

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, AUGUST 13th, 2019
CHAIRMAN THOMAS MALIK
VICE-CHAIR MARVIN PERRILLOUX

The Council of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session in Council Chambers, St. John the Baptist Parish Government Complex, 1811 W. Airline Hwy., LaPlace, Louisiana on Tuesday, August 13th, 2019 at 6:30 PM.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ABSENT: None

Councilman Wright led the Prayer. Councilman Becnel led the Pledge.

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

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

Councilman Malik stated, "Now first of all, the Public Hearing in adoption of Ordinance 19-30, we've been asked by the Architect to divert in the...what? I'm sorry."

Keith Green, Jr., District Attorney's Office stated, "Just wanted to let the Chairman know that, you know that this is a public speaking or the public comment portion of the agenda, and so that's what we need to stick to."

Councilman Malik stated, "Yeah, but rest assure if you're here to speak, we're going to allow you to speak. Please come up and state your name."

Thank you. Debbie Schum, and I am a resident of Belle Terre, and live in the back on Country Club, and I am here to speak on public hearing on 19-30. And I am concerned because this information actually was only made available to us in the last couple of days. And I realize that there was supposedly a public meeting or some information on January 17th, but I don't think that the public has had adequate time to figure out what this is and when you read about a 1,000 units potentially being planned in your backyard, and having had a house that flooded during Isaac, and having had issues with drainage and other things. I think we need a little bit more assurance about how that will fit into the infrastructure of those subdivisions that are already in that area. So, I have grave concerns about this going forward at this time, and hope that we can have more public meetings, so we can share our concerns. Thank you.

Councilman Malik stated, "Thank you Mrs. Schum."

Good Evening, I'm Daryl Schloz. I'm on the Board of the St. Andrew's HOA. Brian Larche, our President was going to be here tonight, but he had to be out of town

this week, so he asked me to represent him and the board. Our Board, the St. Andrew's HOA is unanimously against this PUD, as well as the HOAs of Belle Terre Board and The Links Board. I think all of you have received a letter from Brian and the other three (3) Presidents on stating the reasons why we're against the why we're against the PUD. These reasons include safety issues, in drainage issues, and certainly density issues. Our three (3) HOA Boards first heard about this, quite frankly on the following the Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting on the 15th of July. After that we initiated a meeting with the Developers of the FLORA Project, and you know to discuss some issues that we had, and quite frankly they responded. And they responded with some improvements you know to help alleviate some of our concerns, but the results of that are nowhere close to what our expectations are for that PUD. I think there's a major difference between the conceptual drawings that we saw and the vision, and what's possible in the PUD. And that's where our real our real issue really is, especially the unidensity. Trust me, when I tell you all three (3) HOAs, and every one of the property owners that our three (3) Boards have talked to, you know in the last month, are against this. We have not heard anyone who's for it. We, the Council, and our HOA Organizations, I believe we have the same position...

Councilman Malik stated, "Yes sir. You're 2 minutes is up."

Daryl Schloz asked, "Can I finish the sentence?"

Councilman Malik stated, "No, go head and finish your sentence."

Daryl Schloz stated, "I think the Council and our Boards have the same position, should have the same position on this. And that is we don't want to do anything that's going to negatively affect the quality of life or our property values. Thank you."

Councilman Malik stated, "Alright thank you, thank you Daryl. Yes, sir please. How are you?"

Hey Tom, It's Ralph Stretzinger. I live on Country Club Drive, 2300 in back of the golf course, well the golf course is on the back of my property. What I'm concerned about is why we don't have anything on the monitors to show what this is going to be or what they're trying to do? Number 2, why weren't we ever emailed like we're always are, to show us what's going on at a Council meeting? Or to alert us to what is going on? Right now, when it rains on St. Andrews, we have a lot of flooding, people have just come out of that with Isaac, and finally getting their homes together and we're going to be faces with how many toilets we're talking about?"

Councilman Malik stated, "Nine hundred (900) plus."

Ralph Stretzinger stated, "Nine hundred (900) plus."

Councilman Malik stated, "On one side of the street."

Ralph Stretzinger stated, "What type of apartments are these going to be? Whether it be upper class or government housing, or will it become government housing in 5 to 10 years? And people my age, which we could see we have a lot of that. We can't go no where's so what we going do? Be fighting with the young kids that are going to be speeding down our streets, and trying to break in our houses and cars? And Tom, you know you and I talked a while, I can go on and on and on. I'm just upset that we were never notified about it, and we found out by mouth. Word

of mouth, boom...boom...boom! And I think this is the biggest turnout you ever had hah! So that tells you we are concerned you know, you want to put something in there let's do it right, you know. I mean we have we have so many things that has to be done in St. John Parish. And now we're going to put up more of a problem? Can Sheriff Tregre handle 900 to 1300 houses of people more crime possibility? And he's a great Sheriff as it is, but people start knocking

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INTRODUCTION OF BUSINESSES:

Robert Figuero/Phillip Rebowe - 2018 Audit Presentation

Phillip Rebowe - CARR, RIGGS & INGRAM was present to give a brief presentation on the 2018 Annual Financial Audit for the Parish. (Presentation booklets were provided to the Council Members)

Natalie Robottom - Recognition - Wendell "Brick" Henderson - Grambling State University Legends Hall of Fame

Natalie Robottom - Parish President, Council Members, and Sheriff Mike Tregre, congratulated Wendell "Brick" Henderson for his recognition into the Grambling State University Legends Hall of Fame. Job well done!

Natalie Robottom - Recognition - Juvernia "J.T." Smith & Troop 406 Eagle Scouts

Natalie Robottom - Parish President and Council Members recognized the Juvernia "J.T." Smith & Troop 406 Eagle Scouts for a job well done and helping all who need services.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEMS: Approval of Minutes - July 23rd, 2019, Regular Meeting; Councilman Perrilloux - Appointment of Denise Burrell to the Library Board of Control

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve consent agenda items consisting of Approval of Minutes - July 23rd, 2019, Regular Meeting; Councilman Perrilloux - Appointment of Denise Burrell to the Library Board of Control. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION ON ORDINANCES:

19-30 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the rezoning of approximately 1,070 acres of land between the Upper and Lower Line of LaPlace Plantation Subdivision, situated in Sections 14, 66, 67, 68, 69 and 70, Township 11 South, Range 7 East, located in the area generally bounded by Belle Terre Blvd., the Vicknair Canal, St. Andrew's Blvd. and approx. 3,000 ft. North of Interstate 10, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA, to the Planned Unit Development District (PUD), including Preliminary Approval for development and approval of a Development Agreement, in accordance with La R.S. 33:4780.21, et seq. for the provision of efficient services and infrastructure to the public, as shown in Exhibit 1 attached and as shown in the plans prepared by Duplantis Design Group, LLC on January 17, 2019 (PZR-19-1130) (N. Robottom)

Natalie Robottom stated, "Due to inquiries about the project and a request from the owner, Administration recommends tabling this item."

Councilwoman Hotard Gaudet stated, "Thank you. I would like to thank the public for coming out. I'm glad that something like this came on the agenda when we're in the new building. Because in the old building everybody would have been in the corridor. The first I'd like to say and, also thank you to the individuals that did meet with me, I met with the three (3) Homeowner Associations, and I agree with you. I do not want to TABLE this item, I want to take action on it tonight [APPLAUSE FROM THE AUDIENCE], the first order of business though with the Ordinance, and I've read the Legal Report, is that the Ordinance as written is not, it's not legal because it's asking us to approve three (3) items in one Ordinance, which is not proper. So, in order to take action on this item, the first thing I will over is a motion to 'Severe', we have three (3) items in this. Once Ordinance, the first is the motion (I mean) the request to approve the rezoning; the second is to include a preliminary approval; and third to approve a development agreement. So, the first motion in order for us to take up the DENIAL or APPROVAL or the wishes of the Council specific to the zoning is to 'Severe' the Ordinance. So, my first motion will be; that we SEVERE Ordinance 19-30 and remove the portions that include the approval of the preliminary approval, and include the approval the development agreement, and we leave only the approval of the rezoning. That's my first motion."

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard Gaudet moved and Councilwoman Remondet seconded the motion to Severe the current Ordinance 19-30 to remove the two items that are the approval of the preliminary approval and the approval of the development agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard Gaudet moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the motion to DENY Ordinance 19-30 as SEVERED as amended. The motion was unanimously denied.

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Becnel seconded the motion to recess for 5 minutes. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard Gaudet absent.

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilwoman Remondet seconded the motion to approve to return to regular session. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard Gaudet absent.

19-31 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving a conditional use permit for construction of a new telecommunications tower on the Laurent Tract, located West of the Mississippi River in the area generally bounded by Highway 640, Highway 3127, the Union Pacific Railroad, and the Parish Line, as shown in Exhibit 1 attached (PZR-19-1140) (N. Robottom)

Rene Pastorek stated, "This conditional use permit was approved unanimously by the Planning Commission at its July 15th meeting and by the Utility Board at its April 16th meeting. Due to its consistency with the surrounding land uses and intent of the Land Development Code and Administration recommends approval.

Councilman Sorapuru asked, "Rene, that's the tower going up behind the West St. John High School?"

Rene Pastorek stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Sorapuru "Ok. I want to make I'm with the right thing. Cuz I was at zoning the meeting when that came up, and they were talking about the number of towers, but I want to make absolutely 100% sure."

Rene Pastorek stated, "Yes."

Councilman Sorapuru "Okay thank you!"

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Councilman Snyder stated, "It may not necessarily be, you know I think we got...it seems like we got a couple of issues here, and one with both sides. Now, I'd rather see before we either you know, vote this in or vote or don't vote at all voting against it, that we should at least get our Code Enforcement, I'm sorry our Planning & Zoning people to look at this. These issues that was brought up tonight and let us know something, what's legal and what's not legal with a tower like that. And if there's any reasons why (I'd like to get this from the Sheriff's office or from the first responders) is there any reason why we do have/we are building this tower do we need this tower, and do we and what does it give us, what does it buy us? You know I think we need that information before we just go vote arbitrarily here cuz seem like this going to be an issue here. And then our legal people make sure that this is legal, you know what's that what we want us to do here is legal, okay? That's what I think we ought to do, so actually I'd like to TABLE this thing till I get some more information. Mr. Madere got some questions, I'm not I'd like to TABLE it before we vote on it, but I'd like to hear from discussion from you guys too, before."

Councilman Malik stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Yes Rene, I was at the meeting when these two (2) gentlemen spoke, and the Planning & Zoning Board did ask all the questions concerning Mr. Snyder have, and I thought it was all resolved because they voted to pass it, and I didn't hear no objections from on your part, because I think you agreed with the Board itself when it decide to vote on this item. That's why it's to us tonight, so I didn't have a problem with it because I was at the meeting. So, it's something different now?"

Rene Pastorek stated, "No, there there's nothing different. This Ordinance is in front of you because that application did meet all the requirements of the code, all/every all the review requirements, the ordinances etc. Any kind of exertions that it does not/is being made by as someone contesting it. So, this is still before you because it has met the requirements."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I heard some numbers tonight I heard some numbers, 300-feet, 350-feet, I mean that's numbers that's facts, you know, that's mathematics. So, it that legal, as far as our area's concerned with the airport right there and things like that, Moisant Airport down here is this legal?"

Rene Pastorek stated, "Yes, the 300-foot prohibition or whatever the exact number is..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "The height over here affects all of those airports, we got one right here in Reserve."

Rene Pastorek stated, "The applicant received a variance to the height requirements from the Zoning Board of Adjustments. The gentleman here is making exertion that the Zoning Board of Adjustments doesn't have the authority to make that variance, however that is what their rule is. So."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Uh see now, see that presents a problem to me."

Rene Pastorek stated, "Ok!"

Councilman Snyder stated, "That definitely present a problem to me right there. Cuz now I know the FCC got something has to say about this, or someone got something to say about that 300 feet or 350 feet with an airport on both sides of it. Look we got the airport right here in Reserve, we got the airport over there with 300 feet, 350 feet? I mean I can understand the Board of Adjustors you know, giving people two (2) feet on property line, when you're talking about a tower this high. That's a big difference."

Rene Pastorek stated, "Right."

Councilman Snyder stated, "So I'd like to see how that...can we do that?"

Rene Pastorek stated, "So the height requirement that they gave variance to, is the Zoning District Standard. The cell tower is also required to meet the standards of the FAA, and all..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "Okay I'm sorry, FAA."

Rene Pastorek stated, "Regulations Laws ext. So, the Zoning Board has authority to grant variance for the Zoning District height requirements, however, the applicant is still required to show compliance with other standards such as the FAA requirements."

Councilman Snyder stated, "If I want to go build a 20-story apartment building down there by Moisant Airport, can I do it if the Zoning Board say I can do it?"

Councilman Malik stated, "I think that's a question for Mr. Pastorek, or is that rhetorical?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "No, no, I don't want to be rhetorical. This, I want an answer for this. If I go build a 10-story hotel down there by the Hilton, and the Zoning Board say yes you can do it, can I do it?"

Rene Pastorek stated, "Ah yeah!"

Councilman Snyder stated, "Oh yeah! I don't think so! Not with an airport right there. I don't think they're going let that happen. That's probably why the Hilton is just only 2-3 stories high! You know because things like that, I know thing like that come into play when you are building towers and columns and everything else. And that's what I'm, what I need to know is this; even though our Zoning Board says that's okay. If the FAA say, it can't be...I want see something from the FAA okay. Then I can go along with things like that with the Zoning Board, cuz I mean is you know, it's a Zoning Board. I don't know, I just need a little bit more information on that, that part of it for sure."

Councilman Malik asked, "Has this already been approved by the FAA? Mr. Pastorek."

Councilman Snyder stated, "FAA!"

Chip Lyons stated, "Thank you. Yeah, so if a tower is built within a certain distance of an airport, you do have to get FAA approval, this tower is not within that distance. There's an, we can provide as condition to permitting, some sort of evidence that FAA approval wasn't required for this tower because if it's location and its distance. If were next to the airport like you're saying

Councilman Snyder, we would have to go through specific FAA approval but based on the location of this tower, it's not required."

Councilman Malik stated, "As long as you have the anti-smash light on it hahn?"

Chip Lyons stated, "That's correct. It has to be, well and it has to be upright towers above a certain height have to be lit, so this tower will be lit so that it's not a hazard to aviation."

Councilman Malik stated, "Thank you Mr. Lyons."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Was that given to our Board of Adjustors that it was outside the boundaries where you might need a FAA approval?"

Councilman Malik stated, "Or exemption I guess."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yeah, exemption or whatever."

Councilman Malik interrupting stated, "Exemption Mr. Pastorek?"

Rene Pastorek stated, "I don't have the minutes in front of me."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Didn't somebody say they was at the meeting? Did that come up, did that question come up? Whether or not..."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I was at that Adjustment meeting."

Councilman Malik stated, "You weren't at that one? One of the meetings, I don't believe that was brought up. But I could be wrong."

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Sorapuru seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 19-31. The motion passed unanimously.

19-32 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the rezoning of Lot 1 of the Alexander Allen, Sr. Tract, located in the area generally bounded by the St. James Parish Line, LA 18 and LA 3213, containing municipal address 5877 Highway 18, Wallace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA, from the Commercial District One (C-1) to the Commercial District Three (C-3) zoning district, as shown in Exhibit 1 attached (PZR-19-1150) (N. Robottom)

Rene Pastorek stated, "This is a rezoning request to open a bar in a residential area prone to complaints. It was approved unanimously by the Planning Commission at its July 15th meeting. However, the request is inconsistent with the zoning district requirements, the surrounding residential neighborhood, the goals of the Comprehensive Plan, and the Future Land Use Map. Further, a high-intensity commercial zoning district is not appropriate for this location due to the impact from traffic, congestion, noise, etc. Due to the lot size, there is no room for buffering and parking. Administration does not support this zoning change."

MOTION: Councilman Becnel moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 19-32. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Becnel stated, "I ask that the minutes of the finance meeting are accepted."

MOTION: Councilman Becnel moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the finance meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Larry Sorapuru - Resolution - R19-22 - (Tabled 07-23-19) A Resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, to authorize the extension and rededication of a special tax therein; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith

The above item will remain TABLED.

NEW BUSINESS:

Larry Snyder - Changing of the entrance to new administration building (action required)

Councilman Snyder stated, "The required action has been taken I think alright, am I right?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Yes."

Councilman Snyder stated, "The required action has been taken. And thank you guys for taking care of that. It was brought up because of some complaints we got from handicap people have to walk around the building to get in. So, now they can come through that door right there or so."

Natalie Robottom stated, "And since you brought it up, I guess we should let the public know..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "Right, that's why I'm doing it."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes, there were some concerns, because the handicap parking was away from where individuals were going in, so the doors next to their parking were open up for individuals with disabilities to be able to have easy access. I think the Capital Projects Administrator is pricing some of those electronic doors that would allow them to come in easily and they will be adding some additional visitor parking, closer to the area where the other residents go in. We added some along the front, but if residents going to be required to go through the front, we're going to add along that first row there's several parking spaces we're going to add those specific for visitors, so you know when they come in they can park and easily access the area that they're going in."

DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:

Larry Sorapuru - (Carry Over 06-11-19) Discussion regarding Parish Health Insurance - Employee premiums

The above item will remain a carry over.

Julia Remondet/Lennix Madere - (Carry Over 06-25-19) Update on CN Railroad Station concerns

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "Yes I sent an email to Mr. Lloyd of CN Railroad, we had discussed several issues along the CN Railroad issue tracks concerning debris, there's concrete that's been in places along the railroad that the parish

tries to cut it, but we have to get out and hand cut because this concrete was sort of from drainage culverts they had along the railroad at one time. It's been years since they covered those ditches. But we've asked him to remove that, along with the issues of the engines that have been sitting out by the residents that they let them idle for hours on end, there'd be four (4) or five (5) engines around that track around the neighborhood. And I provided them a map, from our GIS system that shows them, there is a rail spur that turns around the edge at the Port and they use it for equipment for them to consider using that as a place to park these idling engines since it is their rail spur. And we talked about other issues of fueling the engines right there at the site where there's a school, a church, and playground. So, he's considering all of these, but I know we talked about setting up a meeting with the railroad system, I'd like to see us do that and kind of walk him through, but I did give him maps of the area so he could see what we were talking about. I even asked, which I know it's a long shot, but to possibly move the rail station over. When it was first built, that was over a 100 years ago, it was nothing but cane fields there, now we have a school, a church, and a playground, and residents on the other end. So, I'd like to see if they could possibly consider that, that would be long range. Also, I discussed again about the whistles, the sirens, the whistles on the train. And I found out there's two (2) whistles on each engine, because that way they could blow it either way. So that means I could be in Garyville and I could hear the Reserve train coming, that's how loud it is. So, I would like us to file an application with CN Railroad to consider this a 'No Whistle Blow Zone' for St. John. I'm not saying that they'll say 'Yes' but, maybe we could do something to cut back on some of that noise from that. Might not sound like a lot to some people, but those of us that live along these tracks that makes a world of difference. So, I'd like to see if the Council would approve us filling out a, a application for that. And I know there's federal requirements that say you have to blow a whistle in so many stops, I understand that, but I'd like to see what we can come up with CN, if we filed a request such as that. I think there's an application. Would anybody be willing to accept a motion on that?"

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "And I know the trains are real loud and I'm not living by a railroad track, but the consideration I have right there cuz they don't have crossing rails at those sites, and I know a lot of kids cross on golf carts going to Riverside. So not having a whistle there and they just go across that track, not know a train coming that might be a safety issue. I don't know if I want to say not blow the horn there, I'm not going to support that with those children crossing the track right there, that's just my opinion."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "I understand that. As I said, there's some federal requirements as to what you can and can't do. But there could be some areas where it's strictly cane fields or industry where there's no tracks, I understand that would...you don't want to compromise on safety, I understand that. But and I agree, there are a lot of crossings that have no cross bars, but to see how we can modify some of the noise but not take away the safety aspect."

Councilman Malik stated, "And this is a question I don't think somebody can actually answer here, but the difference between the crossings, why do some crossings have arms and others do not..."

Councilwoman Remondet interrupting stated, "Money I believe."

Councilman Malik stated, "And I'm sure it has something to do with permitting..."

Councilwoman Remondet interrupting stated, "I think its money. Its money."

Natalie Robottom stated, "I can I don't know the exact answer but I'm sure it is money. I think, it's like Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) a crossing, but there is an initiative to add crossings specifically in our area that they're working on now. You know the bells and whistles, but there's some funding for that through a federal initiative that they'll be doing some additional crossings."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "Ok."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes, I've been working with Ms. Remondet concerning this matter. I do know from being on the Council talking about the railroad, when some things happen when they want something, when they don't want something it's a long dragged out process to get them to do anything. And I'm with Mr. Perrilloux on the issue about the whistles, some of them they have to blow it in these areas where they don't have the crossing arm and lights. So it's a safety issue right there, but I think the request that Ms. Remondet and myself put in with the Railroad several months ago, is something that really is realistic, it's not hard for them to do, all it take is somebody to come out there with authority and look at the area, cuz all they're asking to do was move those engine from by Riverside School and by some of the houses, and move it not even a half a mile down the track behinds the old Sugar Mill, and they have a rail that goes to a building where they store all their equipment on the rail. And there's no houses around there and they could let those engines run all day if they want. Okay, so it's just a matter of getting someone with authority to come out and see what they're talking about. They're not telling them to cut their engine off, they're just taking and putting it behind that a Sugar Mill, and it's not around any houses anywhere and it's just a simple to my eyesight it's a simple solution because they don't use that rail, but to store equipment when they're working on the track. And another problem that we have is when they work, they're very sloppy, they leave everything around still there, you know for months and months at a time, to pick those rails up I mean those cross tires up. You know so they move at a very snail pace and I know there's nothing basically that we could do as a Council, but request that they do some of this you know. Make sure we try and make them understand you know, it's an easy request if they come out and look and just pick up your mess when you leave."

Councilman Malik asked, "Is the retrograde or the material that you're speaking about Mr. Madere, is that on their servitude?"

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes."

Councilman Malik stated, "Ok."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Yeah. I just want to comment as far as getting any permit Ms. Remondet, I definitely would support that us getting permit signed, documentation asking them to not blow the whistle as often as long and on the second part, Mr. Perrilloux mentioned and I agree with him totally it's a safety issue, but the issue would not be not blowing the horns, if we have go carts crossing that railroad track, that needs to stop happening like right now. That's another safety concern, I think that's a public safety issue we need to address that with our local law enforcement because those crossings are very, very steep, and when you go...some of the crossings I don't I don't try to cross over them they're so very steep. Yes and Mr. Madere, you're definitely right, they are very sloppy they keep this place deplorable, I've gotten a number of calls since I've been on this Council about the trash and debris are all on the side of the railroad tracks. Even though they have access they own so many feet off of those

tracks, the residents in that area doesn't deserve to see the place deplorable, and I will support those measures on both ends and Mr. Perrilloux if you want to talk more about Public Safety and go carts, we maybe could have another conversation with some of that. Thank you."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "Excuse me. I would like to see us vote on that if we could fill/do an application or not. With the recommendations that they consider their federal laws and granting a..."

Councilman Malik interrupting stated, "Hang on a second."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "A crossing."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "Crossing."

Councilman Malik stated, "There we go."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "That doesn't have an arm on it. I would like to see if we can cut down on the amount of whistle blowing there is, not jeopardize anybody's safety cuz they have federal guidelines. But I think they don't have to blow it from the time they hit the parish line till the time they're in either. So, I was hoping we can complete an application with the railroad for that. And again, they're not going to compromise their position."

Councilman Malik stated, "So you are..."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "I'm requesting that we have a motion to complete an application on that to have a no blow, whistle blow sound across the area in the Parish. And again, they told me there are federal guidelines, I understand, but they may be some areas they don't have to blow the whistle as much."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "I'll second that, I second that."

Councilman Malik asked, "Who's going to fill out the application?"

Councilman Madere asked, "What the form is? Who have the form/application?"

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "Well I would think the Administration will have to fill that out. Maybe Public Works, or..."

Councilman Madere asked, "I mean do they have an application?"

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "They do have such an application, yes. CN has that sort of application."

Councilman Malik stated, "So we have a motion on the floor (you have the motion written down?"

Jackie Landeche, Council Secretary stated, "She obviously want Administration to have an application filled out?"

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "Yes, to complete an application with CN Railroad."

Councilman Malik stated, "So we have a motion on the floor from Councilwoman Remondet, to direct the administration to fill out a form, you want to limit the amount of whistle blows? Please clarity."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "To limit the amount of whistle blowing within the Parish jurisdiction for CN Railroad..."

Councilman Malik asked, "CN and KC?"

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "We could do both. Let's start with CN since that's the one, one at a time."

Councilman Malik asked, "Do you have a periodicity that you want this executed by?"

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "I would say as soon as we could. As soon as possible."

Councilman Snyder stated, "As sensible as that sound, I cannot support that, I'm sorry I cannot support that. We have too many crossings that don't have the lights on them, and I would just hate to have to go to bed one night and someone get someone get, we do that, and it passes, and we do that, and someone get hit. And as far as the, you know the go carts, its legal there Larry its legal there, we got Ordinance saying wherever these carts are legal, you know we got a school right there also you know. I mean I don't I just can't see I was raised in that area back there and I just can't see when these trains pass, but I know when they do pass, they make a lot of noise, okay! But, that's good in some way, and that's the only reason why I can't support it. I just can't see that happening, I can't see myself supporting that and see something happen then I have to live with that you know, I'm sorry."

Councilman Malik stated, "The school as well as the number of churches..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "Number of churches and a lot of people live back there."

Councilman Malik stated, "All along Railroad Avenue..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "They got one right there on West 3rd Street, West 4th Street you know, 2nd Street, you know where 2nd Street is? All of that it crosses all the time. So that's the only reason why, it's an idea but I just can't support that, I'm sorry."

Councilman Malik stated, "I tell you what, it's my contingent is that until we know what the Federal guidelines are."

Natalie Robottom stated, "I was just going to suggest, you asked us to set-up a meeting. Possibly..."

Councilwoman Remondet interrupting stated, "Bring that up."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Bring that up at the meeting, possibly get some guidance and direction that may be the answer, they may have some other solutions, but I would suggest not taking any action until we have a meeting." Councilwoman Remondet interrupting stated, "Then I withdraw my motion."

Councilman Malik stated, "So the motion was withdrawn."

Councilwoman Hotard Gaudet stated "I was going to ask, that's what I was going to

ask."

Marvin Perrilloux - (Carry Over 07-23-19) Update on the installing of the filters at the Lions Plant

Natalie Robottom stated, "I can address that. We actually had a walk through and a meeting with the Parish Engineer and the Utilities Director about the list of projects that was submitted, and we are actually going to be meeting to look at all the repairs necessary at Lions and try to prioritize those. According to Mr. Savoie who was in our meeting, he said that they've already started to look at it, they know there's an order that the items must be completed in. So, we're going to discuss that together, and then also we'll try to move forward with acquisition of additional property, because part of the problem of any expansion or additional construction is, we're limited on space. And that plant has to continue to work under while any constructions' underway. So that meeting I think, it may already be scheduled."

Joseph Savoie didn't have a mic to hear his statement.

Natalie Robottom stated, "Right, so that is in the works, the filters is part of that, but there's some additional work that Joseph acknowledged with regard to electricals, electrical panel, the room and some additional things that have to be done or accounted for before doing the filters. But that is one of the projects that's listed for Lions."

Councilman Malik asked, "So that would all be included in the Lions Water Plant preliminary plan which is substantially up keep. Okay, so essentially..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "That's part of it."

Councilman Malik stated, "Right, yeah that's part of it. Okay good!"

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Yes, thank you Ms. Robottom. That I did have opportunity to tour the plant with Mr. Reed, and some of those things you just brought up was my concern, and really what I had that for was to coincide with Mr. Sorapuru when he was talking about the millage with the Library, saying if we do something we need to have something in place to show the voters what we are trying to do. So that's why I tried to initiate that conversation, I'm glad it took place with Joseph and Mr. Savoie, it took place and we could see what our priorities are of improving that Lions Plant, so that's why the item was on there, and I see we're moving in the right direction so thank you."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Yeah and yes thank you Mr. Perrilloux for navigating this on the agenda. I want to thank the Administration for getting with our Engineer, and Mr. Perrilloux you said a key component - the Public. The Public itself, here we had almost a couple of hundred people here tonight that was concerned about the expansion in their community. We don't have the water capacity to get to that community if that was the trouble with that Wells. That's a whole another story, but basically that water plant needs to we need to increase that capacity and to let the public know I'm going to suggest and recommend that we invite the public to do a tour of both the Lions Plant and the Edgard Water Plant. And we can see exactly what improvements need to be made... Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "I don't think you can do that. You let your Engineer discuss that, but I don't think..."

Councilman Sorapuru interrupting stated, "Well Ms. Robottom it's..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "Well he was shaking his head. Okay!"

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Well he can shake his head but the people, if I'm going to ask people to vote on something, they need to be able to see what they're voting on. That's all I got to say."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "Uh huh right."

Joseph Savoie stated, "I understand Mr. Sorapuru's concerns, however there are a number of safety concerns and as far as regulations for allowing public into a Water Plant Treatment Plant Facility, and basically a lot of those came in to affect after 911 with allowing public into a specifically a Water Treatment Facility so, I would use a lot of caution with proceeding with something of that nature. And that's, but I understand exactly where you're coming from, you want people to understand where money is going and how it's being spent. But as far as public walk through of your Treatment Plant, be very I would exercise extreme caution with doing that."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "We understand and..."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Thank you Joseph, and this is..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "And there may be mechanisms for us to do that, whether it's through video or graphics or photos are whatever. I understand what you're trying to do, cuz you know a picture is helpful. But I, that process I think would be problematic to have the public walking through your Water Treatment Facilities."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "And I can understand the concern, the concern of safety. I do, but we'll try and approach that from another angle. Thank you'll."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Okay, okay."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes, that's what I was going about ready to suggest what Ms. Robottom said. You can get that accomplished through a workshop where you can have a presentation, drawings, or video, or we have these screens up here, you can basically show the entire facility just by showing it up there on the screen. Okay without the individual actually going to the facility themselves. You know, so we can accomplish that you know and cuz the key thing is to make sure the citizens understand what's going on. So, we can accomplish that you know by video or presentation."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yes, we're fortunate that we have our Parish Engineer who designed the one that's up there, and he had did a lot of work to kind of incorporate two (2) more filters in there, that's what we're talking about right now, and think he's already did some of the work, the prework on the moving the electrical boxes and that service all these pumps and power the you know the clarifier and things like that. So, we've got a big start on it, I think we need we're having meetings that's great, but we need to look at some financing for it, and I think that's where Larry came in at, Sorapuru was thinking about some areas where we can look at financing that. I think that's what we ought to start looking at now, cuz this needs to happen. These two (2) filters need to be put in there, and we need to get us a Well in LaPlace you know, and we need to do that. We talk about expanding back there we can't afford that, we can't afford to expand back there. We got drainage problems water problems. So over here I mean I think Mr. Savoie done did a lot of work, cuz I know I was looking at some stuff

today that he had did some work on up there with the piping, and the configuration whereas, you know with another tank that you know you don't have to water I think what the Health & Hospitals saying now the water got to be moving you can't have a tank just sitting there. You know you got all that figured out already, you got drawings on it, so if we can have a meeting if the public want to come, and they could put it on the big screen up there because it's already drawn up you know, if that's what they want they can present it then. But we need to start looking at the finance, you know that's you're looking at probably seven (7), eight (8) million dollars. Thank you."

Julia Remondet - Discussion regarding issues at 536 Garyville Northern Street, Garyville with the CDBG Program

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "Okay I just have a few questions. I know we hired Royal as the firm to help us with this program. One of the things I wanted to know was, who checks the ownership of the property? Who verifies these people own this land that they're going to buy it? I mean rebuild a house or repair a house, who does that? Does Royal check that?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Well the applicant...I'm not really clear on your question, because the applicant applied for the...to apply for the program through the [CROSSTALK]..."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "This is just a general question..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "Typically when they submit their application, they have to show proof of ownership of their property..."

Councilwoman Remondet interrupting stated, "Ok."

Natalie Robottom stated, "I think you're...and at the time if it's this specific case that was in place. The problem is..."

Councilwoman Remondet interrupting stated, "I'm not asking that at that point. I just wanted to know, how do we verify?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Not that's done, we actually hired, and you contracted with Title Attorneys..."

Councilwoman Remondet interrupting stated, "That's what I'm saying..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "You had all those people involved during the initial..."

Councilwoman Remondet interrupting stated, "Let me just finish asking. Did the title company clear this property, or all the properties?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "When the person applied it went through all the due diligence."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "Ok! Okay and a, cuz I know it says either you have to show proof of ownership or you have to have a probated will."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Right!"

Councilwoman Remondet asked, "So I'm just asking who did it? A title company did

it."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yeah."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "Ok! And second, let's see what I wanted to ask. When they loan this money, to me it's like loaning money for a mortgage but it's not a mortgage we place on these homes. I mean when a person gets this money, what's their obligation, do they pay it back are they limited?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Ms. Remondet. The project is not a loan it's a Home Repair Project..."

Councilwoman Remondet interrupting stated, "I understand I'm just asking."

Natalie Robottom stated, "And they don't get any money. Okay, they don't get the money..."

Councilwoman Remondet interrupting stated, "They don't get the cash."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Right, no."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "I understand that, but they're getting something in replace..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "They're getting the repairs to their homes"

Councilwoman Remondet interrupting stated, "They're getting the repairs to their homes and whatever else. But there is a guideline..."

LaVerne Toombs interrupting stated, "They have to in the property for 3 years."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "That's all I'm asking. Let me ask a question. So, they have to live in it 3 years. What's our protection to stop them from leaving from that 3 years? How do we know that they're going to just say, okay I'm leaving I'm going to sell my property? What do we do to protect the parish's..."

LaVerne Toombs interrupting stated, "What put a lien on the property."

Councilwoman Remondet asked, "From the day they get the money?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "No."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "They don't receive their money. They..."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "I mean from the day they get the services for the funds."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "When they sign the documentation all of that is explained to the applicant in regards to the funds. And so, they would have/they understand that they have to live at the property for 3 years..."

Councilwoman Remondet interrupting stated, "I understand."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "If not, then they're in jeopardy for two reasons: One, that they will not be able to participate in the program if there was a disaster; and secondly, it would be the state then would take over that property or the"

parish would take it and put a lien on the property."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "I understand that. But it's just with their word that they're signing that document, they're not getting the cash in their hand, but they're getting the products from that cash, they're getting their home repaired or rebuilt?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Right, that as they use Federal dollars to do that, yes."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "That's what they did. But there's nothing in place other than a statement to say, this is what you got this money to do and you've got to stay for 3 years. There's no stop guard. You're saying you put a lien to stop that? But when are the liens put?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "If the person do not comply to the policy which is explained to the applicant when they sign the documentation..."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "I understand that. But how are you going to stop them from not complying?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "You can't, I mean if a person wants to sell their property, even though they understand the policy, I mean they...how would you go about stopping them?"

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "I'd put a lien on the property before, when they sign the paper. There's not a bank in town that would give you money to construct a house or to repair a house, without you walking out that door with a lien on your property or a mortgage. I understand it's Grant..."

LaVerne Toombs interrupting stated, "And Ms. Remondet, I believe that we explained that to you over the phone..."

Councilwoman Remondet interrupting stated, "You explained it to me..."

LaVerne Toombs interrupting stated, "Yes."

Councilwoman Remondet interrupting stated, "And you explained..."

Councilwoman Hotard Gaudet interrupting stated, "Excuse me a minute. I'm really not following..."

Councilman Malik interrupting stated, "Yeah, hang on a second. Yeah hang..."

Councilwoman Remondet interrupting stated, "Okay let me just explain I was just talking about the program and then they went into specifics..."

Councilman Malik interrupting stated, "I'm trying to follow, cuz they already stated that they put a lien on the property. So..."

Councilwoman Remondet interrupting stated, "They put a lien on the property after it was sold. Wait a second! I allow you to speak you're going to allow me to speak. I don't ask many things, but I'm going to speak about this. One, if you give someone the ability to repair their home or buy a piece of property or repair it or build it, before you walk out of that bank, you are signing you have a mortgage or a lien on your property. This is money given from the Federal Government, more reason to have a lien or some sort of mortgage on the property."

So, if someone doesn't pay attention or someone dies that has a piece of property like that, the family can say, 'Oh, look I've got a lien on here, we have to pay this off before we can sell the house'. If not, you all are sitting back I'm hoping everybody listens to the 3-year timeframe. When we started this program of loaning the funds to rebuild houses or repair houses from a storm, I said it then, this is a, we're not operating a bank. But if we're going to give people the ability to rebuild their house like a construction loan, or a repair loan to remodel, it's like a bank, you're loaning money to them for 3 years. I don't care if they got to pay it back or not, you're saying they got 3 years to stay in that property, there should have been a lien on the property from the minute they walked out that door. There's no such thing as filing a lien at a later date, especially if one of the properties I'm talking about, they sold it. And after the people sold it, they found out there's a lien of a hundred and seventeen thousand dollars (\$117,000) on the property. Well the young lady that bought the property, is devastated. Her house has got a lien on it, and the people that sold it is saying where we're going to get the hundred and seventeen thousand dollars (\$117,000) to pay back. I'm mean I never heard of putting a lien after it was sold. In second place, if we found there is an, the problem with this is; we had a young lady, young woman, who borrowed the money from this plan to get her home repaired, well during the construction she died of Cancer. Her children, her children were asked by someone in the building to show proof that the mother did not know she had cancer when she took out this application for this program. Her doctor sent her diagnosis and her prognosis to this office, and someone told them they could sell the house. So, they sold the...so they went off and they sold the house, so someone knew that this was going on and told them it was okay to sell. But yet when I asked about the program, I was told the only way yawl knew about it, was yawl passed in front of the house and there was a sign on the property. That could've been you could have been passing through, but is that how we're going to how we're going to protect the Federal Government money in our money? By hoping we drive by and we don't see a SALE sign? There should be a lien on everyone who received, especially a hundred and seventeen thousand dollars (\$117,000) of money to rebuild a house or to repair a house, there should be a lien on every single one. Because that will stop them, from selling it in 3-year period, it could be a 3-year lien. I was asked why I asked why don't, we do that for everybody. Well we can't put a lien on everybody, yes, we can! We could put a lien on every single person that got that money, to protect us for those 3 years and it's on a timeframe and you remove them after the 3-year period. But someone told them they could sell this house. Then, after the fact, a lien was filed on the property after the day after it was sold. The lien did not go through our Attorneys, it went through a Justice of the Peace. And I'm not an expert, and I was going to ask Mr. Green about this to formally research this, but I'm looking at the powers and duties in a...of a Notary Public, and there is a Justice of the Peace, Notary Public has no authority to receive or notarize any document effecting, transferring, conveying, encumbering, or mortgaging immovable property. So, if we filed a lien on it after the fact, it's still worthless. According to this document which comes from what Justice of the Peace are given, and I will ask Mr. Green to give us a legal opinion on this. They are not capable of putting a lien on a property. Now someone told these people they could sell their house...

Councilman Malik interrupting asked, "Who was that?"

LaVerne Toombs interrupting stated, "And I can explain the..."

Councilwoman Remondet interrupting stated, "That's, that's a big explanation explain that!"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Councilwoman Remondet, when we had a conversation with you, we told you who communicated that to those individuals. It wasn't our office, it was the Clerk of Court..."

Councilwoman Remondet interrupting stated, "No, you didn't tell me Clerk said that, no you didn't..."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Yes I did yes we did."

Councilman Malik interrupting stated, "Hang on a second..."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Yes ma'am. Ms. Valentine..."

Councilman Malik interrupting stated, "Let her answer the question."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Yes Ms. Valentine..."

Councilwoman Remondet interrupting stated, "They did us research..."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Ms. Councilwoman Remondet. Ms. Valentine and I had a conversation with you regarding this matter. First of all, we shouldn't be having this conversation, and we told you this because of the fact that, the individual was considering litigation, so we asked you not to have that conversation. However, that conversation that that family member had was not with our office, it was with the Clerk of Court's office and Ms. Valentine can validate that. And regards to the fact that we have policies and procedures that we have to follow by the State. And we also communicated to you that when we, I believe it was Gustav and Ike, that they placed liens on properties at that time. In regards to Isaac, the State basically stated that they would not put liens on the properties. And so that is part of the policy and procedures that we followed. Not only that we've contacted the State, and they're very well aware and gave us guidance on how what we needed to do regarding this property. And there's a lot of other details in regards to this property that I'm not at liberty to discuss in public. We also told you that we would be more than glad to speak with you, as well as the family member. Ms. Valentine has made several attempts to speak to this family member to give him clarity in regards to the program, show him the policy as well as you. And so again, we've had this conversation, and I'm surprised at the fact that you went as far as you did in regards to having a conversation knowing that that this family member is considering litigation."

Councilman Malik interrupting stated, "So we have a pending lawsuit with this

LaVerne Toombs interrupting stated, "No we have not received any documentation. The family member informed Ms. Valentine that he would like to speak with us in the presence of an Attorney. And, but before we knew that the individual was going to bring an Attorney with him, when he when we asked him to meet with us, we weren't aware. We were willing to share whatever information, answer any questions that he had, but again, he did not receive that information from our office he received that information from the Clerk of Court's office."

Councilman Malik stated, "From the Clerk's."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "I just wanted to say in speaking with the owners, they don't have a Lawyer. They were just told by other people don't go back and talk to them without a Lawyer. They gave names of people they spoke to, they gave a fax number of the people here that they sent the information about their mother, the Doctor sent is themselves. Because they were given an okay from this

office to sell it, not someone else. They've got a copy of the fax with the number and everything, so someone here was interacting with them. And they did a Succession to make sure they had it all right before they sold the property. But the first thing they did was check to see if they could sell it. The Clerk didn't tell them they could see it. It was somebody in this office because they requested information. Now wait a second! You're saying lawsuit pending, but that's funny every time we got...

LaVerne Toombs interrupting stated, "That's not that's not I did not say that."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "You said possible lawsuit. I'm just saying this I'm just saying this. When there's an era, it's a legal issue to talk about it, but if it's something we do we can talk about it. We're talking about this that someone mishandled this, and I don't care if there's a possible lawsuit these people don't want to sue, they want peace of mind. They sold their family home with an okay from someone from this office, and when they got that they did everything they could to do it right. They day after they signed, the new owners crying somebody's telling them they got a, they've got a lien on the property, now I'm even wondering if it's even valid. And I am going to ask Mr. Green to give us a legal opinion of this to see if that's a valid lien, because you told me the State told you to put a lien on it. Okay! So, you put a lien on it. Why didn't we go to legal and ask them if that was the proper way to handle it at this point? I'm sorry I can't believe the State would think to just sit back and wait, I don't care what they said the, to me if you're protecting the parish, that's not how you do it. By saying look, don't sell for 3 years."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "There's a process through the State..."

Councilwoman Remondet interrupting stated, "I understand but it's wrong. There could be some common sense..."

Councilman Malik interrupting stated, "Hang on..."

Councilwoman Remondet interrupting stated, "There could be some common sense to protect the parish. If you're saying the parish is in jeopardy. And yes, I took it this far because I think the public needs to know."

Councilman Malik stated, "Councilwoman Remondet..."

Councilwoman Remondet interrupting stated, "That's it!"

Councilman Malik stated, "For clarification my clarification, did you see the copy of the letter with any of the, was it a fax, how was the communication made? Do you know?"

Councilwoman Remondet asked, "With what, with the office or fax?"

Councilman Malik stated, "It was with the fax."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "Um, cuz they asked the doctor, they asked him to call the doctor and give them the mother's prognosis cuz they were afraid that the woman knew she Cancer when she started the loan and she didn't tell anybody. But she was diagnoses after the construction started, whatever they were doing, and they said well I need to prove to see when she was diagnosed and what was the prognosis for that. So, we're slapping the individuals in this parish over this program..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, *"Just for clarification, I think we read that she died in the newspaper..."*

Councilman Malik interrupting stated, *"Hold on a second, you have not been recognized I am."*

Natalie Robottom commented, *like that doesn't make sense.*

Councilman Malik stated, *"The question is, is the have you seen the document this fax from the office? Cuz you keep on saying office, I'm looking for clarity of what office."*

Councilwoman Remondet stated, *"They sent it to this office..."*

LaVerne Toombs interrupting asked, *"What office?"*

Councilman Malik asked, *"What office are you talking..."*

[CROSSTALK]

Councilwoman Remondet stated, *"This office, I didn't look at the number. It's this office, I'm smart enough to know that it's this office."*

Councilman Malik interrupting stated, *"I tell you what! Now hang on a second! Nah I'm still speaking!"*

LaVerne Toombs stated, *"I know you are!"*

Councilman Malik stated, *"I'm still speaking. So, we have questions that can't possibly be answered..."*

Councilwoman Remondet interrupting stated, *"Mr. Green's got to yeah."*

[CROSSTALK]

Councilman Malik interrupting stated, *"No I understand I understand. But it does sound like this is a worthy cause for our Counsel from..."*

Councilwoman Remondet interrupting stated, *"I asked for a Legal opinion, don't I have to have a motion for that?"*

Keith Green, Jr. stated, *"That's what I was going to address, you know the protections for the Parish. It's one of the issues that you know our raise with respect to Royal and the CDBG Program, that there weren't any. And this is a primary example of exactly what we were talking about. In terms of Ms. Remondet's motion I'm sorry in terms of Ms. Remondet's request, we would just need a motion from Ms. Remondet or from Council member, requesting a legal opinion on and name the specific issue, a second and a majority vote and we'll get to work."*

Councilwoman Remondet stated, *"I'd like to make a motion that we get a legal opinion to determine if it's a valid lien if we go through the Justice of the Peace. Is he I guess is he eligible to file such a lien against a piece of property for in favor of the Parish?"*

Councilman Malik stated, *"So for clarification, motion to have legal come up with*

an opinion on the post-sale lien of 536 Garyville."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "Yes that's the LeBeouf property."

MOTION: Councilwoman Remondet moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to request a legal opinion on the post-sale lien at 536 Garyville Northern Street, Garyville, LA, the LeBeouf property. The motion passed unanimously.

Marvin Perrilloux/Lennix Madere - Update on the cleaning and dredging of canals parish wide

Natalie Robottom stated, "We actually had a meeting (I'll let you go move on to the part that you covered). We met with the Parish Engineer to discuss the prioritized list for the canals, he'd been working on the possibility of a piggyback but, we actually secured a copy of that document and had listed very specific canals. So, we weren't going to be able to use that. However, the firm actually just completed (I think Megan brought it to me this afternoon), an application to have several of our permits amended to allow us to chip, rather than haul the spoils out by barge, which will likely decrease the cost of doing the dredging almost by half or 40%, so Savoie actually amended some of the permits, there was only one that was granted that allowed us to chip the debris and place the spoils on the banks, so he's trying to get those amended. The application was turned in today, so I'll be signing it and submitting the amended application. In the meantime, we had some discussions on possibly an annual set of specs, so that we would have to you know determine what it is we need for all the canals, put that out, and budget a certain amount of money to try and have them done and I think that's something Joseph was working on. But that meeting was held, the list that's prioritized the application as amended was submitted to my office today, I'll be signing it and he has to upload it and then I'll let you talk about the things you done since then."

Joseph Savoie stated, "Yes she's absolutely correct. We met with her, once we get the signed document back which we'll probably have somebody here tomorrow or Thursday, to pick it up get it uploaded and to DNR, and at that point we can start tracking for approval. We also met with Mr. Figuero today, to kind of go over some of the budgetary numbers for those canals as we are anticipating on approval of the permit, it would as Ms. Robottom said, produce quite a cost savings so it's kind of helps us with our priority list."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "So Joseph, what timeline are we talking about because I understand, first of all, who we piggy-backing with?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Nobody."

Joseph Savoie stated, "That hasn't that has to be, that would have to be approved by the Council, so we just as we said, as Ms. Robottom said, we had investigated and found a neighboring parish that had unit prices of something, but those unit prices as she stated were on specific canals. So, we're pursuing other avenues for actually bidding it out, and not necessarily piggy-backing."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Well let me ask you, because from my understanding the Lafourche Parish Foundation would do these canals, just buy the fuel? Am I correct when I'm saying that? They would just all, just buy the fuel?"

Joseph Savoie stated, "Some canals yes, some canals they will do that. You basically would send them a request, and they fit it into their timeline for what can and needs to be done, and typically it's an Intergovernmental Agreement

between the Parish and the Lafourche Basin Levee District (I believe is who you are speaking about), where fuel and manhours is typically paid for those services, and they come in and excavate the canals. The issue that we see possibly here and the cost factor that is driving this, is not necessarily the excavation of the canals themselves, but the actual hauling of the spoils out of these areas. It's the loading, the trucking and so forth, that is the driving factoring cost in some of the cases of the canals it's up to 30-40% of the cost. So that's why we're pursuing a permit alternative that is a newly accepted practice by Department of Natural Resources and the Army Corp of Engineers for chipping and spraying of the debris."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "But you're still going to have a spoil but you're going put the spoils on the side of the bank, or they going to fall to the bottom?"

Joseph Savoie stated, "No. Basically what happens is, the debris or vegetated debris, now of course if it's non-vegetative if we're talking trash, if we're talking you know white goods or anything that's in the canal, tires and so forth, that it has to be removed. If you're talking about the vegetative debris and silt, the method is basically it runs through a tree chipper, and then it is sprayed out over into the marsh or surrounding marsh areas, but it's such a fine nature that is not at that point considered a obstruction to the canal, even if it were to flow back in, but typically with the methods that are used, they haven't seen that it has flows back into the canal because it's basically broadcasted over such a wide area adjacent to the canal on both sides."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "So this new process is it cheaper than using Lafourche Foundation is what you're telling me? And better?"

Joseph Savoie stated, "Yeah, in some cases yes sir. Because it eliminates that possible need for the loading and the hauling, which seems to be the driving cost behind these."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Well here's..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "We can check on that though! But I think they just do the West Bank. So, they've done some work for us before, we've had some agreements with them, and it has worked. They have certain size equipment that tends to work better than others, but you're correct, we can enter into an agreement with them to assist with some of the West Bank Canals, but the Pontchartrain Levee District handles the East Bank. So, we'll follow-up with them and see if they're any of the canals on the West Bank that they may be able to help us with, because they have in the past. However, the prioritized list that Joseph referenced with regard to the chipping is already in place. And we have only one of the canals that they approved that on that we think, you know if we could get started we think funding wise we can support it, it would be the Hope Canal, and as soon as Joseph I think submits the application, I think he said there should be like a 30 day turnaround, and we'll make some calls to try and put the right people on reviewing that document, especially since they've reviewed all the permit documentation. It took them over a year they've approved it, all we're asking for is an amendment to reduce the hauling cost which hopefully more of the money can be spent on dredging, rather than hauling."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Well here's where I am and, because I know we I don't know the timeline because we're in hurricane season, we need to get our canals cleaned. Another one is and I'm hoping the Haydel Canal is on the top

three (3), and here's why: because on that canal you got it's 5-foot deep, when you get at the rear of the canal it's about 2-foot, that canal of all these subdivisions on Northside stay fulls year-round. You can go Golfview, Vicknair, or Country Club, all those drain down they go low. That one stay full to the top all year-round, you know why? Cuz there's no outlet for it to go. When it gets to the back, once you get a 5-foot, 2-foot going to come off, the rest is going to stay in there. We need to find a way to dig that canal to a artery, so that can flow out there cuz a lot of water goes down that canal all the way from the Animal Shelter to the Sewage Plant. All the way down from River Parish Hospital, all that flows in that canal, all the way from Winn Dixie, all that flows in that canal. And that canal is never down, that's why the banks is starting to eat up on it, cuz the water is constantly high. That canal needs to be on the top three (3) to start digging out and dig out artery to empty it. That's what we need to do."

Natalie Robottom stated, "We did look at that cuz that was your request, Mr. Kendrick was also in the meeting with us. Now keep in mind we have a permit, and the permit we can do what the permit allows us to do. But that concern you expressed about Haydel, and not having defined artery in the water recirculating is something that both Joseph and Verdell are familiar with, but whatever the permit allows us to do, is what we'll be doing with that canal. But he did express your concern about Haydel, so obviously it's noted as one of the ones that's of concern. However, keep in mind there's four (4) major ones that will run into the areas that will be supported by the levee, that drain a larger amount, so I think the priority, your listed is about 10, right? The top 10, so I think Haydel is actually in that, but the top 10 are included in this priority list, not to say that all of them don't need it, but with regard to funding there a 10 and I think Haydel is in that number, but I can check for you."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "And you say you signing this document tomorrow?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "He dropped it off today, yes."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Well we just file it, keep the Council posted, that's going to prioritize let's see what's going on, and yeah definitely I agree with Hope Canal, it's closing up. Got tree branches all in it, it's narrow and I know a lot of water has to go through there from Garyville, I understand that. But, keep us the Council posted and let's get these canals going."

Larry Snyder - Discussion on water leaks parish wide, available staff to repair

The above item will be carried over to the August 27th, 2019 agenda.

Larry Snyder - Discussion regarding Code Enforcement Officer/Parish Inspector job expectation as related to the aesthetic of our neighborhoods

The above item will be carried over to the August 27th, 2019 agenda.

Larry Snyder - Discussion regarding recent Tropical Storm Barry, were opportunities identified and were there any issues with the wells that supply LaPlace with water

The above item will be carried over to the August 27th, 2019 agenda.

Larry Snyder - Discussion with Parish Engineer in regard to the implementation of the 2020 drainage improvement efforts throughout our parish

The above item will be carried over to the August 27th, 2019 agenda.

Lennix Madere - Update on abandoned houses in District III

The above item will be carried over to the August 27th, 2019 agenda.

Lennix Madere - Update on the permitting process for Walterine Breaux, W. 14th Street, Reserve

Rene Pastorek stated, *"This issue has been addressed repeatedly by Administration, Council members and Legal Counsel. It is an issue involving private property, but additional research is needed to develop a resolution."*

Lennix Madere - Discussion regarding grass cutting contracts and procedures

The above item was removed from the agenda.

Lennix Madere - Discussion regarding appointments/protocol for the Planning and Zoning Department

The above item can be viewed in its entirety at www.sjbparish.com.

Larry Snyder - Discussion regarding Planning and Zoning's interpretation of the Liquor permitting ordinance

The above item will be carried over to the August 27th, 2019 agenda.

There was no executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Parish Buildings - Security

Any and all pending legal matters

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

19-33 An ordinance amending St. John the Baptist Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 105 - Buildings and Building Regulations to establish requirements to control stormwater runoff resulting from land disturbing construction activities and to prevent pollution from entering the Parish's Municipal Separate Stormwater Sewer System (MS4) (N. Robottom)

19-34 An ordinance amending the St. John the Baptist Parish Code of Ordinances, specifically Chapter 26. - Nuisances to address the presence of abandoned shopping carts through the Parish, to provide a process for their containment and retrieval, and to provide for related matters (N. Robottom)

19-35 An ordinance granting approval to further extend the valid period of time Conditional Subdivision Approval for an additional twelve (12) months for River Oaks Subdivision, Phase V, Lots 205-239, 245-252, 264-282, and Parcels H-11, H-13, C and D, located south of the proposed Woodland Drive right-of-way, west of the Vicknair Canal, east of St. Andrews Boulevard, and north of River Oaks Subdivision, Phases II and III; situated in Sections 66 and 67, T-11-S, R-7-E, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana;

which were granted Preliminary/Conditional approval on August 9th, 2005 (Ordinance No. 05-46) (N. Robottom)

ADJOURNMENT:

At 10:14 PM, Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilman Perrilloux absent.

/s/Thomas Malik
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
COUNCIL SECRETARY

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