say."

Councilman Madere stated, "I can understand baby steps, I'm not looking for a miracle, I'm just looking for some improvement. Any improvement is better I'm going to give you a prime example. Now you was not here at the meeting, I think Mr. Perrilloux relayed my message to you, it took a year to get Hickory Canal dug out, everyone back there tremendously happy, it rains the water gets in their yard no more you know. So it happened on Hickory Street it can happen on every street in the parish, we just have to do the work, and they're very happy on Hickory Street."

Brian Nunes stated, "Good"

Julia Remonet - Update on W. 10th Street Construction

Councilwoman Remonet stated, "Yes I requested that representative of DOTD come by for the meeting to give us an update on the construction, I know we've had some issues in the past and not only if there's businesses on that street, there's a couple of trailer parks with residents there but it's had a huge impact on the entire area, so I it help us out with that a little bit."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Actually we'll allow the representative from DOT whose been working on that project and who also works very closely with us to address that. Additionally in our communications with Allison, we suggested that there are problems with signage, I think you guys know and understand but we've had several 18 wheelers to try and detour from the area and they're going through residential areas, they're going off the road, they're causing problems, so an addition to the timeline the manner in which you'll address the business owners and residents on West 10th as well as possible solutions to the problems with 18 wheelers that are going to the River Road to the Port of South Louisiana and the businesses and industry along the river. Thank you."

Steve Perilloux, DOTD Project Engineer on LA 637 stated, "As far as the detour signage we've added 16 detour along the detour route. They're stationed at nearly every parish road along the detour route which is LA 44 to LA 53 and along Airline Highway. And we will monitor that and see if there's any further problems and see what we can do if there are problems. As far as the road construction right now we are nearing a completion of drainage which is 30% of the project, the project is broken into 3 phases, River Road to Canadian National Railroad, Canadian National Railroad to the Kansas City Railroad and Kansas City to U.S. 61. The scheduled completion for Kansas City and U.S. 61 is early August, we should have pavement on it by then, they're going to start pouring the curb tomorrow and in about 2 weeks roughly 2 weeks we'll be paving. Next section for closure is LA 44 to Canadian National Railroad, right now we're looking at a late September opening for that. There's still some

coordination with the railroads to get the crossing replaced, it looks like that's going to happen late September but it hasn't been confirmed yet, find out this week or next week. And the final phase is CN Railroad to Kansas City Southern and that is scheduled for completion in early December, and after that we'll have some dress up work on the perimeter of the project outside the curb, mostly dress up clean up trash, getting things off the site so, that's the schedule right now. You all have any questions?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Mr. Perilloux there's a new garbage contract, I'm not sure if he collects on West 10th, should they call you to coordinate some efforts?"

Steve Perilloux stated, "Yes call me. I can give them, they can call me daily. As we close each section they can still get in there for the most part, they can get in there the route they take to get in there may change over a period of weeks, but they can get in. Anybody can get in, the local residents can get in, access their houses or their business, were not restricting them from getting in, we're keeping the thru traffic out currently roadway construction."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "And one other question, the biggest concern I'm hearing from residents, they will see these huge concrete things on the side that's the drainage, they're thinking the road is going to go that high up?"

Steve Perilloux stated, "The road elevation is going to go up, we have at every catch basin there is stub out pipe that picks up water at the right away line. We've added roughly 50 in additional stub out pipes, we're going to keep a watch on it we'll add as many as we need to pick up water in some low spots, if residents see a low spot they can call me up, we'll look at it, if we need to add something we will. We can do that very easily."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "Ok alright, thank you."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Mr. Perilloux let me ask you a question. Sounds like this project is going to last till the end of this year?"

Steve Perilloux stated, "Yes"

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "So we not working taking advantage working at night on some of this?"

Steve Perilloux stated, "Huh you have noise ordinances in St. John..."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "But I mean, school is out because school is going to be opening in 3 weeks and that's going to be congested for the school buses to get there and I'm saying while school is out, why we could be working around the clock on that project?"

Steve Perilloux stated, "On drainage you can't work at night. There's too many utilities in the way, we've had numerous utility delays because there's a lot of it was most of it was relocated, we're still coming across different utility lines, it's too dangerous. We would cut off services at the very least possibly cause bigger problems so the drainage work has to be done during the day, the hauling of embankment it gets a little tricky when you got trucks backing up and you've got people moving around equipment at night. It sounds good, usually night workman's excels best to asphalt paving or paving"

operations."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Well Ms. Remondet you got to convey that message back."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yes Mr. Perilloux, you said something about having cleanup some, the area. Would any of that cleanup happen to be some ground up asphalt?"

Steve Perilloux stated, "Yes, any other construction debris on site we're going to pick up and cleanup the site, fix the slopes, plant grass."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well to be a good neighbor if the parish wanted use some of that, will yawl give it to them?"

Steve Perilloux stated, "Only if the contractor owns it, you'll have to contract their construction."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Who is that?"

Steve Perilloux stated, "DURR, they're the contractor."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Ok yeah."

Steve Perilloux stated, "They actually have Boh Brothers doing pavement milling and resurfacing, so they may have given it to Boh Brothers I'm not sure what their plan is."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Ok thank you sir."

Natalie Robottom stated, "One other question and it was regarding I think the businesses and the condition of West 10th Street. There was a period of time there where they didn't feel it was safe to drive. Has that been corrected?"

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "It's a little better in some spots, it is."

Steve Perilloux stated, "We put additional delineators out there to guide traffic between the catch basins. The north end was, it was rough it was gravel, we had to grade it about every other day, it was like that. There's some more road cleaning that needs to be done I went through there yesterday and we've got to get them to sweep on the south end so, we're monitoring it every day because it's construction job, it changes every day."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "I'm just going to say, I know this is a big project and it's one that's changed over the time and we had issues with the river water and things like that, but people I guess the unknown is always what worried them the most is how long it's going to be, what should they expect from this point on but I do appreciate yawl coming out here tonight and explain as far as..."

Steve Perilloux interrupting stated, "We have some new management people with DURR Construction come aboard, we made a lot of progress in the last month, I don't know if yawl have been out there but the subsurface drainage is almost complete, that's a huge milestone because we got out of the utility the lite part of it. Once they get the north end paved, we're going to jump on the south end, cross our fingers that the river doesn't come up, we got to

excavate. The road is going to be at its existing level but we've got to cut down and put the base in so it's going to be about a one foot cut and we've got to do that while the river's low. If we can get up to that and move on we'll be in great shape, it shouldn't be any significant hold ups. The center section it's primarily hauling embankment and which is going to take some time will be sometime and be somewhat a dependent."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "I just wanted to say, I know it's not the norm for yawl to come out and night to a meeting, so I do appreciate yawl taking the time and do this for me, I truly do."

Steve Perilloux stated, "And my phone number if any of the businesses or the people that need to talk to me about specific questions, I can talk to them on the phone, I can meet them out there on the job usually 3 days out the week and help them understand."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "Ok thank you."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "This is not East 10th Street this is the Ferry ramps right here, the barricades you have, they I mean they just ragged out looks like scrap metal."

Steve Perilloux asked, "Where is that?"

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "The barricade by the Ferry ramps right here, right here. In front of the Catholic Church."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "No that's not on the agenda. Mr. Sorapuru, no we're talking about West 10th."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Yeah I know but I want to address the barricades."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "No we're on West 10th Street. We talking about the project over there. If you want to talk when they leave from the podium you can."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Yes I can talk to them on my way out."

Steve Perilloux stated, "We'll look into it."

Jaclyn Hotard - Garbage Collection - Request to impose penalties for non-collection and legal review of contractual obligations

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you, I placed this item on the agenda, I know the majority of us have had some issues in our district with non-collection and so what I would like to do at this time is just offer a motion."

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion that we request that administration get with our legal counsel and have them review the contract and see if there's anything in the contract that we can impose any penalties for any non-collection of services. The motion passed with Councilman Sorapuru and Madere absent.

Jaclyn Hotard/Larry Snyder/Lennix Madere - Update on CDBG funding/Housing Repairs

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I guess I'll defer to legal. We placed this item on executive session, there were some questions that I had as it related to maybe legal strategy, so maybe I'll look for some guidance from legal right now, how do we discuss those items? Would it be on regular agenda or executive session?"

Jeff Perilloux stated, "I don't think that we have an executive session item, at this point I think you want to talk specifically about the contractor?"

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "It is on the executive session."

Jeff Perilloux stated, "Right, but I don't think it's to remain executive session. I don't think that there's sufficient grounds under the statute to allow it to be discussed in executive session, I do think you all can talk about in open meeting if we do get into area that appears to be headed toward something that may not be, should not be talked about in an open meeting, we'll address it at that point."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Okay well 2 weeks ago when I started to you know enter into the discussion it turned into from what you said; legal strategy and so I had to discontinue. So that's where I want to pick-up from and I can, I'm with doing it in an open meeting, I just want you to know that that's where I'm going."

Jeff Perilloux stated, "Okay well I think you can start it and we'll monitor it and see where it goes."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Ok! Just to follow-up on that and kind of refresh everyone, 2 weeks ago we talked again about the files we received from the contractor that were not complete and my question to administration I guess and Scott he's here was; since we accepted these files they were not complete they were not, the contractor did not perform as they were supposed to according to the contract, what are we now doing to you know remedy the situation and how's going to pay for the work that the parish had to do because the contractor didn't perform as they were supposed to under the terms and conditions of their contract?"

Scott Reddoch, Royal Engineers stated, "Good evening Council. So that the files that were incomplete that we received in January of this year, we Royal and administration worked together, remedied those files, it did slow down the process, progress of the program whatsoever, we did work some long days and some late nights but we got those files completed. Royal logged their hours worked on file correction and we've been briefing the administration on where we were on the hours and how many hours we've spent thus far throughout that process."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Okay and again I'll just refresh; you got the files in January but they were due in October, right?"

Scott Reddoch stated, "The a so Providence Technical Services, their contract was up in October of 2015 and administration at that point and time Mike Coburn was the CAO, he requesting that those files be surrendered to Royal since their contract was up. We received those files as of January 15th of this year."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Okay and who makes the payments to Providence, is

it you, we pay you and then you pay Providence or we pay Providence?"

Scott Reddoch stated, *"No the parish pays Providence directly."*

Councilwoman Hotard stated, *"Ok so I guess my question would be for administration; have we been logging our hours and how much you know money would cost if we incurred as a result of them not turning in complete files?"*

LaVerne Saulny stated, *"Providence submits an invoice to Royal and then Royal then review the documents or whatever is submitted to Royal and then they approve it and then they forward it to administration."*

Councilwoman Hotard asked *"When was the last time Providence sent an invoice?"*

LaVerne Saulny stated, *"I have it documented. The last transmittal that we received was January of this year. And that the invoice was approved by Royal for the amount of forty-four thousand five hundred and twenty dollars (\$44,520.00)."*

Councilwoman Hotard asked, *"And what time period did that January invoice cover?"*

LaVerne Saulny stated, *"From September 1st, 2015 to September 30th, 2015."*

Councilwoman Hotard asked, *"So they haven't sent an invoice for anything and how much money do we owe them after this forty-four thousand (\$44,000.00) is paid?"*

LaVerne Saulny stated, *"We have an outstanding balance of fifty-eight thousand five hundred eighteen dollars and seventy-six cents (\$58,518.76)."*

Councilwoman Hotard asked, *"So that's what we owe them. And Scott do you know or LaVerne before you leave, how much what's the cost that the parish has incurred to actually have to redo the files?"*

LaVerne Saulny stated, *"We haven't occurred any because between the parish and Royal has worked it out. So they haven't charged us anything to redo the files."*

Councilwoman Hotard asked, *"We've used manpower right?"*

LaVerne Saulny stated, *"Yes I mean yes that is correct."*

Councilwoman Hotard asked, *"So I mean it cost, nobody volunteered to go through the files right?"*

LaVerne Saulny stated, *"No you're correct absolutely our staff."*

Councilwoman Hotard asked, *"Because going, you know we're paying twice. If we Providence underneath the contract and we also had to pay our staff members to do the same thing, then we're paying two people to do the same one job. And that's what I want to make sure of it."*

LaVerne Saulny stated, *"Yes I believe that Royal, I believe that you all calculated that amount of hours that they have incurred from doing this particular project, but we can get that to you at another time."*

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "He set his hours."

LaVerne Saulny stated, "Yeah we'll calculate it and get back to you with that."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Okay and so that's my question is, before we submit payment are we going to deduct what it cost us to straighten up these files?"

LaVerne Saulny stated, "That's a matter that we will discuss, administration will discuss and get back."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "That's what I want to know."

LaVerne Saulny stated, "Yes"

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "But I want to know before you make the payment because I think it, it is coming upon us as council members we enter into these contracts, you know these are public dollars and the last thing that I want know happened on my watch is that we had a contractor who didn't perform, we heard Mr. Reddoch tell us 2 weeks ago just looking at the files you could visibly see that they weren't in order. I don't want us to have you know paid a contractor to do something that they didn't do."

Natalie Robottom stated, "That's a question that we will discuss with our legal counsel. Once they have to review their contract document to see that there is an option in it to deduct or find what we found over the last several contracts where we've attempted to do this the language in the contract documents doesn't allow for it, so we'll meet with them and let them review the contract document and see if there's a mechanism for that."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "And I guess my question to that would be; it's not that we're deducting or penalizing, if you have a contract to perform a service and you don't provide the service, were just not paying you because you didn't provide the service."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Absolutely and of course there's going to be documentation required for that, so we just want to make sure were following the contract and doing it in a manner that will not put the parish at risk."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Okay and I guess I can you know along with that one, you know offer a motion there to have you guys get with legal and see what can do, I just want to make sure that were, you know were compensated. Again, I appreciate you guys just moving forward because this was important, but we can't let the contractor off the hook for not delivering a product that we had a contract with them to deliver."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Absolutely and I think they're here if yawl wanted to address them, our representatives from Providence."

Jennifer Perkins, Providence stated, "I'd like to say this evening is the first that or should I say this request to attend this meeting is the first that I'm hearing that the files that we submitted were not complete, the ones that we were saying were complete were not complete. So I guess my question is; what made them incomplete? Because the files we submitted were complete in accordance with the pre-monitoring with the state, as well as the HUD's"

monitoring up through the point of the program that we had the contract. Ok, so there's different phases of the program, we're only doing the 1st phase. We were contracted to do the initial eligibility determinations and that is what we did and we determined eligibility based on the documentations that were provided in accordance with the HUD guidelines. So at the time what was submitted, I would definitely like to get with Royal, the Parish, find out of those 700 plus files, why we're feeling they weren't complete. Because the thing is when they were turned over to Royal, it's accumulative file but that file is going to continue to build because there other fassetts of the program and because we were not involved to start to finish only in the beginning, it's complete through the Providence process but not complete through the entire program. Royal still I believe had the final phase, so there was already eligibility there was going to be 2 eligibility checks in the beginning because you're going to be double working. We were determining eligibility and then Royal was going to determine final eligibility. So, I would really like to see you know or have some examples as to why these files were not complete the way the files were submitted and when we submitted the file cabinet and I worked closely with Royal during the time of submission, submitted the files, they offered to come pick them up or if I can fit them in my car and that's the way they were submitted. They were submitted in the batches that they were invoiced in and I did volunteer to come in and have a seat if we needed, if you needed any help working through any of the files just because, you're picking up a file that of a homeowner that you haven't met. Our office has dealt with this homeowner I spoke with these homeowners on numerous occasions. So, but it was very, very it seemed very, very urgent that we hand over the files immediately, so everything that we submitted as complete were eligible, they're complete and eligible or complete and ineligible. We submitted about 400 incomplete files, that means they did not submit enough information for us to make a determination on them and I would also like to say that; all of the files that were submitted as complete also uploaded electronically and made available to the parish and to Royal and I definitely, I would like to work to alleviate this situation."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you and we can even you know reflect to the minutes 2 weeks ago. The problem was that, they said that files were turned over and that they had denials and the denials weren't properly documented. And so I asked 2 weeks ago if it was a requirement of the program that if there's a denial that it would be properly documented, in which Royal said; yes it was a requirement and I said okay, then it also would have been the requirement of Providence to accurately document those denials and the answer was YES and they said that the files that had denials, there were many files that the denials were not documented. And so that's where they had to spend time going through the files to properly document the denials. And Scott feel free to chime in but that's the just of what we talked about 2 weeks ago."

Jennifer Perkins stated, "Well I'm definitely happy to like I said, work through those issues because I know on numerous occasions, I think there may have been some confusion with one of the checklist that was originally in the file after some suggestions from HUD, we revised the checklist and so the way our original checklist was worded, it's worded in such a way that it, your income doesn't make you ineligible, unless you were in the Home Buyers Assistance Program. And I think that was the main thing that we were finding in the files, not that they were not eligible, it was that their income was, they were above the income limits but if they were applying for a Rehab or Elevation that had no bearing on their eligibility. And so again, from the beginning and still I'm happy to work through those issues because they were

definitely you know complete and I think I may have clarified some of that issue with Royal. And I can go back and find that and we can do this again at another time but I'm happy to you know move forward and help out in any way possible."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you and I appreciate you for coming. I'm shocked I guess that this is you know news to you, I don't know I guess I'd want to ask Royal if they not communicated that with the contractor, Scott maybe if you want to answer that question because that would have helped enlighten some of us, you know sitting here asking the questions."

Scott Reddoch stated, "When Providence started getting intake files to us after intake began in October I believe of 2015, obviously it takes a couple of months to get those processed and start turning them over to the Program Manager. Originally what our contract states is that, we're going to perform a 10% quality control check on everything that we receive. So the first quality control checks that we started in February or March of 2016, correct me if I'm wrong on that, there was 100% failure rate on 100% of the applications that we reviewed. Now we were in constant communication with Providence and we you know, went back to them and said hey lock, this is missing this or we don't understand this and we were working together as a team obviously at that point, to get those things moved through. July 1st and July 8th of 2015 we had monitoring visits from Office of Community Development that actually went to Providence offices took a sample into their own files and did their own QC on those and there were findings with several of those. Now it's not obscured to have findings on files and Providence did work on getting those files corrected. The big rub was after all was said and done, Providence brought in additional personnel I believe Jennifer, if I'm right or wrong August, after the monitoring business in July and a brought a team in to go through every file that they had and do corrections on those, according to Mark Prazzano at that point and time. From August when they were stating that they were going head and remedy the issues with the files, we didn't have any contact with them and didn't see any files, and Cory jump in if I'm wrong on this, until we received them in January. So that part and time they were getting things ready, they were you know they were manipulating the files to get the OCD or HUD expected to see them, that was the point and time when weren't seeing the files. When I received the files on January 15th that's the day that I notified the parish administration, the condition I received the files in, when we opened the file and I agree with Ms. Perkins in the fact that she said that these files are to be built upon and absolutely Royal is building upon those but you got to have a strong foundation of a file in order to be able to build upon that and the HUD findings that were consistent throughout the year were blatantly obvious when we opened up the files, where files are out of order you don't have a table of contents in the front when you open up a file. And our monitoring team when they come in they don't want anybody to talk to them about anything they want to open a file, they want that file to tell them a story. They want to see exactly what they want to see, they want to see it in exactly in the order that's it's in. That's what we spend our time correcting, along with some of the other items, but that was the main thing was the actual format and condition of the file itself in order to whip those into shape, to get them into an audible format that where HUD team would actually look at them instead of walking away from them and saying, you guys these I can't do anything with these files. So the first step we took was just to organize the files, make sure their contents were there if contents weren't there we had a reason why they weren't there."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I think maybe from this, you know right here in all fairness to Providence is maybe to schedule some sort of meeting with you and with them, administration and you know I would like to attend the meeting as well, I don't know if legal would recommend that, definitely it just seems like we got a whole lot we probably won't resolve it right here tonight but it's definitely something that we do need to talk about and resolve. So if maybe Jackie you can coordinate setting something up with all parties so that we can (per Councilman Perrilloux - put me in there) properly address it ok? And I thank you, you know for coming definitely, definitely."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Well, let me ask you something Scott. And I'm glad Ms. Hotard had that on the agenda to ask because I heard about it a couple of weeks ago, I looked at the last meeting. If the files you claimed came incomplete in January, their contract expired in October of the previous year..."

Scott Reddoch interrupting stated, "That's correct."

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "Why we didn't we say let's extend their contract and come back to clear those files up instead of you getting in there and start working on files and they had all the information?"

Scott Reddoch stated, "Administration was ready to get the files and move forward with the program."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "But you didn't give them due process to clear themselves up."

Scott Reddoch stated, "There was a lot of back and forth between the Chief Administrative Officer and Providence between October and January when those files were surrendered to us and I'm pretty sure that the conversations were to get those files corrected, to get them complete and get them over to Royal so that we can continue with the program."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "And now we saying we owe them \$58,000.00 but we then allowed them to come in and say, well look at these files again, we didn't do that. We took it upon ourselves here, we're going to clear their problem up, no that's their problem they should have come in and allowed them to clear it up. Schedule that meeting I'd like to be in it to because I don't like what I'm hearing. Ms. Hotard you have any other comment?"

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "One more thing, when you mentioned the previous CAO, so did he give the instruction to get the files and move forward?"

Scott Reddoch stated, "I don't know what the exact instructions were. Obviously I know the conversations that Royal was having with the Chief Administrator at that time and the program in order to move forward needed to have those in any form or fashion so that we could continue and move forth for progress."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Ok, so was there a delay in getting the files, is that what you're saying?"

Scott Reddoch stated, "The files would have been due the end of October or whatever the contract expiration was and again we received them January 15th."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Ok, yeah we definitely need to sit down and talk

about where the breakdown happened and you know we're all looking to get it resolved. That's the main thing is having this resolved so I think if nothing more, were walking away with some new information and realize and we need to put all the pieces of this puzzle together in a correct and fare way."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Yes, did the files that we are discussing now, are those files that were completed, also the files that were incomplete or just the ones that were completed?"

Scott Reddoch stated, "All the program files both completed and incomplete were given over to us in January."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Did you accept there as being completed, the ones that were completed?"

Scott Reddoch stated, "Well I accepted receipt of the files, I didn't have a register of what was complete or incomplete when I received them."

Councilman Snyder asked, "So when you looked at them the first time you accepted them and how many were in there?"

Scott Reddoch stated, "We have 1200 files..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting asked, "1200 and..."

Scott Reddoch interrupting stated, "I think we had, there's probably 3 or 400 that were complete files at that point and time."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Out of 1200 there were 300 that were completed?"

Scott Reddoch stated, "There were 350, well no out of 1200 we have and I forgive me I don't have this in front of me right now."

Councilman Snyder stated, "

LaVerne Saulny stated, "The actually amount of the total of applications was one thousand one hundred and ninety (1,190) and there was seven hundred and thirty-two (732) complete applications that were processed."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Ok"

LaVerne Saulny stated, "None of that was a, we had about three hundred and eighty-three (383) that was left over and the rest of them were considered miscellaneous."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay I think we gave Providence an extension sometime to help us with the rest of the files because of some issues we had in October last year?"

LaVerne Saulny stated, "Actually it was in March of 2015. Yes sir."

Councilman Snyder asked, "So the issue was with the ones that we completed then, that's the ones we found out that we did not completed them."

Scott Reddoch stated, "The issues with all the files."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well I know and the incomplete ones I know that's an issue."

Scott Reddoch stated, "So in order for the parish to be reimbursed for anything that we touch, it has to be in an audible format and what I brought up earlier was when I received the files in January they weren't in an audible format, complete or incomplete it doesn't matter to HUD. HUDs paying us, we had a deal with the contract with Providence the way their pay schedule was, was per application, per business day when they were working. Now if they're paying per application, then I need to have a viable work product to show HUD when they come in and say; ok parish, you paid for 1200 applications let me see the 1200 applications. If I only have 735 of those that I could present to them, then the parish is going to be in the hook for rest of that money."

Councilman Snyder asked, "So Providence is asking for what this fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) or forty something thousand dollars, for what they did already?"

Scott Reddoch stated, "That's correct."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Whether it was right or wrong, they did that work already?"

Scott Reddoch stated, "That work has been completed, yes sir."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Ok alright, thank you sir."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes Providence, I thought she said that this was the first time they heard anything about this, when you got the files, you weren't in communication to Providence about the condition of that you found the files in?"

Scott Reddoch stated, "There've been communication between us and Providence the entire time we worked together."

Councilman Madere asked, "Okay you said with Providence, you had communication that files were not completed?"

Scott Reddoch stated, "That's correct."

Councilman Madere asked, "Did you ask them would they come back and do them over?"

Scott Reddoch stated, "Again, let me just let me bring it back up that their contract expired in October. They had a bunch of residents looking for us to start working on houses, as we all know in this room. At that point and time the Chief Administrator was contacting them and telling them, turn over the files so that we can get moving. So we received them in January and that's when I started work, on the construction phase. Now obviously there were other things they're not..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Alright but like I said and when you found that the files not in proper order like..."

Scott Reddoch interrupting stated, "Okay so when I got the files on January 15th, I immediately notified the administration of the condition in which I

received the files in. Again, they weren't under contract any longer. Providence had completed their contractual obligations to the parish. So my recommendations to the parish was, is for us to meet and discuss how to remedy this situation, which we did."

Councilman Madere asked, *"Okay and the way that you do it was, you'll did the files?"*

Scott Reddoch stated, *"The way to do was between Royal and the parish administration we corrected the files, yes."*

Councilman Madere stated, *"Right!"*

Scott Reddoch stated, *"In order to keep forward progress."*

Councilman Madere asked, *"Right, so in other words we paid twice?"*

Scott Reddoch stated, *"You haven't paid twice."*

Councilman Madere asked, *"No, we haven't paid twice?"*

Scott Reddoch stated, *"No, you haven't paid twice as of yet."*

Councilman Madere stated, *"As of yet!"*

Councilwoman Hotard stated, *"That's what I've been talking about his whole time, is I don't want to pay twice."*

Councilman Madere stated, *"As of yet, we don't want to pay twice."*

Councilwoman Hotard asked, *"Who have you been in contact with at Providence?"*

Scott Reddoch stated, *"Obviously Jennifer Perkins is our point of contact there along with Mark Prazzano and Jason Benoit."*

Councilwoman Hotard stated *"Ok"*

Scott Reddoch stated, *"So we were in contact with them you know on and off throughout their duration of the contract."*

Councilwoman Hotard stated, *"Okay, but not since you got the files and saw that they were not complete. You had..."*

Scott Reddoch stated, *"I have not had any direct contact with them once they were outside, once their contract ended. I'm not dealing with them any longer because they're not obligated to answer my phones calls or emails, so I'm dealing with the parish and administration at that point."*

Councilwoman Hotard stated, *"Ok and the parish administration instructed you to just, to get the files and move forward."*

Scott Reddoch stated, *"No that was the remedy to move forward to get together and just work on it and get it done."*

Councilwoman Hotard stated, *"Ok, alright thank you."*

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "You mentioned you're going to deal with the parish administration, so the parish administration is going to do part of your contract?"

Scott Reddoch asked, "Part of my contract?"

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Yes"

Scott Reddoch stated, "I'd never ask the administration to do nothing under my contract. We're working on things that were supposed to be completed under Providence's contract."

Councilman Sorapuru asked, "Okay, so what are we going to do to speed things up and solve this problem?"

Scott Reddoch stated, "It's been solved already sir."

Councilman Sorapuru asked, "How many homes we have left to repair?"

Scott Reddoch stated, "Oh we've got hundreds of homes left to repair, but we have a hundred (100) a little over a hundred (100) in the construction phase now so."

Councilman Sorapuru asked, "What happens if we run out of money before you get to the homes?"

Scott Reddoch stated, "We don't see any danger of running out of money before we get to the housing."

Councilman Sorapuru asked, "And you can guarantee that?"

Scott Reddoch asked, "I'm sorry could you repeat that?"

Councilman Sorapuru asked, "You can guarantee that?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Money is not the issue."

Scott Reddoch stated, "Money is not the issue."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "But we got a bunch of people that's doing applications over and over again. I'm getting phone calls every day..."

Scott Reddoch interrupting stated, "That's not true that's not true."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "People have put applications in, they're coming back having to redo applications and I got people calling and say; I haven't heard nothing Larry, they didn't call me in 2 months. Over and over I'm getting the calls every day, every day, every single day. I think we need to shut this operation down and start from scratch, that's what I think needs to happen."

LaVerne Saulny stated, "Councilman Sorapuru I would recommend if you would just give us those names, we have office after hours where Ms. Valentine's work with constituents to answer whatever questions that they may have, so if you could give us those names, we'd be more than glad to contact them and schedule an appointment to work out whatever problems or questions or whatever

it may be."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "I'll definitely do that Ms. LaVerne."

Councilman Becnel stated, "Yes listen as Mr. Sorapuru said. I'm constantly getting calls to and those files from what I'm gathering, it details everything the work that was anticipated or the work to be done, that's what you had in there? Well correct me if I am wrong sir but unless my constituents are misguiding me, now 3 constituents called me and I'll give the names tonight. Like 4 or 5 months ago you went to someone else or Royal went over there, they told the lady we're going to do this and do that, like replace her floors or windows and everything, the lady called me all upset crying last week, said that somebody from Royal went over there and I think that's very inappropriate to tell her; no all we're going to do is, we're not going to get the floors, so if you say you're going to do something in that original file, you need to follow every step you said you're going to do, because I'm not going to tolerate that as a councilman, in my district. If you said you're going to do twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) work repairs to that particular individual, as long as I'm breathing and I am councilman, you all will do it! And I think that's wrong to tell a person you're going to repair their floors and their windows and then you go over there and this lady calls me crying, Councilman Becnel, I'm sorry but I don't want to disturb you, I said don't worry about that, she said; now they're telling me they're not going to do my floors. All I'm saying is, if you say you're going to do something, if you have a list, honor that list. That's all I want, as far as a Councilman that my constituents are well taken care of. Because the lady was prepared I mean she was happy that all of a sudden, oh we not going to do the floors but I'll provide more information later on."

Scott Reddoch stated, "I don't have any situation where my staff or the contractors working on this program have not followed the work write up that was delivered to the homeowner, where they have signed a grant agreement and a contract. We did not have one instance where a contractor or one of my employees or staff had said; we're not going something to some of the work write ups. So if you could please get us that information, I will certainly look into that for you."

Councilman Becnel stated, "Like I said, I'm just following I'm just presenting what she said to me, okay!"

Scott Reddoch stated, "Absolutely, I understand."

Councilman Madere stated, "A two things. I think you mentioned that Providence when you received the files and saw the condition they was in, their contract was already up and I think you said that you got with administration and administration basically gave you the go ahead to straighten the files up, is that what you're saying?"

Scott Reddoch stated, "We worked together to correct the files. Yes!"

Councilman Madere asked "Right, they gave you the go ahead? Okay my concern is a, why that information wasn't presented to the council that we had this problem with Providence and then maybe we could of instead of you handle it, we could have made Providence held and go back and held them to their contract? Ok because I don't like paying someone for doing something and they get paid and they haven't done it. I know if that was personal money, we have

a serious problem. If I pay for something I expect to get the goods I paid for, so I think that should have come back to the council that Providence didn't live up to their contract and then we probably could have went after Providence to do the work. So basically we paid for something we didn't get and then we're paying for it again. And in the meantime we have all these delays and we have someone from Providence. You see I understand body language and facial expressions, a lot of things you're saying, she basically not always completely agreeing with it, so I think we have a little conflict as to what's going on here."

Jennifer Perkins stated, "I just want to say that as far as the contract extension goes, I know that we did receive an amendment on the business days however; we did informally, well I personally informally requested a contract amendment to extend our contract, not any of the funding but just so that way we can keep the office open longer and we could continue the work that we were doing and I was informed that, that contract extension would not be approved, there should be now work, we should not bill for any work after our October 13th, 2015, so that was the first thing that was offered. Because again there was some new policies that came out statewide for Isaac, specifically for Isaac Programs dealing with ownership issues and ways to get around ownership issues came out in the summer of 2015. We attended that meeting with the parish and we came back again to start reworking some of those files that we thought, initially thought would be ineligible to see if they could be eligible. So we were able to get a few more people eligible and worked to get as many people eligible, eligible as possible. Okay so again, I'm not sure how Royal was paid if they're being paid for all 1200 files but, we are only paid for 732 files, we submitted 762 files additional that we did not bill for, again these are still electronic, electronically stored in addition to the hardcopy files. So I mean we threw that out there to extend just to extend the date of the contract, we won't bill anything additional, we know what the maximum contract value is, were just intending to break up the value so that way we could keep the office running a little bit longer, we understand the importance of consistent communication. I mean a lot of people get comfortable with their advisors and again it's hard for someone else to pick up a file and tell the story if they don't know the story of each of these people and each of these individuals. I'd also like to say that the 100% failure rate, there was a pre-monitoring in April of 2015, so that March 2015 100% failure rate was actually cleared up by the state when the items were being requested income wise that we had taken in, we had taken in certain items and after Royals QC they said, well you need this item or you need that you need the tax statement, whatever the issue was, but when we brought it to state, and Cory correct me if I'm wrong, we did sit in the Council Chambers in LaPlace and we discussed that those files were actually not incomplete and they were not fails because the documentation that we've had in the file was acceptable in lue of, so it was an either or situation. So I do want to make that clear as well and no I have not been in communication with Royal since January 15th about anything other than invoices because I certainly will not be you know calling and checking on the status of an invoice knowing that the contractor or the prime contractor is feeling that we have not completed the task because above all, even outside of the contract dates and what not, our name is important to us, it's important to me and my relationships here are important to me, so I've been willing from the beginning to go through anything that may have been misunderstood, but again I would really like to see these complete files that we submitted, I would really like to see how and or why they are not complete and were they complete at the time or whether were they deemed eligible at the time because you won't have a complete file

until the process is finished. Were they eligible in accordance with the guidelines that were acceptable at the time?

Councilman Madere stated, "I think that's why it's important that we have this meeting that Mr. Perrilloux proposed (Ms. Hotard per Councilman Perrilloux) this matter is not going to be cleared up tonight, but before I turn the mic over to Ms. Hotard, I want to pick up on something Mr. Becnel said. I received 2 phone calls, I called you on both of them, one of them we straightened up but initially these 2 individuals was told the same thing he just said, that they was going to do certain things and then when the contractors came they said they was going to do something else and one was the lady with the kitchen cabinets, they said they were going to change the cabinets for her but when they came they said they were changing just the bottom, we straighten that one out. The other was they were supposed to do the lady roof, some other things and her windows. Then when the contractors came the windows were out, they not doing the windows. So these individuals when they put these applications in and someone initially comes to their house and tell them they are going to do these things, these people hearts are set that this is going to happen. And then somebody show up they get slashed, you know we not doing the windows or we not doing the cabinets you know for this reason or another. Well the initial contact should be the final contact. If you tell me you're going to do this, when the guy show up you're not going to be expect to have done and not something else. And I think that's the problem we having and that's the problem I'm having. Before this meeting tonight, a lady called me, Ms. Gordon on East 24th Street, the guy came out and did some air condition work for her, he didn't complete the job he want her to sign a paper, so she was wondering about that, I told her I didn't have an answer I was going to ask you about that after the meeting."

Scott Reddoch stated, "And you all know that anybody that send in a request to my office or send it directly to me, that I'll do my best the remedy it with you all. I know that my inspectors went out and met with you on site about the window situation, I can guarantee this, whatever work is written on the work write up on the original inspection house, that is what we take, that's from cradle to grave, nothings changing on that. Now we've got inspectors on site, if a homeowner says that the contractor isn't doing something he's supposed do, when it's time for his pay application, one of inspectors is going to catch that and say; hey there was supposed to be windows, there was supposed to be floors, this isn't done at which point and time he'll either have to do that or we're find someone else to do that work for him."

Councilman Madere stated, "Let me ask you a question. This particular lady, she said the guy came and did some air condition work for her but he didn't do the heating part of it and he wanted her, she said somebody showed up for her to sign a paper like if the job was completed. And I couldn't understand that, then she said..."

Scott Reddoch interrupting stated, "There wouldn't have been a final pay application on it if it wasn't completed."

Councilman Madere stated, "Right, so I mean but that's what was told to me before I came to this meeting. That the air condition work was done, you know the cooling part but they were supposed to come back and do the heating part, but he showed up and like wanted her to sign off so he can get paid."

Scott Reddoch stated, "Well that very well could have happened. I don't know,

but like I said we got a checks and balances system here, so we've got inspector that going out and he's making sure that the homeowner agrees with what the contractor did and the contractor agree with my inspector in what was done and everybody has to agree that the work he's invoicing for, is the work that's been completed. So if you could send me that name, I'll look into it for you, because I mean we got a bunch of them gone, so I don't each one personally but give me the name and address and I'll look into it for you."

Councilman Madere stated, "Right, I'll give you her name and address. Ok."

Councilman Snyder stated, "This whole situation we've been going through for the last 2 or 3 years and I haven't been satisfied with it and I made thoughts, my feelings known about that, it seems like that we have 2 contractors here, one is our, I heard the term (primary contractor) and from day one when we had to vote on who was going to lead this effort and Royal name came up and we voted Royal to lead this effort. Maybe I don't know what I think I know or maybe I'm just slow, but I do know this, when I was voting back in those days, I was thinking Royal was going take us right through this whole thing and they were going to be the people, the primary contractor to take care of everything the parish didn't know what to do to facilitate this program. And that's where I'm at right now, it almost seem like to me that these two groups were not working together, not for a long period of time it seems like to me, you understand that? You told me you got the first time you any problems in January, well January it seem like if we have been a little bit proactive then we would have looked into this the process went along, to make sure everything was being done if you all were the primary contractor. That what my thoughts on when I voted to say, okay we're going to go with Royal to do this job, I thought that was process and these people were working for you, Providence, that's what I thought. But it seems like we got independent people here doing their independent thing. They do their thing, they give it to you, oh this not right. You know and that's what I see going on right here right now, I'm listening at this going on up here and I get this vibration."

Natalie Robottom stated, "It is appearing that way, but what I can tell you is, this group along with the state and staff met every Thursday for probably the whole year until we moved it to every other Thursday. So you're correct, none of this should have been going on with weekly meetings or bi-weekly meetings with state personnel reviewing the documents, providing the guidance, everything we did came back to you all for approval for the extensions, now keep in mind we discussed this last time, we started out with a number of applicants, because of the number of applicants the everything changed. Our whole planned shifted because we got 1100 people applying when we thought we'd get 400 or 600. So everyone's job was increased, so that task increased, so everybody's responsibility in the amount of time it took was longer. So yes, we did come before the council and recommend extensions of the contracts because we have more people to serve. In this chronology and again, I wasn't in all the meetings and our staff person who was is back there and may need to come up and address this, however each time there is a request to extend or additional dollars, we had to come before the council and we did that so that we cannot exclude any of our residents who were applying. I know Mr. Sorapur you jumped to lack of funding, lacking of funding for the homes in not the issue. Some of the concerns that they expressed here with regard to changing guidelines, we continue to struggle with that with OCD. We just had a meeting with their head, it's a constant change, here are the guidelines, here's the checklist, you start using it and then another group comes in and says; oh no

that's not quite the checklist we want, so then they change the checklist. And you know it's been that way consistently, we just met with Mr. Pat Forbes who oversees the entire project and brought some of those things to his attention, so a lot of that has delayed this process. We're not going to resolve this tonight, some of this information is my first time hearing about who did what and when, the bottom line is, it's unacceptable, I don't feel we've paid anybody for work they didn't do, we will forwarding the contract to legal it's very specific it's a lump sum fee for so many applications for so many hours. Again, that was approved by Royal, any of the documents the contract was not that specific in terms of the actual file in which should have been in it. So again when we talk about withholding pay, what we've been told, is there have to have a mechanism in the contract to do that, if there's not one it we can't withhold. So we're going to forward that to legal and provide us guidance

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Evette Lacarbo Anderson vs. The Hartford Casualty Insurance Company, Et als - 40th JDC Parish of St. John Docket #52225

Jaclyn Hotard/Larry Snyder/Lennix Madere - Update on CDBG funding/Housing repairs

Natalie Robottom - Breach of Belle Terre Ponds maintenance agreement

Parish Buildings - Security

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

16-33 An ordinance ordering and calling a special election to fill the Vacancy of Council District 7 of St. John the Baptist Parish, State of Louisiana, and taking other matters in connection therewith

PRESIDENT REPORT:

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 450 veterans and their spouses attended the luncheon and thousands gathered on the East and West banks for the firework show. I would like to thank Governor Edwin Edwards for taking time out of his busy schedule to serve as our guest speaker. It was an overall great day and one dedicated to all of those who have fought to allot us the freedoms we enjoy. The annual veteran's video tribute continues to get longer as we add more photos each year. We've already received some for next 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 our website under the title "2016 St. John Independence Day Celebration Video." As always, each year we try to make improvements to the programs and appreciate your feedback. We recently joined the South Central Louisiana Technical College, Reserve Campus officials and the Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Economic Development Administration Jay Williams for a special announcement celebrating a \$1 million grant from the funding for a new outdoor welding area. This new addition will have the capability to train hundreds of We commend the Reserve Campus on their outstanding efforts in continuing to move the college forward and look forward

to remaining a partner for many years to come. The St. John Theatre will open its summer musical "Wizard of Oz" this weekend. Residents are encouraged to attend one of the shows July 15-17 or July 20-23. Tickets are available at Allied Express. The 42nd Annual Andouille Festival is slated for October 14th - 16th and the craft vendor application deadline has been extended to Friday, July 15. 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. Hurricane Season is here and it is critical that residents register to receive e-news release and Emergency Notifications. Please visit the Parish website and click "Stay Connected" to register or call the office and someone will assist you. The Government Access Channel, Facebook and Twitter pages are also great tools for information. St. John the Baptist Parish is hosting a Tornado Awareness class on Monday, July 25 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the St. John the Baptist Parish Library in LaPlace. Sponsored by the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP), the course helps participants better understand the basics of tornado science, the weather forecasting process and the tornado warning process. Participants will also receive information on safety measures for themselves, their families and their organizations in preparation for tornado season. Register for the course through the GOHSEP Training page at <http://gohsep.la.gov>. The Department of Transportation and Development is beginning road construction on Hemlock St, between Airline Hwy and the KCS Railroad (closest to Airline) to construct subsurface drainage and additional turn lanes to help alleviate congestion and traffic in the area. Intermittent lane closures will be in effect between 9 am and 4 pm through August 2016. Repairs are complete to the I-10 Westbound Off-Ramp at the Belle Terre Blvd exit and westbound On-Ramp from Belle Terre Blvd. The ramps have reopened! Thank you to all motorist for your patience. Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT :

At 8:53 PM, Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard absent.

/s/Marvin Perrilloux
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
COUNCIL SECRETARY