

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JULY 24th, 2018
CHAIRMAN LENNIX MADERE
VICE-CHAIR LARRY SNYDER

The Council of the Parish of St. John the Baptist Parish, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session in the Joel McTopy Chambers, LaPlace, Louisiana on Tuesday, July 24th, 2018, at 6:30 PM.

CALL TO ORDER:

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL: Larry Sorapuru, Jr., Councilman-at-Large, Div. A, Kurt Becnel, Councilman District I, Julia Remonet, Councilwoman District II, Lennix Madere, Councilman District III, Larry Snyder, Councilman District VI, Thomas Malik, Councilman District VII

ABSENT: Marvin Perrilloux, Michael Wright, Jaclyn Hotard

Councilman Becnel led the Prayer. Councilman Malik led the Pledge.

Legal Counsel present was Keith Green, Jr.

MOTION: Councilman Snyder moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to recess to return to the Finance Meeting. The motion passed with Councilman Wright, Perrilloux and Councilwoman Hotard absent.

MOTION: Councilman Malik moved and Councilman Becnel seconded the motion to go back into Regular session. The motion passed with Councilman Wright, Perrilloux and Councilwoman Hotard absent.

Councilman Madere stated, *"Okay first before we start this meeting, I just want to make a comment concerning Public Comments. Okay I want to make sure and explain that, public comments is only two (2) minutes per items on this agenda. Okay cause, I think a lot of you are aware we had a problem at the last meeting, and I do respect the citizens of St. John the Baptist Parish to come up there and voice their opinion. But only on items that's on the agenda. It's not going to ever change, that you're going to talk about something just because you want to talk about it. Only the items that's on this agenda, okay and I don't want this kind of situation to happen again. I didn't enjoy doing what I had to do, okay but I'm not afraid of doing what I have to do. Okay, to make sure this meeting is run orderly and that's not only for the citizens, council members, and myself included. Okay so we can move on to the, like I said, two (2) minutes only, for anyone that want to talk about anything on the agenda."*

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

There was no public comment at this time.

INTRODUCTION OF BUSINESSES

There were no businesses to introduce.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEMS: Approval of Minutes - July 10th, 2018, Regular Meeting; Permit Approval - 45th Annual St. John Parish Andouille Festival - Oct. 19-21, 2018

MOTION: Councilman Becnel moved and Councilman Sorapuru seconded the motion to approve consent agenda items to include: Approval of Minutes - July 10th, 2018, Regular Meeting; Permit Approval - 45th Annual St. John Parish Andouille Festival - Oct. 19-21, 2018. The motion passed with Councilman Wright, Perrilloux Councilwoman Hotard absent.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES:

There were no ordinances.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "I would like to make a motion to approve the minutes from the finance meeting."

MOTION: Councilman Sorapuru moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the finance meeting. The motion passed with Councilman Wright, Perrilloux Councilwoman Hotard absent.

OLD BUSINESS:

Larry Sorapuru - (Tabled 05-08-18) Council withdrawal from the River Parish Tourist Commission

The above item remained tabled.

NEW BUSINESS:

Natalie Robottom - Resolution - R18-21 - A Resolution authorizing the Parish President to execute all documents on behalf of St. John the Baptist Parish with Waterford 3 Steam Electric Generation Plant for continued public safety and emergency planning related to the Waterford 3 Nuclear Plant

Natalie Robottom stated, "This Resolution allows the Parish President to sign all documents necessary to continue preparing, maintaining and implementing procedures for response to emergencies at Waterford 3 Steam Electric Generation Plant with an increase in payment of \$160,000 from the current \$135,000 per year. Once approved, the increased payments would begin in the 3rd quarter which would be like now, of 2018. The resolution was not finalized until yesterday, and I think we forwarded to Ms. Landeche for numbering, at which time a copy was forwarded to the Council. This agreement has been in place I think since 1994, initially LP&L helped to fund a portion of construction of the current EOC, the amount that has been provided to the parish has been the same since 2004. I think Mr. Perrilloux, we want to thank him for negotiating with LP&L or Waterford, to have that increase because Public Safety is very important it takes a lot of time, they've done a good job, we've passed all of the, I guess (I'm not sure what you call them), but annually they come in and evaluate the operations, they've done a good job and as I said, the amount hadn't increased in several years and they go from \$135,000 to \$160,000 we think it's very, a very good deal and we thank Mr. Perrilloux for his efforts."

MOTION: Councilman Snyder moved and Councilwoman Remondet seconded the motion to

approve Resolution-R18-21. The motion passed with Councilman Wright, Perrilloux Councilwoman Hotard absent.

MOTION: Councilman Snyder moved and Councilman Becnel seconded the motion to amend the agenda to include the following item for Executive Session: R. Bend Estates II, LLC, et al v. St. John the Baptist Parish, et al, #69795, Division A, relative to the judgement rendering on July 3rd, 2018 in the 40th Judicial Court. The motion passed with Councilman Wright, Perrilloux Councilwoman Hotard absent.

DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:

Larry Sorapuru - (Tabled 03-13-18) Council's possible withdrawal from the River Parish Tourist Commission

The above item remained tabled.

Robert Figuero - Monthly Financial Report

Robert Figuero stated, *"Thank you Councilman. Per the new State Agreed Upon Procedures (AUP) for government audits, the Council must acknowledge receipt of the monthly budget-to-actual financials in their meeting minutes. The June 2018 financials were emailed to the Council on July 22, 2018 in a slightly different format. We anticipate the format changing with final implementation of Munis."*

Jackie Landeche, Council Secretary asked, *"You do need us to approve right? You need a motion or you."*

Robert Figuero stated, *"No ma'am. There's technically no approval needed, it's just an acknowledgement that you all received it, and just that it have to be in the meeting minutes once a month that you all are receiving the reports."*

Councilman Madere stated, *"Okay, alright."*

Lennix Madere - Update on drainage and road repair in District III

Natalie Robottom stated, *"Maybe Joseph could answer."*

Verdell Kindrick stated, *"I'm a let him answer after. The Contractor is working to complete the punch list items and beginning final cleanup of all streets listed in the 2018 Road Improvement Program. We are still awaiting photos of the pre-and post-work from C. J. Savoie Consulting, but the estimated completion should be within two (2) weeks, weather permitting. Mr. Joseph can come up and add on to this."*

Joseph Savoie stated, *"Yes and we have compiled all the photos, I need to get those over to Baileigh-as she did request them. As he stated, they are in the process of working on the punch list items. They have about I would say of the total list that we sent out, they have about four or five items remaining, they are working daily. We've been in constant contact with them, and they are addressing all of the issues as we have listed in the punch list, as well as anything that has come up since. Just as you aware, with that punch list we are withholding a retainage on that, plus the additional standard 5% retainage, rolling just under \$80,000 in retainages from invoices from the invoices been submitted and we will continue to hold that until everything is been addressed to the Council as well as the contract satisfactions. Any questions?"*

Councilman Madere stated, *"I'd just like to say, first of all I want to thank Mr."*

Verdell, Mr. Savoie and yourself, for staying on top of that punch list you know and working you know with myself and other council members. And I also, Coastal, they got off to a shaky start, okay but they have been really trying, I see them everyday they're working on the punch list and I see some of the corrections being made. So, I will give them I will commend them on the fact that they're trying to eliminate the problems that was sighted you know by Mr. Verdell, Mr. Savoie and myself. That they're working on the punch list, so I will give them an 'A' for that effort. Okay but, they don't graduate till it's complete."

Joseph Savoie stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Madere stated, "Then they get their diploma. Okay, and they don't graduate till they're complete. So we will have a final run through to make sure everything is done right."

Joseph Savoie stated, "Yes sir and we're staying on them. As I said, we're staying in constant contact with them. So, as something is completed we will do another final walk-through if you will with you once we're satisfied that everything is complete, and if there's something else that we see fit that needs to be addressed, we will address it immediately."

Councilman Madere stated, "And this last, well we'll check on that. But I want to commend they reported a mailbox that they damaged, they replaced that real quick. So I'll commend them for that and like I said, Mr. Verdell and Mr. Savoie for staying on top of everything for us. Thank you."

Lennix Madere - Update on Chad B. Baker Street drainage study

Verdell Kindrick stated, "As discussed last year at a Council Meeting, the Parish Engineer drafted a report that was distributed on July 10, 2017. Based on preliminary review of the report and comparison with similar projects, the estimated cost of the project ranges from \$750,000 to \$1M. Funding for this project has not yet been identified. In the interim, Public Works cleaned ditches and culverts along Chad B. Baker to mitigate drainage issues."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay the reason why I put that on there, we had a little rain episode about a week ago, and I checked with Travis exactly how much rain did we get in that amount of time. And we got 0.2 inches of rain, I mean not even an inch of rain, a .2, okay and Chad B. Baker and East 26th Street was completely flooded. That wasn't even an inch of rain and it wasn't even an hour and I have pictures of those situations. Okay, now if that would have been three (3) inches of rain or four (4) inches of rain we would of had a lot of people got some water in their house so something is plugged up bad on those street. And Chad B. Baker been a street that was under review when Mr. Wolfe was in, cause I pulled up information that he had done on that street, and I had Mr. Savoie did one on my request, and then the parish paid \$150,000 for someone to go and tell us the exact same thing. What's wrong that street? Okay and like I said, not even an inch of rain! Okay and you might not be familiar with it, but it's the second or third house down Chad B. Baker where Mr. Kerry Gauff live at going that way, completely flooded. Across the road, from the whole, people yard was flooded. Water is not going anywhere, and the same thing on 26th Street and that wasn't even an inch of rain. Okay cause I knew it could be an inch rain cause it didn't rain that long but it rained hard. And that's why I found out exactly, cause I didn't want to come here and say, I'm arguing over two (2) inches of rain that fell in a half an hour or two (2) inches of rain in an half an hour is a lot of rain. But you didn't we didn't even come close to an inch, so that's a serious

problem on Chad B. Baker Street and on East 26th. It's well documented, okay and I think it's time that we do something, you understand, that \$150,000 would have been well spent finding some of the real bad pipes and taking those out and replacing them, cause that's a serious problem on 26th and Chad B. Baker. And I think we need to find out if we have to send the trucks in that area, and what's misaligned, or what's blocked up. As a matter of fact, I got to call from a Mr. Triplet who live on 26th Street, and he was complaining about that. It starts from his house to where Mr. Collette live at, he needs to fix right up in that area from that almost from Sweet Lorraine up to that house there, completely inundated with water. So something underneath on the left side going to the back, is not allowing the water to flow. Something, I don't know what it is, and been there on 26th and Chad B. Baker. The only two (2), terrible."

Verdell Kindrick stated, "Okay sir. That \$150 where that came from, \$150,000 where that came from? (Inaudible)"

Councilman Madere stated, "Well whatever it was it wasn't cheap! That's what I was told. That study would cost \$150,000 that we did on that survey. Had that company survey that street it took them, several weeks to do it. That was about over a year ago. Okay, we paid a firm to go down there and tell us what was wrong with Chad B. Baker. Okay and we paid that firm to do it okay, and they did it, it took them almost three (3) weeks or a month, and that's what they came back with the report said..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting asked, "Can you give us that information because I'm not recalling it?"

Councilman Madere stated, "I'm a get it for you."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Thank you."

Verdell Kindrick stated, "And again, since when it happened you know you and spoke about that, and I did send my crew out there to start cleaning up some of those culverts and ditches and stuff. But again, you got to realize that, you know much as we clean up, the residents still have to help. It's a big issue we have on not just Chad Baker and 26th, a lot of streets in you know the parishes and if they can help us out some, maybe we may not have as much issue of a drainage problem, it'll help out a lot if they come out and do that, you know see trash in the ditch - pick it up, that's all we're asking."

Councilman Madere stated, "And Mr. Verdell, let me tell you something. I got a lot of respect for you, and you really helped us out a whole lot. Just like I mentioned. Okay but I took office here in 2012, and I said in 2012 up until now, it's a three headed monster, I said it in 2012 and I say it again, there's the railroad, it's the citizens who live in the parish, and it's the parish itself. Okay, we're a parish - I can't even tell you how many culverts we have in St. John Parish, we have one truck okay, impossible to keep up. You got the West Bank and the East Bank and we have one truck. Okay can't possibly keep up, and you have residents like you say, dumping trash by the truck load it the ditches and everything I understand that. So they part of it they part of it, the railroad is a big part of it and the parish itself. The Parish don't have enough equipment or enough manpower to keep up with it, I understand that. Okay but, what we have to do once we identify an area like a Chad B. Baker and like a 26th Street, we have to try to find something to relieve those immediate areas because those two areas is like Homewood, it's not if they gone flood it's when they gone flood, as soon as the rain come. But really what set me off on that one, we didn't get an inch

of rain, and that area on Chad B. Baker those people couldn't get out their yard. And on 26th Street this guy who have this trailer, his trailer is leaning. His whole yard is washing away cause the water actually go in his property and when it drain out it takes everything off his property with it. Okay it's something on 26th from that trailer to Sweet Lorraine. It's only on that left side, the other side is draining. There's something on that side that's stopping that water and its backing up. And it's not that fact that the water is not trying to flow, because once the ditch fill up, the water travels out the guy's yard and go down the street. So it's trying to get to the back, you know?"

Verdell Kindrick stated, "Okay I'll look into that."

Councilman Madere stated, "So you'll see what the problem on that street."

Verdell Kindrick stated, "I'll look at it tomorrow, see what's going on with that."

Natalie Robottom stated, "I think Verdell is probably familiar with where you are, but if you can get the addresses or have Jackie and them find out and I know you knew the names of the people, so he could look at the exact location. And I have a question, Travis he left out?"

Councilman Madere stated, "He left out."

Natalie Robottom stated, "With regard, is that a recurring problem? Cause you know is it something new that's just happening? Cause I don't, like in terms of like Mr. Gauff's property. I don't recall that coming..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "No, no, it's a recurring problem."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Okay."

Councilman Madere stated, "But see Mr. Gauff property was never mentioned per say, it was always the lady who live next door to him, Cookie, you know, Ms. Mitchell right! She's the one, if you go in front of her house right now, she have sandbags in front her garage."

Natalie Robottom stated, "And her garage is low, right okay."

Councilman Madere stated, "Right. So every time it rain that's a recurring problem. But you know it really inundate..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "That area now."

Councilman Madere stated, "Mr. Gauff area 'cause he can't get out his house at all."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Okay."

Councilman Madere stated, "He have to wait till it go down."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Alright, I just didn't remember that..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Right, you didn't mention Mr. Gauff 'cause we always referred to Ms. Mitchell."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Okay if you can just, well I think you know where that one is. But on the other street 26th, I think you referenced a couple of things, just give a vicinity there and it's just on the left side of the road. So clearly if the right's draining, then you know we need to look at something on the left."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "It's on the left side."

Verdell Kindrick stated, "(Inaudible)"

Councilman Madere stated, "No I brought you to 26th before. That was a few years ago. Okay and yeah, I brought you to 26th. In fact we met out there a couple of times with one of us going into the sewer, was coming out that yard and going into the sewer. You'll probably forgot about it because I think you'll did attempt to do some work on it at that time. Okay, but it's, I think it's a little further down because it backs up."

Verdell Kindrick stated, "Okay, I'll get to it on tomorrow."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I think that's on 26th Street in that area right there, it's about 100 yards, 150 yards of subsurface drainage, and I think a few of those are plugged up because the other day when it rained, I happen to be back there and water coming out of one of the drain holes, back into the street going down and going in another drain hole. And if you go back there when it's raining like that, then you could see exactly where it's plugged up at. And when you get down the street where all the work was done there's hardly no waterline there, at all."

Councilman Madere stated, "That's right, the drainage to the back of the street work fine."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Work fine, all the way up to Sweet Lorraine. I mean it's really sad over there."

Larry Snyder-Discussion relative to water meter/registers/consultant support and financing for the next 20 years

Councilman Snyder stated, "You don't need to read all this if anybody want to read, if you think it need to be read that's fine. I ~~don't~~, I understand and really I put it on there so we can just stay abreast with where we are, and this is not for us, this is for the people at home who have these concerns about this. I got a call from a lady, she had made sense so I really want you to kind of explain on this a little bit about this three (3) years that we contract with we will have what the people whoever we get these meters from and if we decide to go with these AMRs, if we decide to go with those, whoever we get those meters from. They will only be...they will only be here three years, am I understanding that right?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "That's just written into the initial construction cost and contract. So it is, that is a contract an individual contract that we expect and intend on extending. But under the initial project, we're putting a three year term on that maintenance program, which will be funded through a 20 year DEQ Loan. Everything after that three years will be a contract that we would come before you guys to extend or to enter into, and it would have to be paid out-of-pocket."

Councilman Snyder stated "And that's exactly what the point was brought up to me

when this was said and I said, well you know what; I'm not quite sure but it make sense what the lady was telling me. And the fact after the 17 years it's going to cost us \$30 Million Dollars for these if we about what it's going to cost us for these three (3) years for someone in there. And...

Blake Fogleman interrupting stated, "The cost that the analysis that yawl did receive on the 20 year analysis in that meeting actually has that factored in to the 20 year life of those, the number that's at the end of it. So if you go into each breakdown of each one, you'll see that there is a maintenance contract item that is broken down that it's expanded over that 20 year life. So those numbers that we have at the final thing, does in fact factor in an extended contract through the life of that project or the life of those meters."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I was concerned about the cost, you know over 20 years."

Blake Fogleman stated, "Yes sir. Yes sir."

Councilman Snyder stated, "And I know you gave us some numbers of 19,000 I think, Nineteen Million..."

Blake Fogleman stated, "Yeah it's, you're right."

Councilman Snyder stated, "For 20 years, but according to my constituent its way more than that when she start doing some numbers, and that's why I put this on here to get us some, some you know let this Council see where, will cost us \$30 Million or \$36 Million in 20 years? If we keep our/the people here to help us, the consultant to help us? Because the last time we did this, we dropped the contract after three years, and I'm thinking it's because of what the cost would be, you see? That's why they did it they did it before our time, I know before your time too you see. Now, can you tell me if we keep this thing for 20 years, what would it cost this parish, if we go with this AMRs?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "I mean..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "We're saying \$6 Million Dollars."

Blake Fogleman stated, "Again, yeah the \$6 Million is the initial investment that also gives us a three (3) year contract. So then you need a contract for 17 more years, and that is expanded upon in the numbers that were delivered to yawl. In fact, the consultant engineer and myself did independent cost analysis on that and came within a couple of million dollars of each on what those numbers came out to be projected. So..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "So you're telling me that number you gave us..."

Blake Fogleman interrupting stated, "Includes, yes sir."

Councilman Snyder stated, "It includes the 20 year?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "Maintenance yes sir, yes sir."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Maintenance, 20 year?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "And if you want to, I mean Rob is here tonight so if he

wants to elaborate what all he's included in that, but in our initial discussions and my review of it that's what included as well."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Well what will be in the first three (3) years of contract with the maintenance contract? What is that?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "It's the same contract. We're just asking them, we're just asking to get that pricing upfront, so those first three (3) years are held at a certain price and we can spread that. Because the loan money is paying for that, we're allowed to spread that over 20 years. Whereas, any other initial of any other maintenance contract for the next 17 years, we have to come out of our operating budget. So it gives us three years to establish ourselves and define that contract amount we're going to need to continue to pay over the next 17 years."

Councilman Snyder asked, "So, is Rob here? Can he kind of shed a little bit more light on that?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "Sure."

Councilman Snyder stated, "On those next 17 years?"

Rob Delaune, Digital Engineering stated, "We did look into the annual support and maintenance, and each year annually the annual support and maintenance that's going to be on the software side for the AMI System and the Cloud Hosting Service is going to be Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) per year. So, what we did is we set-up the project where the initial bid by the winning vendor and contractor, is going to include three (3) years of that support and maintenance that allows the parish to get the system set-up, learn the system, get trained in the system (cause that includes the training and everything), and then once the system's up and running, after that third year as Blake explained, the parish will continue that annual maintenance contract, and that's going to be approximately Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) per year, annually, which we included in that 20 year financial analysis. So that cost over the 20 years was included in the 20 year financial analysis. Along with, you know the vehicles, the fuel, the vehicle maintenance that you would need, the personnel that you would need, so we considered all those things over the 20 year financial analysis that allowed us to come up with that final number for the AMI System, for the Manual Read System, In-house, the Manual Read Contractor System, we did consider all of those factors."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Oh okay, because I was just under the impression that, I was under the impression I was told, I didn't look at the numbers myself, but they came up with some numbers like at thirty something million dollars. I said well, that's a lot of money that a lot of money for 20 years, we keep the contract for 20 years."

Rob Delaune stated, "Yeah we did a detailed analysis to make sure that we could come here and confidently tell the Council and the residents that the AMI System would be the most cost effective system over the next 20 years for this parish."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well good. That's what I wanted to hear and that's exactly why I had it on this agenda, so the people who brought this to my attention, they can easily explain it to them also. That's exactly what you just did. Appreciate that."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Yes I got a call about that same situation Rob and for Council members here, I think Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) a year for a maintenance contract is something that we really got to take a hard look at. Cause do we have contract right now for maintenance, with anybody?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "We have something, not for that though. But we have..."

Blake Fogleman stated, "No not for that. We have maintenance contracts that we piggyback off of or we utilize on an as needed basis. But, we don't have a system like this operated okay, so."

Natalie Robottom commented, "What contract is done? Yawl have Motorola maintenance contracts, how much that cost? Um, can we pull somebody else up here? They don't have any maintenance contracts, but we have agreements with Motorola and our 911 System that you guys approved Maintenance Contracts and I was just asking what is that cost? Cause in order to keep you know the radios, the 911 equipment, we do pay annually maintenance agreements because those are very important systems that need to operate. And I was just asking Cain if he knew what those cost were for maintenance contract for just those systems."

Cain Dufrene stated, "Yeah, system wide it's about Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) in maintenance contracts, we pay to keep all that stuff running."

Councilman Snyder asked, "How much?"

Cain Dufrene stated, "About Two Hundred something thousand dollars, system wide, for everything. 911 Center Towers, radios, all of that good stuff."

Natalie Robottom stated, "And we're talking Twenty Thousand (\$20,000) a year for the 17,000 meters."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "But I guess my question is; we don't have a maintenance contract right now on the water meters with anybody, right now?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "No that's correct, which is the problem. Several years ago when the system was put in place, they should have continued that agreement but it was discontinued shortly after. So possibly we would not be where we are, so I think the team is saying they think it's very important to continue or maintain this maintenance contract throughout the life of the meters, so we have that support. Twenty thousand (20,000) does seem high, but when you look at what we're doing and the number of meters we're dealing with and how important the system is, it relatively isn't. Especially when you look at what we're paying for you know another system which is just as important, but it's a maintenance fee, it's required, we need those systems to operate, we need our meters to operate properly as well."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Okay."

Blake Fogleman stated, "And so in the perfect world, that line item would already be on our maintenance budget if we would've continued that maintenance through this time period now, it would just shifted over to the new system as the new system's implemented. So unfortunately because we didn't continue that on, they don't have anything allocated but it is a necessary component to not you know go down the same path we did in history."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Got you got you."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well tell me this well tell me this. How would that have helped us, if we had that maintenance contract right now?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "It wouldn't of helped as much right now, we would've gotten (in my opinion) wouldn't of gotten to this point, because would of a yearly audit of the system would of allowed us and to change out and monitor and address these issues in a smaller scale, and I guess what we had to do was address this on a much larger scale that was already, we were already behind the eight ball. So I think you would've caught some of maybe the issues we were seeing early on and really isolated those issues, whereas they spread out a little bit. I think we're still changing out the whole sys, we still in talk, we would have still been at this to talk about a new system because the system would be old and you know, but it would be in a lot maybe move forward yeah!"

Councilman Snyder stated, "So this contract is a software contract, and they just going to monitor things?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "Yeah and what they allow us, they help us track like our reporting and everything, if we're not running the right reports to go out and send our personnel to check; hey look, they can see our data. So they would be able to say; hey look I see that you have a lot of zero reads - are you sending people out to go check these? Because if you do it one month and its 100, and the next month its 500, something's going on that needs to be addressed on/in the field not necessarily from a tower perspective. So they're going to be able to put eyes on that and refer to our staff, to help our staff intergrading and manipulating work that system."

Councilman Snyder stated, "And all that going to be done from home right here? As far as..."

Blake Fogleman stated, "Yeah, we'll be doing on our own. Because it's much like Munis, it's kind of a file based technology, they'll be able to access that with the right log-ins from. They don't have to be sitting with us to help us, so it's a third party..."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Alright."

Councilman Malik stated, "The total cost of the system over the 20 year period, is what?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "The physical numbers were given on 26th, I think this one's close to nineteen for the full AMI System if I'm not mistaken."

Councilman Malik asked, "Nineteen Million (19,000,000)?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "Nineteen Million (19,000,000), yes sir."

Councilman Malik stated, "Okay, so if it's Nineteen Million (19,000,000) over a 20 year period, is more cost effective than revamping the current system or using the contractors or some kind of combination of contractors and parish employees?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "And that's what that, yeah and that's what the breakdown that Robert and them did gives us, it gives us the overall projections with the big categories and if you flip that packet deeper into it, it goes down to a breakdown of each individual lump sum number and how it came up to that. So they itemized it a little bit more detailed individually. So the cover sheet is just

the total and then each one behind it is each of those systems and how they're broken out, and how much money it's going to cost for different items."

Councilman Malik stated, "But overall and just smack me if I'm going off here, but the current plan is to install seventeen thousand (17,000) plus registers in a 12 month period?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Meters."

Blake Fogleman stated, "Meters."

Councilman Malik stated, "Meters."

Blake Fogleman stated, "Full blown system. Yes sir."

Councilman Malik stated, "Oh good, full blown system."

Blake Fogleman stated, "Right! Which would be the meters like the towers, you know installing towers, the whole nine yards."

Natalie Robottom stated, "New software."

Councilman Malik asked, "So, what is the plan to prevent a reoccurrence of what we're facing right now? So, you know so we're going to put all these devices in, they're all going to be on the same, I don't know what kind of batteries they have? Lithium or whatever the best technology is now? So the expectation is, is that these devices are going to start failing in a relatively short period of time. So I guess we either pay upfront to spread this out over several years, or we're going to have to project down the road 15 years down the road so that we start changing these things out now, so that the parish is not faced with this: Oh by the way, we need Twenty more million dollars (\$20,000,000) to replace everything in..."

Blake Fogleman interrupting stated, "And so I think there a lot of different municipalities that are in similar positions and have made different decisions, to alleviate this issue for the now is to get it in the grown and like you eluted to looking and projecting and financing that to where you get to your 15 out of 20 year, maybe you start on some of theirs that you've seen have had more fail then other areas, and you start with those areas and start spreading it out at that point. From an operational standpoint I would like to see meters in the ground, because of what we're going through now, what it's going to take, the longer we take to make this transition, the harder it is for the residents, the harder it is for the staff, because of where we are today! Not in a perfect world. I know Rob and them also did a lot of research on that so if he wants to add anything to it."

Rob Delaune stated, "So with this new system the way it's designed is, the batteries are able to be monitored and so the requirement and the specifications is that one year before the battery is going to fail, it's going to send an alert through the system saying that it has one year left of battery life, and then when there's 6 months left of battery life it'll send another alert, saying you have 6 months left, and at 3 months it will send another alert. So at a minimum you'll have a one year warning before it fails, however, we just talked about the support and maintenance. Continuing that support and maintenance over the lifetime of the system, will allow for when we're all gone and new people are working on the new system they're still going to have access to the people who

are the experts with their system and handling the system, and they're going to be you know there to say, look you need to start looking at something to do with this system and problem in around year 18, where you don't have the support and maintenance contract now, so the meter and the software people are long gone, and the people that are working here weren't here when the system was installed, so they just didn't know what was going to happen."

Councilman Malik stated, "Well I plan on being here in relying of this 20 year from now, so I don't know if you will be. But no, it's in my point as I understand that the batteries are going to tell you, hey I got a year left. But if we buy 17,500 and whatever radios, the batteries going to come from probably three different lots from the manufacturer, and all of these radios if we turn them on they're all going to start dropping dead about the same period of time. So it's projecting that so that we don't have a problem a year from the drop dead date of these batteries that something has been implemented to say, we need to do this you know. And I think that's not really you, I think that's something that the parish needs to be cognizance of. But the folks from Santa Fe, that you showed the video, were very forthcoming and rather proud of it, I was hoping that their system had actually been in use longer then it really has been. You know I'd prefer for us spoken to someone from their Utilities that could say hey, we've had the same for 10 years. And this is everything that's happened, its working good for us, but it's rather a short period of time which I think is 3 or 4 months or something like that. So, does it work for them? According to them, it does! Will it continue to work the same way? I certainly hope it does. But you know once again, it's not my intent to pass down a Twenty Million Dollar (\$20,000,000) problem to the folks that are going to be in this building next door here. I think that we either spread the funds out you know, we either pay beforehand or a couple of years down the road. I understand that the Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000) will fund this project, however, if we take do the due diligence period now, four or five years down the road or whatever this is we decide to breakdown the system down into, the cost of labor and the parts is going to escalate. So, I think it's just more of a statement of caution, but certainly I think that yeah I don't see us continuing down the same road, we have to make a decision one way or another."

Councilman Sorapura stated, "Mr. Malik covered what I had a question about. Thank you."

Natalie Robottom stated, "I just wanted to add that, many times we do investments, construction investments and we don't plan for operation and maintenance. And many times that was because we didn't have the funding, but what we are finding out is you pay now or you pay later. So it has to be a cognizance, and I think many of things that we're proposing now, we are actually considering operations and maintenance. So whether it's this system or the existing system or any of the systems, in 20 years we'll be making some you know we need to consider maintenance. If it's people, if it's vehicles, if it's insurance, all of those things require plans for either replacing vehicles, replacing people, replacing meters, regardless of the system, so I do think it's important and I do think Rob and them have covered in their specs a plan to try and avoid the situation we're in which is including maintenance of you know an existing system closer monitoring not just by us but by a third party to help provide us some direction. And I do think it's important to maintain that type of support, because it's just not for field operations, it is for office and software operations and support. So you're correct and that that needs to take place, I think that's covered in the specifications as written, and we are you know as a result of what happened this time, that's at the forefront. And not to say that we didn't realize it was

going to be a problem when the maintenance contract was dropped, and those people were gone and the people here couldn't follow the system, but also we3 didn't have the money to total replaces as quickly, the money or the people to replace the faulty systems as quickly as they were failing. Also technology has changed from 10 years ago, and it's better. So again rather than having people ride up and down the street, you know to read meters, you have a system where you push a button and they're all read. So your people can be assigned to do more type of a maintenance work and keeping the meters from being covered, and all those kind of things. Whereas before they were spending their time trying to get the meters read and the bills out. So I think a lot of that's been considered in this set of specifications."

Councilman Malik stated, "Yeah I think there's a lot of concern, because I've been speaking with a lot of people that's of the total cost of this and there's a lot of concerns within my District as well as everyone else's. It's a hot topic so, if you take the Nineteen Million (\$19,000,000) that includes everything..."

Robert Figuero interrupting stated, "Councilman - just for clarification, it's a 20 year cost projection was 16.5."

Councilman Malik stated, "16.5 I'm sorry."

Robert Figuero stated, "For the AMI System."

Blake Fogleman stated, "I apologize."

Councilman Malik stated, "16.5. This information is supposed to work the opposite way. (Laughter) So 16.5 Million, what's a projected cost with just using the contractors?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Don't have that document."

Robert Figuero stated, "Just using a manual contractor no manual reads, the estimated 20 year projection is 19.8."

Councilman Malik stated, "Yeah. I know what the numbers are but it's you know everybody's that watching. And now if you take the current system with the Water Metrics, I think we're looking at something like 2.5 Million to replace the meters and that's roughly, that's a guesstimate over the entire parish. What the total projected cost for maintaining that system over the next..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "That's just the registers Mr. Malik."

Councilman Malik stated, "That's just registers, exactly."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Not the meters."

Robert Figuero stated, "The meters, right the meters would have to be replaced eventually as well."

Councilman Malik stated, "The meters would be more. They have what probably according to the manufacturer about a 20 year shelf life."

Robert Figuero stated, "Correct. And that cost..."

Robert Delaune interrupting stated, "Those meters, I just want to clarify, those

current meters in the ground are 10 year warranty, and they're currently out of warranty."

Councilman Malik stated, "No I understood. Yeah I understand. Yeah we've replace quite a few of them and there's additional problems with them, they're not NSF61 Certified so we certainly can't rip them out of the ground and send them back to be rehabbed. (Thank you State of California) But once again though, having to, the thought is this is and these are the questions that I've been getting: Is can the parish afford purchase this system and install and maintain it? Or, is it better to wait 2-3 years? When things are little bit different. That's the question, who can answer that?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Well I think the workshop answered that. Cause either way we have to read meters, replace registers, replace and the four scenarios provided you that. We can continue on our path with existing employees reading and replacing meters over a 20 year life, and yawl were provided a cost for that. The same thing with the 19.5 that Mr. Snyder referenced for contract, is it for contracting out the service over a 20 year period is 19.5. So either way you have to pay for the service, we're just trying to get the most efficient one and I think based on what was presented to you this was the cheaper of the four systems over the long haul. So again, I think in the past we've thought about we've made a Six Million Dollar (\$6,000,000) investment, so we're good so no we're not good. The Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000) put the system in the ground..."

Councilman Malik interrupting stated, "In the ground."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Right! And now you have to operate and maintain and work with and you're going to continue to add systems as construction continues, or new facilities open, when things are damaged that may not have been accounted for, so it's not a stagnant or a set fee. You know with any of the systems we have, there's a requirement for continued maintenance, operations and cost. And I wasn't at the meeting, but I did get a copy, those prices were brought out across all four scenarios, and either way you're going to be in the 19 over 20 years. Like so you're spending a Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) a year on water meter services, basically or less..."

Councilman Malik interrupting stated, "Oh yes ma'am and there's just a number of people that weren't able to attend that."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Right!"

Councilman Malik stated, "That was my reasoning behind, you know the question was, can you afford it?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Right!"

Blake Fogleman stated, "And I mean and throw in the fact that the Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000) is spread out over 20 years, whereas in any other case if we want to make a push at this and invest some money, we got to come out of our pockets and we've sat around here and talked about investments and water and waste water in other areas, this gives us an avenue to spread that cost over a depth service of 20 years on that initial push. And it gets you three years into a maintenance contract without having to reach in your pocket. Allow us to work with finance, start finding that money, start setting aside so that when fort hits we're ready to - one, start investing for the next 20 years, as well as pay for our yearly maintenance and continue that down the road."

Councilman Malik stated, "Thank you."

Councilman Snyder asked, "The meters that we're going to put, they going to brand new meters, brand new registers and they can be read from the tower, manually or drive-by?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Alright. Am I right about that?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Now, does the ones we got now or the ones we're getting, does water or mud affect their communication ability to the towers?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "No sir."

Rob Delaune stated, "No. The new meters, the current meters they don't have any sort of antenna that is under the lid. The new meters will have an antenna which boost the signal, so it allows that signal to get through you know if it's covered or if it's in an area where it might have some standing water. So that has been accounted for, yes."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Now we have many meters that are under mud, you know and under water. But they were still reading, and that's what I'm asking right now. Will the meters we're putting in have the same capabilities?"

Rob Delaune stated, "Yes they will have the...they'll have better capability, yes."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Better capability."

Rob Delaune stated, "Yes, they will be much better in capability."

Natalie Robottom stated, "And we're hoping we're going to maintain better too, Mr. Snyder. We shouldn't allow them to get covered in mud and if we have a system that could read it for us, then we can utilize our people to try and keep them above ground or make changes when there are problems to them that keep them working properly. In the past we barely had enough people to read the meters and you know this way, with a system we can do what's necessary on our infrastructure to maintain or uncover or prevent them from being covered in mud or water if they need to be relocated you know on an ongoing basis, but clearly you know they have to be able to deal with water and I think Rob..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting asked, "Will yawl come up with a process to be able to do some maintenance work on these things or some (pm) work (preventive maintenance) on these things. You know because the questions someone, Mr. Malik asked, what we're going do you know?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "So yeah, so the guys that these vendors that are kind of third party watching this and kind of saying hey, and we kind of spoke some consultants that you know give recommendations. We have six (6) cycles, one of the very first things that I heard way back when, when we had all those vendors here, was did yawl touch every one of those meters every year? And they said, NO! You know my answer was NO. I don't know that we popped to the top of every meter every year. If it was reading we didn't! Their recommendation is you got six (6) cycles, take one cycle a month you touch every meter twice a year, you make sure

somebody goes with the readings in hand, checks to make sure it's matching up with the electronic, and then actually cleans it out, puts the cap back on and walks on down the road. And so that's talking about 4,000 in a whole month that's all your assignment is, is to go just verify cycle ones meter boxes. So that is one of the most standardized you know right off the bat, soon as this gets put in the grown, he start doing that. Every one cycle a month, get you touching everybody's meter at least twice a year to verify that manually it's doing what it's supposed to do."

Councilman Snyder stated, "And that's the whole point, I think we could put that in writing some place, you know cause you know 10,15,20 years we don't know what's going to happen and they could still be doing fine. But we got that in writing, whoever go that behind us..."

Blake Fogleman stated, "Sure. Right and they pick up a new guy in, here's your paper here's your assignment this is what we expect you to do."

Councilman Snyder stated, "If we set it up right it can take care of itself."

Blake Fogleman stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay and last comment. You know the whole discussion been about how much the meter cost and the maintenance and everything, and 20 year period. The bottom line is, we can't afford not to do something okay, so that's the bottom line. Whatever direction we go we have to do something, we can't stay like we are. So I think we definitely have to do something, Sixteen Million (\$16,000,000) or Nineteen Million (\$19,000,000) whatever it is, it's going to be in the millions."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I know Robert may have to answer to this one. But if we get this thing that we support, we're going to find all 17,000? Wouldn't that increase our revenues?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Absolutely!"

Robert Figuero stated, "Absolutely!"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Absolutely!"

Councilman Snyder statement was inaudible.

Blake Fogleman stated, "It gives financial sustainability to operations to as well as what we discussed a lot of, would push some of the sales tax reliance back into sales tax where it could be used for better capital investments and improvements for the next 20 years."

Councilman Snyder stated, "And that along with looking at."

Blake Fogleman stated, "Yes."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay thank you."

Larry Snyder - Discussion relative to CDBG continued financing, management, projects and contractors involvement

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Grant funding is available for the final phase of the

CDBG Housing Program and Contractors are working towards completion of all construction projects. Royal Engineers is continuing to manage the program, conduct bidding activities, and manage construction consistent with deliverables in year 5 of their contract. Year 6, which is primarily close-out is not funded. The contract for inspection services for these projects was renewed during the Finance meeting."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Was attempted to be renewed. It was not renewed. It was not renewed."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "No it was not. Wasn't, was not."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay, Royal Engineering we are paying them, am I right?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "No, we paid them."

Councilman Snyder asked, "We paid them?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes."

Councilman Snyder asked, "So that's why they're doing the 6 year?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "No they're doing the 5th year."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Oh we're in the 5th year now?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Right, we've paid them through 5 years and they're completing the deliverables for that was in that 5 years."

Councilman Snyder asked, "And the deliverables was or..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "Managing the construction, completing the bidding because you're six (6) was primarily going to be closeout. There was delays in the projects so when construction should have been going on, the state was looking at different things and there were some delays. So people weren't actually working, so they didn't finish all the construction so that's what's being taken care of now. That's what Pivotal is inspecting, that work as well, and the way the contract was set-up with the recommendation of OCD was a monthly fee. Wasn't based on how much work you did, they took, this how much you were going to get annually each month, you're getting this, this, this and this for your five (5), however everything that was included in your file wasn't done, which is why they're continuing to work on it."

Councilman Snyder stated, "You know Ms. Robottom that little bit of information right there would have gone a long way as far as to this Council as far as satisfying us on communication from the Administration to us. We did not know that, I know that Larry Snyder did not know that. That that's what's going on with Royal. I'm still thinking Royal not supposed to be working, we were asked to fire them. We were asked to void their contract, and then we do some bids. But now I'm hearing Royal's just still here. Now..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "Yeah, they were still obligated to that work that they were paid for."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Well that's exactly what I'm talking about. When did

all this come to light?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "It never stopped Mr. Snyder. Like we were just trying to get it through."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Then why were we asked to get rid of them?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Because we still haven't funded year 6, and you know which it's going to be closeout and that's going to be key or we may have to give it all back. Closeout is important..."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Don't cloud this issue. The issue, I understand what you're talking about there. But the issue is, Royal still here they're still working, but they're closing out. So why were we asked to get rid of them?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "No they're not closing out. They're not closing out. They're still constructing, they can't closeout until all the construction's finished."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I understand that. Year 6 supposed to be the closeout."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Would've of been yeah close out. But..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting asked, "And we paid them for the project?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Year 5. For year 5."

Councilman Snyder asked, "For year 5?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay and because of delays and things, okay."

Natalie Robottom stated, "They're finishing up the construction. We will still need to deal with year 6 and payment, for year 6. They are not obligated..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting asked, "Does that clears it much for everybody?"

Natalie Robottom asked, "You understand?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "No I don't I really don't."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Again for our residents, what's important to them is that they get their homes constructed. So the firms are continuing to work whether its inspections, hopefully you guys will next time allow the owner of the company to sign his contract, and he can continue to inspect homes, we're continuing to do bidding and awarding. Our contractors are continuing to work and we're trying to finish up these homes. Again the closeout is not that they can't do it, they can't do it without being paid or they're not obligated to do it without being paid. The issue was it's not illegal, CDBG will not fund it. They can do it, but you're not going to be funded with CDBG dollars because you didn't follow the procurement for year 6. So, that was I think you were attempting to address, but the contract itself is not illegal, they're still working on your five (5). Again, they weren't paid like you do six (6) houses we pay you for that, their payments were broken up on a monthly basis and now they're completing

the work that was delayed...

Councilman Snyder interrupting asked, "So if we hadn't gotten rid of Royal like we were asked to do, and go off for RFPs, someone else would have gotten the project? So Royal would be gone now?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Well they could have, but we didn't do..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "But we didn't let them off the hook?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yeah, we didn't do that. You know they could've also been back too!"

Councilman Snyder stated, "Right, I'm not saying they couldn't of been back here."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Again..."

Councilman Snyder stated, "We were asked to void..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "To terminate the contract."

Councilman Snyder stated, "To terminate the contract..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "Specifically because it included..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "Then we go back out for RFP..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "Right! Specifically because it included year 6 that CDBG would not pay for."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I understand that. Sixty something thousand dollars I think it amounted to."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Ninety. Ninety something."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Okay it's ninety something thousand dollars now?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I heard sixty something thousand dollars."

Natalie Robottom stated, "It was always ninety. Somebody kept referencing sixty but it was always ninety something."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I saw some place..."

LaVerne Toombs interrupting stated, "It's always been ninety."

Natalie Robottom stated, "I think the District Attorney reference sixty something, but it was always ninety something."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I'm just saying, my math is so bad. But anyhow"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Okay."

Councilman Snyder stated, "But anyhow, that's what I was concerned about. Why Royal is still here, and is still working, the meeting the other day for the contractors, I don't know I guess, I'm wondering why all the contractors wasn't invited. Because my understanding is not all the contractors were invited to the meeting last week. Anybody can answer that? Some are already working on projects here."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "It was my understanding that all of the contractors that was part of the contractor's pool were invited. And I think the one that you're speaking of wasn't part of the contractor's pool."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well contractor's pool."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Yes sir, we had a list of contractors that were eligible to work on this project."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Well they did some work in here on this project?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "According, the information that I received with that particular contractor was not a part of the contractor's pool. Now they may have been doing work, some subcontract work but they were not the primary contractor working on a particular home or homes."

Councilman Snyder asked, "And which contractor is that? That you're to say?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "I don't remember, I know that there was a particular contractor that was brought to my attention that stated that they were not invited, we did some investigation and found out that they were not part of the pool."

Councilman Snyder asked, "So that mean if they did work, they did it for someone else?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "That's a possibility but I do not know that for sure."

Councilman Snyder asked, "There was no contract that they had to sign?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "No sir."

Councilman Snyder asked, "With the homeowner?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Not that I'm aware off."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Okay...thank you!"

Councilman Madere stated, "I have a question. So is it possible the contractor that's in the pool, they can sub some of the work out? Or they have to do it themselves?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "No I think they can have subcontractors..."

LaVerne Toombs interrupting stated, "Yeah, they can have subcontractors. Yes."

Natalie Robottom stated, "And they're responsible for them."

Councilman Madere asked, "They can have subcontractors?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Yes. And that particular contractor..."

Councilman Madere interrupting asked, "Okay, but they still be held responsible for the workers?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "The primary contractor, yes."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay, so I want to make sure that they held responsible. Now this money, this is additional money?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "No sir, it's that same amount the same money."

Councilman Madere stated, "So we still fall short of the amount of money we needed for those people that was here about a year ago, you know when there was some that was supposed to raise their house and we didn't have enough money?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Right, it's still the same amount of money. We did apply for and receive some additional funding but it did require a match. That's been the difficulty with our residents with elevations and severe repetitive loss, many of them can't come up with the 25% match, so we historically have not been able to get takers on those dollars at this point. But we're going to work through program, hopefully some things come under and there's some funding left, and we'll you know continue to try and provide the money that's necessary out of these dollars. You know you never know because the state was looking at us, if we don't use ours they're going to give them to somebody else. Okay and so that happens with another parish and another program, you know we may be able to access some extra dollars."

Councilman Madere stated, "Some extra dollars."

Councilman Snyder asked, "You tried to get some of those extra dollars yet?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Always."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Had to give us...I'm sorry!"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Always."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Have they talked to us?"

Natalie Robottom asked, "Like, getting it from yawl?"

Councilman Snyder asked, "Like Gustav/Ike, money?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "I'm sorry."

Councilman Snyder asked, "To try and get some of that money?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Actually I was at a meeting with the GOSEP Representative and he talked specifically about funding that's available and parishes not being able to spend it because they don't have the match. So we're always looking for other opportunities to bring money down to the parish, we've been successful at doing that, when parishes are able to spend the dollars they awarded and they go back to the state, well you know if it's an eligible project we have benefitted from some of those dollars in the past and we're going to continue to pursue them."

Councilman Snyder asked, "They haven't told us anything yet?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "No we haven't..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting asked, "They haven't said yes you got it?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "No, not yet."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay"

Councilman Sorapuru asked, "So in the event that we get some more funding that come in, would Royal automatically be the person in line to be the receiver and execute those funds?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Well they don't receive the dollars. The dollars are at OCD, when work is done, invoices are submitted directly to our office and improved in to OCD and they're paid. So we don't pay them and they're reimbursed. The money doesn't go to Royal, it's the Parish's money and we submit invoices to be paid through the state."

Councilman Sorapuru asked, "Okay but, any new funding..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "Again, I can't tell you, you know it would depend on where it comes from and what the stipulations regarding those funds are. And I doubt we'll be able to just give them to somebody without a procurement."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Okay and that's my question. Thank you."

Councilman Becnel stated, "Yeah a thought just ran across my mind, I'd like to ask Administration and not crying over spilled milk, but I was just reading that last phrase. Now if this was renewed tonight with Pivotal, now by not being renewed, are we delaying like some of my constituents who homes need to be built. Is that a delay?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Well the contract expires on August the 25th, so it is very, it's crucial in three weeks on the August 14th agenda that this a past because it's not..."

Councilman Becnel interrupting stated, "Well that's what I want to say because..."

LaVerne Toombs interrupting stated, "Because if not then you have a number of homes that are in the process of being rebid and Pivotal is the one that goes out and does the inspection."

Councilman Becnel stated, "Because I don't want to jeopardize some of my constituents who was waiting forever, like that lady who's sleeping on the sofa with a stroke, every week. And she calls me every month and ask me that question. And that's why I'm saying this, cause I don't want to be involved in decisions, I'm a try and make the right one for my constituents not what other people say. Alright, so I just wanted to make that statement not pointing fingers at nobody and it's not meant to offend anyone. It's Kurt Becnel as the Councilman, fighting for his people to make sure everything get done right."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "I understand. Thank you."

Natalie Robottom stated, "And I think you guys are pleased with Pivotal, I think we are. They've done a good job, we don't anticipate a problem I think LaVerne's going to attempt to get them to get an alternate document before the next meeting, and you know I'm sure you guys will approve it and Mr. Terry will sign the document."

Councilman Madere stated, "You know that's pitiful that, that we get it done right. (Laughing)"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Its right already!"

Jackie Landeche, Council Secretary stated, "We need a motion to go into Executive Session, wait it's for Kane County, Utah v. United States, Case No. 17-739C and 17-1991C, also R. Bend Estates II, LLC, et al v. St. John the Baptist Parish, et al, #69795, Division A."

MOTION: Councilman Malik moved and Councilman Sorapuru seconded the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss - Kane County, Utah v. United States, Case No. 17-739C and 17-1991C; R. Bend Estates II, LLC, et al v. St. John the Baptist Parish, et al, #69795, Division A. The motion passed with Councilman Wright, Perrilloux Councilwoman Hotard absent.

MOTION: Councilman Sorapuru moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to go back into regular session. The motion passed with Councilman Wright, Perrilloux Councilwoman Hotard absent.

There was no action taken as a result of executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Cape Horn Investments, Inc. vs. St. John the Baptist Parish, Case #72013

Kane County, Utah v. United States, Case No. 17-739C and 17-1991C

Parish Buildings - Security

Lennix Madere/Larry Snyder - Parish Vehicles - Insurance

Any and all pending legal matters

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

18-27 An ordinance amending St. John the Baptist Parish Code of Ordinances, specifically Chapter 42 - Utilities, Article III. - Water Systems, to: (1) retitle "Section 42-45. - Water disconnection; reconnection fees; deposit refunds;" (2) establish local authority to access all parts of a premises supplied with water from the public water system for the purpose of reading, inspecting, repairing, removing, replacing, installing or disconnecting a meter; and (3) adjust subsequent section numbering accordingly; to read as follows: (Parishwide)

18-28 An ordinance granting approval to further extend the valid period of time of Conditional Subdivision Approval for an additional twelve (12) months for **River Oaks Subdivision, Phase V, Lots 205-239, 245-252, 264-282, and**

Parcels H-11, H-13, C, and D, located south of the proposed Woodland Drive right-of-way, west of the Vicknair Canal, east of St. Andrews Boulevard, and north of River Oaks Subdivision, Phases II and III; situated in Sections 66 and 67, T-11-S, R-7-E, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana; which were granted Preliminary/Conditional approval on August 9, 2005 (Ordinance No. 05-46).

18-29 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 I, Parcel B, Lots 4-22; Parcel C, Lots 2,3 & 6-9; and 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;** all 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; which were granted conditional approval on June 12, 2007 (Ordinance No. 07-33) and October 9, 2007 (Ordinance No. 07-65).

Notice of Public Meeting

Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Joel McTopy Chambers, 1801 W. Airline Hwy., LaPlace, Louisiana, the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held in the Parish of St. John the Baptist to authorize the rededication and extension of one or more ad valorem taxes currently begin levied in said Parish

PRESIDENT REPORT:

Natalie Robottom stated, "Good evening. A little over a week ago, I joined several St. John officials and officials from around the country at the annual conference of the National Association of County Officials in Nashville. The conference provides opportunities for government leaders and staff to learn, network and determine the direction of the association's national advocacy efforts. It is always a well-attended and informative trip. The annual meeting of the Gulf Coast Caucus was held and addressed problems that affect all states that border the Gulf of Mexico. Specifically, we discussed funding through the Restore Act and GOMESA and the need to develop comprehensive rather than piece-meal plans. The current state of the NFIP was also discussed, as the program is slated to expire in August. A one-year extension is expected. Yesterday, Congressman Garret Graves and the Army Corps of Engineers convened a Partner's Leadership Summit with Parish Presidents, Agency Heads, Levee District officials and senior agency officials to discuss the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 and the projects funded with the \$1.4 billion allocation. All projects funded through the act, which cross several parishes, were discussed, including the West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Levee Project, maintenance of the Mississippi River levee damaged by annual flood fights, and studies for levee lifts of the West Shore Levee and feasibility of the West Bank and Vicinity project. The purpose of this initial meeting was to assure everyone that the funds were allocated for turning dirt not paper with the intent of finishing these projects. The Corps provided an overview of all projects with their proposed execution strategy. To ensure execution as quickly as possible, it is important that all of the partners remain engaged (Corps, Coastal Authority, local Parishes and senior leaders, DOTD, Levee districts etc.). There was also conversation about other funds and funding sources available to construct comprehensive projects. Representatives at the meeting emphasized that approval of a Chief's Report, Congressional authorization and full funding for the West Shore Levee Project in 3 years is record breaking.

The stated goal is to have the levee project designed and constructed in 3-5 years. Because the project is fully funded, we were informed that there could be a reduction in flood insurance premiums before construction is completed. Our team is on board and will be working with all agencies to move the project forward. We are excited - It is a great day in St. John and our future looks bright. We will schedule a meeting with Council members and other stakeholders to provide additional information and will continue to do so as more information becomes available. Thanks to all involved with the Backpack Extravaganza held at the New Wine Christian Fellowship with assistance from Marathon Petroleum, United Way, Blessed to be a Blessing, PinkNailsEnt and a host of other sponsors. Free food, school supplies, health screenings, information/resources and giveaways were available to hundreds of youth. The Recreation, Health and Human Services and Fire Department also participated. Thanks again for all who made this a success. Happy Birthday again to Ms. Rose Borne Alexander who turned 101 recently. This weekend, Councilman Sorapururu presented her a proclamation on behalf of our office during her family reunion. It is indeed a blessing to be alive to celebrate 101 years of age and for that we want to recognize Ms. Borne. The public is invited to attend the grand opening and ribbon cutting of the LaPlace Goodwill Store at 9:00 a.m., August 2nd. Also, donations can be dropped off during business hours, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday beginning August 2nd. Located at 101 Carrollwood Drive, (old Allied Express) Goodwill is a low-cost shopping experience that also generate funds for community outreach. We look forward to having this store in our community. Frostop of LaPlace is celebrating 60 years and invite the public to attend the 60th anniversary celebration on Saturday, August 4th from 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at the restaurant. The event will be a step back into time featuring great tunes, delicious food and fun. Classic cars and motorcycles are welcome. The St. John Sugar Queen Committee is seeking contestants for this year's pageant, to be held Saturday, August 4th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Peter School in Reserve, where the pageant first began. Teen contestants must be between the ages of 14 and 17 and Miss Contestants must be between the ages of 18 and 22 as well as live in St. John Parish. Join the 69th St John Parish Sugar Queen, Ally Martin, and Teen Queen, Jenna Beber, as they bid their farewells. If interested in competing or attending as a past queen, please contact Maria Stelly at (985)210-915. This year, the Andouille Festival is scheduled for October 19th - 21st. Vendor applications are available and should be returned or mailed to St. John Economic Development, 1801 West Airline Hwy in LaPlace. Forms can be picked up at our office or downloaded at www.andouillefestival.com. The deadline is August 1st, 2018. Also, Andouille Pageant applications, will be released in the upcoming weeks so please be on the lookout for that. Heat advisories have also been common and should be taken seriously. Residents and those who work outside should learn about and watch for the symptoms of heat illnesses, and take proactive steps to protect yourself, fellow workers and others. We have also made preparations and are monitoring our employees that work outdoors. Please be on the lookout for additional heat advisories by the National Weather Service. CN will be performing maintenance on their rail crossings in the next months. As a result, closures will occur as necessary. The crossing on West 17th Street will be closed tomorrow through Thursday. Detour signs will be in place, but residents will have access to their homes. Please be careful in the area. Reminder to residents that it is hurricane season and a storm can arise at any time and also heavy rainfall. Remember to sign up for Parish emergency alerts by visiting our website at sjbparish.com or calling Communications at (985) 652-2222. These alerts are customized and are very important in the event of emergencies. Thank you."

ADJOURNMENT :

At 9:45 PM, Councilman Malik moved and Councilwoman Remondet seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilman Wright, Perrilloux Councilwoman Hotard absent.

/s/Lennix Madere
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
Council Secretary