

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JULY 28th, 2015
CHAIRMAN MICHAEL WRIGHT
VICE CHAIR MARVIN PERRILLOUX

The Council of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session in the Joel McTopy Chambers, LaPlace, Louisiana on Tuesday, July 28th, 2015, at 6:30 PM.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ABSENT: None

Councilman Gauff led the Prayer. Councilman Snyder led the Pledge.

Legal Counsel Jeff Perilloux and Keith Green, Jr. were present.

PRESIDENTIAL VETO - VETO OF ORDINANCE 15-29

There was no discussion.

MOTION: Councilwoman Millet moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to override Presidential Veto of Ordinance 15-29. The motion passed with 8 yeas and 1 abstaining (Hotard).

Lucien Gauff - New Business - Momma Jo's Family Creole/Cajun Kitchen

Torri Buckles introduced Momma Jo with Momma Jo's Café and she was a 1st time Vendor of the Andouille Festival in 2014 and is a recipient of St. John Parish Business Training Center. Parish Officials participated in Momma Jo's Grand Opening on Friday, July 10, 2015. The Council thanked and wished Momma Jo success with her business. Hours of business are: Monday - Friday (6:00AM-8:00PM) and Saturday's (6:00AM-6:00PM) located at 2917 Hwy. 51, LaPlace, LA.

Natalie Robottom/Marvin Perrilloux - Presentation - Mt. Nebo Baptist Church - Bible Spelling Bee

The Council thanked Rev. Brown, Mrs. Brown, the church, parents and children with Mt. Nebo Baptist Church for their great accomplishment in the Bible Spelling Bee.

Natalie Robottom presented Certificates of Achievement to Nayla and the other recipients of the Bible Spelling Bee. Mrs. Robottom also thanked all the recipients for their hard work in learning how to spell words from the Bible.

Natalie Robottom - Proclamation - Myra Edgar Brown

Natalie Robottom read the proclamation for Myra Edgar Brown.

Consent Agenda

Items: Approval of Minutes - July 14th, 2015, Regular Meeting; Coastal Zone Committee Chamber Appointment - Leroy St. Pierre; Natalie Robottom - Appointment of Allen St. Pierre to the Coastal Zone Committee

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the motion to amend the consent agenda to add Councilwoman Hotard appointment of Tyra Duhé to the Recreation Advisory Board. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the motion to approve the amended consent agenda items consisting of Approval of Minutes - July 14th, 2015, Regular Meeting; Coastal Zone Committee Chamber Appointment - Leroy St. Pierre; Natalie Robottom - Appointment of Allen St. Pierre to the Coastal Zone Committee; Councilwoman Hotard - Appointment of Tyra Duhé to the Recreation Advisory Board. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES:

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

Mr. Hugh stated, "Thank you. Well it seems like tonight we've had a lot of food for the soul brought up as well as our tummies and I'm hungry for both of them I'll tell you. As you know the ordinance you have before you tonight for consideration is an issuance is the last of Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000) of bonds which was authorized by the voters on November 16, 2013. With that we already have many of yours projects on the way and this will permit you hopefully to complete them. In connection with the sale of the bonds you did employ Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated and Toby is here representing Stifel, as well as Government Consultants as a Financial Advisor on the transaction of the necessary work was done and a rating was obtained on the Bonds which would continue to AA- I believe, which is an excellent rating on your Bonds issue you should be very proud of that rating. As a result of the work that was an interest rate determined to be the average of 3.42% on the Bonds, that's on an average of the interest rates on the whole the 20 years of maturities. And in that connections been submitted to you through this Ordinance a Purchase Agreement where-by Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated will purchase the Bonds at par and baring that rate at 3.42%. Toby and maybe if you all have anything to add you might do so."

Toby Cortez stated, "Thank you I'd just like to say it's an honor to be able to do this. I've done this all over the state, I've been doing this for 17 years and to come back to my home parish and be able to do it for St. John is really special to me. We went out as Mr. Hugh's said

at 9:00 this morning and the market started going away from us and we decided to close all the period early and made sure we locked the rates for you. We're very pleased with the rates that we were able to bring the Parish. Thanks to everybody for all their hard work on this transaction, it takes a lot of people to be able to do this and bring this transaction to the Parish and I'd be happy to answer any questions you may have."

Mr. Hughes stated, "Thank you very much."

MOTION: Councilman Smith moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 15-21. The motion passed unanimously.

15-28 (Tabled 7-14-15) An ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of St. John the Baptist Parish, as follows: By adding to Chapter 113, Section 113-561 - Exemptions (signs) (N. Robottom)

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Gauff seconded the motion to remove 15-28 from the table. The motion passed unanimously.

Angelic Keller stated, "This ordinance allows erection of certain temporary signs without a permit; however, safety and structural building codes, in addition to zoning regulations must be followed. The changes that were made to this particular ordinance after it was discussed at the last meeting, was that the temporary signs that announced improvements to Real Estate was reduced in size, it will be computed at one (1) square foot per eight (8) linear feet of street frontage, with a maximum sign area of thirty-two (32) square feet. The size of the construction signs that will be displayed while the construction work is in progress was left at sixty-four (64) square feet. I would ask that we can make these changes and still proceed with adoption because I feel they are minor changes and maybe Legal can advise, they're minor changes and you're actually decreasing the size rather than increasing."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Is this for any contractor that's doing the job or that site or just the main contractor?"

Angelic Keller stated, "If the contractor wants to utilize this sign on the property owner's property that would be up to the property owner. The signs are specific to advertising real estate improvements or advertising construction that is going on. If limited to one sign possible two (2) if you're on a corner lot, which would be one (1) on each street frontage and it's limited in size. So that's up to the property owner if they want to allow the contractor to advertise on that construction side, if they want to advertise saying that; This Business is Opening Soon."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Right and that's the only advertising that can be on their property that the Business is Opening Soon because you said something about contracting and what that means to me is that, if a plumbing company, electrical company or building company want to put a sign out there because they can because it's an improvement to the property and I'm just wondering if it's the main contractor or the sub-contractors also that can put signs out like that on the property."

Angelic Keller stated, "There may be another ordinance in our code that

addresses those additional signs, this one is specific to allowing one (1) sign that advertises for new construction work, I say construction not contractor, so if you're doing construction work on that particular sight, it would be up to the property owner, if they want to say okay all my contractors can advertise on this one sign with the total of sixty-four (64) square feet you can do it that way. That would be up to the property owner."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Alright thank you."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "Ms. Keller I still have an issue with Section 1 and I don't know, does your amendment address that, because I don't have a copy your amendment. The temporary non-illuminated times announcing contemplated improvements of Real Estate and located on the premises. I'm still a little antsy on that one and would kind of like to see that section be removed. Number 2; I'm fine with as amended, it's just, I just, really kind of antsy about that and there's nothing in any of these, I'm assuming they're for commercial or industrial areas only and not in residential, is that correct or is that not specified?"

Angelic Keller stated, "That is not specified and I probably should have sent the corrected Ordinance again with the Admin Report, I did send it to the Council on July 22nd, I explained everything in the Ordinance all the changes that were made, I asked if anybody had any questions, I have not received questions via email to this date, but again the changes that were made to that particular section that you're referring to, was that it was reduced in size, it was a blanket, it was sixty-four (64) square feet. Now the size is set by, depending on the linear street frontage of your lot, with a maximum size of thirty-two (32) square feet for that particular size sign you're referring to."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "Okay well you know I'm fine with whatever the Council decides, I'm just going to vote against it, because I don't like that section number one and the fact that it doesn't limit it to commercial or industrial areas."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you and Ms. Millet I can understand your concern. I guess what I'm thinking of is on new development those signs are not, there's one for River Oak that's in residential but we want developers to be able to advertise the lots that are for sale and what's still available and so this allows those business owners or land owners to be able to advertise that right, because this is, that's still in a residential area?"

Angelic Keller stated, "In residential areas when you're advertising a particular house that's for sale, those real estate signs are exempt by the Code. You do not need a permit already for those particular types of signs. This would be..."

Councilwoman Hotard interrupting stated, "No I'm talking about like the signs that would show these lots are available plot plan."

Angelic Keller stated, "This would be like your subdivision developers they put up the plot plan of their particular development and they'll say these are particular lots that is advertising improvements to real estate."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "And so if we adopted this ordinance and specified only commercial then it would take away the ability to advertise those subdivisions, their plot plans so that people know which lots are available."

Angelic Keller stated, "Correct."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Right and I don't want to harm you know subdivisions that still have lots available to sell by not allowing them to advertise what is available okay."

Councilman Snyder asked, "We don't have a time limit to how long these signs can be up there right?"

Angelic Keller stated, "No not in this particular ordinance there is not one currently."

Councilman Wilson stated, "If a contractor comes to my house and is doing some improvements or whatever, is okay to put his sign, is that what you're saying? If I want to let him put his sign he's doing improvements there and advertise that's okay? Because after this last hail storm then..."

Angelic Keller interrupting stated, "Well if he's doing renovations work to your house, then that's construction. Now I mean my rationale is that, a property owner would not want a thirty-two (32) or sixty-four (64) square foot sign in front of their house. So that's why we don't anticipate this happening, I mean the same Ordinance is in Jefferson Parish, Orleans is actually one hundred (100) square feet as opposed to sixty-four (64) so again we reduced the size, well actually we kept the size of 64 with Jefferson Parish for the construction signs, you know but again, you're anticipating that it's only going to be used for those purposes that have a size lot that will allow for that size sign. And with the construction work again you come in to our office to get a permit for your renovation work, for your new commercial construction, new residential construction, any of that can be tracked through those permitting process because we're already inspecting your home for the other permit that you've already received."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "One last comment. On number one because I told you that's my issue is the first one, this is announcing a contemplating improvement of Real Estate. What if they never build, how long does the sign stay up, forever? There's no time limit."

Angelic Keller stated, "There is no time limit."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "Like I said, I have a real problem with number one because it doesn't define anything, it's just kind of like anticipation and put it up and if I never build, so what the sign can just stay there forever without a permit. Is that correct?"

Angelic Keller stated, "Potentially. But at some point we're going to call you in the fact you're advertising new improvement..."

Councilwoman Millet interrupting stated, "Nope why, why would you call them if they just put the sign up in anticipation to/for economic

reasons or to anticipate growth or whatever the reason may be, they put the sign up. Why would you contact them if they are not violating any ordinances?"

Angelic Keller stated, "Again we patterned it on other parishes and other jurisdictions that we reviewed, there was no time in those either. I anticipated if they had any issues in dealing with it they would have put a time limit, its well within your authority to do so."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "Thank you."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Those were some of the questions that I had. I can understand where you're coming from that if we just leave it open and someone does look at the ordinance and you know does put a sign in their yard that is larger than what this would allow or anything like that, there's really not any enforcement mechanism that we will have to say no you can't have this. So I can definitely appreciate that concern, it's a concern and we don't, you know and often times and you made a good comment as well that other parishes may have changed it and sometimes we don't get alerted that we have a loop hole in something until we have a problem and then we get stuck with that problem and we change it going forward but then we still have that one problem we got stuck with, because we know there was a loop hole whereas; here we kind of know going in we got a little bit of a loop hole, let's clean it up so that we don't run into a situation where we have somebody who erects something next to one of our houses that's unsightly and we're stuck with it. So I would say if the Council is finished with this discussion we can table it and then maybe try and make some changes so that we don't do anything harmful to a residential area."

Councilman Wright asked, "Is that a motion Ms. Hotard?"

Angelic Keller stated, "I just ask that if that's going to be a motion since it was tabled at the last meeting, we've been reviewing this Ordinance for about six (6) weeks now and again I only get questions at the Council Meeting. If I'd been receiving these questions for the past five (5) or six (6) weeks, I could have had sufficient time to correct any issues that you'll may have and make those necessary changes and you know and hopes of this being passed already."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "And I would say, we can appreciate that, Councilwoman Millet did bring up the concerns at the last meeting, you know maybe at some point changes could have been made to close some of the loop holes, but we definitely I think need to close them before we pass them, so I don't have a problem getting with you or if we know that we need to close the loop holes and make sure that we have either an enforcement mechanism in a residential area or if we do run into a problem or that we don't allow these type of signs to happen in a residential area. We know that those are the changes that need to be made, we need to make those changes."

Angelic Keller stated, "I am open to your suggestions, please send them to me."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Okay well those are mine. We have them Jackie, you can type them up from the minutes and send them to Ms."

Sutherland."

Councilwoman Millet asked, "What's the time frame?"

Councilman Gauff stated, "What I was going to say is that, we don't get this opportunity to discuss these things, so once you hear someone else's concern then it brings about questions. So when you ask for questions, when you read through it sounds okay, pretty good and we can understand what you're asking for, it sounds good. But until someone else brings up something then it brings about some questions that you say, oh well god I didn't think of that and especially when comes to a time limit that these signs can be in a yard forever with the possibility of them building, I also have problems with this."

Councilman Wright stated, "Thank you Mr. Gauff. Any further discussion?"

Councilwoman Millet stated, "I was going to see about if you'll were agree about making a motion if Ms. Keller is looking for some kind of conclusion here to go ahead and eliminate Section 1 and just pass it with Section 2, if that would be acceptable to the rest of the Council that she can bring us back the other one at another time once it's completed so she can go forward because there are two separate sections to this."

Councilman Madere stated, "I would like to see that we do it all at one time okay. I would like to see that we do it all at one time and I agree with what Mr. Gauff said, once you have these discussions in an open meeting and that's what this is all about, to discuss and when you discuss then you find out that it may be another problem or something that we didn't think of and I thoroughly agree with the fact that we need to have a time limit on it, because if there is no time limit on it, then there is nothing you can do to make these individuals remove these signs. Okay and over time if nothing happens these signs began to deteriorating and then we have enough problems in St. John the Baptist Parish already with signs and buildings and other problems like this. So, I think if there is a loophole and something that needs to be corrected we need to do this and then make sure we have it right all the time but make sure we get it right. Okay so I would agree we need to table this until we get this straight so I would make a motion that we table this."

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Gauff seconded the motion to put Ordinance 15-28 back on the table. The motion passed with 8 yeas and 1 against (Millet).

15-32 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance amending St. John the Baptist Parish Code of Ordinances as follows: By adding to Chapter 26, Section 26-23 (c): Grass and obnoxious weeds (N. Robottom)

Angelic Keller stated, "This ordinance serves to codify state law allowing the parish to address repeat grass offenders without the required notice if said notice has been sent within the previous 12 month period. Administration recommends approval."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thanks Angelic and I'm sorry I called you today and I know you called me back I missed you, but I know I had made

a change to this before and there were some things we needed to change in the Legislature, is this the same thing?'

Angelica Keller stated, "No this was an additional one, this is a new one."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "So what does this do that it is different?'

Angelica Keller stated, "The last one, I think the one you are referring to reduced or it allowed us to send regular mail instead of certified mail if they had a previous offense for tall grass within that same calendar year. This was recently passed by the Legislature and what this does is it's not calendar year it's previous twelve (12) months, but the first offense you actually have to file an affidavit attesting to the fact they've already had a previous offense or what have you, but then the notice requirement that you still had to send was the one you had is ligated, even faster process."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "At regular mail I believe the second notice, even faster well that's good. Okay thank you so much."

Angelica Keller stated, "I think this was added for St. Charles Parish and us."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Okay he did both of them, ok thank you."

Councilman Madere stated, "I heard you say it's even faster, about how much of a different time limit, you don't know for sure?"

Angelica Keller stated, "I can't give you a specific time frame or number of days. It shortens the actual process the actual steps."

Councilman Madere stated, "Shortens the process. Okay."

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 15-32. The motion passed unanimously.

15-33 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance granting approval to further extend the valid period of time of Conditional Subdivision Approval for an additional twelve (12) months for Belle Terre Commercial Subdivision, Phase 1, Parcel A, Lots 1-13, Parcel B, Lots 1-22, Parcel C, Lots 2-9, Parcel DS-4, Phase 2, Parcel B, Lots 23-49 and Parcel C, Lots 10-44 and Phase 3, Parcel D, Lots 1-39, Parcel E, Lots 1-42, Parcel DS-2 and Parcel DS-3, situated in Sections 69 and 70, T-11-S, R-7-E, Southeast District of Louisiana, East of the Mississippi River, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana (N. Robottom)

Angelica Keller stated, "The property owner requests an extension of conditional approval for 12 months due to slow sales in the commercial market. Administration recommends approval."

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilwoman Millet seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 15-33. The motion passed with Council Wilson and Councilman Snyder absent.

15-34 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance granting approval to further

extend the valid period of time of Conditional Approval for an additional twelve (12) months of River Oaks Subdivision, Phase V, Lots 205-239, 245-252, 264-282 and Parcels H-11, H-13, C & D, located south of proposed Woodland Drive right-of-way, west of Vicknair Canal, east of St. Andrews Boulevard, and north of River Oaks Subdivision, Phase II and III, in Sections 66 and 67, T-11-S, R-7-E, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana (N. Robottom)

Angelic Keller stated, *"The property owner requests an extension of conditional approval for 12 months due to slowdowns in the local real estate market. Administration recommends approval."*

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilwoman Hotard seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 15-34. The motion passed with Councilman Wilson and Councilman Smith absent.

15-35 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance amending St. John the Baptist Parish Code of Ordinances, Section 113-514 to include the "University, commuter" land use with a total required parking spaces equal to one (1) space per three (3) student classroom seats at maximum seating capacity; and amending Section 113-1 to include the definition of "University, commuter" to read as follows: University, commuter (N. Robottom)

Angelic Keller stated, *"Review of "Off street parking" is part of the Planning and Zoning Office's zoning compliance review, and our code doesn't currently contain a category for this land use. Administration recommends approval."*

MOTION: Councilman Snyder moved and Councilman Gauff seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 15-35. The motion passed with Councilman Wilson absent.

15-36 (Public Hearing Held) A ordinance to amend Sec. 40-27(6) of the St. John the Baptist Code of Ordinances to read as follows: Speed bumps (N. Robottom)

Jobe' Boucvalt stated, *"This amendment will allow for review of speed bump requests by the Sheriff, but remove his approval from the process. As we continue to struggle with implementation of the speed bump ordinance as a traffic calming solution, the Council is encouraged to investigate other alternatives or examples of other procedures regulating speed bumps."*

Councilman Madere stated, *"Yes Mr. Boucvalt I think a lot of this started with a speed bump on East 31st Street remember when we bought that and we tried to use a stop sign and that's when the Sheriff Office we had that discussion with him about removing them from that list. That's where all this stems from right?"*

Jobe' Boucvalt stated, *"Yes sir."*

Councilman Madere stated, *"So this really doesn't affect the speed bump process or the fact you're just removing the Sheriff's name from the list?"*

Jobe' Boucvalt stated, *"I will follow the same process, the same*

ordinance that we have doing, the Sheriff will review it he just will not sign off on the application."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay thank you."

Jobe' Boucvalt stated, "Yes sir thank you."

Natalie Robottom stated, "The rest of the ordinance was to review it, we just put down a speed bump on East 31st and we're getting calls to remove it. We continue to have that happen, there's a radius of three hundred (300) foot radius and so many signatures but it doesn't account for everybody who may have to pass on the street, like this individual is not in the radius but she can't get to her home without going on over the speed bump. It also doesn't account for example; if the speed bump is put between two (2) houses if one person on one (1) side of the street wants it and the person across the street does not. It's very difficult for us and causes problems, again we're doing what the ordinance says we're just letting you know this is not the answer. We had a meeting with DOTD they do not recommend speed bumps there are other traffic calming devices that they recommend we look into, but this one is problematic and I'm sure there had to be some type of criteria and the one place was it, but it doesn't really account for everybody on the street and people who may not be in that radius having to go over those speed bumps."

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

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Yes Ms. Robottom, I did look into that because I was in contact with Baton Rouge Parish they have speed humps also Ascension Parish, I just recently passed on Timmy Duplessis Street in Ascension Parish, it's an illusion of a speed bump but you can still continue at 20 miles per hour you don't have to slow down it's just a jump. So I'm in contact with them to see what is the cost and how we need to maintain a speed hump, instead we can eliminate speed bumps all together in St. John Parish, so I'm working on that and once I receive the information I'll forward it to the Council and Administration, we can look at it and see if we have funding for it."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes Ms. Robottom I totally agree with everything you just said about that particular speed bump and speed bump in general in the parish and you know it's a fine line because we do have a speeding problem in St. John the Baptist Parish down every street, the longer the street the faster they speed out of there and you know my concern is, I've seen a four (4) year old kid hit by a guy speeding down 24th Street that was years ago, that's not a pretty sight. So on one (1) we need to try and find something legal and better you know to try and protect lives down the street because I wouldn't want to see that happen again and the individuals who, the way our ordinances are written they have every right to apply for speed bumps and the ones who disagree, I'm on their side to because they have every right to disagree. In fact I want to say if you have 75% when you have three hundred (300) feet radius, the speed bump goes down. And I also say if within that radius if you get these people to reverse their signatures those speed bumps to come up. So we really in our ordinance we're playing checkers, we put them down we pick them up, we put them down we pick them up. Okay so we have to find a better way that's going to satisfy everyone and try to make this a better process and make

everyone satisfied okay because...

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "We'll continue to work with you all. Something that appears to be working are the signs that the Sheriff's Office I think is putting up with the speed you're actually going, so it makes you stop and look at it, seems to be a deterrent but there were also I think from NACO some lighted areas that kind of, I'm not sure of the cost, we're not sure where they are and where they would be, it could be in areas without lighted areas, but we just want to say that for us it's very difficult, because as soon as we get it down we're getting calls to get it up and it's like you said we're spending time and effort and money on something and then we're having to pull it up. So I don't know the answer I don't the best practice but clearly we're not the only place with speeding, so I think there should be some other alternatives that maybe we can look at."

Councilman Madere stated, "Right as a Council I think we need to try and find something that can help the ones who are complaining about the speeders and also we have to be mindful of the ones like I said especially on that particular one, the individuals all the way in the back you understand, have to go over one speed bump down that street that's sort of ridiculous one speed bump."

Councilman Gauff stated, "Yes as the president allotted to when I attended the NACO Conference a couple of weeks ago there's a company that has come up with lights that serves as a deterrent, as a speeding deterrent and there is a cost involved but while we were there St. Charles, St. James and myself along with Laverne Saulny. We were discussing the three of us working on a grant that could possibly provide with this latest technology in getting rid of speed bumps and speed humps and all of that, while Mr. Perrilloux was there also we discussed this. So were looking at yes not knowing what the cost is, but at least coming up with something new which is the lights that will slow you down and serve as a deterrent to speeders."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "There is a much easier solution to all of this is for our residents not to speed on these streets. Children live in our neighborhoods and nine times out of ten it is a resident that is making the speeding, slow down, pay attention and don't be in such a hurry and we won't have to go through all these loopholes and games and no one likes speed bumps, so stop speeding and you won't have to get a speed bump. Solution solved!"

MOTION: Councilman Smith moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 15-36. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to suspend the rules and add this item to the Regular Agenda on from the Finance Committee on the Westbank Courthouse Security Cameras award to Active Solutions of New Orleans, LA. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you and then I would like to make a motion to take this item off the table."

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the motion to remove the Westbank Courthouse Security Cameras from the

table. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I would like to make a motion that we accept the recommendation of Administration."

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the motion to grant Administration authorization to award the bid for the Westbank Security Cameras to Active Solutions of New Orleans, LA. The motion passed with 7 yeas and 2 against (Millet and Wilson).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

MOTION: Councilwoman Millet moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the motion to accept the recommendations of the finance committee. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Larry Snyder - Resolution - R15-28 - A resolution requesting the STATE OF LOUISIANA to reduce the current speed limit from 45 mph to 35 mph on LA Hwy. 44 located between the St. Charles/St. John the Baptist Parish line and the St. John the Baptist/St. James Parish line

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yes this came about when I was approached along with Mr. Madere about some citizens on that highway and we know they've had many accidents in the area and I think St. Charles is 35 mph on their river road. So we've had some fatalities, we had a couple of fatalities and I know we've had some people that were mauled by cars that are too close to the highway at 45 mph. Traffic is increasing over there big time with the increase of GlobalPlex and the businesses over there many, many, many large trucks pass over there these days, 18 wheelers and so we thought it may be best for our people that we can little safeguard and lower the speed from 45 mph. which I know is too fast to 35 mph."

MOTION: Councilman Snyder moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Resolution R15-28. A resolution requesting the STATE OF LOUISIANA to reduce the current speed limit from 45 mph to 35 mph on LA Hwy. 44 located between the St. Charles/St. John the Baptist Parish line and the St. John the Baptist/St. James Parish line. The motion passed unanimously.

Natalie Robottom - Letter of Interest - Housing Authority

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes this was a late addition to the agenda but a very important one. We've been working very closely with the Housing Authority and their development team to secure funding and include them in our Resiliency Grant however; part of the proposal is for a rental assistance demonstration funding and there's a requirement for a Letter of Interest from the Governing Authority. We do have representatives, Ms. Trina Henderson is with us from the Housing Authority and did see there are Board Members also here in support of this. This is something that we clearly need to assist them in getting the necessary funding to redevelop or part of the necessary funding to

redevelop our Housing Authority and we're working with them to get additional funding through the Resiliency Grant and of course HUD and other ways, Ms. Henderson."

Trina Henderson, Executive Director, Housing Authority stated, "Good evening before I began I would like to introduce my commissioners, we have Iona Holloway, Chairperson; Mr. Darryl Kilbert, Vice-Chairperson and we also have Ms. Jo Maxent, President. On behalf of myself the Executive Director and the Board of Commissioners for the Housing Authority we do appreciate the Council support through our redevelopment initiatives as well as the parish. You all have been instrumental in getting us to the point where we are now. Currently we're looking at the Garyville development as our first phase for redeveloping, as you all know much of Garyville is vacant it was damaged during Hurricane Isaac, it took in some flood waters so based on that we looked at which community would be least affective and basically with that redevelopment phase you have to relocate families. So as part this rad initiatives and what we're asking for the Council Members to support is an opportunity for us to seek additional funding, it's a funding to tap into some of the CDBG Funding that we are receiving as well as FEMA Funding, HUD Funding but allowing us to preserve what we do have as far as public housing units. Moving forward we will be having resident meetings we've already had two (2) to educate of residents on what the Housing Authority is doing. Mid-August we are going to invite you all as well as the community to participate in basically our redevelopment initiatives we're going to make that public to you all, but this letter of interest, we're submitting a RAD Application to HUD and it's very important that we have the parish support, the council support and basically moving our redevelopment endeavors forward."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "First of all I would to thank Ms. Henderson and the Board and Eliza Eugene Enterprise for being part of this development but you are saying that we are going to start with Garyville, we plan on doing Reserve, LaPlace and Edgard?"

Trina Henderson stated, "It's going to be several years, it's going to be in phases right now were looking at it its various components that go into redevelopment. No. 1) We have to submit for tax credits, the Louisiana Housing Cooperation, so one of the things we're looking at also; is where can we score the highest, where can we build that funding stream and in doing our assessments in many studies we've identified that Garyville, we feel that we can successfully in March 2016 submit a tax credit application that will support the Garyville site. Moving forward of course as everyone knows that most of the Housing Authority stock needs to be addressed, so basically we will be starting at the Garyville site based on future funding streams what is available, we'll look at where do we start next, but right now the Garyville site is targeted for the 2016 Tax Credit Application as well as this RAD Application that we are submitting to HUD."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Well I'd like to applaud you because you know I talked to you sometime back to say definitely we need to start and redevelop these whole complexes. We need some better looking ones, New Orleans did it they made some multi-family dwellings over there off of St. Bernard they are beautiful and we need to start in St. John Parish. So I applaud you and the board that we are taking this first

step and I'm sure the council in support of it I know I am, so let's get this started and get this going thank you."

Trina Henderson stated, "Thank you and I would like to share Columbia Residential is our developer partner and as you mentioned Ms. Eliza Eugene is a co-partner with Columbia Residential. That same developer group is the group that was vital in the St. Bernard in redeveloping the St. Bernard Project. So I'd like to say we got the best of the best working with us along with this awesome parish that has been supportive of us and we're just going to ask for your continued support."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Ms. Henderson and I just want to say thank you as well and to the board especially some of the board members who have been around for a little while. Several years ago the agency was you know, I guess it was trouble was the classification I know it longer is and I know it takes a unified effort for the board, serving on a board, so I understand that it takes that so I just want to a side bar commend the Housing Authority Board for doing such a good job on getting the Housing Authority on the right path so that we can entertain projects like this so that when we do go to HUD and other agencies that we can doing it knowing that we're putting a positive face on and that we're not looked at this troubled agency and I know it's taken a lot of work from you and from the board to get us where and so I just want say thanks, because it's been a long time coming that we can get on this road to do some redevelopment and we know that what worked thirty (30) and forty (40) years ago that doesn't now, you know until we got over that hump we couldn't even entertain any of that so thank you to yourself and to the board."

Trina Henderson stated, "You're welcome."

Councilman Gauff stated, "Yes Ms. Henderson thanks a lot and congratulations on the success of the Housing Board. I also commend the Board for their hard work. I've sat in on many of your meetings and asked a lot of questions and starting in Garyville was something I think I suggested back a long time ago when we had bigger dreams of starting in LaPlace and I think through the Board and some of the meetings we realized we couldn't place so many residents from the LaPlace housing area, so I'm glad the Board decided Garyville I know there are a lot of vacant areas there or vacant homes there in that development, so it makes sense that we start there then we'll see how beautiful those are and then we can move on to the others hopefully be successful enough to get the funding and move this forward but thank you all for your hard work."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Thank you, thank the Board for coming and Ms. Henderson for coming. I have a couple of questions pertaining to this and one of them is; with the units that you have over there, how much occupancy do you have, percentage wise throughout the parish?"

Trina Henderson stated, "Percentage wise less than 50% of our units are occupied. We have two hundred and ninety (296) units, half of my units are vacant and that's for various reasons, many of them because of maintenance over the years, I think as you all are aware a couple of years ago we rehabbed nine (9) units originally we targeted thirty (30) units, of those thirty (30) units we could only get environmental clearance on nine (9) units, so that shows just the drier straights of

our housing stock in. So many of those units some of them we can turn around and we're focused on that, but many of our units I'm sorry we will not be able to reoccupy those units, so that's why you see many of the units all boarded. Our job is to provide decency and sanitary housing and if we can't do that we're not going to have our residents living in those units."

Councilman Snyder asked, "That determination has been made already that they can't be repaired?"

Trina Henderson stated, "Well once again out of thirty (30) units we can only get environmental clearance on out of thirty (30) we can only get nine (9), so basically what I'm saying to you many of our units cannot be rehabbed and right now we do have working with Garyville as well as physical needs assessments that we will be conducting. We are also looking at demolishing many of our burned units, we're submitting applications to HUD for that, so many of the blight that you see we are working on that in conjunction to be development."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Actually you all have it boarded up pretty good as a matter of fact and I know in Reserve areas and Garyville areas you know. What I'm concerned about is the human side of it and some of these people that's left there and exactly what are we doing to kind of help them along, I've heard some stories and I'm going to support this because this is going to be something that's going to take care of some of those apartments over there or they decide to build new ones you know, but I'm still concerned about those people you know, those people are the ones that we have to be concerned about you know and I've been hearing some horror stories, I have to admit to you. I've been hearing some horror stories on some of the human relations we had, but like I said, I'm sure you'll are going to take care of that and I know this board you have over there is a dedicated board so you know all I can tell you is standup and be strong and do what you have to do you know and let's get this thing right and get some of these people back in some of these buildings over there thank you."

Councilman Madere stated, "Well I just want to make a comment like what Mr. Snyder said, I agree with everyone and the board, I know all the members on the board and definitely we support this 100% behind the board and I also agree with Mr. Snyder with some of the comments he made, not only we have to be concerned about fixing the building that these individuals live in but we also have to maybe find a way to fix the relationship we have with some of the administration because I've been there a few times to talk to you about certain things and you explained things to me and I think not only do we have to make sure we renovate and fix, we also have to find a way to reach out to them and explain and understand, I definitely understand most of the comments when I spoke to you were able to enlighten me about it, but I think we have to make sure we enlighten the individuals about it also on how the process works. And one other thing, I know you wouldn't be in this business because you feel you need to take care and help the individuals, the people. That's why you're in this field, that's why the board does what they need to do. What my concern is and it's not from you it's from other people who live in our community, because we have a tendency because someone comes from the Housing Authority that we think less of them. Okay I had an experience I'm not going to say who it was but someone asked me; why should we go there and fix this

and fix that because it's Housing Authority and I had to tell this individual 2 years ago, those individuals pay your salary, they are taxpayers and I don't care where they live they pay taxes, all the machines and equipment that we have here, not only does it serve the people that lives down East 21st, who lives off of Hwy. 51 and also belongs to the individual who lives down East 13th, who also live in Garyville and LaPlace. So I want to make sure all parish employees or anybody understand that and don't have that type of individual opinion and ideas, because whenever I hear like I heard 2 years ago okay, I went off because we are all in this together and I support this letter 100%."

Councilman Wilson stated, "A lot has been discussed on things/issues that I had and Ms. Henderson I'd like to tell you and the board thank you for the job you all are doing and I'm glad you'll be starting in Garyville because it's become a blight. There's probably more units empty than they have occupied there and your building has trees growing in the gutters over there, so if you can get some of your guys to clean that up it would look a little nicer but I'm glad you'll be starting in Garyville to pick it up and you mentioned about demolishing the burnt houses and whatever, well they've had one there that's been there for many many years and that's time to go, so thank you."

Trina Henderson stated, "Absolutely."

Councilman Smith stated, "Ms. Trina being a former Board Member you know I'm going to support you in any way I can and it's great that you're moving forward with this project because this is a long time coming. It's something that's needed and something that the residents are going to appreciate and I see Mr. Brown back there, Ms. Iona and Mr. Kilbert, all the former board members there and I know you guys are fighting hard and it's a long battle, it's not something that's going to be won over night and just keep fighting and keep pushing and we're here to support you guys any way we can."

Trina Henderson stated, "Thank you all."

MOTION: Councilman Gauff moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the motion to grant the Parish President authorization to sign the Letter of Interest for the St. John Housing Authority. The motion passed unanimously.

PARISH PRESIDENT REPORT

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Gauff seconded the motion to suspend the rules to move the Parish President's report up. The motion passed unanimously.

Natalie Robottom stated, "Good evening. We want to remind everyone that within the next couple of weeks, schools will be opening and roadway traffic will increase. We ask that drivers keep an eye out for school-age children who may walk or ride bikes to school. We also want to wish all of our Students good luck as they head back to school - we wish you a safe, healthy and productive school year. I'd like to thank Eliza Eugene with Blessed to be a Blessing, Marathon Oil - the title sponsor, Omega Psi Phi and all of the other sponsors for assisting with the Back Pack Extravaganza held at REGALA on Saturday. Over 500 children

received school bags, hygiene kits and school supplies to start the New Year. There were also other informational resources provided throughout the morning. The event was a coordinated effort between many elected officials, groups and local organizations and a host of volunteers with the goal of helping prepare our children for the school year. Everyone's time and support. Ms. Betty Clement, long time educator was honored for her community service and her efforts to help prepare youth for their future. She pioneered the school supply giveaway and expressed comfort in knowing that it will continue. On the West Bank, the Community Action Panel hosted the second annual West St. John Festival and school supply give away. The festival included music, food, a health fair and an overall good time. I had the privilege of honoring Dr. Henry Yale Harris, long-time educator and pioneer for his contributions to the school system, Community Action, and the entire community. I want to extend congratulations to Pastor Neil Bernard, his wife Angela and New Wine Christian Fellowship on celebrating their 20 year anniversary and their contributions to our community. We are looking forward to working with you for the next 20 years. Thank you to Congressmen Garret Grave's for hosting a roundtable discussion in St. John last week. Although the primary topic of conversation was levee protection, information provided about rail transit, hurricane evacuation routes and opportunities along the Mississippi River. We want to thank Congressmen Graves taking time out of his busy schedule to visit St. John. I would like to thank Ms. Michelle Higgins and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program for the beautiful appreciation event for our parish senior volunteers at REGALA Gym recently. This year, St. John senior volunteers clocked in more than 31,000 hours valued at \$718,238.31. Among the longest serving volunteers were Shirley Montz, Inez Blank, Jeanette Butler and Lorita Savoie. Terry Labat and Betty Vicknair were honored for top hours. We appreciate all of their time spent serving our parish and we were pleased to accommodate the event in our parish. Once again I'd like to congratulate our 14 year old Warriors for capturing the 2015 Dizzy Dean Baseball World Series Championship. Also congratulations to our 7 and 8 year-old Warriors for winning the State Tournament and advancing to the World Series. We are proud of all of our teams, coaches and parents who represented St. John well. Great season Warriors. A groundbreaking ceremony for the new Hemlock Fire Station will be held this Friday, July 31, at 10:00 a.m. at the site of the former station, 521 Hemlock St in LaPlace. We are looking forward to this project and invite the public to attend the ceremony. St. John has advanced to Phase 2 of the National Disaster Recovery Framework Resiliency Grant Competition and has been identified as a target for a \$1 billion pool of federal funds. These funds are set aside for programs and projects designed to mitigate communities after a disaster. Three workshops are scheduled to gain public input and comments on proposed projects as well as our resiliency efforts. We hope you can join us at one of the public meetings: **Council Workshop:** Thursday, July 30, 2015 at 6:00p.m.-EOC; **Eastbank Workshop:** Monday, August 3rd, 2015 at 6:00p.m.-Community Center; **Westbank Workshop:** Tuesday, August 4th, 2015 at 6:00p.m.-WB Community Center. We want to remind our residents that our efforts to improve the water quality and ensure that it is safe are ongoing. **ALL** results from our June testing for Ameba in Water District #1 were **NEGATIVE**. Thanks to our Utilities Department and to all assisted and continue to assist the department in this ongoing effort for their hard work. Our work is not done, but we are much better than we were and are well on our way to making sustainable changes throughout the parish. CN

Railroad crews will continue maintenance on railroad crossings (closest to River Road) throughout St. John Parish this week. Crossings will be closed to through traffic for approximately two days beginning at 5 a.m. **CLOSURES:** Monday, July 27th - Wednesday, July 29th - **LA 3213** (located under the Veterans Memorial Bridge near River Road); Wednesday, July 29th - **Cardinal St.**; Thursday, July 30th - Friday July 31st - **East 12th St., Reserve**; Monday, August 3rd - Tuesday, August 4th - **LA 53 (Central Avenue), Reserve**. Motorists are advised to be on the lookout for work crews, equipment and detour signs during repairs. The Office of Fire Services and other emergency personnel have developed alternate routes for response. DOTD will be closing River Road to through traffic from US 54 in Garyville to the Veterans Memorial Bridge from 4 pm today until 7 am tomorrow morning (Wednesday) to allow Noranda to perform pipeline pressure testing. Greenwood Dr. between W. Frisco and Madewood will be closed to through traffic for the next four weeks for the Lift Station Rehabilitation project. All residents will have access to their homes and local traffic will be allowed during this time. DOTD will be closing River Road to through traffic from US 54 in Garyville to the Veterans Memorial Bridge from 4 pm today until 7 am tomorrow morning to allow Noranda to perform pipeline pressure testing. The road will reopen once work is complete. The St. John Parish Independence Day live broadcast is currently replaying on the Government Access Channel, 15 for RTC & Comcast customers and 99 for AT&T U-Verse customers. The schedule has been posted on our website, government access channel and social media. Hurricane Season is here and it is critical that residents register to receive e-news release and Emergency Notifications. Please visit the Parish website and click "Stay Connected" to register or call the office and someone will assist you."

Councilman Wilson stated, "I received an email from Ms. Baileigh in reference to the closures of the crossings and we were going to Central Avenue sometimes back but I've been asking for this for three (3) years and she did and a little miracle and got them to put it back in there and do it now before they leave and I'd like to thank her, she did a good job."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Right it's August 3rd - August 4th at Central, you know many of you actually have a list of closures and we're working through them, they're not all done it is inconvenient so we just ask for patience."

Councilman Madere stated, "I noticed in your comments you said that well we're working with the railroad and you're giving us the closures and everything, and we do everything we can to assist them to fix the crossing and so you're right they needed to be fixed. At this time are we taking advantage maybe Brian Nunes can answer that question, are we taking any time to try and communicate with them to take care some of the other issues that's bugging us, like I mean as the grass along the canals and everything, are we taking this opportunity to try and get them to assist us in that?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes as well as culvert cleaning, culvert replacements and culvert extensions. They have been responsive they're still here, they've been here for several months and I think they have a very good working relationship they know each other so we're going to continue to push to get that done."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay thank you."

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to take a five minute recess. The motion passed with 8 yeas and 1 absent.

MOTION: Councilwoman Millet moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to return to regular session. The motion passed with 6 yeas and 3 absent.

DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:

Kerry Watkins - Recreation Update

Kerry Watkins stated, "Good Evening Council, on July 10th and 11th, 2015 the Recreation hosted their 1st Dizzy Dean State Tournament held at Regala Park in Reserve and was proud to say it was a great success. The 3 Warrior teams 7, 8, and 14 year-old All Stars were all victorious in the state tournament being crowned as Louisiana Dizzy Dean State Champions. The 7-year-old Warriors finished tournament play with a 2-0 record which qualifies them to compete July 18th - 19th at the World Series in Southaven, Mississippi. On Wednesday, July 15th they concluded Summer Camp with family and friends day for all the summer camp recipients from 12:00pm - 3:00pm. Amusements, refreshments and activities was provided for the campers and their families. The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Luncheon was held on Thursday, July 16th at Regala Gym and the Seniors enjoyed music, dancing, socializing and entertainment. He also thanked the Parish President, Administration, Parish Council, School Board, Sherriff's Office, District Attorney's Office and most importantly his staff for all the extra hard work in making these events a great success.

Councilman Gauff stated, "Definitely want to say, keep up the great work the great job that you're doing. I've seen the lights on late at night especially on the football fields, baseball fields everything. Sounds like the programs are coming together now, I know we're discussing some things as far as help, getting help for our Recreation Department, but continue success on giving us more programming, I have to say don't forget about the girls. Let's make sure we partner with or incorporate girls' sports, activities, whatever to make sure our females are included. So thank you very much, much, much success to your department."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes I also talked to Mr. Perrilloux today and we were talking about recreation and the progress that I've seen has taken place since you have taken over. So I would like to congratulate you with that and the different activities we didn't have, the activities you mentioned we didn't have them last year and this is what you're looking for in order for your department to grow and develop new things and so far I think you are doing an excellent job. For a long time our program have stagnated with only playing baseball and that was it, so the program is expanding and my vision is; we have all the young minds and young bodies out there taking part in all types of activities such as; basketball, baseball, softball and the girls involved because we are only using the young men we're also losing our young women to the street. Okay so we have to incorporate all this

together and I think you are doing a wonderful job so far but it's not over and I know you know that and I just want to congratulate you for your effort and I will be out there to support all the different activities that you have and I hope that you the community comes out and see what is happening and what changes are taking place in our Recreation Department because I'm not going to be satisfied until I see every young kid instead of standing on the corner you understand, holding something in his hand he shouldn't have, but hold a bat and a glove or looking forward to those type of activities and that's what we have to make sure is happening and I think you're doing an excellent job so Congratulations."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Just quickly and I'll echo what Mr. Madere said, all the things he said we are just going to keep it up what Mr. Gauff said, let's not forget about the young ladies the girls, but I want to applaud you for your vision for recreation, it's finally coming together, we're moving recreation in the right direction and we didn't expect it be this far this soon but it coming together and people are adapting to what your vision is for the Recreation Department and I think we are expanding and I think it's going to grow and grow and grow with much success to you."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Kerry I'd just like to echo what everyone else is saying and things are looking great there. The fields are looking good and I like the way things are being ran actually and I know you have volunteer help to help you at times but don't forget the girls like everyone says. I have to say that because we've never had girls play sports. We've always had the girls play with the boys in baseball and basketball, so we need to look at volleyball, I think you know even if it's at a lower level. But just keep up the good work and congratulations and everything went fine this past week."

Councilman Smith stated, "Yes Mr. Watkins I would also like to say Congratulations and thank you for including the Westbank. You know we have been long forgotten and it is about time somebody include us in the sports and we have a lot of talented people on the Westbank and I would like to thank you for including us."

Kerry Watkins stated, "Thank you!"

Councilman Madere stated, "Last comment about the young ladies, history was made today in NFL the Arizona Cardinals was the 1st Professional Football Team to actually hire a young lady to coach on their coaching staff. She will be coaching the Linebackers and I think they filed a suit with the NBA. The San Antonio Spurs hired a long lady to coach with them this year and she was very successful, in fact she coached their Summer League Team to the Championship. It's not the fact that a person is a female that they are limited, they are only limited if they limit themselves or we try to put limitations on them, so I think there should be the fact the NFL and NBA recognize females can accomplish anything they want also. So like I said Mr. Gauff said it first, let's not forget about the girls because they also have dreams."

Councilman Wright stated, "Thank you Mr. Madere and thank you Mr. Watkins for the update."

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

This above item will be carried over.

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

Councilman Madere stated, "I spoke to Mr. Daron a few minutes ago and they have selected an individual that is going to it. As far as the time, they are still looking at the time frame as to when they are going to start but everything is moving in a positive direction right now. The guy actually went and looked at the building I was there when he looked at it and expressed everything that I thought needed to be done and they definitely had someone in mind that I was told today that this individual is the one that's going to do it. So the only thing that is needed now is when they're going to begin and work that out with Ms. Lemons and get in there. Once again it will remain until it is finished."

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

Councilman Perrilloux asked to remove this item from the agenda.

Cheryl Millet - (Carry Over 7-14-15) Approval of two speed bumps at Bellevue and Belle Alliance in Riverlands Subdivision

Councilwoman Millet asked to remove this item from the agenda.

Lennix Madere - (Carry Over 7-14-15) Update on drainage issues Hickory Street and E. 26th Street

Councilman Madere stated, "Mr. Nunes do you have any updated information for me on those two areas?"

Brian Nunes stated, "I do apologize Mr. Madere I have the wrong agenda as well so I didn't have an answer prepared for that one, but there's really no new update, we were supposed to schedule a drive through after the last meeting and we never did. I can get with your secretary tomorrow morning to schedule something."

Councilman Madere state, "Well I heard they had a little mess up in the agenda because several other individuals said they didn't see it on there but it's on here. What was not a mess up is the fact of what you just mentioned, you were supposed to call me the next day (Wednesday) we were supposed to drive to take a look at the different locations and other areas in the parish. Well I'm the kind of person if I tell you something I want to make sure I try to accomplish that and I waited for your phone call, now I didn't know if you were sick or didn't come to work or anything but I waited until tonight, so that's fourteen (14) days, so I'm available okay I'm available. I'm available anytime, I'm retired, you can call me tomorrow morning and we can take that ride because that ride is very important and needed. I want to show you the problem and see exactly what I'm talking about because I'm not Whistling Dixie when I say these roads are bad and these streets are all plugged up and the grass is not getting cut you understand. I want

you to see, I want you to see it for yourself, if you want to call me tomorrow and we can ride tomorrow, you're coming to work tomorrow?"

Brian Nunes stated, "I'll be here tomorrow."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay, what time do you come to work?"

Brian Nunes stated, "7:00."

Councilman Madere stated, "I'll be there for quarter to seven."

Brian Nunes stated, "I have some things scheduled in the morning I have to take care of first, so let's not schedule it at 7:00."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay no, no. I'm not saying we going to leave at 7:00, I'm just going to be there to let you know I'm ready. Okay so whenever you finish we'll take that ride and I will show you firsthand what I'm talking about, okay?"

Brian Nunes stated, "Sure."

Ranney Wilson - Speed bumps

Councilman Wilson asked to remove this item from the agenda.

Ranney Wilson - Street Signs

Councilman Wilson stated, "Yes Mr. Nunes, about 90% of all the signs I have in my district, are leaning, missing, some of them you can't even read anymore, nobody is paying attention to signs but it looks ugly when you're going down the street and signs all leaning this way and our tractors have done much of the damage not all of it but, we need to straighten the signs up. I mean it just looks like hell and grass cutting, they cut the grass in areas along the ditch whatever but they don't around the sign and the grass is this high, they need to spray it, they need to cut it, weed eat it or whatever and spray it. I get a lot of complaints with that and it does look like, I mean they're not doing the job they're supposed to be doing or should be doing and I don't know where you're going to get the personnel but they should have just personnel just to take care of signs and some of them just to take care of the grass cutting but something has to get done. I'm tired of seeing signs, some of them have a half of stop sign, other that are faded out you can't see them, I have street signs missing and I mean we have trucks and vehicles on these streets all day long and there's no reason that a resident should have to call and ask for things such as that. Pot holes and the grass being cut, we're issuing tickets to people for grass cutting and we can't even keep up our grass. The grass behind my house and the servitude behind my house haven't been cut yet this year."

Councilman Wright stated, "Thank you Mr. Wilson and did you put in work orders in for those street signs to?"

Councilman Wilson stated, "I've called everything in. The street signs are everywhere, it's that one particular area I mean they just have to ride down the street to see it."

Councilman Wright stated, "Okay."

Councilman Madere stated, "I thought Mr. Gauff said it better and made a good statement when he said when he was talking to Ms. Angelic about those ordinance and sometimes when you come to the meetings you have these discussions things come up that you normally don't think about and maybe thought about it and didn't write it down. Mr. Wilson mentioned about the street signs and the problem I have is; there is a distinct difference between a street sign and a stop sign and it really irritates me when I ride through my district and I see a stop sign substituting for a street sign, when there is actually a street sign screwed on the top of a stop sign. I don't think that should be happening anywhere, if it's a street, then that street sign should have a post and not piggy backing off of a stop sign, we do have a few of those in the area. Every time I see that it really makes me mad but then as the day goes on you forget about it but when Mr. Wilson mentioned that today, here's the time to say that. We need to make sure that if it's a street that it has a street sign, we have a street sign on West 12th Street that has a post that's not even a street. So if that's not a street we need to take down West 12th Street, that's right next to Leon Godchaux a sign that says West 12th and there's no street and then we have a stop sign that's a stop sign that has a street sign attached to it. We need to back and correct all those things, if it's a street then put a post and put a sign on it. If it's a stop sign then make it a stop sign or it's a yield sign whatever. It may seem like I'm nick picking but that's what it is, it doesn't make the area look right, it should be a street sign and all street signs should have their own individual post and not piggy backing off of a stop sign and we need to remove signs from areas that's not a street, East 12th is not a street, if it is a street, then someone needs to do a lot of maintenance on it because no one can turn in that area. We need to have that area checked out. I meant West 12th Street."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I agree with Mr. Madere on a couple of things but I disagree with him on one thing and we get along like that though we can disagree with each other. All of the signs are like that in my district, they all have stop signs they all have the names of the streets on them. It saves material plus it is not a sight, whereas I might miss a car right behind one of those poles or something like that but as you know I understand where you are coming from with that, I'm concerned about the stop signs. Stop signs are supposed to glare at you, when you see one the light hits it is supposed to light up and in older neighborhoods here in LaPlace area especially in Riverlands whereas; these signs are worn down so much with the weather beating when the light hits it you don't see anything and that's when you just see it at night time and I bet some people have gotten tickets behind that, they couldn't see the signs through some of the trees but when the light hits it, it will illuminate if it's a good sign and I know I wrote work orders to have them changed. I want to change of them in Cambridge and I wrote it because that's a main thoroughway and people can run out on the highway. Since I have you hear two people called my house this week looking for our Justice of the Peace home, he has a big sign in his yard but I wrote a work order, I don't know if you have seen it yet..."

Brian Nunes interrupting stated, "I did."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay well great then, if you can help me

with that I'd sure appreciate it other than that this is all I have."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "Mr. Nunes you know I've been staunch, complainer about street signs being bent and leaning it give the parish an awful appearance if we don't take care of our own appearances. Just put a hammer in the back of your truck so when your guys pass the street, stop, straighten it up and go about your business. Save me the time of writing the work orders, save the girls in the office the time of filling it out I mean just do it, it's going to take them 5 minutes. Do we have shortage of hammers or do we have enough?"

Brian Nunes stated, "We have plenty of hammers."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "So give them all a hammer and let them go about you know just stop and take a couple of minutes to straighten it up because they all see it, it's not that we're just the only ones who see it I know everybody sees it and I know when they get these work orders from me they're going her she is again, straightening up a sign. Well if you would have done it first I wouldn't have to call you. So I mean we all have that same problem throughout the parish, so if you can just please instruct your guys to do that for us, we'd really appreciate it."

Brian Nunes stated, "Yes ma'am."

Councilman Madere stated, "I put a work order in on Beverly Drive."

Ranney Wilson - Tree Branch pick up

Councilman Wilson stated, "I've had a problem with the pickup of branches. I have turned in some almost three months and it's not even in my district, it's Hwy. 628. I've called them in and called them in, they might pick up the one and they're going to miss the other four and then they come back and get another one and miss the other three. I've brought this up in the meeting before, when the truck goes down the street pick them all up, they have to come back sooner or later. I don't see what's wrong with this, I mean something is wrong with this picture when they pass them up and they don't pick them up or they're not on the list. Well the list is the whole street, when you see a pile pick it up..."

Brian Nunes interrupting stated, "I agree."

Councilman Wilson stated, "I mean there is no excuse for that none what so ever, pick them up and it's your job to see that they do it."

Brian Nunes stated, "That is what they're instructed to do if they see other ones on the street. The only reason they're supposed to pull off the street while they're on it is if their truck's full they go to the dump and they come back."

Councilman Wilson stated, "I understand that but they don't come back."

Brian Nunes stated, "Okay well that's something I will address."

Councilman Wilson stated, "The grass was growing through them and the grass was this much higher than the branches. Potholes next..."

Councilman Wright interrupting stated, "Some more on tree branch pickup."

Councilman Madere stated, "I had someone call me last week concerning pickup about tree branches and she said it had been 3 weeks since she called and said all the leaves fell off the tree and just the branches are there now. At that time I informed her, because I think at the last meeting you mentioned that one of the trucks were down and..."

Brian Nunes interrupting stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Madere stated, "I told her. I'm not taking up for anyone but one of the trucks were down, I was informed at the meeting that one of the trucks were down. My concern is not so much about the fact of the time it takes to pick them up because usually in my area so far they've been pretty good up to the point where this truck is down so and they may be a little behind. My concern is, about a month ago in fact, I'm in St. Andrews every day I made a turn by Pine Valley and at the corner they cut 5 pine trees down, I don't know who cut them I don't know if the resident cut them or another company cut them down, but they cut 5 pine trees down, lined up in the side and they cut them down on Monday and they were gone on Wednesday, so that was a very fast pick up, so if we can pick up that fast on Pine Valley, we should be able to pick up that fast in District 3 and in other locations. I don't know what the schedule is but I know because I went there every day, the pine tree was down on a Monday and it was gone by Wednesday and I've seen the trucks picking them up. In fact there were 2 trucks out there picking up on Pine Valley and what I also noticed, if you can pick up tree branches and everything in District 3, I expect them to rake and sweep also because it was done on Pine Valley, they not only picked up the tree branches, they swept the pine needles, picked them up and hauled them away. When I went back the next day you could not tell a tree was cut down on Pine Valley, if they sweep your leaves up I want my leaves swept up or picked up that's all I'm saying. The same type of treatment is the same individuals. Okay, that's what I'm saying."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "Excuse me Mr. Madere."

Brian Nunes stated, "They're not doing that."

Councilwoman Miller stated, "I'm sorry Mr. Madere..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "I don't care what they're doing, they're not doing it in District 3 I know that. They did it on Pine Valley."

Brian Nunes stated, "No we didn't do none of the areas."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "I really do believe the residents are finishing it up okay."

Councilman Madere stated, "No the residents didn't finish it up, I witnessed it we finished it up. Okay so what I'm saying is, if you go to pick up my trees and the leaves are there, rake it up to. That's all I'm saying."

Ranney Wilson - Potholes

Councilman Wilson stated, "Potholes goes along with the same thing with the signs. There's people out there on the street every day. Every day they pass these holes, I don't think it's that hard or that much to demand to the employees for them to write some of these things down and turn them in to Tracy in the Public Works and she'll get the things where they need to go, but let's be a little proactive instead of waiting, I mean no resident should have to call to get any of these things were talking about done. We have the people on the street, I don't know how many vehicles we have but I know it's plenty and they're up and down these streets every day and there's no excuse for it, for them to be doing something other than riding."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you and on this item I would agree as I drive through the District sometimes you hit the same potholes over and over so I know that you know our employees are hitting them as well. I will say sometimes you become a little complacent to them you keep hitting them and they become part of your everyday routine. But what I would like to see is when we do repair potholes especially in some areas and I noticed along Carrollwood Drive where we're making asphalt repairs, if we can make sure that it's a smooth repair because sometimes what we do is we fill a hole and then we create a bump because now the asphalt is not smooth it's not leveled. So if we can try and put some emphasis on that it seems like in some of the areas we actually created you know just another problem some of them were on Carrollwood Drive, so if we can definitely make note of that so that we're not fixing one thing and creating another and maybe if you have your guys cognizant of it. I know in another parish they actually you know even ask the garbage people you know, just hey while you're out there if you do see things because sometimes they're just on the streets a little bit longer, jot it down, let us know and something like that so we have a concerted effort but definitely when we make a repair, it's more so on asphalt you know because you're pouring hot mix in a hole and things happen it's not so much with a concrete panel replacement but definitely with some of our asphalt repairs we're creating bumps."

Brian Nunes stated, "We did know that, a lot of times we go out with just a cold mix if it's a quick patch just you know like a quick repair, we'll go out with a cold mix and that's where you get..."

Councilwoman Hotard interrupting stated, "That's where you're having the problems."

Brian Nunes stated, "And then we come back later and run a hot mix and try to fix it up but..."

Councilwoman Hotard interrupting stated, "Maybe we need to discontinue doing that yes, doing it that way unless we know that we're going to be able to get a successful repair job because to fix it twice is just not efficient, thanks."

Councilman Madere stated, "First of all, it always seems as though, I want to express to the workers on my point of view they are doing the best they can, they are over worked and under paid I think for sure."

Especially the guy who's dealing with these potholes, the hot mix is 300 degrees and then they are out there in the sun that's 100 degrees, so those guys have a hard job in front of them as far as the potholes, the speed bumps and trying to repair, so I want you all to make sure that I express to them that I understand how hard it is out there and also the guys with the tree trucks but I want fair treatment. Now the pothole issues that goes back to what I've been saying the last 3 meetings about the Councilman having the strongest say so as to what roads get repaired in their District. I must have a strong say so as to what roads get repaired in my District, stronger say so not just a list and then you pick what you want off of the list, I should be able to pick what's on that list tell you because I go down that street every day, 26th Street, 23rd Street, Amelia Street, 30th Street those streets are just one gigantic pothole, there's potholes all over the place and for me not to get one of those streets fixed this year to me is not right. Okay I represent that area so without a doubt I should be able to say not the back of 15th Street that never should have been touched that's the street that was going on private property, somebody made that decision and no one has yet to tell me who made that decision that's in my district, we were to put twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) down on something that was never a street and I can't get twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) to put on streets that need to get repaired, someone needs to give me an answer on that one because that bugs me every day. I go back on 23rd Street we don't need the speed bumps we just need the streets they have so many holes in those streets. If I'm lucky to back here I want to have a say so as to what streets are being repaired and I mean a strong say so not just a list and then whatever I get I get. That's just the way I feel about it and that's how it should be and it's unfortunately you're in Public Works so you get street bumps, trees, signs and everything, so you have to have a tough skin okay, you have to be like a Timex; you going to take a licking but you have to keep on ticking. So that's all I'm saying is I definitely want a say so, as to what street because people call me I have this dull look on my face, well I turned it in I don't know, do you want to hear that? Okay now I'm going to be strong enough to say yes I picked 23rd 24th, I've decided you may have to wait a little while longer I don't mind saying that but I don't like being caught out there and just throwing my hand up, that's not what I'm in office for, I was put in office to make these type of decisions so I want to make them and not someone else make them for me."

Brian Nunes stated, "Well those streets we talked about at the last meeting but that where that drainage project is, so we didn't want to overlay them and come back and have to fix them again."

Councilman Madere stated, "I understand what you're saying I agree with that, I agree with that. We made that mistake when we did the sewage, fixed the street and bust them up okay I understand that, so I'm good with that understanding but I'm not good going forward with who selects. I understand why we're not doing them now because we're doing this project which is supposed to begin in January and I understand that I can tell the people but when we fix the drainage and then we move forward with the streets again, I don't want this same problem. I want to be able to say, these are the ones, if I get two let me pick the two, I don't want someone picking for me that is all I'm saying."

Brian Nunes stated, "Okay."

Councilman Gauff stated, "I was just going to make a comment on the potholes and filling them and I know I've seen where we've filled them and because the material is so hot because the weather is hot, the first car that drives through it, it sinks again. So I understand you're putting a little concave over it so that when they do drive over it sinks down into the hole, but sometimes they don't drive over it and it sits there and then we have the hump because it was able to properly cool or dry and that becomes the issue. So we're sitting there in this quandary of fixing it the correct way but is someone, if we don't barricade the street or block that hole and someone drives in it then all of a sudden we've created a problem and if someone does drive in it than they've created another problem, so it's one of those that I do understand both sides and I know what you were saying Ms. Hotard but we do need to be mindful of those things. It seem like we have a list of things the street signs, trees, pot holes just numerous items that we can talk about every day, every meeting and I agree with Mr. Wilson and when the trucks go out or when we do repairs get them all, get everything on that street. I'm not sure where the trucks go or how they start and then how they go back to the areas but right now everyone's doing yard work or have done yard work there are just trees throughout and I think we have 9 or 10 pages full of tree branches to pick up, I know you're the best you can or those guys are but it just seems like we're constantly adding and we don't see. I know we've passed and Jackie Landeche and I we pass the same areas because her mom is in my neighborhood and we see the same trees for a long time and we understand we're on the list but these trucks have pass this way to get where they're going, so sometimes they should pick them up and keep moving, pick the branches up and keep moving and I know that might leave another area short because those areas are down streets and you wouldn't get to those but we've got to do a better job, especially on our major thoroughfares where everyone rides, what we have to present and beautify our areas. It is something that helps us, economic develop wise when people are looking to do business and bring businesses, if they see an unkempt area then why do more developing when the area is already run down, so for just a positive outlook we have to keep our major thoroughfares clean."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Brian just thinking right now especially when we had the issue with the lighting truck, do you think it's possible especially like Lucien said when we know people are going to be working in the yard in the spring and in the summer we can lease a piece of equipment just so we don't get a back log, it's not something we want to invest in year round but at least when we know we're going to get a back log, is it possible?"

Brian Nunes stated, "We actually went ahead in April we ordered a new one so it's just so back ordered right not, they told us we might get it mid-October we weren't expecting that, so it's kind of, wish I would get it by now maybe June but it's looking mid-October, so that would give us 3 trucks which will keep us on top of things but what we do now, we do have a truck down so Mr. Coburn got in touch with Progressive and they let us borrow a truck for yesterday and today and that's kind of our back up plan."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Okay that's good thanks."

Councilman Gauff stated, "Excellent job. That's what we need, you know not way for the issue you see a need and do it. Great job!"

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

Michael Coburn stated, "Thank everybody."

Councilman Madere stated, "I just want to comment. I want to say one thing, Mr. Nunes I was in the office about a year ago when Mr. Verdell gave those individuals not just the guys who drive the truck, but he gave everyone a pad, if they things write it down and bring it back. So that was proactive by that office doing that and that's similar to what Mr. Wilson is saying but that was done about a year ago and I don't know if they're still doing it but it was done."

Ranney Wilson - Discussion regarding Planning & Zoning issues

Councilman Wilson asked to remove this item from the agenda.

Larry Snyder - Grass cutting and cleaning on neutral grounds by parish workers

Councilman Snyder commented that he had already spoken to administration about this item.

Larry Snyder - CDBG inspection update and follow objective

Councilman Snyder stated, "There are some people that are concerned about the status as far as the inspection part is concerned and how is that going, how many people have we gotten to, have we made any decisions on raising homes yet? These were the questions that were asked today in the meeting I was in today. So I need to get someone to explain the status of things right now and if I don't hear from you in a month, what am I supposed to expect or when will I hear from you?"

Michael Coburn stated, "Yes Sir Mr. Snyder we did discuss that in our meeting that we have every other Thursday, Cory Martinez here representing Royal as far as he can give you an update on the inspections and where we are now. We did talk about your letters they are in the process of writing letters to all the clients we have out there right now letting them know where they are in the process where the inspection phase is and what is next to come for them. So we have some numbers and figures and I will let Cory tell you where they are with that."

Cory Martinez, Royal, stated, "We currently have 135 applicants who are currently in the inspection phase. We received 80 of those inspection reports back. So within that first phase we are evaluating the actual inspection reports and we will be able to determine the amount of the second wave, how many applicants we can move to that second wave of inspections. So basically we have gone ahead and started drafting letters to anybody we received an inspection report with and that will basically determine the next step and give them our name and phone number and then to be telling them to expect us to be the next contact."

Councilman Snyder asked, "So what is the purpose of the next inspection

if we already have one and the determination was made why we need another?"

Cory Martinez stated, "No we have actually done the first inspection so you have to do the initial inspection and create the work write up. So that is actually the only inspection that has been done currently. Once the inspection reports come in we will be able to create the work write up which we will then be able to bid and start the construction process with that. The next inspection for each household doesn't occur until midway through the construction period."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Oh okay I thought I heard you say second inspection and then we were going to get started with the paperwork."

Cory Martinez stated, "I think we were actually talking about the first wave and the second wave so currently we are trying to move applicants so we took the first wave of applicants and that is the 135 applicants we currently have in the inspection phase. We want to try to help as many applicants in the parish as possible. So what I was alluding to that is we're actually going to determine the average cost per house so then we can basically could see how much money we have left, see how many applicants we can take for that next phase that will be the next group that will get the first inspection to their house."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay so this phase we're doing now does it includes refurbishing that needs to be refurbishing or repairs that need to be repaired and raising?"

Cory Martinez stated, "Correct, correct it's actually multiple programs. The Homeowner Rehab Program is Home Rahab, Home Reconstruction and Possible Elevation. So with the Homeowner Rehab Program if your house is substantially damaged, which means we have repairs more than 50% of what the house is worth and you're below the BFE (Basic Flood Elevation) we will raise your house to 1 foot above the BFE, they also have another program which is the Elevation Standalone Program and that is just if you have no repairs you basically done all your repairs and work for Isaac you're still below the BFE we'll raise your house 1 foot above the BFE."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay and that's exactly what I was concerned about that question was asked to me today, what you just answered. Hopefully we know people are listening to this and they understand where we are coming from here. If you've repaired your house already it's repaired, if you need to raise it we'll see what we need to do to help you raise it."

Cory Martinez stated, "As long as you're below the BFE and that is what the program is designed for."

Councilman Snyder stated, "As long as you're below the BFE right, okay that's all I have right now."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Mr. Martinez let me branch off away from that a little bit but still with you I think it is, we had some funding where I know a lot of residents came in for first time homeowners or buy a home in St. John Parish where is that?"

Cory Martinez stated, "Currently that program is doing good, each homeowner is allowed a \$165,000.00 max home buyer assistance to be able to purchase their home. Everybody who is currently in that program is currently in the homebuyer training, each person is actually going to receive a home is going to have to actually go through a one on one session with a National Development Foundation then they will receive a 12 hour Financial Training Seminar and just make sure that you are, it's a big thing to be able to receive a house to make sure you won't default and you can actually carry that note, insurance and everything that's going to go along with that."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "So as of year to date, you may not have that information, how many have applied for that?"

Cory Martinez stated, "We have 261 applicants who have applied for the Homebuyers Assistance Program."

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "And after they go through this training, then the money is distributed to the residence/homeowners who want to buy, how does that work?"

Cory Martinez stated, "Basically they will find a house that they were able to purchase, they have to secure that first mortgage, once they have secured the first mortgage then we'll come in with the title company and they give what we call Soft Second. So we will give them their deferrable loan that's forgivable as long as they meet the requirements but you have to meet that first mortgage first. You have to basically be able to buy the home yourself."

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "And when the letters should be going out because I've been asking this question I didn't know you were going to be here tonight but when those letters will be going out?"

Cory Martinez stated, "We actually have the first wave of applicants in the Homebuyer and I think it's, we actually have 93 people that are actually in that Homebuyer Assistance Program currently, now you have 261 applicants now we won't be able to serve all of those applicants we actually thought that originally estimated that about 30, we'll be able to do 30 Second Soft Mortgages so with that 90 we may already be maxed with the amount, so everybody you may be talking to is probably still in the intake phase, so what it is we'll have the intake phone contact them and have them send that next step letter to them and basically tell them that, we may not be able, you don't want to say they're denied, you don't want to say they're out the program but you put it in a way that they may not have funds so you're basically on hold until further notice."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Okay thank you. I can pass that information on thank you."

Councilwoman Miller stated, "It was pretty much the same thing. I was curious as to when these letters were going out, I know you're talking about sending letters to let these people know where they are and their status and the situation, how close are we to getting those letters sent?"

Cory Martinez stated, "The letters for the actual, when we receive the

inspection from those will go out this week. Intake, the Intake Firm is currently sending letters out as the people are moving to that next step, so these are people that have done the inspection they may have been passed intake a month ago so now they just waiting for that construction to start, so we'll actually send those letters out this week, we have some drafts going around it's just putting on Parish letterhead and send it out. And that's just gives our phone number in case there is a problem they can call us with issues that's what we want to be there for."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "Well my concern is like you had 261 people, they're on the where am I now?"

Cory Martinez stated, "Exactly and they're still what we consider..."

Councilwoman Millet interrupting stated, "So send them a letter letting them know, you know those letters what I'm concerned about you know, because this has been going on now what almost a year a year and a half..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "Yes at least."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "Okay and our residents are on hold waiting for some something, so just a communication with them to let them know where they stand all the applicants that you received and all the phases, so that they where they are and they can get out of the holding path, that's my concern, it's consideration to them."

Cory Martinez stated, "I agree. If you haven't talk to an applicant in two weeks they start getting concerned, they start making phone calls so no I agree. If somebody is sitting in the que because there's a lot of different ques of people waiting to know what is the next step, so we really have tried to work with, like those people who are like in the Intake Firm still in that phase. So we will work them that basically anybody who's been not communicated with for more than 2 weeks we'll have them send out another letter."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "I'm not worried about the 2 weeks I'm worried about the months okay."

Cory Martinez stated, "Okay I hear you I agree."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yes Coach worked with me on that the few people I had and we actually got together with them and they sent them a letters and called them up and they were just appreciative of that, I appreciate that what you guys did, you know. Are we looking at reputable house raising workers that we might be able to give a list to some people that may get their house raised or people who may do a good job on that?"

Cory Martinez stated, "Yes we've actually developed a contractor pool, the contractor pool will have all the general rehab and the elevation contractors in it. So basically the parish has procured a pool and we'll basically be going to lowest to best bidder off of that pool."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay, alright good thank you."

Cory Martinez stated, "Okay thank you."

Larry Snyder - 2009 Bond projects update

Councilman Snyder stated, "You know what prompted me to put this on here I was looking through one of my old brochures and I saw where we had a project and we had seven hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000.00) left so I was wondering what did we do with that money, we have a project that we just did the engineering on and then as far as the construction part of it all the money is sitting in the bank and it's been sitting in there since 2009. I don't know if it has been spent then I was informed that, I was informed that the Court House air conditioning system went out it cost three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) to get that done and we are going to use that for interest money for some money we have in the bank already. So I'm trying to figure out what about this bond money, well we used the interest off that money to pay for the air condition, that's fine I don't have a problem with that you know because we have to take care of that infrastructure anyhow. But I'm wondering is there someone I can talk to that we can look at this and I want to see, I'd like to see and let everybody else here know if we have any money left in the 2009 Bond issue what are we doing with it, what are we doing with the interest and what can we do with it."

Michael Coburn stated, "I think our Communication Department sent all this to all the Councilman I think they should have that, so in looking at the 2009 Bond issue it's showing all of the projects are complete except there's a couple that are; one is ongoing Mississippi Crossing then there's a couple that are in design in the design stages. But as far as money as being just sitting there I don't think we have any of that in discussion with Vince about that. We just don't have any money, the only thing we have out there is the interest that we have off this money and that's what I had spoken with you about."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well if there is none here this has the Eastbank Government building, I know we have six million there."

Michael Coburn stated, "Yes sir that's correct."

Councilman Snyder stated, "But it's supposed to be out there some place, so this thing isn't accurate?"

Michael Coburn stated, "But we're in the design stage with that right!"

Councilman Snyder stated, "I'm sorry."

Michael Coburn stated, "We're in the design stage for the Eastbank Government building."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Right in the design stage?"

Michael Coburn stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Snyder stated, "This 2009 Bond maybe someday can help me whether it was just for the design or which one was for the construction of it? Because we had millions of dollars in the bank to do that and we didn't do it, well just explain to me then that's all so

we'll know where our money is going."

Michael Coburn stated, "The construction part of the Eastbank Government building 9 and 15, 2009 and 2015 Bond issue."

Councilman Snyder stated, "That's what I thought 2009 and 2015. That was to supplement that six million, am I right that we had left?"

Michael Coburn stated, "I think so."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Right! Right, so where is that six million I'm concerned about that's the interest money we are using, we haven't built one yet."

Michael Coburn stated, "No."

Councilman Snyder stated, "That's what I'm talking about and little things like that I mean we have money we can throw away or not throw it away use it some place, let's use, let's use where we can benefit from it and we pulling interest in on all this money then if we have enough interest to take care of our system over there, then we're doing pretty good with the interest from 2009. We don't need to discuss this if, can we come in and discuss this..."

Michael Coburn interrupting stated, "Yes I'll be glad to."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Right and did everybody get the information you see because they have to have some money laying down there some place. Thank you."

Larry Snyder - Contract - grass cutters contract and inspection process

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well let me tell you this with these contractors. You'll contract says they're supposed to cut the grass once a week, once a week it didn't say fifteen (15) days apart it said once a week and it also states that they should designate a day when they are going to cut the grass each week. Now I think I brought this up last time we all know what's going on here, they'll come on a Monday and then pass another Monday come back that next Sunday that's fifteen (15) days. That grass has gotten that high on some of our property and if they were supposed to cut it once a week they are supposed to tell us when they're going to cut it and they're not doing that and I our boulevards, our neutral grounds are looking bad because of that, then let's do something about it that's what I say. You know I mean I don't like the way Cambridge Drive was looking, I didn't because it's a contractor cutting that grass and they cut it Saturday last Saturday and also I know they have to cut this week, Saturday or Sunday this week. But then after that they may go another fifteen (15) days before they cut that grass and that's perfectly legal because it's once a week, still once a week and I think that's what we need to look at and holds these people to that responsibility because this time of year, let it rain a couple of days you'll see how the grass is going to jump up. You know so we need to hold these people to their responsibilities I'm serious with that and I would expect this knowing this, you guys we talk all the time and you guys are the one that have to hold them, that's all I have to say about that."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "Yes while he's on talking about our contractors on this, when they finish cutting pick up the grass, they're blowing it in the street, it's piling up on the street, it's going in the drainage if our residents have to pick it up and can't blow it in the street then how come the contractors don't have to? They need to be policed, better maintained but I watch them and they just blow it right in Belle Terre blow it on Cambridge they don't care or if you're going to blow it in and just mulch it over and that's better than blowing it on the street but I watch them on a regular basis just think nothing of it and it just piles up especially in the areas in the seams the panel seams because grass tends to grow there and it just becomes a pile and then we have grass growing and nobody never weeds that so it just making our areas look bad, so please if you can just stay on top of these contractors and make sure they do a job properly. They're being paid well do the job right."

Councilman Madere stated, "I don't know and I don't have the contract before me but based on what Mr. Snyder said, in the contract they are supposed to pick a day that they are going to cut the grass so that means if they pick Monday then the following Monday they should be cutting it again. Now I don't exactly how the contract reads but coaching baseball for so long it had a lot of grass cutters for the baseball field, that's what the contract stipulated for the baseball field they pick a day they are supposed to cut, now if it rains then they are supposed to come back on the very next available day after the rain and cut. Let's just say it's raining real hard on Monday and they're not able to cut the contract stipulates that they must come back the very next available day, even if that's Thursday they come back and cut it. But that still doesn't leave them of the following Monday to come back and cut to and doesn't change their responsibility in terms of what day they cut, but if it rains it goes to the next available day when it doesn't rain they cut it and then they return back to their regular schedule so I don't know if that is stipulated in our contract. We're going to have to look at it, but that's how the contract works and when I was at West St. John concerning the baseball field. They pick a day if it rains then they must come the next available day when it's not raining and cut the grass and return to their schedule, that's how it works so I don't know if we have to look at the contract to see what's going on with that."

Councilman Wilson stated, "The contractors that cuts the corner by my house and where the sign is; Welcome to Garyville and Mt. Airy, he does a very very good job, he'll come out on Saturday's and Sunday's to do what he has to do. But while I have the mic I want to tell Mr. Nunes, the parish workers did do a very very good job cutting on Hwy. 54 and the servitude in front of my house they did a real good job, it's just the servitude somebody is on me about the servitude in the back, it needs to be cut. But I just want to let them know give them credit where credit is due, they did a very very good job."

Councilman Madere stated, "Mr. Nunes this might be a first I have a work order going in over the microphone but a lady on Cherry Street, the parish usually go along the railroad track and cut that grass, they didn't go the last month or so to cut that grass so, I'll be out there tomorrow to officially put it in but while I'm thinking about it tonight I just wanted to mention it to you, right there on Cherry Street I think it is, I think it's Cherry in Reserve, no it might be

Cedar right where they have the Thrift Shop, that's Cedar not Cherry, that's Cedar back there by the railroad track."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Brian with the grass cutting I can kind of appreciate everybody is saying, for Code Enforcement Ms. Beverly if you can make sure and I know grass season well hopefully grass season is going to start to wind down eventually but right now there a lot of homes I've taken some pictures I've sent them over to Code Enforcement with grass that's 2 feet high especially we still have a couple of homes in Belle Terre and Cambridge and some of the flooded areas that they haven't come back since Isaac and it's really bad. If we can really try and stress the importance of that to our Code Enforcement Officers to get them in especially now that we have things in place for repeat offenders so these properties don't continue to become a nuisance for the papers. I sent in some pictures of some that I mean the grass 3 feet high, I mean god knows what's growing in there, but we just have to really stress to them exactly, you know just how much a nuisance it is to our residents it's the least that we can do for them when they have a house like this next door to them, so please ask them to just be very cognizant of it when they're going through the neighborhood to make sure we get these properties taken care of and on that as well with our contractors when they do cut, you know you are paid a pretty good price when cut property in Code Enforcement, provided it's not 3 feet high but if we do it, if it go through the system the way that it should, it is a very fair price if we can be cognizant of the fact that we need to do a good job of cutting it and not blow everything all over the place, thank you."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes also Ms. Milioto with the Code Enforcement with the grass cutting, we were a little behind when we had my Code Enforcement Officer was out for a month before he was reinstated and he's trying to catch up and also we have this process that is pretty long for the first offenders. When a piece of property and the grass gets to be 6 feet tall, there's a couple of spots where the grass is 6 feet tall and I called the office and they told me who it was assigned to and then the individual have to go back and try to negotiate a price because the grass in some areas is as tall as the individual when they walk in there. Is there something that we have in place that allows them to negotiate that price or is it automatic, I don't know what we have in place of that?"

Beverly Milioto, Supervisor of Code Enforcement Inspection Department, stated, "The price of the grass cutting is based on three (3) cents a square foot, it does not say you get paid higher if the grass is taller."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay but I also know there's a section in there that says, that the Code Enforcement Officer has to go in there, in the grass and see if there's debris or anything in there and they get paid extra for removing debris, right?"

Beverly Milioto stated, "Correct if there's debris there."

Councilman Madere stated, "Right, okay and I have a problem with that. It's not your problem that's a problem we have to fix but I don't like sending a Code Enforcement Officer in an area that's larger than this Court Room and grass is 6 feet tall, taller than the individual to go

trample around in there to see if there is any debris, I think there may be something we have to do as a Council to change that where the area is that high than to send someone in there to walk around to see if there is debris in there I think it is dangerous. You know they can step on a nail or may be a snake in there, I think we need to find a way to fix that our self, you know because if something is 6 feet high, not to many of us sitting in here is not going to go walk all the way in the middle or in the back of that thing to see if there is anything in there. I know when it reaches a certain level, it should be automatic that the grass cutters going to have to have an increase to deal with that so when they cut it, you have a whole bunch of automatic grass debris on the ground that should be removed, because if we don't pay them to remove it they would just mash it all down and instead of having tall grass you just have a bunch of mashed grass down and that doesn't either. I always say if we're going to cut we need to make a clean cut, so I think that's something that we are going to have to get with legal or something we're going to have to make a change in that and that grass is 6 feet tall I don't want anyone going in there looking around for debris, because we've been fortunate no one has been bitten by a snake or any type of animal can be in there and tall grass is a place where they like to be, so I know we're taking a chance doing that so we have to change that."

Beverly Milioto stated, "And usually if the Code Officer when they write it up if they would disclose that in their report, saying that it's too tall or too thick for them to walk through it to find debris if we find out they have it after the fact, the contractor usually submits an estimate that we can see if it's a reasonable estimate and how much debris is there and agree to pay them higher for that."

Councilman Madere stated, "Well I think that's why we're going to have to change that, I don't think we have to have the Code Enforcement Officer you know because I was told one time and you know because I overstepped my boundaries one time when I told the Code Enforcement Officer if grass is that high I'm writing it for debris anyway, because most of the time you're going to find debris in it, okay and I was told, well they are supposed to do that that's their job if they would have come do it then they don't need the job. Well I think we need to remove that from that situation and say, if the grass is 6 feet tall okay don't go in there. Just write it up because you're going to have to pay extra anyway for the guy to cut it it's that's high, so you're going to find debris in that there's no doubt about it, you going to find debris in that because see tall grass they throw beer bottles everything in there, so you're going to find it. So I know we need to just cut that process out in terms of if there is debris in there, yes there is debris and I wouldn't want to put anyone in harm's way to go in there and looking for debris so I think we need to address that. I'm going to get with legal and some kind of way we can address that situation thank you."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I think if it gets 6 feet a lot of people didn't do their job for it to get that high and that's what we need to look at that part of it who's not doing their job. There was a group you sent out last week and I saw your people take 6 foot grass out and I couldn't believe how hard these people were working like he said, I don't know what these people make but they did a real good job and that was East 21st Street I think, that house they cleaned up over there,

they did a real good job on that and it looks like a brand new yard over there and it's almost engulfed the whole house. Tell me how many groups of people on that list to do that kind of work?"

Beverly Milioto stated, *"This time we have 5 contractors on our list."*

Councilman Snyder stated, *"You have 5 as of right now?"*

Beverly Milioto stated, *"Yes."*

Councilwoman Millet stated, *"Ms. Milioto how do you get on that list I've had several people ask me, do they just send something to..."*

Beverly Milioto stated, *"They can go to the website and you can download How to Do Business with the Parish and you have to have the correct insurance and license that all goes through the Purchasing Department..."*

Councilwoman Millet interrupting stated, *"So have them just check out the website and for that information..."*

Beverly Milioto interrupting stated, *"Plenty people come to our office and we actually give it to them but they can go on our website and download it and fill it out and it goes through the Purchasing Department, once it's approved and the insurance is ok, they notify me through Angelic then they add them to the list."*

Councilwoman Millet stated, *"Thank you."*

Councilman Snyder stated, *"Yes that's exactly why I asked that last question. I don't know if you have anybody new on that yet but I walked a guy through that process and he went all the way back to, he got everything and that's why I asked you how many people was on that list. If he was on that list that would be six but I know he's not on it and it's was done with him 3 weeks ago, so I don't where that process is, but you may want to look at that because that's another company that can help to do some of the work if we have a lot of work out there today, but he's not on your list if you have 5 and I know he knows exactly who that was because I talked to him about it. Thank you."*

Councilman Wilson asked, *"Is 5 contractors enough to keep up with this?"*

Beverly Milioto stated, *"I think so we used to do it with 2 so I mean we're cutting more grass but I think 5 seems to do a good job, they're always waiting for us to assign jobs to them..."*

Councilman Wilson interrupting stated, *"So what we passed tonight as far as the notification of them having to cut the grass is going change this somewhat where it should be getting cut before it gets 3 feet high and I want the Council to remember we're paying these contractors to go cut all of these properties that money is coming out of our pocket and in what point and time we have more money invested in that piece of property cutting grass than what it's worth? So we're going to have to know, we're going to have to find something some kind of way to make this thing work but I mean we keep putting money out, putting money out, putting money out and we have properties people wouldn't even bid*

on them, trying to auction them off but we shouldn't have them out there being 6 or 6 foot high they should have been cut long before that. He's got them I got them I'm sure the Westbank everybody's got them."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I just wanted to say really quick and hopefully we don't beat this down anymore but if we have contractors and are waiting to cut grass we have a problem, because I have so many that I've called in that need to be cut. So maybe we're missing a link with Code Enforcement or something has to be missing if we're saying that we have contractors waiting to get assigned grass to be cut. I know we have one right now I know they said it's on the emergency list, I mean I have a picture of it, the grass is 4 feet high so we need to make sure we're staying on top of the system, you know the process from start to finish if we have people waiting because I know I have grass waiting to be cut, okay."

Councilman Gauff stated, "Yes I guess my first comment was or is that I don't think there's a number that we're looking for as far as how many can be on the list, I think you know as long as they are qualified as Mr. Snyder said they can be on the list. I think an issue though becomes and that it's worth it to those people to stay on the list, if they are not getting enough work then it's not worth it to them to be on the list, so I think that was one of the reasons why they didn't have too many people on the list at one time, now if you qualify and it's a way to your opportunity to get in with the parish to do well, to do a good job, then the more you do and the better you do the more work you get assigned. I know it's a rotating one gets assigned and they'll go the next one but still it is a way to get your name on the list to get some work and to do a good job. Secondly Ms. Hotard made a comment the time, I think she is absolutely correct and that if these people are waiting we need to change again or revisit that ordinance again on how much time it takes to get these lots designated to these workers because there's no way they should be waiting on us. As everyone has said, there is more than enough grass out there that needs to be cut and I know in talking to Mr. Green on another issue he was saying something about I think we wait for certified mail to get back and maybe we need to change that where it gets back knowing that we've made that effort that attempt to get them noticed or get them served should be enough to continue on cutting grass and doing things, I'm no lawyer..."

Beverly Milioto interrupting stated, "You made that change tonight so it should be positive."

Councilman Gauff stated, "Yes so we move forward and this process should move along much faster and hopefully keep these guys working get another person added to the list because we're going to need more, so if anybody is out there that's cutting grass and they're qualified and have the insurance come on in get on that list because we're going to need you."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes I definitely agree with Ms. Hotard and Mr. Gauff, if we have contractors waiting to cut grass there's something wrong, there's a little glitch that we need to straighten out we need to cut that time down. I do know in my district I understand it was a month we didn't have a Code Enforcement Officer, so that made the

grass in my district have a thirty (30) day head start along with the process so I understand that and in the process of catching up. But for anyone to say they are waiting to cut grass we have to revisit what we're doing because we have so many properties I can ride around just in Belle Pointe and have each one of them cutting a lot tomorrow morning and other areas in the parish. So we have to review and understand that Ordinance we passed tonight is going to help out a little bit but we need to make sure to look at this because the residents, especially the ones who have tall grass next to their house they're trying to keep up nice and neat. So we have to make sure that we move faster that what we're actually doing and we clean up the fact that we are still mailing letters to dead people. Those letters are not going to come back in a timely matter okay we have to shred that up. That letter is always going to that mailbox and no one is getting that. So I said it more than once, we continue mailing letters to dead individuals, we want them to cut their grass. I can tell you they're not going to do it. We need to address that issue and find out if we we're definitely sending these letters to the right individuals and when it don't come back or you send it out and it comes back ten (10) times, when I said before we need to find out who need to address that, find out what is going on. We've been mailing letters when I first got in office to a Billy D. Williams since 2009 and he was dead 2008, and it wasn't until 2012 when I straightened out and found out that he sold, he don't want it, his children don't want it and come to find out it's adjudicated to us. So we've been mailing letters to someone who sold it and in actuality it belongs to us. So we have to straighten that up for one thing and some reason why the grass gets so high okay because I'm going to tell you they're not coming cut it."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "Ms. Milioto I know that you'll **are chalked** full of working and this is your crazy season but I think that there's something else residents need to realize that the Code Enforcements do not get to every area in the parish and if you have a house on the side of you that the grass is high or that you know the house is empty, call Code Enforcement and get the process started rather than waiting till the grass is so high that you're really upset now that it's not cut. Because there is a process that we have to follow so soon it reaches, what is it; ten (10) inches now? Once it reaches ten (10) inches we can start the process so just be aware of the houses in your neighborhood and if you see that, call it in and we can get the process begun and we can get it cut quicker."

Beverly Milioto stated, "And they do they call every day and they send through the email the work order system, we receive them every day. And we do try to explain and educate everybody that calls to let us know once it's cut, you know call back and let us know when it's ten (10) inches high or send it in so we can get it started. But we did make a repeat offender list that we've actually typed on a spreadsheet, we're going to be handing out once a month for them to turn in once a month as a little extra assignment for the Code Enforcement Officers to make sure they're complete, you know checking on these repeat offenders and again all of this is going to change with the new ordinance but I mean we should be on top of it."

Larry Snyder - Code Enforcement grass cutter inspection

The above item has been removed from the agenda.

Larry Snyder - Realtors upkeep of property in our neighborhood

The above item will be carried over.

Lennix Madere - Reserve Relief Canal - Stump issue

Councilman Madere stated, "Mr. Nunes I know we covered this several months ago but I received a phone call and a picture of a guy who just bought a brand new boat and went down that canal and tore up the prop on the bottom of his boat and the feedback I'm getting because I don't have a boat I don't go down that canal but the feedback that I'm getting is the Core of Engineers only pick the stumps out the canal that cross, that no one ever went gone down the canal itself from the pump and removed the stump. That seems to be where the problem is located at they said they moved the stumps out the cross canal but not that canal by the boat launch and the sent me a picture of his brand new boat and he went down that canal and tore the prop up of it, tore it up. So I want to know is, do we go down that canal itself or do we go down that cross canal?"

Brian Nunes stated, "We went down twice the guy..."

Councilman Madere interrupting asked, "Down the canal itself?"

Brian Nunes stated, "The Core did one and I wasn't managing that project it was the Core's project so I don't have everything on it we may have some reports on what they did but after you brought it to our attention again, Mr. Boucvalt and myself we went down the main canal from the boat launch all the way to the interstate and we did a sonar inspection and we had all the reports and then we gave that report to another contractor and they went to all those sonar hits and they removed debris, so we did do the main canal. We were in charge of that project. I can't speak directly for what the Core did but for the other ones..."

Councilman Madere interrupting asked, "So now so the canal where the boat actually launches and goes out..."

Brian Nunes interrupting stated, "From the boat launch to the interstate."

Councilman Madere stated, "Interstate, so we cleaned that out?"

Brian Nunes stated, "Yes."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay"

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yes you know I'm from Reserve to and I know the people over there and I have the same comments. Those people knows those waters, so if they said they have stumps in there and more than one person told me that they have stumps in there and they need to be dredged out they need to be cleaned out and there's no if ands about it. If those people said they have stumps in there and were raised up on that canal they know, you know..."

Brian Nunes interrupting stated, "I'm not, I'm not denying there's no stumps in there."

Councilman Snyder stated, "They got stumps in there so we need to figure out some kind of way to get those dredges back in there and somehow help these people out with these twenty(20) - thirty (30) thousand dollars boats that's going back there."

Brian Nunes stated, "There's no way we can see everything that is under that water, there's no way and when that tide changes it might drop a few feet and then we'll start hitting something we didn't know it was there."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well maybe we should just get the whole thing dredge out there. I mean go through the permit process but we have to start it somewhere, if we have to get a permit process going you know we need to figure out somethings, but it in you'll budget for next year or something a way to help out because I think it needs dredging that's what I think it is and that way you know what you know what you got there."

Brian Nunes stated, "Now one thing that would help if we could probably try to help remove some of these, especially since they're hazards but we don't know where they are, these boaters hit them or bump it maybe they can put a stake in the ground tie a flagging of something or just find a marking maybe a tree on the side they can say; you know it's 20 feet away from that oak tree or whatever. Something to help us locate it and we can try to remove it as a hazard you know if it's something like that."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well I think right now if you just block it in hot as it is it'll vaporize. We can just get them out there like that."

Councilman Gauff stated, "Yes Brian I remember when you did the sonar test and we pulled numerous stumps out of there I know with the water rising and settling you know and then rising again I think it kind of loosen things up, stumps can float in from side canals and all, I agree with Mr. Snyder, those boaters they're calling because they've come across them again you know some of these stumps. Sounds like you're coming up with a good idea to say at least they can help us identify where they are but they've definitely have been calling about stumps again in the area and we can see about doing it again or having a sonar or something, I know that's expensive but we have to try to do something to help those boaters."

Brian Nunes stated, "I do agree it's a safety hazard."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes just like Mr. Snyder said, maybe we need to hire someone that canal is not that wide and you talking maybe 40 feet wide, I don't know how wide it is but we should be able to go down that canal from one end to another and make a clean sweep and pick everything up that's in there. Now I understand we can't control something that may float in okay I understand that and that's a strong possibility a stump that came loose from somewhere else can float back into that canal but I think we're making an initial step to dredge that

canal from the pumps all the way out you know and then we had a clean sweep so if something does happen we know that something that came in after we dredged that canal and floated in or something like that. But one of the complaints I'm getting is they are talking about the existing stumps that's still there and I'm going to ask them like you said to mark those that have been there to help us out to."

Larry Snyder - Shopping Cart issues

The above item has been removed from the agenda.

DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "Brian really quickly, do you know where we are with the street lights with all the repairs?"

Brian Nunes stated, "I think we're about caught up."

Michael Coburn stated, "We were talking to Joey this morning we're 8th on the list to be completed and then 2 more were added today so we are at the end and they're out there every day."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Okay thank you and then Brian I should have emailed you but I just thought about it, the tree branches at the corner of Paula and Louisiana do you know if we had a chance, I'm just thinking school's about to start and they're very low and I know the buses will hit them."

Brian Nunes stated, "I did drive out there and I noticed them after you mentioned it, we just hadn't had a guy to go out there and cut them yet, it is on the list to be cut."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I think the first day of school is either the 10th or the 11th so we've got about 2 weeks, we'll be able to get it done."

Brian Nunes stated, "Yes those are low we will get them done."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Yeah they're low. Ok thanks."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Brian the street light I called you today about, do you think somebody throwing things at these lights and knocking those fixtures down?"

Brian Nunes stated, "It's a possibility I wouldn't want to accuse anybody of anything."

Councilman Snyder stated, "There's too many of them on one street. Well I would just like to know, if you can find something out let me know because we have to think of something we can do to prevent that. I looked at that street where I called you today about they have about 4 or 5 of them all in a row, all the fixtures are off."

Brian Nunes stated, "I sent a truck out there as soon as you called me and they said we got them all fixed."

Councilman Snyder stated, "You got them all thank you,"

Councilman Wright stated, "We can all have a stake out if you want."

Councilman Wilson stated, "You'll mentioned the street lights I see there's a couple that's missing on Belle Terre Boulevard and at the entrance of Belle Pointe there's 2 red cones that I've put there for 2 years now and in between those 2 cones is where a post used to be a light pole and I've brought this up before and they said don't find the light pole but the concrete where the thing was I saw it when it happened, when it was knocked down, so it's there I have 2 red cones, one on each side of it and I'd appreciate it if you'll would light up that intersection, we've had numerous fatalities there and it's needs to be lit up in the very least and if you'll can't put the light up whatever, put a light up with Entergy shining down."

Brian Nunes stated, "I'll take a look at it tomorrow."

Councilman Madere stated, "Mr. Nunes first of all I appreciate you standing up there and taking all these notes and comments, I mentioned that to you before you know you just picked the wrong department, Public Works, because you have everything from grass to tree stumps, canals, drainage and everything. My last comment is if you have in this busy schedule everything we gave you tonight, the lights by the boat launch, me and Mr. Synder passed a couple of weeks ago and we saw lights were on but they were extremely dim, I don't know if there was some type of problem with them but they weren't real bright, so I don't know how you would check that unless somebody, I don't think anybody want to take a visual late at night but we passed there and the lights were sort of dim so if you can check on that and see what the problem was with that."

Brian Nunes asked, "And that's Reserve Boat Launch?"

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes right Reserve Boat Launch. The lights were extremely dim, all light were on but they were extremely dim."

Brian Nunes stated, "Ok I'll check it out tomorrow."

OLD BUSINESS:

Ranney Wilson/Lennix Madere - Drainage and Drainage equipment

Councilman Wilson stated, "My fellow Council Members I'm going to ask for some help for an issue that's been on since Isaac and I brought it here numerous and numerous times, the drainage for the people on the Westside Garyville Northern from the CNN Railroad Track to Anthony F. Monica, it's only a couple of few hundred yards, it hasn't been done I got the opinion from the Attorney General's Office about the private property, I have the signatures already and I want to make a motion instructing this to be done to get a contractor to go out and do it, but I want it done within the next two (2) weeks and I mean this is not unreasonable this has been going on for a long long time. Mr. Coburn I'm putting this on you also I want this thing done within the next two (2) weeks and I want it finished."

Councilman Wright stated, "Mr. Wilson can you clarify your motion real quick for the record?"

Councilman Wilson stated, "Is for the Parish to hire a contractor or themselves to go in there and do the drainage work on the backside of the Garyville Northern from Anthony F. Monica to CNN Railroad. I mean if the parish can go and do it fine I just want it done within the next two (2) weeks because this is long enough. I mean somebody got flooded up there during Isaac that had nothing to do with the back waters from Isaac it had to do with the rain water because the water wouldn't drain to the back and it cost somebody a lot of money to repair their house. I just want this done please and I'm asking for you'll help."

Councilman Wright stated, "Can you just clarify real quick the area you said you wanted to do drainage work from Anthony Monica to."

Councilman Wilson stated, "CNN Railroad on the Westside of Garyville Northern on the property lines on the backside. The backside of the property."

Michael Coburn stated, "It's two different areas. Burt Cashio's ditch..."

Councilman Wilson interrupting stated, "Well that goes into the other."

Michael Coburn stated, "It goes into Garyville Northern Canal."

Councilman Wilson stated, "Yeah that behind there."

Councilman Snyder asked, "This is on the Westside of 54?"

Councilman Wilson stated, "No it's on the Eastside of 54."

Councilman Snyder asked, "It's the large ditch or the one going?"

Councilman Wilson stated, "It's a ditch going behind from Anthony F. Monica where the church is, it's from there to the CNN Railroad to Pete's Body Shop that's only a couple of few hundred yards, but it hasn't been taken care of in to many years and it's vital that this thing get done because it does the job it needs to do when it's working right and I mean I've been begging for this for a long time and I have the people on me because they have to live with it."

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved and Councilman Gauff seconded the motion for the Parish to hire a contractor for the drainage work on the backside of the Garyville Northern from Anthony F. Monica to CNN Railraod. The motion passed 8 yeas with 1 absent.

Councilman Wilson asked, "Mr. Nunes did you pass on Garyville Northern lately?"

Brian Nunes stated, "Probably not in about a week and a half."

Councilman Wilson stated, "Well I have pictures and I'm going to come here and put these pictures up here, there's over one hundred (100) I have to show the drainage work that's been done, supposedly done and what it looks like but the canal on Garyville Northern and Hwy. 54 needs to be dug in a serious way on the north of Airline Hwy. side where it goes out to Garyville canal, there's grass growing there's

mud, there's grass growing in all of these areas every canal from the Marathon property going back to pass Pete's Body Shop on Airline Hwy., every one of these canals need to be dug and they need to be dug on both sides because right where the Casino is they have a ditch there, it's crosses and if you look at right onto 51 it comes out right where the little bridge is before you get to the boat launch, but they have trees in it and other areas it's kind of dry right now but the ditch is this high from the water. I mean it's a serious problem and if you don't see that every day I don't know how you don't see it, but it needs to get done and I'm telling you I fell in that mud already and I sunk at least four (4) feet in that mud and it's very hard to get out. But I ask that they don't scrape the sides just get that piece in the middle but I mean it needs some attention sooner than later thank you."

Councilman Gauff stated, "Did you say that's on Hwy. 54?"

Councilman Wilson stated, "Yes."

Councilman Gauff stated, "Because I have contacted DOTD I talked with Snake numerous times he did tell me it was on the list, the last time I talked to him he said he had just come back I think he said from vacation and he said you know it was on the list to get done, he was going to do that one and there was a section I have that I also asked Mr. Nunes he could even give me a plug on River Road in LaPlace by Milesville School, but he told me he was working on it, it was on the list and he was going to see about getting it done."

Councilman Wilson stated, "And also they need to be blown out under Hwy. 61 besides that. I mean you went look at that culvert that I called you about?"

Brian Nunes asked, "Which one, the one by..."

Councilman Wilson interrupting stated, "The one by Garyville Northern where it's sitting on the opposite the highway from the houses that someone purchased and they got stakes out there to put it down. I called you about it and you said that you were going to pass..."

Brian Nunes interrupting stated, "Yeah yeah yes ok I know."

Councilman Wilson stated, "The culverts to small, well all of that area needs digging in fact, all the way from Anthony F. Monica that needs to be dug."

Councilman Wright asked, "Thank you Mr. Wilson is that it?"

Councilman Wilson stated, "I got a whole lot more, NW 4th Street the area NW 4th Street by the railroad track that's another issue I don't know if you'll been there, I know Verdell went over there and did a couple of little things but it's not anything near what it's supposed to be. The old Hot Water Canal that they call Hot Water Canal it's around the big warehouse on the eastside of LA Machinery that needs to be looked at. I mean all of that exit for these, we can't just go up to Hwy. 61 and don't go on the other side, because if we don't go on the other side we did nothing. I just ask that they do it right thank you."

Councilman Wright stated, "Mr. Wilson if you could actually just get

with Jackie and she can actually collaborate a list of all the areas and so we can have on paper and hand over to administration so we can have it."

Councilman Wilson asked, *"You know how many times I've turned this stuff in?"*

Councilman Wright stated, *"Well you have something on paper we can get together and have them all listed out?"*

Councilman Wilson asked, *"This not the first time I mention this."*

Councilman Madere stated, *"He can ride with me and Mr. Nunes tomorrow."*

Councilman Wright stated, *"Okay and please make a list."*

Councilman Madere stated, *"He can ride with us tomorrow. I'll be in for quarter to seven."*

Councilman Wilson asked, *"I'll be gone till 4 but..."*

Councilman Wright asked, *"Thank you, thank you. Do we have any Executive Session tonight?"*

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Ethel Mae Batiste, trailer placement denial, Westbank. The motion passed with 8 yeas and 1 absent.

Councilman Wright stated, *"There was no action as a result of Executive Session at this time I'll ask for a motion to go back in."*

MOTION: Councilman Gauff moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to go back into Executive Session. The motion passed with 7 yeas and 2 absent.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council investigation based on Attorney General Findings and District Attorney Recommendation

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

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

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

Larry Snyder - Hurricane Preparation plans

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

Water bill issues - 133 Beechgrove, Reserve, LA

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

Lennix Madere - Water bills - amoeba update

Water District #1 System issues/State DHH order

Any and all pending legal matters

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

15-37 An ordinance granting approval to further extend the valid period of time of Conditional Subdivision Approval for an additional twelve (12) months for Coles Landing Subdivision, Phase IV, lots 148 through 208, and Parcels D, F, G & H, situated in Section 91, T-11-S, R-7-E, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana (N. Robottom)

15-38 An ordinance granting approval to further extend the valid period of time of Conditional Subdivision Approval for an additional twelve (12) months for Praise Place Subdivision, Lots 27 through 83 and parcels V-1, V-2 and V-3, on East 22nd Street, situated in Section 46 and 47, T-11-S, R-7-E, Reserve, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana (N. Robottom)

15-39 An ordinance granting approval to rezone a portion of lot 3 and all of lots 4, 5, and 6 in Square 7 of Woodland Estates situated in Section 64, T-11-S, R-7-E, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana, from the Industrial One (I-1) to the Commercial Three (C-3) District (PZR-15-1038) (N. Robottom)

15-40 An ordinance granting approval to re-subdivide portions of lot 1 & 1-A & lots 3, 4, 5, & 6, Square 7, Woodland Estates into two (2) lots designated as lots 3A & 5A, Square 7, Woodland Estates, situated in Section 64, T-11-S, R-7-E, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana (PZS-15-1116) (N. Robottom)

15-41 An Ordinance granting approval to re-subdivide & designate lot T, situated in Section 11, T-12-S, R-19-E, Edgard, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana (PZS-1118) (N. Robottom)

15-42 An Ordinance granting approval to re-subdivide & designate lot 1-EA of the H. Populus Tract, situated in Section 20, T-12-S, R-18-E, Wallace, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana (PZS-15-1119) (N. Robottom)

15-43 An Ordinance granting approval to re-subdivide lot 1 & 2 of the Dennis Duhe lot; lot A, B, C, the remainder of the L.T. Scioneaux Jr. Tract, the rear portion of the Michael Becnel Tract, & the Alexis Millet Tract, all lying north of Airline Highway & South of the St. John the Baptist Oxidation Pond Site into lots 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A, 6A, 7A, & 8A, Becnel Millet Subdivision, situated in Section 48, T-11-S, R-6-E, Reserve, St. John the Baptist Parish (PZS-15-1120) (N. Robottom)

15-44 An Ordinance granting approval to re-subdivide lots 24A, 24B,

& 25, Square B, New Era Addition, into three (3) lots designated as lots 24A-1, 24B-1, & 25A, Square B, New Era Addition, situated in Section 19, T-11-S, R-7-E, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana (PZS-15-1121) (N. Robottom)

ADJOURNMENT:

At 10:10 PM, Councilman Snyder moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with 5 yeas and 4 absent (Hotard, Millet, Gauff, Perrilloux).

/s/Michael Wright
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
Council Secretary