

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JULY 25TH, 2017
CHAIRMAN LARRY SNYDER
VICE-CHAIR JACLYN HOTARD

The Council of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session in the Joel McTopy Chambers, LaPlace, Louisiana on Tuesday, July 25th, 2017 at 6:30 PM.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ABSENT: None

Councilman Wright led the Prayer. Councilwoman Remonet led the Pledge.

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

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

There was no public comment at this time.

INTRODUCTION OF BUSINESSES:

Larry Snyder - New Business - 3-2-1 Event

The above item will be carried over to the next agenda.

Larry Snyder - New Business - Throne Barber Shop

The above item will be carried over to the next agenda.

Larry Snyder - Presentation - Nakeveya Anthony - "Camp of Champions"

Nakeveya Anthony stated, *"Thank you so much. Good evening Council and Parish President. I want to start by just expressing gratitude for allowing us to be here and present what we have been so passionately working on for the first half of this year this particular summer, myself, along with my colleague Mr. E.J. Francis, along with Coach D a/k/a the guy who runs on airline by most people. We have collaborated and partnered with St. John the Baptist Schools to implement a Community Outreach Program that focuses on promoting education, positivity, community involvement as a whole. We had a piloted enrichment program for you this particular summer that was extremely successful. And I would stand here all day long and tell you about it, but I did bring one of our successors here, Austin Cook and I would love for him share what his experiences were."*

Austin Cook stated, "This summer when I went to summer camp, it was actually a fun and it was a learning experience and it was active at the same time. The learning experience was good because that's what we started off with first, and we learned about many things like; tailor made, and other things that helped to be like a better young man, therefore for like the world and it also helped like to be active, we showed team work and a better brother-ship with other people, even though you don't like them you have to work with them either way. And also, it's like the things that we did, it also helped us to help other people because we had to help other people in summer camp because they thought they couldn't do certain things, but if you help them out they would actually think that they could do it and it would actually help them. And I would like if you all please come out and support our food banquet, it's on Thursday."

Nakeveya Anthony stated, "Thank you, thank you so much. As Austin great thank you so much, well done. It was very, it was emotional at times because the youth were so engaged, they learned so much, they became united, sometimes they learned how to channel their emotions during difficult times, and other times they were showing their brothers how to channel emotions. And yeah I'm saying brothers because the Pilot Program did consist of boys this summer, however, it will be extended and opened, opened up to young girls and boys throughout the year. Community involvement, we're going to have fundraising opportunities but before I just spend the next hour or so talking about this, I do want to hand it over to Coach D who really was spearheading everything this summer and moving forward."

Coach D stated, "Appreciate it Coach Nakeveya. I just want to first of all thank the Council and President Natalie Robotom, it's good to see you. Pretty much the youth Camp of Champions consist of, from I believe it was June 5th - June 28th and it was at East St. John High School, and we began to impart into the next generation. Grind Time Boxing partnered with the Superintendent Kevin George and St. John the Baptist Schools, and our heart is to endeavor to pour into the next generation to give them a fighting chance to be successful in life. As Austin began to speak, we dealt with many situations with, I would say; our younger generation that would begin to just talk them, because sometimes you have kids that are going through a whole lot and they just bottle it up, and if they could just have somebody to talk to, to release that it would help them to go into a better and the right direction, as Coach Nakeveya said, this Thursday we'll be holding the, a Camp of Championship Youth Banquet to honor our champions and also to honor our school superintendent, who graciously allowed us to come in and began to impart into the next generation. It is our heart, I know many of us may have seen me run on airline, but the reason I run on airline is not just for me. I know at times you would think my little son run with me and I've always taught him, no matter, it may sound cliché, but whatever you put your mind to, you can achieve in life. And I've always taught him to never give up, no matter what people may say no matter your circumstances, if someone tells you no keep fighting until you get a yes. And that is our heart for this parish, for the next generation to bring a programs and systems, that will help encourage, empower and lead them into a better destiny for themselves that they just won't be empowered but they will have the power to change somebody else's life. Thank you."

Information about the banquet was passed around which is being held at Choice Event Center, 516 E. Airline Hwy. beginning at 7:00 PM and doors will open at 6:30 PM to honor their youths.

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilwoman Remondet seconded the motion to suspend the rules to allow Eliza Eugene - Blessed to be a Blessing to provide

a report on the Backpack Giveaway which occurred on Saturday, July 22nd, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

Eliza Eugene - Blessed to be a Blessing - Reportings on Backpack Giveaway

Eliza Eugene stated, "Good evening Council, Parish President Robottom and Administration. The Blessed to be a Blessing annual Backpack Extravaganza for St. John Parish was another huge success for this parish. Again, as you all are aware from our last presentation, it was so many sponsors that were a part of this, and we really had over 2,500 people came through that community center. We had over 200 volunteers that came out. I want to thank you UNO even brought their entire women's basketball team and coaching staff to volunteer for that event. Marathon along had about 50 volunteers and everyone else was just community people and other organizations throughout this parish that wanted to be a part of the Backpack Extravaganza. But one of the things that I have to say is that, the logistics played a key role in how this event was executed with so many people and there was not one problem at all, and that was because again the Sheriff Office and I must say the trustees, I have to say thank you to them and also the deputies, the reserve deputies, about 10 of them that gave up their time on that day to make sure that barricades were up, everyone was safe, there was no problem at all. And I want to thank them also the trustees for going back today, taking those barricades down this morning. So have to say thank you because we don't see that going on behind the scene, but it's there, and also registration, the DA brought here entire staff that handled registration for us for all 900 kids, and everything was flawless. So I just have to say, these are the things that we don't see, did not cost us anything, they volunteered their time and their services as I said, there was about 2,500 people. I want to be very transparent with this because we do have a lot of people that invest in this one way or another, but this event overall when we look at it right now just an estimate, was about \$43,000.00. And that is from community partners, different people paying for different things, not one person paying for everything, but no matter how big or how small, somebody did something that enhanced this event. And so we are very proud to say that every single cent and we will make sure because of the partnership that we have with you all, that we will disclose those final numbers, we're still waiting on a few sponsorships to come in. So I think that is something that we need to be very proud of here in St. John Parish. So again, we cannot say thank you enough for what everyone did, for you the council for allowing the partnership to use the Community Center, it was such a success, no one had to wait outside, no one, everyone was inside in the cool and it really, really worked out very, very well. I cannot say thank you enough to you all and to Parish President Robottom for what you all have done and also for the donations in this parish. This Saturday there also on the Westbank at West St. John High School, we have also donated 100 backpacks, hygiene kits and Marathon also school supply kits. So if there anyone that did not make it, they're more than welcome to go over to the West bank at West St. John High School and they're going to be distributing at 2:30."

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEMS: Approval of Minutes - July 11th, 2017, Regular Meeting; Permit Approval - LARAYO 1 Mile & 5K Run - Saturday, August 5th, 2017 beginning at 8:30 AM

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda items consisting of Approval of Minutes - July 11th,

2017, Regular Meeting; LARAYO 1 Mile & 5K Run - Saturday, August 5th, 2017 beginning at 8:30 AM. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES:

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

Alex Carter stated, *"This one-year extension is requested to complete on-going construction of Tiger Landing Subdivision. Administration recommends approval."*

MOTION: Councilman Becnel moved and Councilman Sorapuru seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 17-28. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

There is no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Natalie Robottom - Resolution - R17-32 - A Resolution to accept ownership of 3.19 miles of LA 643 in exchange for transfer credits and to formalize prior road transfers (SJ1-SJ6) dating back to 1958

Natalie Robottom stated, *"Yes, this is a process we started a few years ago, I think it was around the time when the ferry was going out of service, we realized that the state has a program for transferring roads that are not/or no longer needed for a statewide purpose to the parish. The way the program works is they rehabilitate the roadway, they have a formula that calculates the value of what they give you for future state projects, it is restricted to state projects that you can use the credits, in this case the resolution authorizes the transfer of the portion of LA 643, which is the road to Pleasure Bend in St. John Parish from DOTD to the Parish in exchange for transfer credits toward state projects. St. James Parish will be accepting the portion of LA 643 in their parish. Of course all of this is contingent, it wouldn't make sense for us to accept half or/and they not accept theirs so, it something that's going to work in coordination and which it's why it took so long. The other roadways, there were several listed in the resolution were, roadways that are actually ours they've been transferred, but there wasn't the paperwork so they included it in this one as a, I guess*

indicating that they've already been accepted into the program, and once this resolution is completed it goes to DOTD and there's some additional processes that need to take place. We typically take roadways that are not heavily traveled that might be easy to maintain, of course they want to give us river road, which we declined. And some of the more difficult ones to maintain, but there are some that some of the service roads, furnished roads that really, they made the repairs, they're going to last a long time they're not heavily traveled, so it's not a burden to the parish to accept these."

Councilman Becnel stated, "Ok look and listen. My constituents contacted me and they need some more clarification on this and out of respect for them I want to table it until the next meeting. They need some questions answered. Actually one of them is here now and I don't know if she's allowed to speak or what, but I have to give them that much respect."

Councilman Becnel stated, "Our resolutions are, well we have a motion on the floor we can table it we can table it, so..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "Well you can let her speak to."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "We can let her speak. I mean we can allow her to speak."

Councilman Becnel stated, "She has some concerns so I just want to let her voice be heard."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I mean we can offer a motion to allow the public discussion to be open."

Catherine Schons, Pleasure Bend stated, "I had asked to speak because I didn't know very much about this because we only got the info on Saturday night. So the people over in Pleasure Bend got this, no one contacted me and I even put my phone number in here to talk about the resolution. I found out from Mrs. Robottom just a few minutes ago, that I was going to ask for lights we need lights very badly back there on this highway, but she said we cannot use state funds for lights. I also was going to ask about repaving the following streets, they already did St. Charles, but they haven't done St. James, St. John and Des Allemands. Again she said that money cannot be used to do these parish projects, but she said they might have money for those parish projects and I don't want to keep that in the front that we have this money. I would like to be given a time to meet with the people in Pleasure Bend on this saying that they want to, I don't know we have a, if we can do it, that we don't have to have the state to change it over or is it already done?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "I'll be happy to answer that."

Councilman Snyder asked, "You have some input on that Ms. Robottom?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Absolutely. It's not done, which is the beginning of it. Where I explained to you we could not use these dollars to dig ditches and to put lights. However there is a parish lighting fund that exists to do those kind of things. With regard to paving the roads, I apologize when you were saying St. Charles, I was thinking you were talking about St. Charles Parish, but the roadway that was asphalted was done by us. So each year we add a..."

Catherine Schons interrupting stated, "That's good. That's what I was thinking."

Natalie Robottom stated, "I was thinking you were speaking of a road in St. Charles Parish. But we will continue to do the roads in Pleasure Bend, the lighting is something that there's a fund for, so we can definitely take a look at that, however; these funds cannot be used for parish roads, parish projects, digging in non-state roads. So that was just a clarification I provided, I think Baileigh had emailed you back to kind of provide you clarification, and again we spoke a little bit earlier, that is the process not just for this transfer but for any transfer. The funds cannot be used for anything other than toward a state project. The actually don't give us them money, they keep it and we have a credit that would go toward a project. So it's not like we can take it and go use it somewhere else, they just keep and use it within a project that we're working with them on. Kind of like the one on Belle Terre, if we need utilities moved, the one on West 10th and it's their project so rather than us having to come up with money from another budget they'll use those tax credit as our match."

Catherine Schons asked, "Is it possible that I do have time to talk with the people back there, saying the same thing that you just said?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "It is a process, this the beginning. This is a resolution they have several steps, St. James has to do the same thing, this has to go back to DOT, it's not a onetime deal. But this is a request to allow us to move forward with that and I really don't see any reason why it would be a problem for residents. Because there's nothing that they could say that would make us be allowed to use this money for anything other than a state project. And our commitment is the same, each year we add more roads to the list, we're going to continue to do that for Pleasure Bend, I explained to you the process for lights through the lighting fund, and those are the options."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Thank you ma'am, we appreciate your input. Is there anything you want to say Mr. Becnel?"

Councilman Becnel stated, "As long as she understands the way Ms. Robottom explained it, because I know she wanted to get the message to her fellow citizens back there, but like you said it could only be used for asphaltting anyway right?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "For state projects."

Councilman Becnel stated, "Yeah state projects."

Natalie Robottom stated, "But we do have a process for asphaltting roads and those roads are on our list, and the lighting was the first time I was hearing about it but there's a process for doing that as well."

Councilman Becnel stated, "As long as we address that because it's really dark back there, seriously, they need that. Like you said it was a big misunderstanding with the street because they named St. Charles, St. James, that's the way they named them. So I would draw my motion to table it."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Any other questions? We got a motion..."

Councilman Becnel stated, "Well I mean Ms. Catherine you said you still want us to talk to your constituents?"

Catherine Schons asked, "Yes I would like to talk to the constituents, she said to just repeat what she said."

Councilman Becnel stated, "Well it will just be a 2 week delay then. So we'll have to leave it tabled then if, I have to allow her and we're bring it forward towards the next meeting."

MOTION: Councilman Becnel moved and Councilman Sorapuru seconded the motion to table Resolution R17-32 until the August 8th, 2017 Council Meeting to provide more input to the constituents. The motion passed with Councilwoman Remondet against.

DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:

Rhonda Lemons - Louisiana Care - Innovative Readiness Training (IRT)

Rhonda Lemons provided an update on the Louisiana Care - Innovative Readiness Training which was held July 19th - 21st, promoting mutually beneficial partnerships between U.S. communities and the Department of Defense (DOD) to meet training and readiness requirements for Active, Guard & Reserve Service Members and units, while addressing public and civil-society need which was held July 12th - July 21st. A special thank you went to all who assisted in making this possible.

Kerry Watkins/Myra Valentine - STEM St. John Workshop

Kerry Watkins provide an update of the STEM St. John Workshop. The St. John the Baptist Parish Grants Department recently hosted their second STEM (Science, Engineering, Technology and Math) St. John Workshop at REGALA gym in Reserve. Funded by the United Way and the Parks and Recreation Department, about 85 Parish Youth were able to learn about hydraulics. A special thank you went to all who made this event possible.

Jaclyn Hotard - Update on grass cutting violation process

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you and I did read the notes on here from administration, my question is; is there a different and I've had a couple of yards where the grass has gotten really high and we called on one and I see here, and both of them were repeat offenders. And I see here that it says: Grass 10 inches in height with at least one violation within a calendar year, it requires notification but not certified. And there was some communication that said; if it's out of state we have to treat it differently than if it's in state, the owner..."

Alex Carter stated, "Correct, correct. So if it's a repeat offender or if it's a multiple offense in a calendar year, it usually takes us about 14 to 24 days, and it depends on if it's within a state we have to give them 5 days' notice once we put it in the mail. Right and we can send it regular mail. If they're in the country of the United States, we have to give them 10 days' notice and the idea it just takes longer for them to receive it if it's regular delivery. So you have to give them time to get it and then have time to correct the violation. And if they're out of the country, then they get 15 days' from the day that we put it in to the mail."

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "Is that in the state statute or is that in our ordinance?"

Alex Carter stated, "That's in our ordinance. So the state statute has 15 days' certified and my understanding is; this was in place prior to the amendment that we did in November. There were 3 different processes that we could use. There was one with an affidavit that alluded to not having any notice at all for repeat offenders. When we took that out in November it was because the Code Officers I would say, had the difficulty determining whether or not we would use this 5/10 regular mail. The repeat offender with the affidavit, because both of these are with repeat offenders. One with the affidavit, and that the affidavit part it was intended to same time, but in fact they had to research it because it wasn't in the calendar year it was in the preceding 12 months and this is in state law. So they had to date back 12 months before that violation and research to determine whether or not there was another violation in that 12 month period. That took time, then they had to draft an affidavit, that affidavit had to be signed then it had to be notarized, and so all that took additional time. And what we were finding was that determining which process to use, and then embarking on each one that the affidavit was in fact more complicated and took just as much or if not more time than just putting it in the mail making it simpler, and saying okay 5, 10 or 15 days' more often and within the state and we're talking about 5 days."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Well let me ask this. So if we send something you said it requires notification, so let's say it's a repeat offender and the two that I've called about are repeat offender and so it's even more frustrating because for the neighbors when the grass has to get up to 2 feet high before we can cut it, that's a problem. And I know I've amended this ordinance, I feel like I've lowered the height, we've amended it, we've added this repeat offender thing, what could we do and it seems like they're still they're still a problem, so when you say typically takes 14-24 days, what takes 14-24 days? Is that from Code Enforcement Officer going back out, realizing that it's high again and doing the whole process?"

Alex Carter stated, "I would say that's from start to finish. So we receive the complaint, the Enforcement Officer or Inspector goes on site, like acknowledges this is the situation, document it and now, goes back to the office, does the report, address the letter, puts in the mail, sends it out. Waits 5 additional days till like the processing on the front end I would say it takes 1-2 days to like go there, inspect it, acknowledge it put all the evidence into the system, and then draft the letter and have it mailed out through the assistant. Right, the assistant sends out everything. So that goes out, they have to then wait 5 days, right then we're talking 2-3 that's 6-7 days. So once they send it out 5 days they have to schedule a re-inspection, right so they have to go back out. That re-inspection happens on day 8, right so they have to acknowledge that in the system with the documents and the support and the report. If it's still in fact high then they have to go back to the office and they have to schedule the vendor, right! And the assistant actually calls and schedules the vendor to come out and have the grass cut. The grass is cut usually on the same day or the day after. So it's usually about 14..."

Councilwoman Hotard interrupting stated, "That sounds like about 10 days right there that you had."

Alex Carter stated, "Yeah and you know with the comment here I would say we've closed 571 grass violations, so we're not doing this by itself. Right, it's not

happening in isolation, I don't want to over burden my people and promise 10 days when I know the assistants are sending out you know these letters by the dozens, right. And my inspectors are following up on more than one site in one day, right. So they may be able to get to a site and not another and then it adds one or two days to that timeline. So I would say this is conservative you know, I think 14-24 days and that is an acknowledgement of the difference between 5 and 15 if it's in state, in country or out of country. And that's why you would have that delay of 24 days."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "And so I'm curious just thinking even with the affidavit process it almost seems like if we have a templet in the computer, we have even somebody in the office that can notarize the document, then that almost seems like it would be quicker because we have I mean everything is electronic, so to know if Code Enforcement goes out and they see this property that the grass is 10 inches high they can go to the computer and right then and see if it's been written up in the previous 12 months. And then if there's, if that's the case then the person in the office can go ahead and you know mail merge the affidavit, have that printed have it notarized, that seems simpler. Because what's happening and we've got a lot of them I mean everywhere, Riverlands, Cambridge and when it's a repeat offender, if it has to get 10 inches which in a perfect world, Code Enforcement comes in when it's 10 inches. But in reality it could be 12, 13 inches, 24 days from grass that's already 12 inches high is now 2½ feet high and if you live next door and the one I had in Cambridge it was an elderly family that lived next door, grass is 2½ feet high next to you, that's a problem and especially when it's that high every single time, every time. And though they're saying, well we know this is a repeat offender, we know that the person lives out of state or that the person, the house is abandoned, it's a bank owned it's a foreclosure, so I would almost ask you to go back and look at that other process, because to me what we're doing, all of that is taking more time than if we had, we have the computer system, they go in they know if it's been written up, there's no question about whether it's been written up in the previous 12 months. Or if it's calendar year however it is, that's in our computer system and having something that can be mail merged and be notarized it's got to be, it's got to be better. And I believe that this grass season has been worse because we've had so much rain and it's so hot, I mean even my own yard that gets cut on a weekly basis, after 4 days I'm you know thinking, hey the guy cut last week. But 2½ feet of grass in a neighborhood next to you know homes where you have kids playing, where you have elderly people that's, that's not."

Alex Carter stated, "And I would say, you know we're not making excuses you know but you're absolutely right, it's rained an inordinate amount in the last 2 months, and so grass violations have been, I would say we are catching up. Right and with the sweep that we recently did we received a lot of complaints related to other violations throughout the code and throughout the parish. And so you know our office I would say they're working very hard, but you know it's not just one case or one street, right it's the whole parish and we're processing as much as we can as quickly as we can in our means, with our means you know and so you know I would ask that the public just be patient, we're trying to work with South Central to be able to you know provide more information on the ground level what is currently written up, because a lot of times people realize it's in process already. Right you're getting complaints and what we're responding with, this is already written up right it's at this point in the process. But I do understand you know you're frustration with this that it's not quicker, but I would say that our ordinance is very restrictive, right the 5 days is very short period of time

for people to correct a notice, right after receiving notice and so you know states statutes at fifteen. Right so we kind of work where we are not quick on you know if something's out of state or out of country, we make it up on the front end by having such a short period of time between you know receiving."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "If the notice period is 5 days, but it's taking us so many days to get something out, so many days to re-inspect it, the 5 days it doesn't even matter if it's going to take 24 days. That's why the affidavit process, I really think that that needs to be explored, because that's something that we can manage internally. It just seems simpler all this going back, having to print something mail, waiting for it to be mailed, all the while and I'm talking about a repeat offender you know banked owned property where we know the grass is going to be cut, because I do agree someone who may not know the grass is high, it could have just been a death in the family, they're not aware that they even own a home, that all happens. That's not what I'm talking about, I'm talking about the majority of the ones that I've come across the last couple of weeks have actually all been foreclosures. No one lives in the home, it's banked owned by you know by Arcovia or whatever you know somewhere 6, 7, 8 states away, and they probably have so many houses in their portfolios, so many homes that are foreclosed they can't keep up. But what we have a responsibility or who we have a responsibility to are those, the constituents. And I would almost place a higher priority on a grass violation, you know if you have a junked vehicle next to you not that that's not an eye sore but in 2 feet of grass with little kids and rats, and snakes and everything like that, that's more of a health concern, not that all of it's not important, but you definitely run into other types of concerns. I'd like to see us explore, I don't know if we can do a test case or a pilot to see if that'll be quicker, I know we only had limited resources, I know we have more problems than we have people. I do realize that but it's got to get better."

Alex Carter stated, "And I'd love it if you would meet with Kristi and I, the Code Enforcement Zoning Regulatory Administrator and you know I think part of this is just understanding, how it plays out on the ground. Right and so the amendments that took place in November were really a reflection of how it played out on the ground. And so I think we can go back and do that, I think we would encounter the same problems. Where you know the research on the front end, the communication on the ground and then the supervisors having to go back and amend work, go back redo it. This I think given the code amendments that we are making and the progress we are making in Code Enforcement, like it would complicate something that we've simplified..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "We can stop here. I've asked Alex, this law was passed at the state level for us, St. Charles and another parish..."

Councilwoman Hotard interrupting stated, "I remember I was part of it."

Natalie Robottom stated, "I've asked her to get with St. Charles and see how it's working with them. Obviously we have different personnel you know but, again this is long, it is problematic. So understanding we're all under the same state statute, let's see how it's working for them. So this isn't a closed case this is what's working right not but we are going to continue to explore how it's working in other parishes that made that same change."

Councilman Madere stated, "I talked to you about that the other day on the phone about the process. Okay and I think Ms. Hotard, I think it's a couple of years ago when we made those changes, where before it was, every time it was a grass

violation they had to send out certified mail, so we reduced it down to just one certified letter per calendar year, right?"

Alex Carter stated, "Well it's per, it's the previous 12 months."

Councilman Madere stated, "Right, okay now the second letter goes out for a violation on that same property is sent by regular mail, right?"

Alex Carter stated, "Yes."

Councilman Madere asked, "Okay and then after how many days we'll assume that it's been delivered?"

Alex Carter stated, "It's received five days."

Councilman Madere stated, "Five days."

Alex Carter stated, "It's received 5 days in state 10 days out of state 15 out of country."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay so let's just say let's deal in the parish 5 days. Okay after that 5th day, okay then what's the process? We go back out and look at the property to see if the grass have been cut or do we assign someone to cut it?"

Alex Carter stated, "Well and I realizing now that I misspoke. After 5 days we're assuming it's been delivered. There's an additional 5 days that we have to tack on that to allow them to correct violations, so that's how you get a 14 - 24. So there is that additional, so we calculate 5 days from that point of putting it in the mail, that we give them 5 additional days to correct the violations."

Councilman Madere asked, "Right so about 10 days?"

Alex Carter stated, "10 days then we have to re-inspect, if it's still in violation we have to assign a contractor."

Councilman Madere stated, "Now when you say re-inspect, just to drive by and look at it?"

Alex Carter stated, "They have to take pictures and prove that it is in fact still too tall, so they get out the car put a measuring stick, show that it's still over 10 inches not cut, because we get challenged on these a lot."

Councilman Madere stated, "Well you see that's where you lose a little time, you need to get out with the stick. If you took a picture the first time and you went back 10 days later, I don't need to get out and measure with a stick, I'm pretty sure it's going to be a little taller, just take a picture or report back."

Alex Carter stated, "Well and sometimes because of the 24 hours, I mean the 24 days sometimes they've cut it in between and still very tall because it takes us 24 days. So we do have to go back and get out of the car and measure it because it may be around the same height but have been 3 weeks later. So there's proof that they cut it in between and it's on violation so then there's a whole. It's a very complicated nuance process you know I don't want to go into any more detail, but I think I'm happy to meet with Ms. Hotard and discuss this in more detail if there's a better solution."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "One more thing and I'm going to make this quick. And now that you've said that, one of the cases that I had, that's what happened. The grass was you know 10, 11, 12 inches high, by the time they actually came back and re-inspected it, it had been cut but it was still over 10 inches. But they told me they had to close it and start the file all over again."

Alex Carter stated, "Right, that's accurate because they did in fact comply with the violation notice and cut it. So we do have to start over again."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "But it was still in violation."

Alex Carter stated, "Right, but it's a different violation. Right so we sent the notice and our next inspection it's clear that they cut it. These are the things where the inspectors have trouble with this and you know and these supervisors play a strong role and making sure that this is addressed because they're technically are not getting due process, if in fact the violation is not processed and we cut it and it's, they've cut it in between."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I agree with Natalie, we need to check with our neighbors and see what they are doing because it's..."

Alex Carter interrupting stated, "We can do that."

Councilman Madere stated, "I just have one question, something you just said. Okay have a violation, let's just say it's; 3 feet high and they went and cut it but they didn't cut it under the limit..."

Alex Carter interrupting stated, "Well they have cut it..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Wait no, no, no. No let's just say they cut it and didn't cut it to the prescribed limit which is under 10 inches. Okay do you start that file over again?"

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "You have to cut all over the grass."

Councilman Madere stated, "No, I'm talking about if it's that tall."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I don't think she meant that, I think she said..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Yeah you kind of just spoke on that."

Alex Carter stated, "Right, right. To clarify, it would be a situation where they cut it to the ground and by the time we got notice it was, they're in their window to where in fact it was high again."

Councilman Madere stated, "Right, right, right! That's what you meant."

Alex Carter stated, "Right."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay because if you didn't cut it to the proper length, that's still the same violation."

Alex Carter stated, "Yeah."

Jaclyn Hotard - Update on Public Works operable equipment

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you. I do have the sheet in here. What pieces of equipment or the inoperable pieces? I saw that the blue is equipment and green is tractors. Oh see its cut off on my sheet."

Brian Nunes stated, "I'm sorry. The yellows are inoperable."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Okay, so I'd know, it's not that bad but it's ok. Thank you. Let's me ask this, just on the inoperable pieces, are we doing something to get this equipment back into service?"

Brian Nunes stated, "Oh absolutely."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I do speak with employees sometimes who say we have a lot of equipment that's not operable and I want to know what can we do or if." Natalie Robottom stated, "I have a recommendation on this. This is problematic, this is equipment is extremely expensive, it's very expensive to repair and I think we need to look at leasing some of this equipment. We continue to invest in it, they say you know if we go back and capture the cost for the purchase and all the repairs, we're losing money. Whereas we're under a lease, we can you know turn it over in so many years and they're responsible for the repairs. So I'm going to say look into leasing some of this equipment, there was a period of time when what? 5 of the tractors were broken, four of the five, that's ridiculous. Especially in this time of year when the grass is growing and we need them the most, the other thing is it's costly to get them repaired. So in addition to not being on the roadway we're expending money over and over again, making repairs to equipment. Now why it's getting broken and how, I you know that's a whole nother story. But, I'm going to say we need to explore leasing some of this equipment."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I would agree with you. And if we can, if you can commit to you know having trust me, those sales guys would be happy to put something together for you."

Brian Nunes stated, "We're working on the tractors right now and then we'll look at the equipment. But these all have hydraulic parts that have been ordered and the ETA is when we expect the parts to come in because we're doing repairs in house."

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

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "I was just going say, a lot of this equipment is just more than 10 years old..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "No, we bought new equipment."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "Well I was just going by the dates on these, but do we have a maintenance plan for those that we have the newer versions?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "They break them all."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "Okay. I just didn't know..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "You can go back 10 years, but some of the ones with air condition is brand new..."

Councilwoman Remondet interrupting asked, "There is no say maintenance program for those that are newer versions of equipment?"

Brian Nunes stated, "We do turn in inspection reports on a monthly basis. My guys do it on a weekly but we turn them in to administration on a monthly basis, just to prove we're checking them, we check them every morning we have the mechanics check them once a week, and then we do turn in reports."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "Ok thank you."

Brian Nunes stated, "You're welcome."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "I like the idea of leasing them. That's a good idea."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I think what we ought to do, when the machines break, the guys you know who breaks the machines, let them go dig some ditches. Might save some money on breaking them, might not break as often."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "Its working!"

Councilman Snyder stated, "And our drainage system is really bad."

Larry Snyder - Discussion on the possibility of auditing commercial water meters

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yeah. My concern on that is that I wanted to be assured that all of our meters are working especially the ones that the largest uses, so I want to get an audit so when can maybe check our larger uses and make sure these meters are reading, reading first of all and reading properly and things of that nature. I'm sure they would have to sit down and the administration would have to sit and decide what they want on an audit like that, but that's all I wanted that's all this was all about as far as I was concerned. Because you hear all kinds of stories in the streets and about peoples meters is not working, they don't read them you know like that and they just give them a bill every month and we have water running down the street, leakage we have and we're cutting other people water off you know, because the water bills you know, so let's make sure our meters for these big users are right also. You know because I can you know you hear all kinds of stories."

Natalie Robotom stated, "I agree a 100%, obviously they're as we're going through these problems they're finding out parts of the system that are available to us and one of those is to: pull out the commercial users and check for variation in the history and whether it's low or high, we need to follow-up on those because those are our money makers, the larger customers and we have to get a handle on that first. We do anticipate from this utilities study some recommendations, we also have a retiree from Orleans that's volunteering her time to work through some of these issues with us, that hopefully we can learn from her years of experience in setting up some systems. We've also I think secured a policy from St. Charles which is very strict in terms of what they're doing, but it's our understanding that a policy would have to be adopted by this council to allow us to move forward with some of the things that they're doing. So as we complete the study, we're going to assess our current policies, make some recommendations to you, but we definitely need to look at our larger customers on a regular basis not just every now and then, every month, print out the

commercial and see what's happening there, and then continue to work on the others."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well that's fine. All that sounds good as far as I'm concerned but I still think we need to get a focus group and they do just what I asked to do and that's to look, go look at these meters, that's what they'll do. I'm not talking about this utility assessment group you're talking about, they're going to be looking at everything. I'd like to get focused on this, you understand that? I'd like to get focused on this. We have people, I don't think these meters right, and I know for a fact, I see some people turning meters off that just not illegally now, you know they were turning meters off to do some work on their side and I've never seen anybody go check this meter you know, I just haven't seen it. I don't know what the reason is, but maybe it's electronically read or what, but I mean went right there by East 22nd Street, 21st Street. That thing and it's on the levee side, I don't never see nobody go check it. Never! And our pecan tree is right next to it. That's what I'm saying. " Natalie Robottom stated, "We'll be happy to follow-up on that."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Now that meter, is it working properly or is it not? I've hear a story they have bypasses around meters, at some of these larger places. I mean these are stories I hear in the streets you know?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "And that was the case Mr. Snyder, and it may still be but I think when they did the initial investment in the meters, it was to attempt to address that. We still have, and we struggle with certain which is against, it's a violation to have more than one house on a meter, so when the project was done it was to make sure that everybody had a meter, those larger meters they had to make an assessment to try to make sure they weren't bypassing the system, and if they had more than one meter at that time, that was part of the reason for the full meter change out. Those kinds of problems were happening regularly and it is something that needs to be assessed on a regular basis."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well that's fine with me, but I still like a focus group. These people that come and do this utility research thing that we're going to have doing, I know they're going to be focused on everything under the sun as far as water is concerned. I want something focused on just this, just the large usage from LaPlace to Mt. Airy, river road everywhere. Let's focus on those, check these meters, it doesn't take long, it don't take long to check those. We can do this while we're reading them. We can read them, we read them once a month, don't we? Why can't we do something right then to make sure it's working? You know, I don't know but I just I just hear these horror stories."

Larry Snyder - High level update on our tap water design capacity, actual capacity during high usage and its ability to handle future growth for each water district

Blake Fogleman stated, "Thank you, so each of the four water systems has a different capacity which varies during high usage and at different times of the year. The design of a well system in Pleasure Bend is completed and bids for construction were opened at the finance meeting. The pilot for treating river water with an RO filtration system is currently underway and can be used for Water Districts 1 and 3 which is LaPlace and Reserve area and Mt. Airy. Once the improvements are completed and all systems are utilizing surface water, these three systems which include the West bank will be able to support each other under normal conditions meaning (non-emergency) with increasing capacity.

District 1 - Lions plant has a capacity of approximately 3 MGD. During high usage, this plant typically supplies an average of 2.1 MGD. Quality, redundancy and compliance are currently being addressed, but future plans include improvements to increase the capacity to nearly 5.25 MGD. District 2 - Edgard plant and the West bank has a capacity of .75 MGD. During high usage this system typically supplies an average of .65 MGD. This system is connected to the Lions system with the waterline under the Mississippi River. District 3 - LaPlace plant has a capacity of nearly 5 MGD. During high usage, this system typically provides an average of 3.7 MGD. Proposed improvements utilizing river water will increase the capacity to nearly 9 MGD. Pleasure Bend - An average of .022 MGD is purchased from St. James Parish and the well project will provide a capacity of approximately .072 MGD."

Councilman Snyder asked, "How's that Pilot Program going?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "It's good, we're in the draft phase. I've gone over it one time the protocol, so it's just the paperwork to say, this is how we're going to do it, this is the assumptions we're going to make, this is the equipment we're going to use and the steps we're going to take and the samples we're going to take. We've had a preliminary meeting with LDH, they want to have another meeting when we you know when the staff feels confident with approaching them with this Pilot Study, and we should be able to go forward once they give us the approval for that."

Councilman Snyder asked, "And you're telling me that during high usage time, summer time is only 2.1 Million?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "Yes sir that's the average actually of June. I did that at a conference last week in the middle of a session I calculated that."

Councilman Snyder asked, "The 2.1 Million?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "Yes sir for June of 2017, yes sir. I've seen that's the average for the whole month, so a daily max might be 2.2/2.4, but because of our storage and finish water, I don't necessarily need to make that much water that day. But I mean that's just normally how it's done. I don't produce all the water that goes out my plant because I have over a million gallons of storage sitting at my plant."

Councilman Snyder asked, "When we backwash over there, does that hinder this somewhere?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "No sir, I think it's twelve minutes of backwash."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Twelve minutes?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "Yes sir. So that's, I mean you're only doing one filter at a time, so again you know my million and a half gallons I have in finish water I already have in tanks, is covering me to make up that time."

Councilman Snyder asked, "And we're the back-up for Edgard in District 2 I see. And there's about .65, six hundred fifty thousand (650,000)?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Gallons? And we're their backup right?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "Yes sir. And what we've done historically Councilman is, we have the ability to open up from LaPlace, so LaPlace had a little bit more capacity now currently, you know now without any increase of capacity across the board, so what we do is open up LaPlace, LaPlace supports Reserve area, and Reserve area has the ability to, we run the West bank for 8/9 hours with no, that was probably in May I think, with no interruption no you know nothing. No residents were aware, there's no fluctuation of pressure, no!"

Councilman Snyder asked, "So when we start the clarifier work over there, how long will it be down?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "It depends on how they propose to do it. There are different proposals on how long it needs to be down. It just depends on how the proposal of the construction works, so it may be 12 hours at a time and give us a break for 24 hours to make up water, 12 hours at a time or we might go 48 hours down, with a 12 hour period being back online so we can actually operate the plant."

Councilman Snyder stated, "All that sounds good, so we're in good shape?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "Currently, yes sir. I would say currently, yes sir. I mean we've been approached by multiple industrial users that have asked for outrageous numbers, you know volumes in the 15/20 million's and we're saying; hey guys that's a whole new conversation. But currently without any significant development at one time, we're alright in my opinion. In fact, we've actually taken down and worked for 12 hours on LaPlace's system without any hiccups in our water system. So we took the whole well system down for I think 12 hours, 12½ hours and was able to operate and..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting asked, "You used the water out of the towers?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "Water in the towers, water from Reserve and barely any from St. Charles, because St. Charles has a much greater capacity, but for our pressure was still too high for them to provide us with any water, so we actually that's some reserved capacity that we were able to kind of sit on knowing that if the pressure started dropping St. Charles could start pushing more water to us."

Councilman Snyder asked, "So with this big car wash over here come online over there, how that's going to hit us?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "Help us."

Councilman Snyder asked, "It's going to help us?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Snyder asked, "How will that help us?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "On Belle Terre. Because on the end of Belle Terre there's not a whole lot of usage, and we have that big ole tank that sits on the end of Belle Terre, so we're struggle with water age, we struggle with quality in that tank, and supplying that back to the few individual commercial businesses that

are along that way, so anything that draws a little bit better in that area, is going to give us a better water quality turnover in that tower."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Alright."

Blake Fogleman stated, "Which includes the hotel on Belle Terre. So once that..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting asked, "The new one that's coming up?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "The new one, yes sir. Just that area being developed a little bit more, helped, I'm putting water, let's put it this way; I'm using that water anyway. Because I got to put it on the ground because I can't serve it to the community, so if I can get keep using it quicker, it stays at a better quality and it'll help us out. So all these numbers I provided you is all flushing, that's out of my plan. So if I came under an emergency tomorrow, the first thing I'd do is shut down my flushers and that saved me probably a million gallons in a day."

Councilman Snyder stated, "You know well if well then, okay I'm good. Anybody got anything?"

Councilman Malik stated, "Yeah quick question for you. If you're going to compare the scheduled and unscheduled maintenance for the RO system like the other ones, how much easier is that?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "I'm sorry, scheduled and unscheduled versus?"

Councilman Malik stated, "Scheduled and unscheduled maintenance, is that an easier system to care of?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "It's more of a one stop shop, so it has more complete treatment, so when you have to bring one down and they're individualized, so when you have a problem with one skid or one tube, you're taking that one down you're not losing full capacity. So if I'd have something wrong with the clarification or filtration system as we see it now, you lose half of your capacity. So the for the most part when we take down skids in LaPlace, we have three different skids we take down one of those we're only losing a third of capacity or you know treatment capacity. There is, it's a different type of maintenance, I know the guys, my predecessors, the guys that are still currently operators on the RO system, there's not many people you can just throw in there, just because it's not..."

Councilman Malik interrupting stated, "Not conventional."

Blake Fogleman stated, "Right it's not conventional. But I think that technology is coming a long way and actually in fact I was in Baton Rouge at a state, they're trying to amend the code for water treatment and that was one of the big conversations was different technology and how that's going to pay the way for these regulations that are coming down the pipe fitting through EPA. So they're concerned with it from the feasibility, financial stand point as well as an operational stand point so. But what we've seen, the liability of it is similar to a conventional plan and working on it. I mean there are specialized people but we're bringing people to our water treatment plants, I mean our surface plants to. So it's not like I'm bringing any less or more contractors because my guys

aren't qualified, it's roughly the same, still pumps, still piping just a little fabric in between."

Councilman Malik stated, "Ok, alright thank you."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Blake you mentioned increasing the capacity at the Lions Plant. What's the immediate plan of attack for that?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "From the last conversation we had, we were investing land acquisition so that we stop building on top of our own two feet, and we're still in the process of that. We've gotten appraisal, I think on many different fronts we're working with the Port to kind of come to an agreement on how we're going to purchase that land or have an agreement to acquire that land, so that we can continue building it for the future. There is a of piping work there's a lot of electrical work that needs to happen, once again if you try to do the electrical piping on top of yourself, I think you're I don't know how you operate while doing that, because of the history in that area and the small footprint that we had to deal with, so the immediate need is to get the land, and then obviously start building and making a plan for where, how that land is going to help us expand and that's where we are pushing to those terms."

Councilman Sorapuru asked, "So do we have enough room to increase the capacity of the filters with the present platform what we have right now? Can we double the size of the filters with the situation we're in right now?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "I mean, I think we've talked about that many times up here. We would tear down everything in the middle of our plant and build it all back up and if we ever expand it we would have to reconfigure all the piping to a different direction and as we see it today, we can support the water usage and our efforts to try to put the money toward the leg work to make the right steps, so that 5-10 years out, we're in the right place."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Just a quick question. I heard when Councilman Snyder asked you about backwash but and you or Mr. Sorapuru with the filters, but aren't when you backwash you're using good water?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "Yeah."

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "So how you're making up that quick in our demand or you're cutting the pressure back to the resident's?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "No we don't cut pressure back. It's not enough that, I mean it comes from one of our tanks. Again, we have a million and a half, your pumps 2 million in a day, two and a half in a day I'm talking about 12 minutes of water."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "And also you did say you took the well out for 12 hours or so."

Blake Fogleman stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Using water from the tower. Again, you have to fill all that back up and I noticed the water pressure has dropped lately, it's not where it used to be."

Blake Fogleman stated, "I can't answer that. It may be fluctuations due to leaks in the system or anything like that. Typically we can make that up overnight. I mean on a typical you know water leak that we, there are times during an emergency we have lowered the pressure. Absolutely!"

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Even if we've already..."

Blake Fogleman interrupting stated, "There are times when we've even supported Reserve and you may see a difference, but Councilman Perrilloux I will say this; I've never seen pressure like LaPlace. So we have gotten very accustomed to 770 psi when I tell people that in any other district or parish, between 40 and 55 is what normal systems or being able to supply."

Natalie Robottom stated, "And I think they took that down overnight. So that 12 hours wasn't in the middle of the day, it was a scheduled outage where they did it overnight so most people weren't using their water, so they didn't really feel the impact."

Blake Fogleman stated, "For lately is that's a concern I'd certainly appreciate that through the officer putting it on there, because we'd like to try and connect noticeable differences in the public to what we have going on in our plants and see if there is any coalition, but I can't speak of anything of that I would know that consistently would bring any kind of pressure down, absolutely."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Ok, thank you."

Larry Snyder - Identify sites where there may be use of temporary 'ring levees'

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yes and my reason for that, I see you have an explanation down here and I had a chance to rush through it, but that was my concern. I know that we had, we were supposed to do some work back there at Ruddock back there with the electrical system back there, I don't think we ever did that work, raising that electrical substation back there."

Blake Fogleman stated, "That's still under review at the federal level or the state level. So that yeah, that's still in the process but it is not currently in until the design is complete. We're just waiting on approval."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Right, so the design is complete."

Blake Fogleman stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Snyder asked, "And what state doing?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "That's one of the projects. So we're waiting for approval to come out of the design phase and into construction phase."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Alright, okay good, good. That's good because that was one issue I had back there with that electrical system back there. And that's why I was looking if there was any others that we can, that we might need equipment there and that's what I was asking for and maybe we can do something temporarily to try to, because this is hurricane season just like with everything else it's hurricane season."

Brian Nunes stated, "I missed understood. I thought we were talking residential, but if it's about infrastructure..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "Oh no, no, no, I'm talking about I'm sorry."

Blake Fogleman stated, "Councilman I'll give you an update on that. We do have an interim flood plan that I was introduced to when I was brought on board when the parish has in place. It has levels of protection based on a type of disaster so 100 year flood, 500 year, what it would take to get to those points. Any of the infrastructure in Ruddock specifically, it remains Hesco baskets around it to 100 year flood. The only times we take access the driveways out. So if you would drive there today you would see that it's not closed in, but we have a mechanism and a timeframe that we know we would take. We have the Hesco baskets, we have sand, so we know it would take x amount of hours to implement if we feel the need to do that. We in the last year that being said, that still doesn't allow us to get to our site, so we did go to the federal surplus and get a high water vehicle for utilities so that specific for those emergencies and it was quite funny because again the meeting I was in today, they're going to implement that by 2020, everyone has to be able to access your sites, not only protected from the flood, but you'll have to be able to get out there and do something with it and it specifically states, boats, high water vehicles, or something. So we have that ability now and we do have that in our own plans."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Should have bought a wind boat!"

Blake Fogleman stated, "I don't know how many of our guys getting on a boat, they're drive a truck, I don't know how many of them are going to get on a boat."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Mr. Snyder, that plan was put together with the Army Corp of Engineers, the Levee Board, our staff, and you know there's a plan accessing the sand and the actual Hesco baskets. We're very fortunate over the last flood, we actually got everything for free, and the military installed. So we get to keep them, after, during those emergencies but we do have a plan that's specific to our critical infrastructure with regard to Hesco baskets, but timing and the assistance that we're going get to get it taken care of."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Ok."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Yeah I was confused about this item Councilman Snyder and I thought, I mean Brian was coming up to answer probably what I was going to ask. I know I recently had a meeting with some inflatable levees that I think FEMA's offering a 90/10 split right now and I think Councilman Sorapuru and you went to a presentation in Slidell, and I thought that's what the agenda item was about. Are we looking into this for this parish, that's what my question was going to be on, so yeah, that's what I thought the item was about, so if you have any feedback on that?"

Brian Nunes stated, "That's actually what I thought it was about. You are correct. It is a 90/10 for a limited amount of time. My only concern with putting some type of ring levee as it's referred to here; is then we're tracking water in to, so we need to have a pump system associated with any type of levee system that we build. So while we have this 90/10 available, it's great in theory but we need something inside to get the water out as well. So with that, we hadn't really considered that, we hadn't identified places that would work right now."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well we do have pumps. I mean I see them all around the place, little water pumps you stick inside a ring levee."

Brian Nunes stated, "We got a couple of temporary pumps, we have them in places right now, is we have to buy some more of them."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "And I know St. James I think recently purchased maybe 18 miles of this and I don't know what they're going to use it for yet because I haven't contacted them, maybe Councilman Sorapuru might elaborate on it. But I would look to see how can or can it benefit this parish, say along the I-10 area you know with inflatable levees. I know we can't close the canals, that's where most of our water come in through the canals and spread out but, I would look at maybe if this could help us by you going to the presentation."

Brian Nunes stated, "We looked at it and Councilman Sorapuru and I talked about it out there, I mean they're kind of, might go along with the other item about the culverts under the interstate. If we do put something like that to protect the interstate, we're helping DOTD but our water still comes underneath the interstate so we're not."

Natalie Robottom stated, "We're protecting the interstate but the water is just going to circulate around the levees. But that was part of the discussion, the interim plan with the state about doing Hescos' and how we could close that area, but because the water actually comes around through the swamp, through the canals, they pulled away from that plan because the expense for doing something temporary was outrageous when you know it really wouldn't necessarily fulfill the need, because water actually will go around those tubes that might keep the water off the interstate but it's going to come into the parish which is not necessarily what we want."

Councilman Wright stated, "I guess transitioning that going back to a project that was talked about some time ago with the flapper valves under interstate, I don't know what combination with a lot of those things because you know we're talking about this million dollar levee, but even looking at the minimal cost for something like those flapper valves and some type of temporary structure for emergency type of situations, especially now that the pipeline is actually clearing a lot of that land. In emergency type situations, temporary pumps would be reimbursable also. So I don't see how we you know putting some money together wouldn't be able to come to some sort of temporary resolution in emergency type situations, use a lot of those in our measures."

Brian Nunes stated, "I think there are a lot of options, those valves we actually did a study actually it was 5/6 years ago, we did get a cost estimate, I don't have it with me but I can bring it or try and locate it for the drainage workshop next week. It can be a discussion, there's significant cost if we're closing it there we're assuming right now a title surge that we're trying to keep everything out. Excuse me, we still have to get it out of from inside and so I mean temporary pumps would help. I think the cost to those valves were somewhere in the 3 or 4 million dollar range because as you'll see in the other item there's 33 culverts between Exit 206 and 209, and they're all about as tall as I am. Those are big valves we're talking about putting at the end."

Councilman Wright stated, "Well I think comparing that price range as a semi-temporary long term measure when we're looking at a billion dollar levee, it's not that much."

Brian Nunes stated, "No I was just saying..."

Councilman Wright interrupting stated, "I think it's you know a viable option to look at when you're piecing the puzzle together to put an interim measure in place that really could be protection for us for 10 years while we're either waiting or either constructing our levee, so I definitely think it's something that we need to look into moving forward with."

Brian Nunes stated, "We can look into that, but I mean we got to also find out, it's not coming straight it's going to go around, we got to find out where we're going to send it to where have to send it somewhere."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you and I believe Shred may have even done that cost estimate, it was around the time of Gustav that that came up. Butch just to touch on what you said about those inflatable levees and Natalie you may remember they purchased from US Flood Control around Foxwood, and it was the biggest disaster I've ever seen, it didn't, the water actually came under it, it went over it, it got trapped in, it was just it was comical almost to watch them fill up and so maybe the new improved versions are a little better but we purchased so much of it just for Foxwood to see if that would work before we did the Foxwood Levee project and it was."

Brian Nunes stated, "I think at the end of that, I think we might have recovered of about 20-25% of the entire product that we purchased because..."

Councilwoman Hotard interrupting stated, "And we never even use it. It didn't work."

Brian Nunes stated, "No it didn't work, so."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "It didn't work, right."

Councilman Wright stated, "I have one more question. That is a good point. Could you in between now and the drainage workshop look into that and compare the two and see if it is the same product?"

Brian Nunes stated, "That's the thing that Councilman Sorapuru and I went to, it's definitely not the same project."

Councilman Wright asked, "Does it have track record?"

Brian Nunes stated, "It's somewhat in the..."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Fifteen years the material was very durable material, and you can roll it out and within about 18 hours to do maybe 2 or 3 miles."

Councilman Wright stated, "Okay, I was just curious if there was a track record with other parishes that have used it in the past. I just don't want to waste our time."

Brian Nunes stated, "I think St. Bernard had used it..."

Councilman Sorapuru interrupting stated, "They said St. Bernard used it."

Brian Nunes stated, "The difference is the old one was, it's a small tube and it was stackable, this just comes in various sizes, so you can get it I think up to 18 feet tall, I mean the footprint of the bottom somewhere around 50. So I mean it's a sturdy thing a lot of water goes in to it but."

Councilman Wright stated, "Yeah I would definitely want to seek input from other people or parishes who have used it so we're not wasting our time."

Natalie Robottom stated, "And then installation, I mean if you're talking 18 hours, a lot of it we're dealing with is these puddles it's one thing to deal with surge and a storm that you know is coming and again, let's talk about it in the drainage workshop. And what our folks are doing to get ready for that, that now they'd have to be trying to install some tubes instead of doing the generators, doing the pumps, you know. So what we can get Brian to look into that'll little bit more, bring some information to the workshop and also some of the things that we've learned over the last two."

Councilman Wright stated, "No absolutely and we just have to prepared to make sure that we've told the general public that you know we're doing everything that we possibly to look at other avenues in the meantime while waiting for levee protection."

Larry Snyder - Identify sites, via a graphic, where our drainage water crosses I-10 - starting at Belle Terre exchange eastward to Highway 51 and how these sites affected the Isaac flooding

Councilman Snyder stated, "Actually Brian and fellow Councilmen, you stole my thunder actually because that's exactly what I had all these items down here for, as far as the ring levees and the drainage across I-10 the drainage on all our communities across I-10. And I was considering, especially in the drainage workshop we're going to have next week, that's one of the things I will be talking about, can we put some flapper valves in, and I know we still have our 4.5 Million Dollars for some pumps back there? I think it's somewhere lying around? And so that's there, and we have some work being done on that right now, I'm I right, on that pumping system back there?"

Brian Nunes stated, "For the Vicknair Canal?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yes."

Brian Nunes stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Snyder asked, "You know where that's at hah?"

Brian Nunes stated, "I know where that's at. I've been there once or twice."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay well anyhow, and that's what I was thinking about. What can we do even with high, what happened last time going to happen again, it's going to happen! You know why, because I hate to scare people, New Orleans, Jefferson Parish, St. Charles Parish, they're solid they are solid. Now most of the water came back, I know in my area through drainage. It came back some across the Airline I mean Interstate, but most of it came back through

drainage you know and it just backed in through the drains. And that's what's going to happen unless we get some flapper valves put in there and being able to pump our stuff out, our water out when we don't need a flapper valve. And I think we have a good start with 4.5 Million Dollars sitting around some place to get some pumps back there and we have a canal back there already built just like St. Charles Parish got down there. Canal onside of Airline Highway, everything drains through there and it sucks it down, so why can't we do something similar even if it's just coming from River Forest to Foxwood over there. And that's my thoughts on this thing and we're going to discuss this I guess next week in our meeting, but I just wanted to know what was causing, do we have a graphic, there's something in here you said?"

Brian Nunes stated, "There was a graphic that was in there."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I see you have some numbers down there."

Natalie Robottom stated, "There's a map."

Brian Nunes stated, "Right."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yeah I saw that. Do I have that map?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "It should be attached to your..."

Councilman Snyder stated, "So how many are there again? This is it here?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes sir."

Brian Nunes stated, "There are 8 sets that go underneath the Interstate from Belle Terre to 51, there's various numbers at each one. Belle Terre has 3 culverts, the one that says Ridgfield has 6, Live Oak has 3, Vicknair has 3, the two that says Lasseigne has 5 each, Landmark has 4, and Montz has 4."

Councilman Snyder asked, "And these are right there together, am I right?"

Brian Nunes stated, "Right."

Councilman Snyder asked, "They're all together?"

Brian Nunes stated, "That's right, we just grouped like that."

Councilman Snyder asked, "And they all come off that canal back there?"

Brian Nunes stated "The East/West Canal on the Southside, they come up through there and they flow into the East/West Canal."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay, okay, so that's my vision. I mean sometime I get blinded by things like this. But why can't we put flapper valves, you know I think we ought to look into it."

Brian Nunes stated "That's just one of those things."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Let the water coming across the Interstate get us, not coming back through our drainage system."

Brian Nunes stated "It'll keep water out on a surge but it also keeps water in, so it's one of those things we got to..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "Well you know there's some types of valves that you can do manually."

Brian Nunes stated "There's screw gate ones."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Oh yeah, they got some screw gate ones, they have some humongous ones. You know because I worked a few of them in my days and they would block the water and you can open them up anytime and you can leave them open all the time, you need to shut them shut them."

Brian Nunes stated "They do have those. You're correct."

Councilman Snyder stated, "And that's where our pumps come in at. Then we just have to get rid of rain water after that. So I don't have a problem with that, I think we need to look into that, develop that part some kind of way."

Brian Nunes stated "I'll bring cost estimate next week."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Thank you, we'll talk about that next week."

Lennix Madere - Update on abandoned houses on 23rd Street, E. 30th Street and in Homewood

Alex Carter stated, "So all three sites are currently in the violation process for high grass. The board and secure violation on E. 23rd St. is open with the second notice having been mailed in June. Code Enforcement is awaiting receipt of delivery before completing a work order to board and secure. The hazardous and unsafe violation on E. 30th St. was heard at an Administrative Hearing and a judgement for demolition issued. This property will be cleared via CDBG funds in the coming months. The hazardous and unsafe violation on Homewood was heard at an Administrative hearing and was continued to August 18, 2017 due to property owner not appearing and us having to subpoena them to appear. I do want note though that I found out today it looks like there may be a new owner at Homewood and if that is the case, we're looking into potentially reprocess this to make sure we provide due process to that new owner. But because it's continued to August 18th, we may be able to complete that process for that time period."

Councilman Madere stated, "Alright and the one on E. 30th Street is going to be demolished before September?"

Alex Carter stated, "Yes it's on the list. I'm not going to commit to it, I've learned my lesson. You know I'll defer to Royal Engineering who's going to be, they're the ones they're working with these big proposals and working with the contractors to have these sites demolished so, we do have a list and it is prepped for that."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay I appreciate everything you said, the only thing I'd like to say; I'm just not disappointed with you and not disappointed, I'm just disappointed that they took this long since 2012 when I took office to actually see that house on 30th Street come down and it's a shame that the individual asked me to take that house down, is no longer with us to enjoy the fact that he could live next door to a piece of property that wasn't dilapidated in that kind of condition. Okay and I'm extremely sorry and upset that it took

that long you know. I'm glad to see it's going to happen, you know but, you know I mean that's really bug me because this guy asked numerous occasions before I got in office and from 2012 to now, every year you know. Thank you."

Lennix Madere - Update on drainage on E. 24th, E. 26th, E. 27th Street, Chad B. Baker and Melius Drive

Brian Nunes stated, "I was out on site last week with the Contractor and Design Engineer who's here today. We had addressed those concerns that you had brought up at last council meeting and the Contractor gave us the specific plan to address those, but as far as an update. The asphalt patching has been completed on 27th and Perrilloux Drive, 26th and Perrilloux patching will be ongoing and should be completed in the coming weeks, weather permitting. Perrilloux Drive is on the 2018 asphalt list to be overlaid."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay well that was what my concern tonight is because I know I gave you a list of names and addresses and I will be checking with those individuals, not saying that what you're telling me is not right, it's not real, but I have to just verify with them that all the different things are being taken care of as far as processing, I mean the one they did the survey of their land that everything is in the right place. And the incident between the two brothers where the water..."

Brian Nunes interrupting stated, "The driveways."

Councilman Madere stated, "The driveway, yeah! That's being addressed to?"

Brian Nunes stated, "It hasn't been addressed yet, because they have to break up concrete and put something in there to drain it I believe, but they do have a plan for that one."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay and also the ones on 26th Street, you know the guy that had the pipes that he had running from his house into his catch basin? Into his catch basins, yeah?"

Brian Nunes stated, "Right."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay and I had another concern, I received this the other day Ms. Tuircuit, I think we spoke to her that day we all went out there and she was concerned about that manhole or cover directly in her driveway she never had before, she called me again okay and I know at the time we talked to her about it and she didn't want it, but she kind of excepted it, now she's she doesn't want it. You know I didn't have an answer for her you know, do yawl have an answer for her?"

Brian Nunes stated, "That was a manhole culvert wasn't it, because it was a junction."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes a junction box you made, you put a manhole cover there and then..."

Brian Nunes stated, "There was a sewer line that was running there though."

Councilman Madere stated, "Right it's a conflict box, in other words she didn't have that big sewer or drainage plate in the middle of her driveway."

Merrill Pollack, Buchart Horn stated, "In order to answer your question Councilman Madere, if you recall she has a sewer service line that runs underneath her driveway and connects directly to sanitary sewer in the middle of the street and we were crossing with the storm drain line and in order to make that crossing because of the shallowness of the sewer there was a conflict. So we had to install a conflict box, and we installed a conflict box you need to be able to access that in case there's any obstruction at that conflict, you'll need to be able to get in it to clean out. It's just a two in diameter ring..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "I know I was out there that day yawl was doing that and she was out there that day and she expressed her concerns and she sort of like said, well okay after you talked to her, I was there when you talked to her, okay but I'm just telling you I received a phone call last week, I guess after she had seen the finished product she's not happy with it. So I'm expressing her concerns to you, you know."

Merrill Pollack stated, "The options aside from doing that are really just too expensive. We would have to relay her entire service line and if she didn't want a manhole in the middle of her driveway."

Councilman Madere stated, "Right you know I just need something to tell her, because I mean she called me and that was her concern you know after she saw the finish product, she not extremely happy with it. Next thing, okay so you're taking care of those individual's addresses and stuff we gave. When we had that meeting we mentioned about the lot size, you know you had told me all the lot size were the same in back of that area? Not you Brian, you remember you told me at the meeting. Okay and I also mentioned about a study we did I think it was in 2000, a drainage study in that whole entire area and at that time you mentioned you used as a platform or a templet for those subdivisions those lots. You remember you mentioned something and then your secretary or the young lady that was with you sent Brian an email and sent us a picture of all the things that you used. You know the subdivision that was surveyed?"

Merrill Pollack stated, "The subdivision maps."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yeah the subdivision maps. Okay and I remember I mentioned to you about the drainage study we used that we had done in 2000, and you told me that a lot of things have changed since 2000. Okay but some of the information that you gave was from information from surveys from 1920, 1929, 1950, 1951, 1955. We didn't even have Planning & Zoning at that time, so a lot of that information was basically never void, not very reliable. Okay so that what I'm saying, some of the information that you used when I questioned about how catch basins, how many feet between catch basins, that was not a very good thing to use because those surveys she sent it to Mr. Nunes but it also came to me and when I looked at the surveys, the survey that you actually used came from 1929, 1950, 1951, 1955. So I mean that's not a very accurate templet to use."

Merrill Pollack stated, "Well, but that is the recorded plat for the subdivision and that's how the property is transferred, so that's where the, that's how those lines are transferred so that's how those lines are defined as far as those pieces of property. But just, so we can back up a little bit here, I think this is a, the underlined premises is incorrect. The reason for and what I tried to explain to you before about why we set drainage structure every other lot line was so that each house would have access to one structure. So two houses would

show that access so that if they had lifted things or architectural or landscape drains that needed to connect to the storm drainage system, they would be able to access that structure. So the distance between them was in in regard to that reasoning. We also made sure that the space in between that met the code, which is 200 feet and also they were designed to capture the flow that was coming to them. So if we needed to add any inlet to increase the amount of flow that was getting into the system, we added additional inlets more than what was required by code."

Larry Sorapuru - Update on Moll Canal Boat Launch

Brian Nunes stated, "As noted previously, the Moll Canal Boat Launch is on private property, restricting the actions of the parish and DOTD. However, DOTD will be notified of your request to grade the right-of-way to assist with access."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Well actually Brian this is probably my 3rd time bringing this up. I think Councilman Art Smith brought this up for 8 years about the Moll Canal Boat Launch. And I don't know if it's actually clear to Administration what I'm asking for, I'm asking to contact the property owners, that's the understanding I had the last time we had this conversation to see about getting a lease or purchase the property so we can develop a boat launch for the West Bank, okay? We have about 75 boats that launch on a Sunday morning and crossing that Interstate, the traffic, very unsafe condition, but most of all the people on the West Bank deserve a certified safe place to launch their boats. So either I'm not making myself clear or somebody has bad understandings about what I'm asking to do. Now nobody contact the property owners?"

Brian Nunes stated, "Not that I'm aware of."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Ok! I'd like to make a motion to ask this Council to have our Chairman to contact the property owners and negotiate this lease or purchase."

Councilman Snyder asked, "You're sure you want the Chairman or you want the Administration?"

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "No the Chairperson."

Councilman Snyder asked, "The Chairperson?"

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Yes you!"

Councilman Snyder stated, "Oh I don't the information to know who the property even belongs to."

Jackie Landeche-Council Secretary stated, "I don't think you can do that."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I don't think you can do that."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Administration have the information but for some reason I'm not getting through to them Larry."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well I tell you what. Well let's make a motion for the administration to find out who the property belongs to..."

Councilman Sorapuru interrupting stated, "I made that motion back in April."

Councilman Snyder asked, "There's been a motion already been passed? Wait hold up, hold up, yes ma'am."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Thank you. Just wanted to, we have been in communication with DOTD because that's their servitude, and so again we are going to have more conversation with DOTD regarding that particular right away. So that's pretty much what you're, the way you explained it to me was your concerns not only as far as who owns the boat launch but also in reference to the maintenance of the parking lot where a number of individuals utilize that particular servitude which is not part of the parish, the parish does not own it. But we'll be more than glad to look into who owns the property because it was always our understanding that your concern was more about the parking lot, rather than the ownership of the property."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Well maybe I didn't clarify myself. But we need to have a boat launch on 3127. So talking to DOTD is not the problem, talk to the property owners. DOTD, the boat launch is on the DOTD servitude where they launch the boats that concrete pad belongs to DOTD. They allow people to use it, but what I'm telling you right now, they're parking on the side of the highway and it's unsafe."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Again, that's a DOTD issue and again as I stated before, we've been in communication with DOTD about this matter and we're going to have more conversations with them about their process and maintaining that particular servitude."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "So Ms. LaVerne, when do you plan on talking to the property owners? I'm asking you to look at developing a boat launch."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Councilman we have no problem in locating or identifying who the property owners are. Again, I know that you're asking..."

Councilman Sorapuru interrupting stated, "This is my 3rd time bringing this up. And yawl keep coming back with the same thing..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "Hold up hold up. Look administration need to contact, you know who the property owners are?"

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "They have the information on the property owners."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay I'm just asking do you know?"

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "They do they do."

Councilman Snyder asked, "It sounds like you guys need to just make some contact over there, that's all. But I think, has anyone visited that site?"

Brian Nunes stated, "We've been out there. I've seen it."

Councilman Snyder asked, "You've seen what's happening over there."

Brian Nunes stated, "We've pulled trailers on both sides of the road, yes."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Boat trailers, right yeah I know they have boat trailers on both sides. Do we know who put that cement pad down there?"

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "It's been down there for a number of years. It's my understanding DOTD allowed people to launch the boats there."

Councilman Snyder asked, "What would we have to do to ask DOTD to just use the property? I mean we have a launch of 51 they say that belongs to DOTD, I guess it belongs to DOTD. It's right under the Interstate."

Natalie Robottom stated, "I'm sorry I'm walking in but that canal and boat launch is private, we know the owners..."

Councilman Sorapuru interrupting stated, "Yes I just said that."

Natalie Robottom stated, "We have the documents for the owners, we know who the owners are. I think what you're looking at is the servitude next to DOTD and making a request for them to do something on their servitude, because they're not preventing people from accessing the boat launch. And the owners, I guess you know I know they have NO TRESPASSING signs, but people still use it. But our request to DOT was to have them come and work on the servitude there, but we couldn't we initially wanted to do some work but it's not our property, and the property owners did not give us permission to go build or grade the boat launch for public use."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "But the question I was asking and this is the 3rd time I brought this up, and I asked administration to contact the property owners to see about buying the property or leasing the property."

Natalie Robottom stated, "And we did."

Councilman Sorapuru asked, "And what did they say?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "They have not agreed."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Well you did say that in this report I have right here."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Well that wasn't on there. I mean you asked us about fixing holes on side the road."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "No, no. I said it's unsafe they got about 70 trailers parked on the side of 3127, it's unsafe, it's unsafe to launch the boat and not letting on pulling your trailer out of the water and park. There's no parking, they're parking on the side of the Interstate. So you telling me the property owners don't want us to lease the property?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "It's several property owners, actually the canal belongs to them they split right down the middle. It's not even our canal. The property line is in the middle of the canal and one property owner is on one side and one's the other. Now if you're talking about a larger space to park, well now we're probably going into a third or fourth property owner, because those lots

are very narrow, you're know they're very narrow strips of property and is that what you're looking for? Because I was under the impression that you wanted DOTD to grade the servitude to get the holes. Nobody said anything about the parking or anything."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "That was one of the issues. There was some potholes some of the fisherman passed it on to Mr. Becnel and he passed it on to me and I went out there and I took some pictures, I sent the pictures in. But I asked Administration, this is my 3rd time, I asked about contacting the property owners and see about getting a lease or purchase the property for a boat launch. You're just now telling me that they don't want to lease or sell."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Initially Mr. one of our former attorneys' was working with one of the property owners when the District Attorney's Office change, I think our DA had a conflict because her family owns part of one of the properties. But we did meet with one of the property owners and they expressed some interest but they have family members, they're not the sole owners. So it wasn't like they could make a decision to lease, they were relatives in California and they hadn't all agreed that they wanted to do that. So you know at this point we can't force them to, we can follow-up again but at this point it's private property."

Councilman Sorapuru asked, "So how long ago was this Ms. Robottom?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "It was several months ago."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Ok, ok. Well I think we need to revisit it again, and see what we can do with this situation."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well I would certainly suggest if you know who the property belong to since you know most of the people over there, maybe talk with them and see if they can come up with a simple resolution. I don't think the administration would have any problem helping out over there, because it is, they use that thing over there. They do cross that 3127 a lot to get there."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "It's a very dangerous situation now and it's not going to get any better with the amount of traffic we have on 3127 right now. We deserve a nice place to have boat launch."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Alright, you can't just go put something over there."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "And I understand that clearly. But we've been trying to go with this thing for about 10 years right now, to my knowledge."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well sound like they got some issues with property, family property you know, and that's where the issues are. You know all about that. But anyhow, keep putting the fire keep putting the fuel on there."

Councilman Sorapuru asked, "Yawl going to try to contact them again?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Sure."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Ok thank you."

Marvin Perrilloux - Update on the land acquisition for the Haydel Canal crossing and possible start date on levee

Geoffrey Michel stated, "Since obtaining the files in April my office has met with parish officials, reviewed files from the previous attorneys and ordered updated abstracts for the properties. We recently sent out letters of interest, purchase agreements and authorizations to property owners, and have met with property owners regarding proposed sale of their land. At this time we're meeting with property owners to allow them to execute their documents for their proposed sale and to answer any questions that they might have. While most of the sales will be pretty straight forward, there are a couple of sales that will have some more legal work done in order to cure the titles for the parish. Any questions?"

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Yes, I know residents been asking me about it and you're going to hand that baton off, you're the 3rd person so you're running a home leg on this. But I just need to have an update of finalization on when you think these property owners will agree on this land acquisition or purchase from because it had went out to them, to see what we're going to offer for the property. Do we have a timeline so Administration and Planning & Zoning can get their part to rezone things so we can start?"

Geoffrey Michel stated, "I think I would need about a month for all the property owners to come in and meet with me and to decide whether this is the process they want to use and whether that offer is acceptable to them, and at that point we have a good portion of the agreements in place, and then we could work on the ones that might be a little bit troublesome."

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "So we are sending certified letters out to tell them let's have a meeting in the next month?"

Geoffrey Michel stated, "I send out letters of interest, draft purchase agreements and authorizations for re-subdivision, I'm meeting with people including one tomorrow to discuss any questions that they have. Some people have sent back their authorizations and their draft purchase agreements already."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Okay good and I'll just wait and address this in a month. Jackie could put it back on the agenda just to get a timeline for the residents of LaPlace Park, because like I said; numerous calls came to me and instead of me just answering them and I didn't have a Town Hall meeting scheduled, I thought this would be the ideal spot so they can hear the report and what's going on with the levee. Thank you."

Jackie Landeche asked, "The last meeting in August Butch?"

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "That's fine."

Marvin Perrilloux - Update on Tiffany Drive - results of camera testing

Brian Nunes stated, "As discussed at the June 27th Council meeting, CES cleaned the culverts along Airline Hwy to Tiffany Drive and along Tiffany Drive. We recently met with DOTD to coordinate work along both sides of Airline Hwy. in that area. A purchase order is being issued to televise the culverts along the north side of Airline Hwy. and Tiffany Drive. We didn't do camera work the first time we were out there we just cleaned."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "And see that's what was my, because I didn't discuss it at the last council meeting because I didn't have it on the agenda. My agenda item didn't say Tiffany Drive but I know we went up to. The problem is on Tiffany Drive, it was from Beryl Street back to Highway 61 back to Airline is where the problem seems to be occurring, I don't know if we have some restrictions there, but I'm understanding where reading is you as putting a purchase order to televise that street."

Brian Nunes stated, "We've already cleaned it. It was cleaned..."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "But I mean Tiffany Drive you couldn't clean it because it's culverts you got to televise see what's going on underneath the street."

Brian Nunes stated, "We ran the cleaner through without the television. We ran it right through. So that work was done, now we're just going to verify that everything's out."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Everything is out Tiffany Drive up to Beryl Street?"

Brian Nunes asked, "If that's about the 3rd cross street I'm thinking?"

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Yes."

Brian Nunes stated, "We went a pretty good distance down there, I don't remember the name."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "We haven't had a big rain episode like we had the first time when it flood so I know it's coming. Also well that's all I have that's all I can discuss on here about Tiffany Drive. But just keep me posted on when you do a more televised along the Northside of the Airline and Tiffany Drive, just keep me posted."

Brian Nunes stated, "I'm trying to schedule that with the contractor right now."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Ok thank you."

Brian Nunes stated "You're welcome."

Michael Wright/Jaclyn Hotard - Riverland Estates Drainage Concerns

Councilman Wright stated, "Thank you Mr. Chairman. I put this on, I know we've had a lot of rain problems over the last of couple of months, but even more recently on July 14th I was contacted by some residents. It seems to be some type of blockage in that area, either towards the railroad track. I know Cottonwood and Hackberry specifically we originally had some problems with a concrete company dumping some concrete into the catch basins. I would like get that area televised or get CES out there, because there still seems to be some type of blockage and I don't know exactly where it's at, and I know it butts up right to the Persimmon Street area with that drainage pump so we really shouldn't be experiencing that much back-up in those streets, because the water is causing the streets to be impassable. So I would request we get someone out there to check out and scope the entire area."

Brian Nunes stated, "Well we can do that. We did some work in, I don't know if we did Hackberry but we did Maple Loop and we did Mahogany. And we did there's two culverts that we had identified under the railroad, we went ahead and we found like a tree stump, about a 10 inch tree stump in one and the other one was completely blocked up. So we just cleaned them both and that helped that Maple Loop area and the Mahogany just drained right through it. So we may have a blockage in the back of Hackberry, and it sounds like you're saying."

Councilman Wright stated, "Towards the back I believe there's a culvert that actually drains a lot of that subdivision I think it does over the railroad track and it goes to the Persimmon area, some street areas, so I think that's probably an area of concern we need to look into also because that's going to be further up towards the St. Joan of Arc's area."

Brian Nunes stated, "Right."

Natalie Robottom stated, "They also did some work and of course I'd love to know what happen. We didn't know something else happened since they did that work, going from Riverlands Estate to the Fir Street ditch, we actually did some work there at the request as well at the request they gave us permission to access it. And they did work under the track trying to get that water under Persimmon. Looked at the weir in the pond back there, so there's some things happening that hadn't happened before but we thought that cleaning would have taken care of it, but obviously there's something else."

Councilman Wright stated, "I think and part of the concern to, I think it was when the 14th when it happened when there was quick flash storm that came through and the street were impassable so, I think that just kind of raised a red flag that there may be something else that we had missed."

Brian Nunes stated, "We can definitely look at it. Especially if that water stays for a good amount of time after a flash flood, then we're pretty much sure we have a problem. But if it drains quickly, it could have just been the intensity. But we'll definitely I have them coming out already so I'll just add that area to it."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you and it was the 14th, I remember and actually it stayed for a while because I was leaving, it was opening night for Annie and so I passed that way and you actually couldn't pass on Hackberry, that's where we had the concrete issue and then what's the second entrance, whatever that street is going, you couldn't pass either of those. You couldn't get into Riverlands Estates you actually had to go into the 3rd entrance, that's Holly Drive right there. The first two streets you couldn't pass and they actually it quit hadn't been you know the rain had stopped for about you know 30-45 minutes, and you still had cars that had to park and actually walk to get to their houses they couldn't pass the street. So we definitely have a problem still right there that we didn't have before."

Brian Nunes stated, "I'll get the camera truck coming out, so we'll just camera it and if anything fine if we have any blockages and if we do then we'll address them right away."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you."

Brian Nunes stated, "You're welcome."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Yes and I did know this Councilman Wright's area because I did go to Maple Loop 425 and I was on the phone with Mr. Becnel because I thought it was his area and I think Verdell and Dwight went out and looked at it. Right in front of 425 it's not a big ditch it's about 4 inches deep, but the water is so backed up the lady if you see her house, it sits real high it almost flooded. What it looks like as far as I can walk in her yard and see, there's still a lot of water where Maple Loop makes the turn going toward the railroad track we have a restriction right there that somebody has a fence right there with a piece of tin going across and I don't think nobody claiming property or who owns that fence. But it's blocking a lot of water and trash from flowing there and out towards the canal. And I think Verdell looked at it and Dwight. So they were supposed to go back out and see if they could address that situation, because I was at 425."

Brian Nunes stated, "Okay you got it."

Lennix Madere - Update on boat launch repairs/upkeep parishwide

Councilman Madere stated, "I saw the report that you have, I just have a couple of questions. When that Peavine Boat Launch I think that was in discussion one time, we ever found out who owns that boat launch?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "We own Peavine. I think what happened and we just did an improvement there with I think Gustave/Ike dollars. But after I think Tropical Storm Cindy may have lifted some boards on the opposite side from the restaurant, and we were able to go back and repair those after we were notified within a couple of days, I think six of the board from the height of the water were lifted and that opposite side was repaired. But we actually just did the decking and the parking lot and I think some lightening at Peavine."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay and at the Reserve Boat Launch I see you said they repaired those areas to the back?"

Brian Nunes stated, "Toward the back, yes."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay and you're trying to locate who or what did that damage to that parking lot?"

Brian Nunes stated, "Yeah we still don't know, we know one person that didn't do it but we don't know who actually did do it."

Councilman Madere stated, "Because I mean that was, when I went back there was a lot of damage that was done back there. Seems as though it was some type of heavy equipment you know?"

Brian Nunes stated, "Right. After you had mentioned it we addressed it, so it's fixed I don't know if you've been back there but we went ahead and took care of those."

Councilman Madere stated, "Ok alright, thank you."

Brian Nunes stated, "You're welcome."

Marvin Perrilloux - Discussion on A&E Pool - possible abolishment

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I just thought somebody was coming from administration to read the report they had. I put this on here because..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting asked, "Do you want us to start?"

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Hah!"

Natalie Robottom asked, "Did you want us to start?"

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Well I can and then you can add to it after, it doesn't matter. But I put this on here and I know we have heard several meetings, council members are saying a lot of people, same ones getting the same work over and over again, work over and over again, some people was excluded off the or didn't put in for the A&E Pool and I contacted other parishes to see if they use that. I had our secretary do that, St. James said they just go off bids or RFQ, don't have an A&E Pool, didn't hear back from St. Charles Parish. And I put this out for the Council, do you think we really need an A&E Pool because I know at one of the council meetings we made a motion that administration come back with the top 3 or 5 I think qualified applicants and we'll vote from there, but I put this on there, do you all think we need to have this A&E Pool or abolish it? And I'm not willing to do action tonight because for the benefit of our new council members, Mr. Malik, Mr. Becnel, Mr. Sorapuru and Julia may be familiar with it already by being here for a long time. Do you think we really need this A&E Pool to conduct more business in this parish and just your feedback and Ms. Robottom can chime in on it and what she has to say about it?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Absolutely, actually quite a few parishes do utilize this and I was with some of folks from St. James, and because they don't have the amount of work that we have, there really isn't a need for a pool. But the City of New Orleans, Sewage & Water Board, Port of New Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard, St. Charles, Covington, St. Tammy, City of Kenner, the Southeast Flood Protection Authority East and West, this is a best practice for soliciting firms. We didn't always do this, but we didn't always have that much work, so each time we had a project we'd come before the council and we'd solicit proposals. Once we flooded with Hurricane Isaac, the requirement for using those dollars, with that we went through this process. So rather than making us go through it every time we had a project, the recommendation was made, you know solicit all of your proposals, divide them up into four categories and you've already evaluated them. So when it's time for a project you can pull out your documents, your advertisements your scoring to show that you followed the proper procurement process, but you can look at their experience and pick from the qualified firms. I know there's been reference to us utilizing the same firms but there are 44 firms on here that are in the pool. And you're right, some people didn't apply for the pool which is current practice, however, some of our funding sources require that we do a separate RFQ, which is why we do that, some of the grants say, you know we can't use this one you have to do one specific for our project. So in addition to having this pool, we also do go out for RFQ for different funding sources and if it's a specialized project that doesn't fit these. But there were 61 proposals that were submitted, that took a very long time for a review. And there were 44, 45, 39 in each category and the categories are facilities, public works, coastal restoration and utilities. Now everybody didn't apply for every pool, they applied for the ones that they had specialty in but they released 44 proposals in each one of these categories. In speaking with some of the firms and I realize the cost, I know there's a cost to submitting

proposals, but it's three to five thousand dollars every time they submit a proposal. So that's a cost to the firms, additionally of we have to score every time we need a project, then that's my staff being pulled into doing something that obviously is not going to change, and as a qualified firm your proposal doesn't necessarily change significantly but if I require that you send one in for every project, then that's three to five thousand dollars to rewrite something specific to whatever the project is rather than having you know a pool to choose from you've already submitted your proposals. You've submitted your qualifications, they're not going to change, so to have us evaluate them for every project is going to end up in the same result but you're just going to give us more work and cost them more time. So, there are 44 firms on here and I know there was an insinuation that we knew all these firms, we don't know all these firms. These firms were added to this list based on their proposal of their qualifications that they submitted, they were evaluated based on the criteria that was advertised and listed in the document. This is what we're going to be assessing and you guys probably know some that we don't know. But we haven't worked with all of these firms, but their proposal was significant and good enough and scored high enough that we put them on here. Now we have a Coastal Restoration pool, but we really hadn't had that much work. So we really didn't use it, we were counting on restored dollars, GOMESA, so when we got those dollars we knew there was going to be a requirement for this process. But we already have it in place and we can look at their work, we still their proposal, I'm almost sure you got boxes of proposals, yawl remember that? We had 61 proposals, 2 sets went to your office, and they went electronically. They stayed in my office because I got them all, but we divided them by department but there's a lot of time and effort spent in reviewing those and generating this list. And you can see all the ones that did propose and where they fell, but you know I say that to say, this is a common practice, it does save time it saves money, there are times when we still have to send out a separate one depending on the funding source, depending on the grant, depending on if it doesn't fit any of these categories, for example: the oxidation pond, that didn't really fit this so we did a separate RFQ, so that process is still there, this just really bog down the work we have to do, it will be costly to the firms to continue to spend money to send us the same proposal because your qualifications are not necessarily going to change that quickly, so you have to repackage it, send in I think we went from 7-9 copies or did we go up to 7? I know you I think you asked for 2 more. I thought you sent something to Jean."

Baileigh Rebow-Helm stated, "I didn't ask for anything."

Natalie Robottom stated, "I thought you sent something to Jean."

Baileigh Rebow-Helm stated, "Oh about the redacted copies."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes, so to add 2 more redacted copies so you don't have that information so that's 9 copies of a document and if you're going to do it seriously and make it nice, well there is a cost to that. And typically the information in it doesn't change that much, so you're going to be scoring having us to score the same thing over and over again. But I'll be happy to sit down with you and go through this some more, I did request some additional data I had no idea that it was three to five thousand dollars, some people said for a nicer proposal it's even more than that, that's a lot of money to spend to keep spending the same set of qualifications to a parish. And it is common practice, I'll be happy to get you the list of all folks that use it."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Sure, please and thank you and that's what I wanted the council members to hear that information and why, you heard from administration, you heard my little input, so we all decide what we want to do, we don't have to do it tonight but I wanted especially the new council members to hear what this pool was, where it came from, how it started. I wanted you all to understand it and I think the last one that I know of, Blake I think had some input on it coming in after Virgil and he taking over I know he had some input on some of these, picking these firms, Blake is the only one I know of I don't know anybody else. But, so Brian...

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "Typically depending on what it's for, for example: if it's a Purchasing or Finance, sometimes Ross is on it, Julie and Jean, if it's Utilities obviously we bring in their team, their managers, their director, if it's Public Works, it's Brian and his staff, so we actually select the scoring team based on the type project it is. However, this took a long time, and it wasn't something and Jaclyn I don't even recall ever really doing this in 2004, but we really didn't have access to a lot of federal dollars. When I came back in 2010, we were in the myths of Gustav and Ike and there was requirement to do this. Now again we weren't spending a whole lot of money, but we did have money, once Hurricane Isaac hit we had thirty-two million dollars in CDBG Funds, eleven million dollars in Hazard Mitigation, we had FEMA dollars and all of them required that we do this process. So we did it all at one time and based on the project we can review their qualifications and pick the firm that has experience in that area or the most. For example: I've said this before for the most part they're all qualified, but they all don't have the same experience. Okay so you're a qualified PE Engineer but you may not have dealt with water systems, you know you may be the road person, so what you submit in your history, we look at part of the requirements that you submit some of your recent work, so we can look at it and say: ok they've done several plants, let's call the folks who they did for let's see how they did. Now if you submit a plan, and you're a basic qualified engineer but you've not done any work on the type of project that we're trying to get somebody to do well then you're not going to score that high. I'll give yawl an example with the bridges; we have somebody who's done an excellent job on our bridge repair, they know the parish they know the system, they know what they need to get to you know when they have to deal with fiber optics, when they have to deal with DOT, so we didn't just go back to them because we wanted to, but it was more efficient it was in the best interest of the parish to get somebody who's shown us that I can do this work, I can do it timely and I can stay within the budget and you're pleased with my work. That helps us, because there's millions of dollars of project going on and if we can rely on somebody to do what they're supposed to do without us holding their hand, and directing them, that helps us. And that's how the selections are made. If we don't have anybody, you know like I said, some of these people we don't, we've never worked with, but their proposals were good. What they submitted their history, their performance somewhere else was good, so we followed up and that's how they were selected. But other than that you know that's basically why we started with the pool, we're spending too much money to have to do this, there's a cost to advertise every time have to do central bidding, there's a cost to the parish too to keep putting this stuff out and there's a cost to the firm to keep turning in if you have a quality proposal, if you're turning in trash it probably doesn't cost you that much."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, 'I was just saying just forward that information to the council members and like I said, now you have it so we can make a decision,

you got a week you can set up a meeting with Ms. Robottom, our new Council Members for sure to find out how all this came about. So that's all I have."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you and I think this is a really good discussion, Natalie's right with saying that you know back in 2004 we didn't have all of the projects. One thing that maybe we can look into Butch, and it may assist us, and some of the engineers and architects who possibly didn't submit or things with the firm changes. Let's say if one engineering firm buys another engineering firm, well now they're not a firm of 5 they're a firm of 10, they have different experience, so if periodic if we open up the pool to allow for a modification period you're to add something to your existing proposal and maybe have to rescore that one and folks who aren't in the list to submit at that time then we can accomplish what we're trying to accomplish on that end to accommodate right changes in firms, things like that and firms that may not be on the list because I do agree it helps kind of you know saves time and money. And especially on those firms, architect and engineering firms, those proposals are expensive. At the end of the day even you know and I want the new council members to understand this, unless the funding source is tied to you know a certain type of process the decision is always with the council. You know have a check and balance system and that's the way it's set up. We have Administrative, we have Legislative, they make a recommendation we can accept the recommendation we can take a different approach or different route, we always have that ability. So I think the discussion is good, I think Councilman Perrilloux what you're looking to accomplish is to have maybe people who aren't on the pool list be able to participate, I think we can accomplish that by maybe opening it up again at some point and allowing those modifications, but still this is a tool for administration to do their due diligence to come to us with a recommendation. Once the recommendation is made, it's really up to us at that point. But we still know that they have done through this process and that's how they've come to this recommendation so that you know hopefully it's something the administration can possibly take into consideration with allowing firms to modify their RFQ's and adding other people who may not be on the list."

Natalie Robottom stated, "And I don't remember the date. Well do yawl remember when we just did this one, the first one was during Isaac. Do you remember Jean, were you here? Or was it you LaVerne?"

Larry Sorapuru - Freddie Johnson - 105 N.W. 1st Street - exposed water line over drainage ditch

Blake Fogleman stated, "From my understanding there was an exposed service line as all of those are exposed in that area. It was damaged and it has since been repaired."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "I left it on the agenda Blake, I think Mr. Freddie wanted to address the council about his findings. Are yawl making any repairs? I'll let him speak."

Freddie Johnson stated, "Good evening everyone. Basically, I guess through the years since I've been on N.W. 1st there was several problems you know with the drainage and the water line in the canal. And just recently speaking with Mr. Sorapuru and Mr. Madere, there was the work that was done and very appreciative of it being done, so I've come to address the council that I really appreciate and I thank everyone for things on getting it done."

Councilman Snyder asked, "We got the issue cleaned up?"

Freddie Johnson stated, "Yes sir, it was well cleaned up."

Blake Fogleman asked, "Can I say something real quick and that is, it's a little difficult because the way the water lines run through the system. There's been a discussion back and forth and Mr. Sorapuru, Mr. Madere, I think there's many people that I've spoken to, our workers as well as our managers out in the field, it is a decision that those are left visible in that area. Because you can bury the, in that big canal, they're going to get hit, we will repair a casing as on an as needed basis and we'll correct that problem. As I understood it, the customer had not lost water it was just a concern, I don't know how it got to being on the agenda, rather than just being called into the office, I would gain request that please, I don't mind follow-ups, but please get it to 6800, 651-6500, we will immediately have somebody out there to address it and if it's an additional concern along the whole street or a whole neighborhood, then maybe we can talk on a more administrative level."

Larry Snyder - Very Tall grass and water leak at vacant property on the Southwest corner of English Colony and Woodland Drive

Councilman Snyder stated, "Mine have been addressed. Thank you."

Alex Carter stated, "The site was re-inspected on July 20th and found to have standing water approximately 12 inches deep. Code Enforcement contacted contractors to determine if anyone has the equipment needed to cut these areas without damaging the site; i.e. causing additional ruts, ponding, etc."

There is no executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Parish Buildings - Security

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

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

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

Any and all pending legal matters

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

17-29 An ordinance to amend Ordinance 92-33 to discontinue the automatic CPI-W increase to the residential water/utility bills as follows: By amending Ordinance 92-33 by deleting: "and in each additional year thereafter, the rate shall be adjusted downward or upward in accordance with the change in the national consumer price index published by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics which shows a rise or decrease in the cost of living index for New Orleans, LA over the level of such cost of living in the previous year."
(J. Hotard)

17-30 An ordinance to appropriate the sum of \$68,745.00 from the Sales

Tax Fund and transfer to the Wastewater Fund for the specific purpose of the West Bank WWTPs Tank Rehabilitation Project and to authorize and require the Parish President to carry out the duties of completing the West Bank WWTPs Tank Rehabilitation Project in accordance with appropriation herein the award of this contract made by the Council on March 28th, 2017 and in accordance with the duties of the Parish Council herein required (L. Snyder)

17-31 An ordinance amending Section 105-25(a) (1) b of St. John the Baptist Parish Code of Ordinances, as follows: To change the in-ground pool fence requirements from six (6) feet to four (4) feet to be in line with the state requirements (J. Hotard)

17-32 An ordinance to authorize the Parish President to execute a Lease Agreement for lease of Agricultural Land with M Hymel Sons, Inc., as per Exhibit "A" attached hereto (N. Robottom)

17-33 An ordinance amending St. John the Baptist Parish Code of Ordinances, specifically Chapter 113 - Zoning, specifically those provisions related to adult and entertainment uses with the intent of regulating the location and hours of operation of such facilities and to provide for other related matters (N. Robottom) (Parishwide, Docket No. TXT-17-04)

PRESIDENT REPORT:

Natalie Robottom stated, "Good evening. I would like to thank Ms. Michelle Higgins and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program for the beautiful appreciation event for our senior volunteers. This year the luncheon was at the St. Charles Community Center and St. John senior volunteers for more than 32,000 hours of volunteerism valued at \$793,264.00. Congratulations to Beverly Pettigrew and Terry Labat for the most volunteer hours. Also, special recognition was given to Velda Michel for a lifetime award of over 11,000 hours. A great big thanks goes out to Rhonda Lemons, the Health and Human Services Department and their partners for working with the military and representatives of the Delta Regional Authority to provide much needed medical services for 10 days. Through the clinic, residents received eye exams and glasses and were provided dental work and physicals. This project began almost 10 months ago and Rhonda and her team's passion and commitment to this project was evident. Thanks again for a great job. Thanks to everyone who donated their time and money for another successful school supply giveaway. Some of us were unable to attend as we attended NACO, the annual conference for elected officials, but from the looks of things it was very well attended. Our summer programs are winding down and we want to thank all who were involved including our staff, monitors, drivers, counselors, lifeguards, volunteers and more. We could not run these programs without you and your support. We appreciate your contributions. This year, 190 children and 80 adults learned to swim, more than 18,000 meals were served through the Summer Feeding program and more than 150 children participated in our summer camps, the baseball program and enjoyed our pools. Water aerobics continues to be a hit with adults. Thanks again to everyone for a great summer and especially to Kerry Watkins and our entire Recreation Department. Hurricane Meetings have been rescheduled and will serve as a reminder to residents to remain prepared. The Westbank meeting is Tuesday, August 1st at 6:00 PM at the Edgard Courthouse and the Eastbank Meeting is Wednesday, August 2nd, 2017 at 6:00 PM at REGALA Gym. Ken Graham with the National Weather Service will serve as the guest speaker and explain new

hurricane season modeling and forecasting in coordination with the Emergency Preparedness Department. We hope to see you there. Reminder to residents that it is hurricane season and heavy rainfall is expected this week so review your game plan. 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. Please also join us for the Parish wide meeting to continue planning for coastal adaptation with LA Safe on Thursday, August 3rd, at 6:00 PM at the Community Center in LaPlace. This is your second opportunity to work together on ideas and projects that protect our coast. This year, the Andouille Festival is scheduled for October 13th-15th. Vendor applications are available and should be returned or mailed to St. John Economic Development, 1801 W. Airline Hwy in LaPlace. Forms can be picked up at our office or downloaded at www.andouillefestival.com. The deadline is August 7th, 2017. I'd like to thank residents near the Reserve Drainage Phase III project for your patience during the project and as the asphalt patching is completed. We look forward to completing these much-needed improvements. Also, a reminder that drainage construction remains underway on Belle Terre Blvd., closing the right lane in both directions. Please proceed with caution and if possible, please use an alternate route to avoid congestions. Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT :

At 9:33 PM, Councilman Madere and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

/s/Larry Snyder
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
COUNCIL SECRETARY