

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS**  
**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015**  
**CHAIRMAN MICHAEL WRIGHT**  
**VICE CHAIR MARVIN PERRILLOUX**

The Council of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session in the Rudolph Soraparau Chambers, Edgard, Louisiana on Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015, at 6:30 PM.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**PRESENT AT ROLL CALL:** Larry Snyder, Councilman District VI, Art Smith, Councilman District I, Lucien Gauff, Council-at-Large, Div. A, Cheryl Millet, Councilwoman District VII, Marvin Perrilloux, Councilman District IV, Lennix Madere, Councilman District III, Marvin Perrilloux, Councilman District IV, Michael Wright, Councilman District IV, Jaclyn Hotard, Council-at-Large, Div. B

**ABSENT:** Ranney Wilson

Councilman Snyder led the Prayer. Councilman Madere led the Pledge.

Legal Counsel Jeff Perilloux and Bridget Dinvaut, District Attorney were present.

**PRESIDENTIAL VETO - VETO OF ORDINANCE 15-23**

Councilman Wright stated, *"Does administration have any comments?"*

Natalie Robottom stated, *"Actually you all received a copy of the veto, we did receive information from outside council that we should take into account of Affordable Care Act, which would require that we provide health insurance benefits to some of our employees as well as some of the other applicable that would apply to health benefits. We've also attempted to get clarity how this would be implemented based on the language that was in it and was not able to get that clarity in our legal meeting, so the request is for clarity or some additional implementation guidance and at least to look at what impact this has or the Affordable Care Act has on it because we are required to provide benefits, even try temporary staff with our CBG Grants, we had to budget for health benefits for those employees and they are temporary. So that was the purpose for the veto."*

Councilman Wright stated, *"Okay thank you from administration. At this time I will either ask for a motion to override Ordinance 15-23."*

**MOTION:** Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Madare seconded the motion to override Presidential Veto of Ordinance 15-23. The motion passed with 8 yeas and 1 absent (Wilson).

**Lucien Gauff/Natalie Robottom - Proclamation - (Carry Over 6-9-15)**  
**Jermani Thompson**

Natalie Robottom read the Proclamation for Jermani Thompson.

**Marvin Perrilloux/Rhonda Lemons/Eliza Eugene - Presentation - Back to School giveaway**

Eliza Eugene was present and gave a presentation on the Back to School giveaway which included: Back-packs with school supplies and Hygiene Kits for the kids being held on July 25, 2015 from 10:00AM-1:00PM. There will also be face painting, prizes, games and would like for everyone to come out and have a great time. She thanked the council and everyone for their support who have participated to make this a fun day for the kids.

**Natalie Robottom - Appointment of Purchasing Director**

Natalie Robottom stated, *"Laverne Saulny is recommended for confirmation as Purchasing and Procurement Director to replace Kia Price who returned to a position in state government. To maintain continuity of services in the department and the parish, current staff will assist in that effort. Ms. Saulny's years of experience in government and her tenure in parish government speaks to her ability to implement systems and programs to meet the needs of the parish. Her organizational skills, knowledge of best practices, and ability to work with others to get things done are assets to the parish. In addition to her department duties, she will continue to work on special projects such as the National Disaster Resiliency Grant, CDBG Home & Business Loan Program, and will serve as liaison between commercial business owners and the Planning & Zoning Department to facilitate ease of permitting and development in the commercial aspects."*

**MOTION:** Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to appoint Lavern Saulny as Purchasing Director. The motion passed with 8 yeas and 1 absent (Wilson).

**Consent Agenda**

**Items:** Approval of Minutes - June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Special Meeting; Approval of Minutes - June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015, Regular Meeting; Re-appointment of Richard Drexel to the Civil Service Board; Councilman Wilson - appointment of Tomy Acosta to the Economic Development Board

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Millet moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the motion to approve the amended consent agenda items consisting of Approval of Minutes - June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Special Meeting; Approval of Minutes - June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015, Regular Meeting; Re-appointment of Richard Drexel to the Civil Service Board; Councilman Wilson - appointment of Tomy Acosta to the Economic Development Board. The motion passed with Councilman Wilson absent.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES:**

**15-21** (Carry Over 6-23-15) An ordinance authorizing the incurring of debt and issuance of Twelve Million Dollars (\$12,000,000) of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2015, of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana; prescribing the form, terms and conditions of said Bonds; designating the date, denomination and place of payment of said Bonds; providing for the payment thereof in principal and interest; and

providing for other matters in connection therewith. (N. Robottom)

This item will be addressed at the July 28 council meeting.

**15-24** (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance granting approval of a rural use permit to operate a restaurant at 105 Gary Road, LaPlace, Louisiana (PZR-15-1037) (N. Robottom)

Angelic Keller stated, *"This request was unanimously approved by the Planning Commission at the June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting with the following stipulations: 1) the parking areas must be brought into compliance if and when Gary Road is paved and 2) developments and improvements, as applicable, must meet NFIP requirements as determined by the Floodplain Manager. Administration recommends approval with these same stipulations."*

Councilman Snyder asked, *"Where is Gary Road and what zone is that?"*

Angelic Keller stated, *"Gary Road is in the Frenier and Peavine area, it's in the Rural Zoning District close to the lake."*

Councilman Snyder stated, *"Rural Zoning District?"*

Councilman Wright asked, *"Gary Road is a private road if I'm mistaken, is that correct?"*

Angelic Keller stated, *"I believe so, yes."*

Councilwoman Hotard stated, *"Let me ask a question. The rural use permit, so is it just for this particular restaurant, let's say once at some point it is no longer operating, is it some other type of road use?"*

Angelic Keller stated, *"Well I think if as long as in this particular use was used before, I think the reason why they're coming before us because at some point it was grandfathered in as a restaurant, once it ceased that use for 182 days then it reverts back to any rural uses. But the rural use permit allows you to operate and planning commission and council decide what uses fit best in that area based on the surrounding uses. So this is for this application."*

Councilwoman Hotard asked, *"What's the property zone now?"*

Angelic Keller stated, *"It's zone rural."*

Councilwoman Hotard stated, *"It's on rural. So why do they need a rural?"*

Angelic Keller stated, *"Because the restaurant is not an allowed permitted use in the rural zoning district."*

Councilwoman Hotard stated, *"Okay."*

Angelic Keller stated, *"And if something is not specifically or expressly permitted then you have that option which I don't think we've used since I've been here I don't know if the council has considered any rural use permits before my time but the rural use"*

*permit is specifically in the code to allow you to consider any additional uses that are compatible with the area."*

Councilwoman Hotard asked, *"Is it only in rural areas or can you use that same permitting..."*

Angelic Keller interrupting stated, *"It's a rural use permit yes."*

Councilwoman Hotard stated, *"It's only a rural yeah yeah okay. I was just thinking about another case where we had a business that laps and we had to rezone property but this is different."*

Angelic Keller stated, *"Right if it was in another commercial zoning district but it just may not have been the appropriate one for example; It was a C3 and it required a C3 use and it was a C2 yes in that situation yes you would rezone the property."*

Councilwoman Hotard stated, *"You would have to zone it, it's not a conditional permit, okay thank you."*

**MOTION:** Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 15-24. The motion passed with Councilman Wilson absent.

**15-25** (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance granting Preliminary and Conditional Subdivision Approval of Lots 1 through 21, as part of a proposed extension of Tuscany Drive, Summerlin Subdivision, LaPlace, Louisiana (PZS-15-1115) (N. Robottom)

Angelic Keller stated, *"This subdivision request was unanimously approved on June 15th by the Planning Commission. It was also approved by the Water, Sewerage and Drainage (Utility) Board and Administration recommends approval."*

Councilwoman Millet stated, *"I understand this is in the back of Summerlin, with the flooding we had back there after Isaac does the elevation change on this subdivision or do we revert back to the original one because it's a continuation?"*

Angelic Keller stated, *"Well first of all, I don't think particular part of Tuscany is in a flood zone a special hazard flood zone..."*

Councilman Wright interrupting stated, *"Correct it's actually in the front near the park."*

Angelic Keller stated, *"It's the closest part to the library."*

Councilman Wright stated, *"Correct, they're not a flood zone."*

Councilwoman Millet stated, *"Okay thank you, I just wanted clarification on that."*

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 15-25. The motion passed with Councilman Wilson absent.

**15-26** (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance granting approval of a re-

subdivision of lots A, B, and C of lot 5 and lot C of lot 4 into lots 5A and 5B of the Doctor Charles Merilliod Subdivision, Reserve, Louisiana PZS-15-1112) (N. Robottom)

Angelic Keller stated, "This request was unanimously approved at the June 15th Planning Commission meeting and Administration recommends approval. And I also want to note; this re-subdivision doesn't meet the lot design standards because of the depth of the lots, but it's a preexisting condition so whether you leave it in its current state or if re-subdivide it, it's still not going to meet the depth. So rather than sending them to the variance board to get a variance since it's coming to the council we would ask that when you approve this subdivision you're approving it with the modification that it does not meet, the lot depth standards and administration does recommend approval."

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "You said it did not meet the depth as far as building a structure on like a house if it not 60 feet or 75 feet?"

Angelic Keller stated, "In a residential one (1) zoning district the depth of your lot, the required depth is 100 feet and I believe the depth of these lots are 80 feet and they're currently 80 feet, so unless you have additional property in the rear on the next street to add to your lot you're not going to get the 100, it's an existing condition based on when these areas were previously created, these lots were preciously created."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Okay thank you."

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "Do we know the purpose of the re-subdivision?"

Angelic Keller stated, "There's currently a single family dwelling on each lot so they're combining 4 into 2, but right now there's currently a residential, so it's residential use already."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I know, I'm just thinking about a situation we had in one of my subdivisions where they re-subdivided and they were able to put a really large..."

Angelic Keller interrupting stated, "I'm not sure if the applicant is here or not."

Councilwoman Millet asked, "Is it already standard lot size?"

Angelic Keller stated, "Yes it's on W 8<sup>th</sup> Street in Reserve."

Tina Catoire stated, "We own the property on the right hand side and we're trying to acquire this. What they're trying to explain about the rear of the property is these properties back up to St. Peter's Cemetery so we want to never be in there and there was an old house that was on side of us that had been vacant for more than 30 years, and it was owned by the neighbor on the opposite side. So we got together got a demolition permit, demoed the house, beautified the neighborhood and now all we're doing is making our lots longer because we can't go deeper. We don't have any intention at this time on putting anything on there just to give us more area."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Okay that's what we wanted to clarify because you did have a unique situation thanks for clarifying."

Tina Catoire stated, "No that's fine perfectly fine."

Councilman Snyder stated, "That was one of the things I was looking for to find out exactly what track of land was that, and where was it located and did we go through the Board of Adjustors for that and why not?"

Angelic Keller stated, "You should have a map in your book behind..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "I know where it is now."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "On W. 8<sup>th</sup>?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yes, so we actually went to bypass the Board of Adjustors?"

Angelic Keller stated, "Just for the depth, you've had previous re-subdivision or subdivision request for modifications that have come before the board, so we felt that this is..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "Before the Board of Adjustors?"

Angelic Keller stated, "No, before the Council."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay."

Angelic Keller stated, "To improve modifications from the subdivision regulations of the code. Because this is specific to a preexisting condition and by them subdividing 4 lots into 2 lots of record, you're not exacerbating the condition that already exist, you're not making it worse, so were just asking as more of a cleanup item, that when you or if you approve this subdivision, this re-subdivision you approve it with the modification."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay I understand all of that but I just wondering why we didn't go through the Board of Adjustors and we're doing this since the lot is only 80 feet and it should be 100 and if it's just a cleanup that's fine. Even bypassing our board like that, then we have plans that the state put together for us to look at things just like this which is the Board of Adjustors. Just for us to be consistent with things like this."

Angelic Snyder stated, "Because the Council, according to the code has authority to make modifications from the subdivision on regulations and because of this unique situation, if this was a situation that was created by the applicant or property owner to where there would be a deficit than that would be different. We would have brought it before the Variance Board, because this is not created or a situation that's created by the property owners, we made the decision that it could be handled through the modification codes though the Council."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Thank you."

**MOTION:** Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Gauff seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 15-26. The motion passed with Councilman Wilson absent.

**15-27** (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance for parish millage - official assessment roll for Year 2015 (N. Robottom)

Vince Lucia stated, *"The Parish Council is required to adopt the 2015 millage rates based on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll. A copy of the millage rates is included in the Council booklet. Administration recommends approval."*

Councilwoman Millet stated, *"I'm very pleased that there's millage's have not gone on, but I would like to see the day when they do go down a little bit, but at least they have not gone up so that's a good thing."*

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Millet moved and Councilman Gauff seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 15-27. The motion passed with Councilman Wilson absent.

**15-28** (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of St. John the Baptist Parish, as follows: By adding to Chapter 113, Section 113-561 - Exemptions (signs) (N. Robottom)

Angelic Keller stated, *"This ordinance allows temporary non-illuminated signage in connection with improvements to real estate and new construction without obtaining a permit. However, the structural and safety requirements of the building codes and zoning and area requirements must be followed. Administration recommends approval."*

Councilwoman Millet stated, *"I've been having some conversations with Ms. Keller and Mr. Perrilloux regarding this and I just think it's a little vague it's allowing signs to be put up, you know we have ordinances in place to go ahead and stop St. John from having signs in every direction and all over the place, I understand the concept behind it, however; there's no deadlines, I think the ordinance is vague and it doesn't address all the issues involved. I understand the intent is to allow for new businesses and improvements on property to be displayed without having to get a permit and I understand that. But I don't think that's what this is doing and I would like to actually revisit this before we actually pass this. That's my comment, so I would like make a motion to actually table it."*

Councilman Snyder asked, *"I would like to know what prompted this all of a sudden, were changing and we want to do this?"*

Angelic Keller stated, *"What prompted it is we actually started getting request and what we've been doing is we have a lot of these things that are being addressed in our code revisions that UNO completed for us, right now we are trying to finish those up and bring those to the Council, it's a lot of changes at one time but as we've been encountering questions and concerns from applicants that are coming through the office, if there is something that we feel that needs to be changed now and can't wait until then we'll bring it through knowing that were going to include it in the next batch of changes. So this basically would allow for example: I'm going to throw up the Valero Gas*

Station on Belle Terre, when they come in and they want to put a sign up that says; Valero is Coming Soon, they're under construction this would allow them to put up that sign without having to get a permit. As well as for those that are advertising improvements to real estate. One that is up now that they actually obtained a temporary sign permit for, but of course, your temporary sign permit only is allowed for 21 or so days, and so after it expires you would have to pull your sign up. There are a couple of hotels that are being anticipated for the Hwy. 51 area and so that was the situation where they wanted to advertise that they were coming soon. I know Ms. Millet concern was that in her mind it should only apply to Commercial Industrial rather than Residential as well. I mean if that's the case, that's an amendment you can make to the ordinance and still you know."

Natalie Robottom asked, "Can I add something, I think the attempt I know, I think it was Mr. Snyder asked why it is prompted now? Well Commercial Development is coming back now. For a while we had a lull and what we're finding is that we're running into problems with some basic things we've not had to deal with before and we're trying to assist our developers in marketing what's coming to the area so people will know for example, that the Hotels are coming possibly that will us get some restaurants at Exit 209 or if they see that other developments are coming it may inspire them to purchase property and develop as well. So there's not any other means behind this other than help some of the Commercial Developments that are starting to come onboard again now, and we're realizing there some very strict rules that are kind of prohibitive to the business development."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you and thanks for that clarification, I do like the idea of being proactive especially because we have so many little quarks with our sign ordinance. One of the things that came to mind especially from in real estate that you may be in a residential area you know with new subdivisions and they advertise lots that for sale and things like that. And so, that's not technically Commercial Property but, you know as Natalie said there's Commerce and residential sales are coming back and we want to be able to clearly indicate that to perspective buyers what's available and these type of things. So I actually like you know this change so that it's less bureaucracy, it's less red tape for businesses that are coming in for new development, residential new developments for people to advertise that without having to go through the hoops and steps and those type of things on getting a temporary sign just to say; hey Hampton Inn is Coming Soon, Holiday Inn is Coming Soon, Valero is Coming Soon. We're growing in Summerlin, River Oaks and Live Oaks, I think this is a definitely it's business friendly."

Angelic Keller stated, "And let me clarify, I know this is one of your concerns this is not necessarily and what I'm saying is improvements to Real Estate this is not necessarily, I'm selling my house I'm going to put a 64 foot square foot for sale sign in front of it. This is improvement not for sale or for lease."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Right."

Councilwoman Miller stated, "You know I think the concept is great and I don't want you all to get the wrong impression, because everyone wants to know what's coming. A sign would allow everyone to know what

coming you don't have to make these phone calls. I'm not against it, my concern is, if they decide not to come or if someone decides to put the sign up just because they want to put a sign up to attract maybe interest in selling their property or something to that effect. I don't want to see St. John have signs throughout the unimproved property just because all of a sudden permits you can put a sign up. I think there needs to be a little bit more restrictions involved rather than just opening it up to say; you don't need a permit go put your sign up. And that's what this is saying and I have a problem with that because there's no deadlines, there's no time frames, it's just go put your sign up, it's okay. All the efforts we made trying to make St. John not have signs all over now we're opening the door to say it's okay, that's my issue. Not that I'm against advertising new business and welcoming new business coming, that is not what I'm getting at. I want to make sure St. John doesn't deteriorate on its' appearances and that's my issue and that's why I wanted a little bit more timeframe a little bit more restrictions on here rather than just opening it up to Real Estate. Well Real Estate is all property, it doesn't matter if it's improved or not, if I want to put an addition on to my house I can put a big saying; I'm improving it, this doesn't say I can't do that, it's allowing me to do so and that's my concerns. If you want to put it in residential and industrial areas that's fine at some restrictions and that's what I'm concerned about, I just don't want to see them all over cause it says I don't need a permit and that's my concern."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Can't you have 2 signs up, one on each side of the lot?"

Angelic Keller stated, "If you have double frontage, so if you're on a corner lot you can potentially have one on each street frontage but the total area would still be 64 square feet."

Councilman Snyder stated, "64 square feet."

Angelic Keller stated, "Total, so then you would have 2 smaller signs."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thanks I have a question to what Cheryl said. How would you regulate that?"

Angelic Keller stated, "We would regulate it the same way we regulate you know anything else, pretty much as you observe it. I think one of the sections, in the part that Ms. Millet was referring to was No. 1 which talks about the improvements on Real Estate, No. 2 which specifically states that in connection with new construction work and display during such time the actual construction work is ongoing. If you're displaying it in regards to construction work, they're already coming in to us to get a construction permit, whether it's renovation, whether it's new construction and so we are already monitoring your building. So I think Ms. Millet's concerns were the improvements of Real Estate."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "You're absolutely correct Ms. Keller. That's the one I'm concerned about because it's so open Real Estate is property. It doesn't matter if there's a house on it, a building on it, a school on it, it is ground and there's no restriction, there's no time frame on it, I just worry we're going to have signs up all over saying whatever, because it's allowed and that's my concern. There's

nothing saying that you have to have plans before you can put the sign, I know you don't need a permit and I'm okay with that, because it's just a temporary thing to advertise what's going on. But we have to have some kind of time frame, what if they say I'm putting up a Dairy Queen and the Dairy Queen never comes and its ten (10) years and the sign is still there. Who controls that? What is the time frame or does it just stay there until the falls off? These are the issues I'm dealing with and I don't like opening doors to something that could be potentially taken away what we're trying to do to St. John."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Along the same lines for example; we have large pieces of property that they have Real Estate signs on right now like For Sale. Is that what you're concerned about those kinds of things you know, is there a restriction, is there a requirement and is there something that restricts people from putting up the already existing signs? There are signs throughout the parish on large tracks of property that has For Sale, For Lease already, so either of you'll know what restricts that?"

Angelic Keller stated, "I think For Sale signs are already exempted."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Okay."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "And what Angelic said, was that the second part of the modification is that; in steer of the course of construction, so you're not going to say you're Coming Soon and you're really not coming and you can only have a sign up while you're under construction."

Angelic Keller stated, "Right for the construction."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "So what Cheryl is saying is that someone can put a sign on property saying without a permit saying that you know, ABC is Coming Soon, but you're saying that you can get this sign while you're under construction."

Angelic Keller stated, "I think the permit says, you can get this sign for improvements to Real Estate while you're going through the permitting process or while you're going through the design process, you're designing your project. I mean that's what the intent is and sometimes it takes you six (6) months to go through that process. So you can't put up a construction sign yet because you're not in construction technically."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "No I mean the sign that says; This Business is Coming Soon, is part of what you just read you stated that..."

Angelic Keller interrupting stated, "The improvements of Real Estate yes."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Yes in the course of the construction of this you know, ABC Business. So that we wouldn't situations where signs just popped up all over the place for businesses that aren't coming here."

Angelic Keller stated, "Right but that's not to say that they won't,

but then you have to regulate."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Right, right."

Angelic Keller stated, "Code Enforcement regulates lots of things."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "I would like to see us take out that first section and if they are in or under construction or if they're getting their things done, then there's no problem with the sign coming because it's an actual concept that's being worked on. Just saying that you can put it up on Real Estate I have a real problem with that. I'm sorry and I just can't support that, I just can't."

Angelic Keller asked, "Well what about just limiting it to Commercial and Industrial and putting a time frame on it rather than just doing away with it?"

Councilwoman Millet stated, "My point let's come back to it so we can address it and get all the fine tape points taken care of. What I started with..."

Angelic Keller interrupting stated, "I can make a suggestion now, I don't think that would be a substantial change."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "I don't think a couple of weeks is going to make a difference Ms. Keller."

Angelic Keller stated, "Okay."

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Millet moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to Table Ordinance 15-28. The motion passed with Councilman Wilson absent.

**15-29** (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance to amend Chapter 2, Article III of the St. John the Baptist Parish Code of Ordinances as follows: By adding the following: Division 4. Political Activities of Unclassified Parish Employees (C. Millet)

Natalie Robottom stated, "With the regards to this ordinance, The constitutionality of this ordinance is in question and appears to conflict with AG Opinion 11-0256 related to the power of the Parish Council. There are also possible conflicts with other state laws, and it appears to discriminate against certain unclassified employees. Administration requests additional guidance from the AG and outside Legal Counsel before passage of such an ordinance."

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Millet moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 15-29. The motion passed with Councilman Wilson absent.

**15-30** (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance amending ordinance 15-02 relative to the annual Operating budget of the St. John the Baptist Parish General Fund and Public Works Fund for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015 (N. Robottom)

Julie Songy stated, "This ordinance transfers funds from Special Assistant line items created at the request of the Council to salary

*line items within the same department. This amendment facilitates the conversion of temporary employees whose position will exceed the 6 month time frame as currently defined to Civil Service employees. This also reduces the number of positions in question by the Council, DA and AG and provides Civil Service protections to employees who have been loyal to the parish. Administration recommends approval."*

The motion died for lack of a second.

**15-31** (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance amending ordinance 14-53 relative to the annual Operating budget of the St. John the Baptist Parish Economic Development Fund and Wastewater Fund for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015 (N. Robottom)

Julie Songy stated, *"This ordinance transfers unencumbered funds from one line item to another for positions within that department. Administration recommends approval."*

The motion died for lack of a second.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilwoman Millet stated, *"I would like to make a motion to accept the recommendations of the finance committee."*

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Millet moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to accept the recommendations of the finance committee. The motion passed with Councilman Wilson absent.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Natalie Robottom - Resolution - R15-27 - A resolution authorizing a grant application to the Delta Regional Authority**

Natalie Robottom stated, *"This authorizing resolution is a requirement of DRA's pre-application process for seeking grant funds. It allows the parish to apply for grant funds for projects that create and/or retain jobs and stimulates economic growth. The parish is seeking \$300,000 for improvements to the west bank collection system in Edgard to increase the existing collection capacity for the entire industrial area. Administration recommends approval."*

Councilman Snyder stated, *"Collection system, what are we collecting?"*

Natalie Robottom stated, *"Wastewater."*

Councilman Snyder stated, *"Wastewater collection, that's what I thought it was and is for the industrial areas on a..."*

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, *"It's actually for the entire West Bank and Edgard but making sure that we have capacity to allow for development is what this grant will address. Sometimes you know we have enough capacity and other cases we may need to add and this grant will allow us to be prepared for any development."*

Councilman Snyder asked, *"Create and retain jobs?"*

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes in an Industrial corridor which is what primarily the West Bank is. When we have new businesses coming the goal is for them to whether its construction jobs, permanent jobs and in order for them to locate here we have to have the capacity infrastructure wise to handling. So that's what the grant is driven toward it is very similar to the airport road structure where it's the same organization that funded that project to improve Economic Development and that industrial corridor."

**MOTION:** Councilman Smith moved and Councilwoman Madere seconded the motion to approve Resolution R15-27. A resolution authorization a grant application to the Delta Regional Authority. The motion passed with Councilman Wilson absent.

#### **PARISH PRESIDENT REPORT**

**MOTION:** Councilman Madere moved and Councilwoman Smith seconded the motion to suspend the rules to move the Parish President's report up. The motion passed with Councilman Wilson absent.

Natalie Robottom stated, "Good evening. We hope you had a chance to tour the newly renovated courthouse before the meeting. We're looking forward to the official ribbon cutting scheduled for Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3 p.m. I'd like to thank everyone 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. The annual Veterans 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 "Independence Day 2015 Live Broadcast. "As always, each year we try to make improvements to the programs and appreciate your feedback. Thank you to the officials who participated in our recent groundbreaking for the \$2.3 Million Recreation Improvement Project. Construction will take place at all parks and should be completed by January of 2016. Improvements include two spray parks, a dog park, new play sets, gazebos, fitness stations, restroom facilities and other aesthetic upgrades. More information about the project can be found on our website at [sjbparish.com](http://sjbparish.com). We were also on hand to celebrate the ribbon cutting for Momma Jo's Family Creole and Cajun Kitchen on Friday. The new restaurant is located at 2917 Hwy. 51 in LaPlace. Momma Jo's serves a variety of Cajun foods and specials Monday through Friday from 5 am to 8 pm and Saturdays from 6 am to 6 pm. Their phone number is 985-224-2666. We recently joined South Central Louisiana Technical College, Reserve Campus for the groundbreaking of the new Center for Advancement of Technical Education. This project is truly a public-private partnership and an investment in our community's future that will enhance educational opportunities for generations to come. Congratulations to Kerry Watkins, the Recreation Department and all participants on a successful 2015 baseball season and for hosting a successful Dizzy Dean State Tournament for the first time in Parish history. We are pleased to announce that our 7, 8 and 14 year old Warriors placed 1st in the tournament and will be going on to the World Series. It was a great weekend of baseball and thanks to the staff, coaches, volunteers and all who make it a success. Water aerobics

classes are now underway at the Alex Roland Reese Swimming Pool. Classes are Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Pre-registration is not required, but only 25 spots are available per session. For more information, please contact the Recreation Department at 652-9569. Once again, the parish is partnering with Eliza Eugene and Blessed to be a Blessing and to host a Backpack Extravaganza. The event is scheduled for Saturday, July 25, 2015 from 10 am to 1 pm at REGALA Gym. Free backpacks, school supplies & hygiene kits will be available to the first 500 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 Economic Development Department is initiating a Shop Local, Shop St. John campaign from July 25 - August 1, 2015 to help increase customer traffic and sales in St. John. Back to School shoppers who spend \$10 or more at each participating business will receive a game piece to be entered to win a grand prize. All current Shop Local members are eligible to participate - if your business is currently not a member, you can register through the Economic Development page on the website. The St. John Theatre will open its summer musical "Annie Get Your Gun" this weekend. Residents are encouraged to attend one of the shows July 17-19 or July 22-25. Tickets are available at Allied Express. The Creole Farmers Market is changing its hours from 9 am to 3 pm to 9 am to 1 pm. We encourage residents to visit the Farmers Market at the foot of the Veterans Memorial Bridge in Wallace for fresh and locally grown fruits and vegetables. The 42nd Annual Andouille Festival is slated for October 16th-18th and the craft vendor application deadline has been extended to Friday, July 31. 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](http://www.andouillefestival.com). Beginning this week, the Peavine Boat Launch parking lot will be closed for repairs. LA Contracting Enterprise, LLC will begin constructing an asphalt parking lot that is expected to take 3 weeks. The Boat Launch will remain open during construction; however, boaters are asked to park parallel on the roadway away from the construction area. 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. Hurricane Brochures are being mailed to all of the residents in St. John Parish and are available here at the Courthouse, the Percy Hebert Building and will be available soon at all Parish libraries. Please continue to dial 911 to report emergencies and weather concerns. This allows for proper documentation and dispatch. St. John joined the surrounding parishes represented by the Lafourche Basin Levee District, the Levee Board and CPRA in sending a Letter of Intent to the Corps of Engineers requesting inclusion of the study for a Hwy 90 levee alignment on the WB in their 2017 budget. After several conference calls and meetings between all entities and Parish Presidents, all agreed that this was the best path forward in obtaining federal funds needed for this project. There is a timeline of 3 years and a local match of \$1.5 million, which St. Charles Parish has committed to funding. As more information becomes available, it will be provided. Public Safety and Communications staff recently gave a Hurricane Preparedness Presentation at Rising Star Baptist Church and is scheduling a similar presentation for the Council on Aging. Staff is available to conduct presentations at neighborhood, civic association

*and organizational meetings. Please call 652-2222 to schedule."*

**MOTION:** Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilwoman Millet seconded the motion to take a five minute recess. The motion passed with Councilman Wilson absent.

**MOTION:** Councilman Gauff moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to return to regular session. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard and Councilman Wilson absent.

**DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:**

**Larry Snyder - (Carry Over 10-13-14) Discussion Lions Water Plant Phase VIII design**

The above item will be carried over.

**Lennix Madere - (Carry Over 5-12-15) Homer "Boogie" Joseph Center timeline request for start and completion**

Councilman Madere stated, *"Yes Monday we went to the Boogie Center and looked at the walls and I think you had a contractor that was there?"*

Daron Cooper stated, *"Yes sir we did Veterans Construction."*

Councilman Madere stated, *"Right so the only thing that I'm concerned about is, do we have a start date?"*

Daron Cooper stated, *"Well not yet, he's going to propose to us his pricing on it and then we going to determine. We'll start as soon as he gives us his price as long as it meets our procurement guidelines and we'll hopefully move forward."*

Councilman Madere stated, *"Okay would it be anyone else or just him as far as looking at the building I mean because..."*

Daron Cooper interrupting stated, *"I'm going to get another quote to make sure it's cost is reasonable on his quote."*

Councilman Madere stated, *"Because I saw you had quotes and I only met with one guy, so you're going to have some other quotes?"*

Daron Cooper stated, *"Right."*

Councilman Madere stated, *"Okay and the most important thing with me is, starting and completing this project and make sure it's right okay. I wouldn't want to see another month, two (2) month delay in this process. Get it done as quickly as possible and you know it's been going on for a long time."*

Daron Cooper stated, *"Correct. We're just going to have to work with Ms. Rhonda with her scheduling at that center, once we get that coordinated with her..."*

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, *"That have always been my concern as far as working with her and her program. Okay if the biggest problem was getting the commitment from administration to carry out the*

job. It seems as though we're moving at that direction now."

Daron Cooper stated, "Correct."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay and I understand the fact that we may have to work around her schedule, no problem with that okay, thank you."

Daron Cooper stated, "Okay, you're welcome."

Councilman Wright stated, "Mr. Cooper just a quick question for clarification; we will be seeing some action taken at the Homer Joseph Center?"

Daron Cooper stated, "Yes we will, yes we will. As soon as we have correct proposals and they meet our procurement guidelines we'll move forward."

Councilman Wright stated, "Thank you Mr. Cooper."

Councilman Snyder asked, "We get the proposal on what now?"

Daron Cooper stated, "We're going to sheetrock the walls, yes the plaster walls we looked at different options but we think the best way to move forward with it is to just stud the walls and do the sheetrock work on it instead of trying to re-plaster them and smooth them out, it would be more labor intensive so it would be better to just put sheetrock up."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Stripping the sheetrock?"

Councilman Gauff asked, "I wanted to know if you were going to strip everything else off?"

Councilman Wright stated, "Any further questions?"

Councilman Madere stated, "No that's it."

Councilman Wright stated, "And Mr. Madere I think once we can see this complete we can schedule the ribbon cutting."

Council Madere stated, "Oh yes most definitely."

**Marvin Perrilloux - (Carry Over 6-9-15) Rental fee reduction for the Civic Center**

This above item will be carried over.

**Lennix Madere - (Carry Over 6-23-15) Update and concerns regarding home on E. 30<sup>th</sup> Street Street - regarding health and safety conditions**

Councilman Madere stated, "This item may be removed from the Agenda."

**Lennix Madere - Update on drainage issues Hickory Street and E. 26<sup>th</sup> Street**

Brian Nunes asked, "Was Hickory Street the first one?"

Councilman Madere stated, "Right Hickory Street right."

Brian Nunes stated, "We still haven't gotten there yet. Have some other projects in front of that, that's something you and I can probably meet about maybe walk out there and take a look at it again. We're not there yet it's on the list it's been on the list for a while, but we haven't gotten to it yet."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay I think what the residents of that particular area are looking at, I mean I understand we have a lot of issues ahead of us, but I do believe this one was, like I said almost a year ago, so do you have any type of time frame as to when we may see some results? I know there are some concerns about getting permission from property owners, have we even done that yet?"

Brian Nunes stated, "No we haven't done that yet because we're not ready to go out there and then once we do get the permission there's all the trees we need to get out the way also. We need to look into that as well. If you would like to take a ride out there tomorrow, I can ride with you."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay we'll go tomorrow then and some way we can come up with an idea when we can start on this and get this out of the way. Okay no problem, what would be the best time for you?"

Brian Nunes stated, "I'll check my calendar and I'll give you a call."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes just give me a call in the morning. Okay now on 26<sup>th</sup> Street I see you said you replaced a culvert that was collapsed?"

Brian Nunes stated, "Yes we replaced that today."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay and do you know the address, because we may be talking about a different location."

Brian Nunes stated, "It was the one that was in that email that we talked about. I don't have address on top of my head but I've got it in my email."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay so it was a collapsed one underneath..."

Brian Nunes interrupting stated, "Underneath the driveway it was collapsed about 7 feet of it collapsed, so we pulled it out put a new one down, formed it back up and we should pour the concrete tomorrow."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay alright thank you."

#### **Lennix Madere - Railroad issues**

Councilman Madere stated, "I always have a problem with the railroad and when it continue to have problems with the railroad until they do something other than just the fact, it really made me upset that the railroad can come in our parish at any time work on crossings and just disrupt our whole parish in forms of traffic and how they have to go and we can't get them to cut a blade of grass in our parish. Okay I

have a problem with that, they come in anytime they want and they're going to repair this and repair that. I understand this is their railroad but it's still our community and have to disrupt our traffic and you can't get them to cooperate with keeping the drainage clean. Okay and the culverts clean that affect the people who live in this parish and I have a problem with that. Okay you want up to bend over backwards to help you do your job okay and we can't get you to even bend one knee to help us, okay I have a problem with that and we need to try to; like I've been saying and I'll say it again and I'm going to recon more than once. Somebody just slap a lawsuit on them might not win, but get their attention or something. You have to do something with what's going on in the parish with the railroad because it's not getting any better, okay it's getting worse, okay either they're going to allow us to do or we put pressure on them to do it. That really upset me the other day when you have to go all the way around there just to please them and you can't get them to do anything for us that's a problem. Okay, cooperation is a two way street not just one you know. So maybe we have to sit down and talk about that with yourself and administration or something and legal to try and get something done, because this type of behavior from the railroad has to stop."

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "Yes Brian, I got a call from a resident and I glanced at it over on West 5<sup>th</sup> where they did the railroad by Noah Park and DuPont cow pasture. I think they have closed off culvert down on the DuPont side by the cow pasture right by the railroad crossing, that culvert is closed. So if they have a big rain come I think it's going to fill up that street and I don't anyone to go around that curve and hydroplane, so we need to check that curve out right there."

Brian Nunes stated, "Okay thank you. I didn't know about that."

Councilman Gauff stated, "That's been closed for about four (4) years now. I've been asking I've put emails we've met, it's the same culvert that's been restricted for the last four (4) years Brian."

Brian Nunes asked, "It goes underneath the railroad?"

Councilman Gauff stated, "It goes underneath the railroad, they keep telling me and you all keep telling me, you were going to set something up; that was the perfect opportunity, when we had the crossing closed we should have gone out there built a little bridge or whatever they had to build to support the rail and then replace that culvert. That's been plugged for four (4) years now. And I know, I'm going to say this; but the residents in that area and Ms. Landeche has her family there, we've been watching this for the past four (4) years. I've asked to get that culvert replaced or unplugged, it's been plugged for four (4) years now. So that's nothing new."

Brian Nunes stated, "It is a railroad culvert so there's nothing we can do at this time."

Councilman Gauff stated, "I understand that I understand that, but going to what Mr. Madere is saying as far as them not helping us, they blocked off the traffic that was the perfect opportunity. They closed that thruway, they closed that crossing they could have replaced the culvert then."

Brian Nunes stated, "Sure I agree."

**Lennix Madere - Road Repairs in District III - E. 15<sup>th</sup> Street**

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay once again this is something that having knowing what we have to do, but I truly believe, not believe I know that the Council Members in each District should have a strong say so as to what roads are being repaired in their District. Because I've said before if I'm going to get the phone calls and the heat from the residents who I represent, than I should be able to say; well I had input in this, okay just us giving the list and not having a final input doesn't work out for me okay, because they are concerned. I went to the office and got all the road repairs from 2008 until now and in my District it averaged out to one road over that whole span, one road a year over that span from 2008 to 2015. That's not good and I spoke to other previous Council Members who said they get at least two roads a year and they always had the final input or strong input as to what roads were getting repaired. What happened in my District this year, I have E. 12<sup>th</sup> Street a half of E. 12<sup>th</sup>, I really have a half of a half, because the other side of the road really belongs to Rainey Wilson. So the people in my District we have a half of a half of road. On the back of E. 15<sup>th</sup> Street that road was being extended and it wasn't even a road it have never should have been extended that was on private property and that was being extended I didn't ask for that okay and we can't do this. Now I looked on the paper that was about nineteen thousand dollars (\$19,000.00) so that road is not going to happen. That nineteen thousand dollars (\$19,000.00) should go somewhere in my District to repair a road okay, that's what I'm concerned about and to get a half of a road, a half of a half, that's not going to fly, that's not going to work with the voters or myself. We get a half of a half, a half of E. 12<sup>th</sup> Street and I have E. 23<sup>rd</sup>, E. 24<sup>th</sup>, Melius and several other streets that's worthy of a repair and that's what we get. Okay, something is going to have to change with that, administration or someone have to realize that we are part of this and we should have stronger input as to what roads are going to be repaired and not just take it like it is and take with a smile. We need to have some strong input and if anyone want to ride when we ride tomorrow I'll show you. I'll take you down 23<sup>rd</sup> and we're not going to go 20 mph down 23<sup>rd</sup>, I mean it's terrible and..."

Brian Nunes interrupting stated, "I do know where you're talking about 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, Perrilloux needs it bad to, but we have a drainage project there within the next year. So we didn't want to tear it up and do the roads now, tear them up for the drainage project and have to redo them."

Councilman Madere stated, "Well look let me explain that, when we tore the road up for a sewage project okay, we tore the road up for a sewage project..."

Brian Nunes interrupting stated, "Right not after it was just repaired though."

Councilman Madere stated, "No yes, yes within a year. The sewage repair was in a year of E. 26<sup>th</sup> and Chad B. Baker Street we've cut into brand new roads. Now, if we're going to do a sewage repair, I mean drainage improvement we're not going to come all the way into the black top."

*Okay we are staying along the servitude of the ditch, right?"*

*Brian Nunes stated, "Right! Right! Yes, with the pipes we are. With machines to install the pipes they are going to be on the roads."*

*Councilman Madere asked, "So do you think they are going to damage the roads?"*

*Brian Nunes stated, "I'm afraid they will that's why I save those for after we do the drainage."*

*Councilman Madere stated, "Well okay, okay fine! But just make sure that when we finish those repairs that we redo those roads then, so that's going to be from 31<sup>st</sup> all the way to 23<sup>rd</sup>. I don't have a problem with that, okay but I mean just the fact to get a half of a half that's not good. Okay especially after I asked, requested E. 12<sup>th</sup> Street was done last year and they said the front of it was good and they didn't need to repair it and then a few months later we repairing it. Okay all I'm saying is everyone Councilman in here should have a stronger input as to what roads are being in their District. Okay, that's it."*

*Councilman Wright stated, "Thank you Mr. Madere. Just for a point of information just for the Council, I did actually reach out to Mr. Nunes and actually Mr. Coburn tonight requesting administration come to us with a budget amendment to increase the amount of money in the concrete budget, we had exhausted those funds for the year midway in, so I have requested that amendment and hopefully we can see that at the next meeting."*

*Councilwoman Hotard asked, "Brian, on the street repair line item, it's not separated by concrete and asphalt it's just one..."*

*Brian Nunes interrupting stated, "It's just one line item for both."*

*Councilwoman Hotard stated, "It is one line item for both, so you wouldn't be increasing concrete or asphalt, you would be increasing the line item?"*

*Councilwoman Millet stated, "I'm so sorry. I didn't realize that because at one time it was separate."*

*Councilwoman Hotard stated, "It's been together for years, it's been together for years."*

*Councilwoman Millet stated, "So we're going to have to probably increase. I'm going to amend or send my motion..."*

*Councilwoman Hotard interrupting stated, "And you need to specify where you're getting the money from."*

*Councilwoman Millet stated, "Oh no I'm going to let administration find it because I know they will."*

*Councilman Wright stated, "We're requesting administration to come to us with a budget amendment."*

*Councilwoman Millet stated, "They will find it. Let's do it to, we are*

going to have to make it two hundred fifty thousand (\$250,000.00). Increase it to; two hundred fifty thousand (\$250,000.00) to include asphalt as well. The motion is to increase the line item for street budget to an additional two hundred fifty thousand (\$250,000.00)."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you. I can support a motion that says we're requesting that the administration identify the funds, but we cannot make a motion to increase a line item without specifying where the money is coming from. So if you want to properly put a motion together I can be happy to..."

Councilwoman Millet interrupting stated, "I'll be more than happy to do that Ms. Hotard thank you so much."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "Request the administration to allocate or find the funds to increase the street budget line item to an additional \$250,000.00."

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Millet moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to request the administration to come to the council with a budget amendment increasing the concrete/asphalt line item an additional \$250,000.00. The motion passed with Councilman Wilson absent.

#### **Cheryl Millet - Political signage**

Councilwoman Millet stated, "I put this on the agenda and I know it has been a problem. It is election season and I know everyone is excited about the election and running for office because it is our right to do so as citizens however in light of this council in the past in Ordinance 04-25, Chapter 26:105 it is stated Political Signs; Limitations and Requirements and I am going to read this out because I want anyone that is contemplating running for election or purchasing or putting out political signs to understand the spirit of this ordinance. 1) Displaying of political signs shall be permitted for a period of time not to exceed ninety (90) consecutive days prior to a primary election date. If the candidacy or ballot proposal involves more than one election, the sign permitting time shall be automatically extended to the tenth (10) day following the date of the concluding general election to which the signs pertains. 2) No political sign shall exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in sign face area. 3) No political sign shall be erected or displayed in any public right-of-way. 4) The candidate or proponent of a ballot proposal shall remove all political signs erected or displayed under this section no later than ten (10) calendar days of the last election to which the signs pertain. Upon the failure to timely remove such signs, the Parish therefore remove and dispose of such signs. And I just wanted to let everybody be aware of what this is and the spirit of it was to not have signs all over the parish for longer than ninety (90) days. And I want you to remember that anyone who's running for office should adhere to the signs to the ordinances of this parish they were placed here for a purpose and if you want to represent the citizens of this parish you should follow the ordinances that were put in place. That's all I have to say."

*Administration defers to Legal Counsel as they provided legal guidance on this issue when initial complaints surfaced in March.*

**Cheryl Millet - Approval of two speed bumps at Bellevue and Belle Alliance in Riverlands Subdivision**

*Councilwoman Millet stated, "Go ahead and carry this over. We have some more information we need to determine on this."*

**Jaclyn Hotard - Crevasse - Shed Permit**

*Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Yes I'll just read into the record the comments here from administration. And I had a resident who just wanted some clarity on this permit. It says here; a permit was issued on July 2, 2015 for an accessory structure (wooden 10' x 12' shed) at 124 Marcia Drive in LaPlace. Pursuant to the permit issued, the structure passed the preliminary and final zoning inspections."*

**Jaclyn Hotard - Drainage Issue - Paula Drive**

*Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you. Brian I have a resident that is calling about several issues in this area of Crevasse and what they're complaining is that they mainly told I guess at some point by Public Works that they were going to clean out some ditches on Paula Drive and they didn't do that and then also place some culverts on Paula Drive because they allowed water to stand in the ditch or something like that I'm not sure but do you know what's the status of some of these projects that are supposed to take place on Paula?"*

*Brian Nunes stated, "We've done some work out in that area it may not be specific where you're talking about, so I'm going to have to do a little more research in to that but like this response does say there is a project coming it's going subsurface that area from start at the railroad tracks and moving towards the river obviously won't get everything done in the budget but it's similar to the Reserve drainage project just we are going to cover the whole thing and once those are put in it's going to take the water to the railroad track and from there we have the pump like the we bought at Redbug. We have that and we are going to install that in conjunction with pumping north of the tracks so I think with those two things combined are really going to take care of this area."*

*Councilwoman Hotard asked, "Would that be installing culverts on Paula?"*

*Brian Nunes stated, "Yes that project is yes."*

*Councilwoman Hotard asked, "And do you know when that's going in?"*

*Brian Nunes stated, "It's in design right now. So I expect the final plans within, I don't want to speak for the Engineers maybe within the next 3 or 4 months."*

*Councilwoman Hotard asked, "What Engineer is it?"*

*Brian Nunes stated, "That is GEC has that one."*

Councilwoman Hotard stated, *Okay alright and I'll follow up you. Also while I have you here and I know we passed up Department/Engineer Reports but on the corner of Louisiana and Paula Drive they have a bunch of low hanging trees and so when the buses make the turn right there they can't see, if you can have those trimmed off of the roadway."*

Brian Nunes stated, "Sure."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thanks."

**Ranney Wilson - Port of South Louisiana - Bauxite**

Councilman Gauff stated, *"I have been in constant communications with Ms. Prudhomme and with officials from the Port as far as an explanation on the possibility of this Bauxite facility coming to the GlobalPlex area. I'll let you elaborate a little more even though I've been told it's in the premature stage as you can see we have quite a few residents that are concerned especially when you start to hear things in the media that it's coming and you could probably give us a little better or little more input on that so I'll give it to you."*

Linda Prudhomme, Port of South Louisiana, stated, *"I am a resident of LaPlace. The government made an announcement on this project last month and the reason why he did this was because the company, it had a meeting and that went into the press so the Governor wanted to make sure that he was the one to that was announcing it, because there is a financial incentive involved in this project to the company, but the company is at least two (2) years away from making any decisions they have a lot of diligence that they have to do to perform before they can decide if they are going to build this project or not, so this is a good two (2) years away before you would even see them decide to break ground and start to build anything and we did request the President of the company be here tonight but he was due in St. Louis on a business trip and he couldn't change his plans and he said at this point and time, he said we do not have enough information on the process that we're going to be doing as well as the financial side of the project being complete it's very very preliminary I guess that's all I can say. But I can tell you that you know what I know about the project, it is a Cream Color Ceramic Bauxite it will make a component that goes in the mining industry for refactoring, it will come in by ship covered barges, it cannot be wet so it's always covered, it will be transported to the site that they have chosen, which is inside the GlobalPlex Terminal and everything will be manufactured under roof and there will be no storage of this product, it will be brought in manufactured into a proponent that goes into the mining industry and shipped out immediately to the customer base. It is supposed to be a very environmentally safe. At this point that's all that you know that we've been told by the company that we can say until they complete the study they are involved in at this point and the reason why it haven't got into the press is because the Board made the decision for them to go forward with all their studies they need to do. So that's really all I can say about it at this time."*

Councilman Gauff stated, *"And whenever more information is received it will be shared, and is that possible to share it with the community?"*

Linda Prudhomme stated, "Absolutely..."

Councilman Gauff interrupting stated, "I know your plans were to do town halls and all that whenever everything's done but their concern is, their voice will not be heard."

Linda Prudhomme stated, "Well when the studies are completed and they know for sure they're going to build this facility and you know if at that time you know we're able to provide them with a site to do that in two (2) years so I mean that where we are right now."

Councilman Gauff stated, "And the other thing is the big concern especially with all the news of the Bauxite at Noranda and this community wants to make sure and as the Council that's what we're for to make sure they are protected and that we represent them and their needs."

Linda Prudhomme stated, "Well the comment I received from one of the people that are working on this project when we called them about the Noranda issue they basically said and I'll quote what was said to me; The answer of whether the mercury issues with Bauxite at Noranda Plant would be similar to what they would be doing at GlobalPlex Terminal. They basically stated that; manufacturing process will not have that problem due to they take the Bauxite and create a product for the fracking industry for drilling and do not have waste or storage of their raw material at the plant site. They make the product and they ship it out immediately to their customer base and that was their response to our question about the Noranda issue and the mercury issue when we heard about it from you know in the St. James Parish area."

Councilman Gauff stated, "I will say all the information you're sharing tonight that's the same way you presented it to me, I've shared just about everything with the Council I will speak to them and open it to them just in case they have any questions or anything further but thank you very much."

Councilman Wright asked, "Mr. Perrilloux do you have a question?"

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Yes I have a question Ms. Prudhomme, this premature press release by the Governor's Office seem to me it should have come to the Council or the governing body of St. John Parish before the release because when it was released we were not notified and we couldn't explain to the residents what was going on I had several calls and I had no idea what they were talking about I could not explain it. They should have come to the governing body first at least we would have been prepared to answer questions with the residents. I mean we didn't know what was going on I had to do some research about the Bauxite whether it was going to be the red one whether it's going to be the cream one and I think they have a black one, so I didn't know what was coming and I had to just well this is what possibly can happen. But we need to be more diligent of the other residents here and say you know what, let me talk to the St. John Parish Council, Administration and before we let this out to the public and two (2) years away but now we have the whole community in an uproar. I don't think that's how you want to do business or start off any business in St. John Parish."

Linda Prudhomme stated, "Well it's not the way we do business but it is the Governor's Office and it was the Governor's call and I think the Council should probably write him a letter."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "And we will. We're going to draft a letter or resolution saying, if you have something coming to St. John Parish talk to the governing body first. Let us know what's going on, at least we can have an answers, I'd appreciate this."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well I have information, I have the next item on the Agenda pertaining to the same thing the Bauxite. Thank you for coming Ms. Prudhomme and it sounds like you know a little bit about the process you said something about manufacturing and if something is manufactured, what kind of process is that manufacturing process?"

Linda Prudhomme stated, "Well right now they going through a University I think its University of Columbia to go through everything they have to do to test this product environmentally safe everything. So when they're complete with all that they will be more than happy to address these types of questions, they're very open, you know it's not that they don't want to be here they don't be here and say I can't answer your question at this time. And that's the situation it would have been because they are still developing the processing for the proponent they'll be making."

Councilman Snyder asked, "You did say it will be loaded from barges and sent a warehouse?"

Linda Prudhomme stated, "Yes into a building they will build and where they will make the ceramic proponents and shipped out immediately to their customer base."

Councilman Snyder stated, "That's a lot of questions I'm not going to ask you about that because we don't have the time tonight but I think the people here are concerned about what would they run and the dust from it and I think those two things if I had a home in that area, those are the two things I would be concerned about right now and is there any other area any other places in the United States or Globally that uses this process or this manufacturing process where we may be able to get more information on?"

Linda Prudhomme stated, "I would have to see what their competition is in the U.S. because I mean this is the first time we've had such a project come to us, but all the re-fracturing that's going on in this country it's got to be everywhere. I'm sure there are quite a few of them and that's why they come into the United States, they're Canadian Company to try to capitalize on some of those customers in the Gulf South especially."

Councilman Snyder stated, "One other thing I know this is not a public information session and I think we have a lot of people here from that area, I was wondering if they have a specific question that one of them can ask at this time, would one person please come up here if you don't mind?"

Councilman Gauff stated, "And I'm not sure if Ms. Prudhomme would be able to answer the question, I did talk to Mr. Clayton and I guess the

biggest concern is that even once this Buaxite Company comes and maybe this is something you can't ask and get an answer to is that; if they do come and they're producing this cream colored bauxite, what's to say they don't go to a red bauxite or change the process and that's just their fear that they may start with one process and end or expand to a different process and be something else. So that is a concern that you know if you can find out."

Linda Prudhomme stated, "Well the design of their equipment is for this Ceramic Proponent and that's quite a bit of investment so for them to just switch would be very difficult they would have to probably you know put new equipment, new machinery and that's a huge investment they're making, so I mean this is my own personal opinion I have no idea how the company would address that and that's why it would be so much nicer if we had the company when they're ready to come in and have these discussions so they can go and give you the right answers. I can't give you the right answers because I don't have those answers right now, but they're good questions."

Councilman Gauff stated, "Well that is a concern and that's a major concern you know we're saying it's a process that's clean and environmentally safe but they're just worried that they end up in a Noranda situation. That they could expand and decide this a market for them and vest in that red bauxite and then we didn't do our due diligence before time to prevent this from happening."

Linda Prudhomme stated, "Sure absolutely."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes I understand everything that you said I understand and I recognize the position that you are placed in trying to answer and not being directly affiliated with these people. Okay my concern is exactly what these individuals are concerned about. What happens when once they get here because they can change, because we need something written in stone signed, agreement that you're only going to produce this okay we can't wait until they get here and then try to answer these questions. If they want to come to St. John the Baptist Parish and make money they should reach out to the people who are going to be most affected by this plant being placed there. And these questions need to be answered and asked before you actually break ground and have an agreement in place already that this is not going to happen okay. We did the same thing when they built Ingram Barge in Reserve, the residents got together and they didn't want any stories, they didn't want any pipes, any barges or anything from the other side the levee to come across. And that was an agreement reached at a Council Meeting with them that allowed them to move forward with placing the office building there. So I think the same type of agreement needs to be reached with these people you understand to make them understand we can't just let you walk in here two (2) years from now and all of a sudden you decide that you want to make more money and if they are going to make more money you understand they don't mind spending and changing the equipment, okay you see plants all around the area adding on and expanding. Okay so they want to make sure they have an agreement this is not going to happen and that's what they are concerned with and they don't have that agreement now so that's why they're concerned and they are worried. Okay two (2) years from now I'm pretty sure a lot of these people will still be alive, now if you were talking about one hundred (100) years from now you're coming, well I

*think just about all of us in here would be gone, but you're talking about two (2) years that's not a very long time so they need to get in here meet with the Board, meet with the Council and meet with the residents and we need to come with an agreement, this is what's going to happen, this is what's not going to happen, sign on the dotted line and then maybe we can move forward."*

Linda Prudhomme stated, "I agree with you,"

Councilman Wright stated, "Ms. Pruhomme I do appreciate you coming, I know a lot of this is premature just for the public's knowledge there's a lot of these questions that cannot be answered tonight just pretty much want to thank you and the Port for wanting to get involved and help. We have a few more comments."

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "Thank you and that's was also one of the comments I know I did receive a lot of calls from residents and the biggest fear was that something was already been approved it was coming in and that there wasn't really anything that anybody could do about it not even the Council so kind of a me and some of the others possible in a helpless situation to helpless feeling. So it's you know encouraging I guess to hear that this is down the road and that also there will be a public hearing process where people will be able to come and voice their concerns that nothing has been approved so that steps can be put into place if they write the permit one thing and we know that these specific uses that you can't just change the use and you know start doing something else, so I'm glad at least for the sake of the residents that this isn't a done deal you know, seems like when the announcement came out and some of the calls I got last week and maybe this week it was just as if the information that was being given that this was pretty much done and over with and you know from what you're saying tonight not even close and that there will be an opportunity for public input, for council input to say hey, like what Tweet is saying; these are the rules that you have to play by you know and you have permitted for these things we're not going to allow deviation from that to ever affect the residents. I know the Port has been a good neighbor I know you guys aren't looking to do anything that's going to obviously that is against the residents and I appreciate you coming out because often times we need to hear from the residents to know what the thoughts are and what are the concerns of the community. So I do appreciate you coming out and I am glad that we can at least dispel some of the rumors right now that it is not coming tomorrow and we do have an opportunity to definitely put our foot down with the company and say we are not going to just allow a free for all."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "I think Ms. Hotard has said very well exactly what I was going to say. Thank you so much for coming out and please keep us abreast of any information that may come so that we can keep our residents and if we need to have a town hall meeting we can do so so that they will have an opportunity to voice their concerns."

Linda Prudomme stated, "That is the only way you can do these things is to be upfront and honest. The governor wanted this announced and that is all I can say and I really can't say any more than that because I wouldn't want him to be angry with the Port but that is what happened."

**Larry Snyder - Update on new, proposed Bauxite Plant in Reserve and public information sessions planning**

Please see above discussion.

**Larry Snyder - Reduction of speed along Highway 44 in populated areas**

Councilman Snyder stated, "Mr. Madere and I have talked about this and some residents came up to me and asked me about it. We have had numerous accidents especially between 30<sup>th</sup> Street and W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street. We have had fatalities there and the speed limit is 45 mph with the increase of traffic and activities in that area the resident came to me and said that we need to decrease that speed and that may help for some of the things there are large trucks that come down there now and turn on 3179 so I am going to ask this council today to petition the state to drop the speed limit from 45 to 35 mph and I am sure those 10 mph are going to help so I would like to make that motion to petition the state to change the speed limit."

Jeff Perilloux stated, "I was just going to suggest that you put together a resolution. We have done that before. We can bring it to the next meeting and then you all can vote on sending that resolution with that request to the state DOTD in order to see about getting that speed reduced from 45 to 35 mph."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yes sir and I have somebody who can do that for me. I would like to see it for the entire parish along the River Road."

Councilman Wright stated, "Great we will have that resolution for the next meeting."

**Lennix Madere - Utility Board concerns**

Councilman Madere stated, "I am concerned about the Utility board the last 2-3 meetings they didn't meet because they didn't have an agenda item and I think we have a lot of things going on in this parish concerning utilities and what I don't want to see happen to this board is what is happening to some of the other boards we have like Recreation they have an agenda and they don't have enough people and if the people who come to the Utility Board Meeting and they have been coming. If they get turned back at the last minute oh we are not having a meeting then they are going to say well you know what I am not coming. I don't want that to start happening. I don't care if we have to just tell them we fixed a pipe. They should have a meeting. There should be something on the agenda. We have too many utility projects going on in this parish that we don't have anything to discuss. My concern is that we have a board that wants to meet and I just put a new member on the board and he wants to meet. So like I told him I put you on the board and you don't have a meeting. So it was almost a wasted appointment for me to put someone on the board. So if we have 2 or 1 meeting I don't care if we just have a meet and greet. We need to have a meeting and there is more than enough things going on in this parish where the parish shouldn't cancel the utility board meeting because of a lack of an agenda put something on it and talk about something. We have a board that wants to come and be active so let's not discourage them. I know there has to be something in utilities that they can talk

about."

Blake Fogleman stated, "I did speak with Mr. Madere. It was my understanding that this is an advisory board in place by you all to get some of those items out in the open and to start discussing it. We bring things to the agenda that are to be voted on that are going to be presented to you all just like the Ordinance on Summerlin and things of that nature. If it has nothing to do with water, sewerage or drainage then it doesn't come in front of the board therefore I don't have anything from our end to present for them to vote on. There are many updates. I just know that it is another meeting that we staff and do minutes for and that we do all these things and we did a meet and greet when I did get involved in this and I understood that we weren't even having meetings prior to this. We came in and just gave everybody an update Mr. C.J. was there and actually even requested the board members themselves if they had items that they wanted placed on the agenda. So the items and when I say that there are not enough agenda items I do mean voting agenda items but I am not presenting anything on that agenda if there are any concerns from the board we will have to sit down and talk about it and we have even scheduled tours with the board. All I am asking for is input from that board to start interacting with our secretary to get those type of things and concerns on the agenda."

Councilman Snyder stated, "That board is one of our most functioning boards if we use them that we have in the parish many of our other ones they don't meet sometimes for lack of a quorum but that board is a little different and all of the other boards their agenda is really set by the administration and things that are happening that the administration needs them to look at. I don't see why we have had water outage, broken pipes, boiled water advisories you have something to meeting about but if you don't want to be bothered with that then that is something different. So that board and we have some good members on it, is a good resource for this department especially you being a young director. These people have been here for many years and many of them have been on that board for many years. I am in full agreement with Mr. Madere let's have something if we have to meet and talk about the pipe that broke by Sicily's a few weeks ago."

Blake Fogleman stated, "We do updates on project work and my understanding was that it was focused on that project work. I will say that this I know wasn't functioning properly when I came in so this is a growing phase in making sure that we are getting this done and having these meetings."

**Art Smith - Code Enforcement Issues - West Bank**

Councilman Smith stated, "I have a number of issues on the West Bank that are not being taken care of. I have somethings on my list that are over a year old and I want to know when are these items going to be completed or removed from the listing?"

Angelic Keller stated, "I can't answer that question. I know you were always in contact with the inspector that was assigned to your district so that would probably have been issues to address with that inspector. I am not understanding if you are not satisfied with the work that was being done or what have you but we do have a new inspector assigned to your area as the previous one has retired and we have already completed

interviews for the replacement so you will have a permanent person assigned to your area but we discussed this once before some of these things go away the reports that you get once a month don't decrease per day because as we complete things new things get put on the list. So unless you are in district 7 your list is going to be a few pages but we are doing work throughout the parish in all districts. We are accomplishing things. I am not sure if you have specific items that you need to address you can call the code enforcement officer at any time to discuss it with the Supervisor or one of the assistants to give you a status update on any one of those. I am not sure what you are looking for."

Councilman Wright stated, "Can I suggest that we set up a meeting for you Councilman Smith and Mrs. Keller so that you can meet and discuss this further."

### **Jaclyn Hotard - Streetlights - Carrollwood/Greenwood Drive**

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you and the next two items are mine. I did speak with Mr. Cooper today and I believe we kind of handled some of this. Brian let me ask you, is the bucket truck back up and running?"

Brian Nunes stated, "Yes RB83 is back up and running."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "We got it okay and so that will be taken care of. The next item is also mine, Old 51 - various work orders. We've got a lot of issues all over seems like but these just happen to be recurring issues that keep happening with some ditches I know we had some access issues I need to know where that is, but we do have some grass cutting that needs to be done in the rear of Old 51 it seems like we're cutting the front we're missing the back. I just don't want to have these types of issues, like we know where our servitudes are, we know where our property is, what we have to cut, maintain and needs to be cleaned. It's almost embarrassing that we have a list of grass cutting, debris and everything else offenses on our residence when we can send our Code Enforcement Officers to our own property and get written up. So we have got to sweeping around our own front doors before we start telling people about the dirt on theirs, so I want to know right now here today, what is the plan to take care of these recurring manning issues in the Old 51 Association area?"

Brian Nunes stated, "As far as the grass it should be cut right now it is done."

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "What is the plan in place for keeping it cut so that we are not cutting it on a reactive basis that we are cutting it before we have to get the emails, before I pass by and see it that is what I want to know because we can pick up the phone all day long and call a contractor in an emergency situation and take our guys off of something and send them there because we got a phone call but what are we doing to avoid having the grass get to four feet?"

Brian Nunes stated, "Well the truth is we lost a few operators to retirement or some just not showing up. We just finished interviews last week to hire or get a minimum of three more because we have three tractors right now that are sitting with nobody driving them because we

don't have a driver so we just finished the interview process and I will have recommendations probably tomorrow to the administration to get those guys in for their drug screen and background so that we can get them right out there that is our big thing but it isn't going to solve everything but at least get some more bodies out there and you guys tell me all the time that I need more bodies so that is what we are doing right now especially in grass season being so bad."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Another thing that we probably need to do and this is with the equipment once we have down equipment do something in the interim and if we have a lack of employees I mean we have temps all over the place we need to get a temp or something to fill in so that we don't have these problems."

Brian Nunes stated, "I agree we have looked at some issues we have five temps to start the year and we have two left."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Especially in the summer what about all of the Montz Canal, I know Michael said it was cut today but can we get it sprayed?"

Brian Nunes stated, "I think it is on the spray list. I can call Derrick to make sure."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I don't want to have to talk about it again."

Councilman Wright stated, "I think if it was on a regular spraying basis that would help especially with the access issues but like Ms. Hotard said it has gotten to the point where we get numerous calls and we call it in numerous times and it doesn't get done. I think if we can spray we would have much easier access to get to that canal if we could get on a regular maintenance crew with that it would be good and I think don't we actually have some men stationed almost permanently at the 51 Park? I think they should be monitoring that also because it is visible from 51 so they should be monitoring that canal also."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Also on that same note can we get the oyster shells at Montz out of there? I know the business owner threw them in there but I don't believe we can have the business owner go and remove from our drainage but we have to get those out of there."

Brian Nunes stated, "Yes I need to drive back there to make sure there isn't an access issue again or maybe we can sign some kind of agreement to get on there with the equipment."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Well we have servitudes to be able to get on it the ditch really butts up to those businesses so we have servitude."

Brian Nunes stated, "Let's look at it to make sure before I say something I'm not sure but we should be able to do that no problem."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Will you follow up with me tomorrow and Jackie follow up with me and with Brian."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes I understand exactly where you are

coming from that is why I mentioned earlier in the finance meeting when we were talking about equipment. We need more equipment and we need more workers this parish has gotten big and the responsibility of cutting grass on servitudes and canals is extremely big and if you don't have enough equipment or workers or someone retires on you then you lose valuable man power that is why we have to have a strong work force in public works because they do everything from grass, road repair, cement they do everything and I agree with her we need to have a schedule because one of my residents told Mr. Snyder on N.W. 1<sup>st</sup> Street I think it was the grass on the ditch bank was almost six feet tall and after they reported it they went to cut it. Now that is not an example of a schedule that is an example of just being really behind in your work that is why you need more people or we need temps so that when someone doesn't come in we can call them in and get somebody to do the job because now the grass on that ditch bank won't be cut again until probably October. So we have to have a regular maintenance as far as grass is concerned and another area I know personally I don't know if it has been cut but they were cutting pretty regular is behind the halfway house on Old 51. I went back there about a month ago because I used to go fishing back there I had to turn around and come back because I would have gotten lost in the grass. It is over six feet."

Brian Nunes stated, "I think that area was done this week."

Councilman Madere stated, "But to get over six feet means they haven't been back there in quite a while but I definitely understand what you are saying and we have to have a schedule and try to keep it as much as possible on schedule. I do understand weather conditions and the fact that you are working shorthanded caused some of these problems but we have to find a way to handle this."

Brian Nunes stated, "The best thing to do is hire more people. You are absolutely right and we are doing that now. I am not making excuses but we have a lot of grass to cut and it is this time of year."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I think we need to keep our contractors feet to the fire because some of those guys the contract says they have to cut once a week right now and the contract also says that they are supposed to designate a day that they will cut once a week and that has to be enforced because I know for sure in front of Cambridge they cut it one Monday then another Monday passed and they cut it two days ago on Sunday and did a half of a cut on Sunday and I watched that area up there. I spoke with the supervisor and he spoke with the guy who does it. They need to be monitored closely. These guys get paid they sign a contract to do the grass a certain way and I think we need to hold their feet to the fire to make sure they live up to their contract."

Brian Nunes stated, "On that note I will tell you that every month for those contractors I don't give them a PO# until they give me their schedule for the month so I know every day they are supposed to be somewhere. So I can send that to you and if you see Cambridge hasn't been done and then it says well they were supposed to do it last Thursday then call me and I will follow up. I can't be everywhere at one time."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I understand that. I watch them. We just need to hold them up to their end of the deal."

Brian Nunes stated, "I have inspectors that are supposed to watch them as well."

Councilman Madere stated, "There is a young man and you can ask my secretary that comes every day or calls looking for a job. He called this afternoon and he said Mr. Madere I want a job. I will cut grass. So I will tell him to come in and apply. I know he comes every day or calls every day and the secretaries in the office can verify that. To me that is a young man that wants to work and I guess you can say I am pushing for him because I push for anyone that is trying to better themselves and this young man shows determination and is begging for a job. I know you need to do background and everything first but he is one that you need to look at."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I just want to say Brian you all did an excellent job on St. Andrews on my side. The trees, the grass and everything was done. Those people always do a good job I have to give them credit. When I say contractors I don't mean all the contractors we have some that do a great job."

Councilman Wright stated, "I do want to thank you also I know some of the issues I bring to you they were addressed in a timely manner so this isn't all a bash Brian session but thank I appreciate it."

**Jaclyn Hotard - Old 51 - various work orders**

Please see above.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Ranney Wilson/Lennix Madere - Drainage and Drainage equipment**

The above item was carried over.

There was no executive session.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Council investigation based on Attorney General Findings and District Attorney Recommendation

Property/Casualty Insurance Agent - 1) Claims, any/all property, casualty, and Workman comp claims 2) Claims, procedures and disposition 3) Coverage's, any/all material changes

Art Smith - Ethel Mae Batiste - trailer placement denial - West Bank

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

Larry Snyder - Hurricane Preparation plans

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

Water bill issues - 133 Beechgrove, Reserve, LA

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

Lennix Madere - Water bills - amoeba update

Water District #1 System issues/State DHH order

Any and all pending legal matters

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

- 15-32** An ordinance amending St. John the Baptist Parish Code of Ordinances as follows: By adding to Chapter 26, Section 26-23 (c): Grass and obnoxious weeds (N. Robottom)
- 15-33** An ordinance granting approval to further extend the valid period of time of Conditional Subdivision Approval for an additional twelve (12) months for Belle Terre Commercial Subdivision, Phase 1, Parcel A, Lots 1-13, Parcel B, Lots 1-22, Parcel C, Lots 2-9, Parcel DS-4, Phase 2, Parcel B, Lots 23-49 and Parcel C, Lots 10-44 and Phase 3, Parcel D, Lots 1-39, Parcel E, Lots 1-42, Parcel DS-2 and Parcel DS-3, situated in Sections 69 and 70, T-11-S, R-7-E, Southeast District of Louisiana, East of the Mississippi River, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana (N. Robottom)
- 15-34** An ordinance granting approval to further extend the valid period of time of Conditional Approval for an additional twelve (12) months of River Oaks Subdivision, Phase V, Lots 205-239, 245-252, 264-282 and Parcels H-11, H-13, C & D, located south of proposed Woodland Drive right-of-way, west of Vicknair Canal, east of St. Andrews Boulevard, and north of River Oaks Subdivision, Phase II and III, in Sections 66 and 67, T-11-S, R-7-E, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana (N. Robottom)
- 15-35** An ordinance amending St. John the Baptist Parish Code of Ordinances, Section 113-514 to include the "University, commuter" land use with a total required parking spaces equal to one (1) space per three (3) student classroom seats at maximum seating capacity; and amending Section 113-1 to include the definition of "University, commuter" to read as follows: University, commuter (N. Robottom)
- 15-36** A ordinance to amend Sec. 40-27(6) of the St. John the Baptist Code of Ordinances to read as follows: Speed bumps (N. Robottom)

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 9:06PM, Councilman moved Madere and Councilman Smith seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilman Wilson absent.

/s/Michael Wright  
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche  
Council Secretary