

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, AUGUST 28th, 2018
CHAIRMAN LENNIX MADERE
VICE-CHAIR LARRY SNYDER

The Council of the Parish of St. John the Baptist Parish, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session in the Joel McTopy Chambers, LaPlace, Louisiana on Tuesday, August 28th, 2018, at 6:30 PM.

CALL TO ORDER:

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL: Larry Sorapuru, Jr., Councilman-at-Large, Div. A, Kurt Becnel, Councilman District I, Julia Remonet, Councilwoman District II, Lennix Madere, Councilman District III, 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 Sorapuru led the Prayer. Councilman Wright led the Pledge.

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

MOTION: Councilman Wright moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to recess. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilwoman Remonet seconded the motion to go into regular council meeting. The motion passed with Councilman Becnel, Wright and Councilwoman Hotard absent.

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

Good Afternoon Shondrell Perrilloux, if I do my two minutes in regards to agenda item - Resolutions R18-22 and R18-23, before I make my comment in pursuit of the Article 12 - Section III, I would like the Attorney to specify on record, the statute that indicates the two minutes per citizen, please. Pursuit to Article 12 - Section III, Louisiana Constitution 1974."

Councilman Madere stated, "Once again, that is not on the agenda item and you can't ask the Attorney on an opinion on that. You only have two minutes on the agenda items. Okay, you can't ask for a legal opinion on that."

Shondrell Perrilloux stated, "No, I wasn't asking for an opinion. I asked him to state the statute..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "No you cannot. You cannot! Only what's on the agenda."

Shondrell Perrilloux stated, "This is on the agenda."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay, no you want him to state a statute. That's, the statute is not on the agenda."

Shondrell Perrilloux stated, "I needed the statute so that I can point out the agenda..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, *"Hold up! Once again..."*

Shondrell Perrilloux interrupting stated, *"Okay, we're talking about agenda R18-22."*

Councilman Madere asked, *"Do you have a comment about that agenda..."*

Shondrell Perrilloux interrupting stated, *"Yes I do have a comment, but I can't make the comment in pursuit to Section III of Article 12. I need to get a clarity first, as to regards to the special election that you all are trying to hold for the public on the rededication. So I need clarity before I can actually make the comment, because we need the public needs to know, what the rededication - where is it going to be moved from, because I cannot adequately answer the question or make a comment and it'll be violating the public, right public hearing law. So I'm asking for the record to please clarify so that I can make a comment."*

Councilman Madere stated, *"What you are doing right now is violating the Council meeting agenda item. Now, any resolution or clarity that you want, you should have gotten that before you came up to the microphone. Now you cannot ask for a clarification, you can only make a comment about what's on the agenda. Now do you have a comment?"*

Shondrell Perrilloux stated, *"I do have a comment."*

Councilman Madere stated, *"And it's not going to be based on you getting a clarification from legal. Okay, now make a comment about the agenda item..."*

Shondrell Perrilloux interrupting stated, *"I understand, but how can you make a comment on an agenda item. I tried to call, I called each council member, I did not get a return call except from two council members that were not able to answer the question, so for clarity for the public in pursuit to Article 12 - Section III, I'm asking before I make my comment, that the council specify for the public, what are the rededication money for the special ballot is pursuit to so that I can make the comment. I cannot make a comment on something that I don't have clarity on. So the public needs to know in regards to Article R18-22, the Resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in St. John the Baptist Parish, State of Louisiana, to authorize the rededication of special tax therein. Where is the therein? What is the therein? To authorize the rededication of a special tax therein. We need to know, the public needs to know; making application to the State Bond, and I'm asking the question..."*

Councilman Madere interruptions stated, *"Huh, let me explain something. You have two minutes, your two minutes is about up."*

Shondrell Perrilloux asked, *"What is this particular rededication? In pursuit of Article 12 - Section III..."*

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, *"Now look once again, once again..."*

Shondrell Perrilloux interrupting stated, *"So you're denying, you are denying the public on the record to clarify."*

Councilman Madere stated, *"I'm denying that statement to you. Yes I am. Okay..."*

Shondrell Perrilloux stated, *"So you're denying the public to know that you're placing tax on the ballot to rededicate funds, without letting us know what these*

funds are being used for, is this is what you're telling the public? I asked you a question, so please specify...

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "I don't have to answer your question. Now look, I asked you to make a comment and you have two minutes..."

Shondrell Perrilloux interrupting stated, "I did make a comment. I asked you..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Now you're asking the question, I need a comment."

Shondrell Perrilloux stated, "No, no, no. I asked you to give the public a justification for rededication of the tax."

Councilman Madere stated, "Now look, once again, look, once again, once again..."

Shondrell Perrilloux interrupting stated, "So that you sir for the record you have denied..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Thank you."

Shondrell Perrilloux interrupting stated, "Us the right to know where this rededication..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Thank you, and thank you!"

Shondrell Perrilloux interrupting stated, "So I would like to state for the record, the public is in opposition to pass any resolution pertaining to R18-22, 18-23, until this Council make it known in detail what is this special tax being passed for. If you fail to comply, you will be hearing from the Judge, the Court. Thank you."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Thank you. Now once again, two minutes to any item on the agenda. Now any clarification to an agenda item, okay you can ask that when you get to those items. Now any clarification you want from legal, you should get your own legal to get that information to you."

Shondrell Perrilloux stated, "I have!"

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay, well then you should've presented it to us at that time, and not ask our legal to give a legal opinion for your opinion. And it's good to know that you represent everyone in the parish. Thank you. Anyone else? Okay, thank you. First on the agenda, we're going to switch it around a lil bit. Asked for us to move up, Ms. Natalie Robottom - Recognition of Walter Brooks - Executive Director, Regional Planning Commission."

Natalie Robottom - Recognition - Walter Brooks - Executive Director, Regional Planning Commission

Natalie Robottom, Parish President stated, "Actually we have two of the Commission Members here today, Ms. Julia Remondet and Mr. Charles Kennedy, Mr. Wright is also a member (he's not in the room at this time), but they're newly appointed members of the committee. Mr. Walter Brooks is the Executive Director of the Regional Planning Commission, this is the Council that voted to make us full members of the Commission and we're very, very pleased to be doing that. I wanted to name a couple of/several of the projects in case the residents may not

be aware of many of the projects that Mr. Brooks has helped St. John with. The reason we're making the presentation is, after 41 years he's retiring and we're really going to miss him because he's left his footprint on St. John, but he's obviously trained someone behind him, Jeff, whose worked very closely with him, who'll continue to work with our parish. I'm going to safe the one that the firefighters are in here for, for last. But they're very instrumental for helping us with our Hemlock project, our W. 10th project, the Belle Terre project, the interchange project, all the bike paths along the river, they typically assist with the engineering and I think Mr. Brooks is going to make another announcement today about something that is very, will be very helpful to us. He's somewhat of a magician, the Department of Transportation is actually his building, has a very good relation with them, which has helped benefit us. So some of the other that he's worked on is US-61 light at Terre Haute, the river road overlays on both sides of the river, the 628 turn lane, the Spillway Bridge repairs, again the Lucy-Edgard Trail, the Mississippi River Trail, and just you know a host of projects that we would not have been able to do because we didn't have the money. The reason all these guys are here and I think the Chauvins' are here behind us, is Mr. Brooks graciously met with all of us, the department, the Fire Chief, the State Police, to help extend the Motors Assistance Patrol Program through St. John Parish. Not only did we get it through St. John Parish, it's going to go all the way to Airline Highway in St. James. And the reason that's important to us, and I think it kind of ignited and expedited this process and Department of Transportation funded it as well. Because today, it makes two years that District Chief, Spencer Chauvin was killed on the 3-mile bridge in an accident that hopefully if we have some assistance protecting our firefighters when they're working accidents, by having the lighted trucks or possibly towing vehicles that breakdown off the spillway or the 3-mile bridge, that will avoid some of the accidents. It was tragic, we don't want it to happen to anybody else, we obviously have two other firefighters who were injured - Nick Saale and Mack Beal, fortunately you know they're recovering, still recovering, I don't know if you ever recover but they were fortunate enough to survive the accident. But it was only with the help, Mr. Brooks, and a team working very hard, not only did we get it for St. John, but it helps St. Charles and St. James and helps everybody. Cause who knows, who's going to end up with an accident or a vehicle stopped along the way that needs some help, and we couldn't have done that without his help. I do want make sure you know who's here with us. Mr. Brooks, this is the Chauvin Family. In addition to the map program, obviously the bridge was named, the fire station was named, again, because he was a wonderful person and a wonderful firefighter, and we want to thank you guys for the wonderful meal we had tonight, they you know they tend to take care all of us and we appreciate that, but I do want you all to know that this program, the intent and I think what came behind us, you know this made us say - we need something else. And we got cooperation from RPC, Mr. Brooks was instrumental, the Department of Transportation, Sean Wilson, everybody supported it and its good to know that beginning October 1st, that program will be launched, they will house their vehicles at the fire station on Woodland which puts us right in the middle of either side, and again, we're just hoping to avoid any future tragedies and as I said, we couldn't have done it without Mr. Brooks and of course, you know will always remember Spencer, and everything he did for this parish. And of course, any of you passing on the 3-Mile Bridge can see it's named after him, the St. Andrew's fire station is named after him, and you can thank Spencer for us getting this MAP Program. You know people continue to look down on us."

INTRODUCTION OF BUSINESSES:

Phillip Rebowe - (Carry Over 08-14-18) 2017 Audit Presentation

Phillip Rebowe - CARR, RIGGS & INGRAM was present to give a brief presentation on the 2017 Financial and Compliance Audit of the Parish's Financial Statements. (Presentation booklets were provided to the Council Members)

Natalie Robottom - Proclamation - (Carry Over 08-14-18) LaPlace Frostop 60th Anniversary

Natalie Robottom - Proclamation - (Carry Over 08-14-18) National Health Center Week August 13th through August 19th

Natalie Robottom, Parish President read the proclamation for National Health Center Week August 13th through August 19th.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEMS: Approval of Minutes - 14th, 2018, Regular Meeting; Permit Approval - 10th Annual Middendorf's Manchac Run/Walk Saturday, 11-10-18 beginning at 7:30 AM; Councilman Sorapuru - Appointment of Traci Musso to the Animal Control Board; Robert Figuero - Monthly Financial Report (July)

MOTION: Councilwoman Remondet moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the motion to approve consent agenda items - Approval of Minutes - 14th, 2018, Regular Meeting; Permit Approval - 10th Annual Middendorf's Manchac Run/Walk Saturday, 11-10-18 beginning at 7:30 AM; Councilman Sorapuru - Appointment of Traci Musso to the Animal Control Board; Robert Figuero - Monthly Financial Report (July). The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES:

18-30 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance amending Ordinances 17-50, 18-06, 18-20, 18-21, 18-22 relative to the annual operating budgets for St. John the Baptist Parish General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Enterprise Funds, and Capital Project Funds for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2018 (N. Robottom)

Robert Figuero stated, *"These amendments include beginning year fund balance adjustments, per the 2017 audit. Other adjustments reflect changes to estimated revenues and expenditures for 2018. A copy of all budgets and amendment explanations were provided to the Council last week and an amended version addressing a shift in line numbers was sent yesterday. Administration recommends approval."*

MOTION: Councilwoman Remondet moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 18-30. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

MOTION: Councilman Sorapuru moved and Councilman Becnel seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the finance meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Tourist Commission

The above item remained tabled.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lennix Madere/Jason Akers - Resolution - R18-22 - 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 rededication of a special tax therein; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith

Natalie Robottom stated, "The entire Resolution is actually in the booklet on Page 63. This is actually the Health Unit Tax that we made a request to consider using some of those dollars to help with mosquito control as a result of the safety issues with West Nile, and periodically there's a requirement to do additional sprayings to kind of keep those in control, as well as over this last several years we've noticed the increase of autopsies through the Coroner's office. So this dedication would, rededication would allow those additional uses, because we assessed the Health Unit Tax and clearly there was enough in there to cover some of these and we support going for an election for that to happen. Those were, at least the troubled fund we discussed with you all, one of them was Mosquito Control and obviously General Fund continues to struggle, and that includes increase cost for the Coroner's Office, so we think that this'll help stabilize some of that."

Jason Akers, Foley & Judell stated, "Thank you Mr. Chairman. We're presenting the Resolution at the request of, well actually following a number of conversations that we've had throughout. Because the original propositions that was approved in 2016, which was frankly a carry-over of prior propositions as well, allowed the proceeds of the tax we use for maintaining and operating public Health Units within the parish, and the request is the Parish President just articulated is to provide a little budgetary flexibility. With any rededication, this is merely a request to rededicate the proceeds of a tax that's currently being levied, it's not a new tax and if for some reason it doesn't pass at the ballot box in December, the tax will continue to be levied for the same purpose in which it was originally approved in 2016. With your approval, the Resolution will file the application with the State Bond Commission and it would appear on the ballot on December 8th of 2018. And I'm happy to answer any questions that you may have."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you and thank you Mr. Akers. So just for the public's information, Resolution R18-22 is specific only for the Health Unit Tax, correct?"

Jason Akers stated, "That is correct."

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "And it won't affect any other taxes except the Health Unit, and this is a rededication to expand the use of the Health Unit Tax but still for public health?"

Jason Akers stated, "That's right."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Related items."

Jason Akers stated, "That is correct."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Okay, okay, thank you."

Councilman Snyder stated, "And that expansion, expand to where? Mosquito Control? I heard you say something about that."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes Mosquito Control, that's one of the budgets that's troubled, especially when we have to treat West Nile which obviously you guys been getting those notices, or when following disasters when there are fly overs when there are required. There are additional cost associated with those additional requirements and our fund is not sufficient enough to cover those. So we actually cut back to make it through 2018, but that's not something we think we're going to continue to be able to do, so we need some help there when we need to address you know those types of issues that result from the mosquito population. The other is, I think when Ross was here, he started tracking the trends in the Coroner's office and I think it's because the increase cost of autopsies and we're responsible for budgeting for that. Again, within the public health medical side we thought if necessary, those funds could support that office when needed. But primarily it was to address the mosquito control issue and the fact that what we currently collect, is not sufficient to cover the additional sprays and test and requirements when there are events that require that."

Jason Akers asked, "Mr. Snyder may I, may I add to that answer please?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yes sir."

Jason Akers asked, "Thank you. The original purpose as I mentioned previously was for maintaining operating public Health Units within the parish. The purpose is rededicated if approved by the voters would be: maintaining and operating and improving medical and public health facilities and services in the parish to provide that expense of authority that the Parish President mentioned. This tax however is levied through 2027, which is the, which is your fiscal year 2028 collections. So during the entire remaining term of the tax it can be used for those purposes that I just mentioned that will be in the proposition. So it's not dedicated explicitly to or expressly to the mosquito fund or the Coroner, although that I believe is the intended purpose at this point, it'll provide this Council and the Councils to come after it through 2028 budget flexibility to determine each year what to use those proceeds on as long as they were medical or public health facilities in the Parish."

Councilman Snyder stated, "And I appreciate that I really do. I'm concerned about how will it affect our Health Unit services?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "We shouldn't it shouldn't affect it. Actually..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting asked, "We did an analysis on this? We did some kind of background check?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes sir. Right, it's kind of like the other yawl asked for, they looked at the healthy funds and how much would be allowed, I think we previously done that with the Lighting Fund, we were able to say; okay this is, historically this is the amount you need, this is the amount you use, this is how much you collect. There's a lil flexibility in there, which is why we rededicate it to Recreation and Animal Control, so we have analyzed what it collects, how much they spend and realize that there's a little bit in there that can be used to offset these cost that have increased. So we're not taking anything from what

they're doing, but they're collecting a little bit more than they actually have traditionally used or need, and that can be used to deal with some of these other public health and concerns that we have without increasing something somewhere else."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well that make sense, but I just I would not want to sacrifice on a service that we provide to some of our citizens because our mosquito population, our mosquito services is, cause I can see some area that mosquito services that we could cut back on actually, cause they do a lot of things with that mosquito service for the public. You know I really do you know, and maybe I thought we may be able to cut back on some of that and we just need some money over there or some funds over there."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Well there's some basic..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "But I do understand, if we did our homework here if we did our homework as far as, this not going to hurt our healthcare system I'm good, I'm good, I'm good with it."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Now keep in mind, Department of Health actually funds a lot of the services, we are responsible for the building and I think one employee, so you know we're not trying to mess with any of the services, Teche is right next to them. But again, you know we had started talking about this before we started getting these positive West Nile notices, but when they come out people are concerned. And we want to be able to treat properly and maintain and test as often as necessary, and to do some preventive type of spraying to avoid this and this will allow us to do that."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Do we have anybody here from the Healthcare Service? I mean from the..."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Rhonda."

Councilman Snyder asked, "From over there? Anyone?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Rhonda works with the Health Unit, Rhonda Lemons."

Rhonda Lemons stated, "Good Evening Council."

Councilman Snyder asked, "I was just wondering if there's any if there was any talk, you know if there's any concerns from the Health Unit on this because some of their funds will be used if necessary some other place, if this Resolution is passed tonight and if this is passed at that ballot."

Rhonda Lemons stated, "Actually I didn't..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "Excuse me before you answer that question, I know who you are but identify yourself for the..."

Rhonda Lemons stated, "I was just about to do that, I thought about that. Good Evening Council, Rhonda Lemons, Department of Health & Human Services Director. Actually I work very closely with the Health Unit Office of Public Health, I had a three hour meeting on yesterday with them. The services as it relates (I did I met with them yesterday and had nothing to do with today) it's just about increasing our public health, education, awareness and outreach. So we met on that yesterday, as it relates to the clinical part, the clinical part is covered

by state personnel. It's not covered by parish personnel. So the state is paying the Clinical Nurse, the Clinical Nurse Assistant, the WIC person, the nutrition person, they're not paid through millage tax. Everything else is paid through millage. But the employees that are housed there, as it relates to Public Health (Jamie), the Clinical, Medicaid, WIC, Nutrition, they're all paid by the state. Now we do provide the state a lump sum of money to furnish some of those services and to I guess to assist with the salaries or administrative assistant...

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yeah we pay for one employee, two employees and we're responsible for the building."

Rhonda Lemons stated, "Now we pay for those, those Civil Service employees but those weren't the ones I was regarding."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Right!"

Rhonda Lemons stated, "Those are the clerks. We do pay for the clerks. We do pay the clerks' salaries."

Councilman Snyder asked, "How much millage is supplied over there?"

Robert Figuero stated, ".96."

Councilman Snyder asked, ".96?"

Robert Figuero stated, "And over the last several years the funds have been in the small surplus of about a Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) a year."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Okay, well good. Look like we're in good shape then for that."

Rhonda Lemons stated, "Yes we are addressing chronic diseases right now, we are addressing STD's (nobody wants to talk about that), but we are addressing some of the other things in the parish as it relates to stats and outcomes that are being provided to me by the state."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Okay, well good. Thank you."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Yes this is just a comment I want to make Ms. Lemons, and I think this is perfect timing for us to reflex our dollars. I think Louisiana is leading in the West Nile Virus statistics on the news a couple of days ago. So we're at the front line with this, I think it's very perfect timing for us to think about the Healthcare for the community. And I hope you understand that part, and I know you do!"

Rhonda Lemons stated, "I certainly do sir. That's why we had a three hour meeting on yesterday."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Yes and thank you very much for all the help you've given us."

Rhonda Lemons stated, "You're so welcome. In addition to that we are having right now - September 22nd Health and Wellness Event, so Office of Public Health will be present."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Yeah, I just thank Mr. Snyder for asking that

question, and Ms. Lemons coming up. But I also want to ask Administration to, cause Dr. Montegut had called me and did say autopsies are going up, the Coroner, and I told him come to present his budget ~~at the~~ when we start the budget, but I hope when you all reach out to him and just explain what we're trying to do and hope the voters it pass cause autopsies price is sky rocket. I don't know what's causing it but it is. Thank you."

Natalie Robottom stated, "I think it's the sheer number and I think there's a new facility in New Orleans that obviously we're having to pay for when they do autopsies. And of course you know things aren't going to stay the same, but that's in General Fund, and anytime we have to pay more for those things then that's taking away from something else. So this will help us to kind of level that off."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay I just want to make a comment to concerning this, I'm glad Mr. Snyder brought this up. We just want to make sure that the Health Services you know to the community is still in tack and will not suffer for anything. And the fact that I think it was improving, because of some of this money is going to be surplus money is going to be used as far as to help with the West Nile problem that we're having. So I'm pretty sure that a...you know it's going to be up to the voters. Okay and it's going to be up to Administration and then everyone to explain exactly what the purpose is. Okay!"

Rhonda Lemons stated, "Okay, thank you."

MOTION: Councilman Sorapuru moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to approve Resolution R18-22. The motion passed unanimously.

Lennix Madere/Jason Akers - Resolution - R18-23 - A Resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, to authorization 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

Jason Akers stated, "Thank you Mr. Chairman, again Jason Akers with Foley & Judell. This Resolution will require an amendment prior to adoption as following the millage workshop two weeks ago, we're not presented with the direction that will be necessary to properly draft a proposition for you. So what I would ask is for a discussion, if although it's not my position to direct you what to do with the discussion, but we would need to know a few things with the respect to a rededication here, should you decide, desire to do it here tonight. And this is what the respect of the rededication of the Library millage, which is currently being levied at 9.94 mills, that is bringing in approximately Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000), I'm going to use round numbers so it's approximately Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000) per year. The analysis has been conducted by Nhamdi Thompson's Firm, Government Consultants and I think also by Robert, indicates that there is some flexibility there within that budget also, so I would need to know approximately how many mills to be rededicated, what term if you desire an extension of the term, and also what purpose for that rededication would be? And we've provided a proposition previously that indicated that the rededication of the portion that we're discussing would be for constructing, maintaining and operating various capital improvements within the parish, including purchasing equipment and furnishings therefore, title to which shall be in the public and I won't say there wasn't consensus but there certainly wasn't there wasn't a vote or anything like that on the matter of following the millage workshop. So I'm happy to have the discussion with you and draft the proposition with you tonight

that best indicates will the council should you decide to do so."

MOTION: Councilman Sorapuru moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to for discussion on Resolution - R18-23. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yes I could think of five (5) places we could use some help. But I know that one of our main areas as far as where we could use some extra funds at is in drainage, and everybody know how I've been fighting for a backup water supply for LaPlace. And I'm still with that, and that's one of the reasons why I was looking this. You know we've got, like I said; we've got a well and a half back there. If the big well go out, we have no water for LaPlace. And you're going to see what I'm talking about at 10:00, when we lose our water tonight in LaPlace. And that's what we were told, we're losing water tonight at 10:00. That's one area I'd like to see some funds put, and the biggest problem in St. John Parish, we got water don't get me wrong, we got a good supply of water and reliable source of water. But, I know that I know how equipment works back there, and I know what a filter can do and I understand what a well is. You understand, and if it collapses on us, we're gone! And the way it work it can happen. Because that's just the way filters are. Now, now drainage - everybody got drainage problems. I looked at some pictures yesterday at a man house in Garyville, he had water up to his door, alright! LaPlace was the same way. We had water our here like crazy, day before yesterday. Those are areas that we can use funds in. We've been talking about this for a long time, since we got on this council we've talking about getting a Drainage Department just a Drainage Department, or another arm of a drainage of a department that's dedicated to drainage, where we can have people working everyday on drainage. Our biggest investments is our homes, and drainage can...every time it rain people gets, they get nervous because of our drainage system. So I know some people won't say something, but those things are important to me - water supply and drainage."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Yes Mr. Snyder you're exactly correct and just for the public's information, we did have a water workshop that was held here a couple of weeks ago before our council meeting to discuss the water issues, we have multiple issues in the parish that needs to be addressed, and I don't want to sound like I'm beating the previous council, but things were drug around for a long time and we've dragging things around a long time for the past two years since I've been on this council and water and drainage are our number one priorities. But also, we need to look at capital projects, we need we have a training facility on the West Bank that needs to be rebuilt again. The water line going to LaPlace, the new well like Mr. Snyder said, doubling the size of the Lion's Water Plant, increase our capacity, if we're going to bring industry to the West Bank, we're going to need more water on the West Bank, that's number one. We're talking about jobs, so those numbers we got again came from our Financial Researcher, those numbers came in, the Library happen to be the point place that there are some dollars that are not being spent, water is a priority, public safety is a priority, the fire department we have a number of fire hydrants, we have streets that don't fire hydrants down right now and I know that's being currently addressed, but still we have to look at it a public safety issue all around. So I just want to say I'm in full support, if we can get two (2) mills from this, I think two (2) mills would bring in roughly Eighteen Million Dollars (\$18,000,000) a year? Not a year, but Eighteen Million?"

Jason Akers stated, "No, no, no! (Laughter) Two Mills is roughly Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000) a year in Revenue. And if you, if the Eighteen Million probably come from discussion two weeks ago, what would happen if we if you were to bond that two mills out and what was the number?"

Nhamdi Thompson stated, "Somewhere around Eighteen Million (\$18,000,000)."

Jason Akers stated, "Somewhere around Eighteen Million (\$18,000,000) if we went for a 30 year term. Am I correct? Yes!"

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Well I like to deal with round numbers and that Eighteen Million (\$18,000,000) kind of stuck in my head."

Jason Akers stated, "I'm good with it. That's Nhamdi's job to make it happen."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Yes, yes and I appreciate all the help and support you guys gave us. But the public needs to understand, this is no new monies coming out of your pocket, the money is there, it won't cost anybody one penny. It's a public safety issue, it's an all-around water improvement and for capital projects including drainage and the training facility that we need to rebuild to the West Bank, and anywhere else we need improvement in the parish. Thank you."

Councilman Malik stated, "Obviously we're not going to decide tonight on if this thing does pass by the voters, what the money is going to be used for. However, I think it would be prudent just to let the residents know that I think it's a language used for this is going to be very, very, narrow that way we know exactly what it's going to be spent on. For example, I think that Mr. Snyder's, I think you're very correct that we need a lot of help with drainage. So if we're going to use it for drainage, it's going to say specifically for operation of drainage, so there's no doubt that anybody we can't take it out and we're not going to be buying furniture, cars or whatever else with it. But it's going to go specifically for those projects."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you Chairman Madere and I agree with that. I'm not sure if we'll set you know one of the questions that you asked Mr. Akers, how many mills we're even looking at rededicating. I don't know if we can you know collectively come up with just a number tonight, you know arbitrarily. I see we do have members from the Library Board and some folks from the Library. I think it would be you know, I don't know whatever, but if some of the members from the Library do want to say something at this time I see that they're here, I think it would benefit us to just hear some of the discussions so that they can understand just what it is we're looking to do and if there are some you know just comments that they would like to offer, that we have them to take them into consideration. I agree with Mr. Snyder, he hit the nail on the head, water, it's always an issue, whether it's - I think about the water being cut off tonight and I keep looking at the time because I know how early I have to get up and its 10:00 tonight. So water is always an issue, but again with all that being said, I think we could talk about it all night. I'm not sure if we'll be able to give you a number an actual number tonight, so we may not be able to move forward with this Resolution as you said, because we need to have specific purpose and a specific number of the mileages that we are looking to rededicate. And I think we need to just have some conversations about that..."

Shondrell Perrilloux interrupting asked, "What about the people (inaudible background)."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I said that, if we have somebody here yeah..."

Shondrell Perrilloux interrupting - comments were inaudible.

Councilman Madere stated, "We're going to handle that."

Shondrell Perrilloux interrupting stated, "I just want make sure we do this..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "I asked you to be quiet please, while this meeting is going on."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you and I do think it's important. Like I said, we have members from the Library Board here, members from the public to share your thoughts and concerns on this particular item. Again, with the understanding that I don't believe we'll be able to come up with an actual, a number tonight. I don't that, if that's going to happen you know before midnight at least."

Councilman Madere stated, "It's not going to happen before 10!" (Laughter)

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "It's not going to happen before 10 and definitely want to bathe tonight." (Laughter)

Councilman Madere asked, "Anyone from the Library Board want to make a comment? Come on up please."

Trina Smith, Library Director stated, "I want to say you know and it's is very crucial as far as the water and public safety, and having the well and that. But with the mills that we currently have, that money has been earmarked and actually I was in the process of providing you a letter, spelling out the monies that we have spent and the monies we need to spend. Purpose of the Library is really to enhance the education for not only the kids in our community, but also for adult literacy. We're looking at expansion, in the absence before I came aboard, a lot of they had maybe two other Directors who weren't there for very long. So we really had a span from 2014 up until 2016 when I arrived. So we're trying to catch up on a lot of things, and with that we are far behind. I understand you're looking at the mills, but really that money is accounted for at this point as far as technological services, we are #3 in the State as far as data basis and we're talking about nine hundred some thousand people who use the data basis just that we provide here at the Library. So looking at expanding that even more, some of the services, some of the partnerships, in this Parish on Sundays our LaPlace Branch is the only one that is open on a Sunday, and it is packed. You know we're looking at positions that have not been filled for quite some time, to provide better services. So those are just, that's just an outline really just to consider what we need for the Library when it comes to deciding on how much of the mills you want to roll back. But we really work with the schools, with the teachers, we've gone out, myself and the Assistant Director, just looking at overall the services needed. And one of the things I really did consider especially with the levy project, once that's done I thought about when people move into the area, more businesses more families, and they depend on Libraries. So you know we don't want to scale it down to where we're struggling and people don't have a place to come to use a computer cause yeah, technology is there but everybody doesn't have a computer. You know everybody doesn't have access to Wi-Fi. So those are just some of the things I wanted to consider, for you to consider in deciding on the percentage of the mileage."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay thank you. Anyone have any questions?"

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I do. Just really quick, Mr. Akers have you met with any of the members of the Library Board? I know we just heard that the monies or some of the monies or future monies that will be collected have been earmarked or something. Have we had those conversations yet?"

Jason Akers stated, "No we have not met with anyone from the Library Board."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Okay, okay."

Jason Akers stated, "No we're merely trying to...sorry. I'm looking to as answered another question. But no we haven't met, I don't know if Robert or Nhamdi have met at all. So, but we have not."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Okay, just since the statement was made that some of the monies are dedicated, I mean just..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "I think we did talk about this. I don't know if it was the workshop or the last meeting. But it was initially discussed there and as Mr. Akers said, no decisions were made and those were the recommendations that were made. I think the meeting you came to it wasn't discussed but that possibly just having a meeting with the Library Board. Again there are some numbers they looked at though Ms. Hotard, and Ms. Trina by no means they were attempting to short the Library. But I think they looked at, at least the group that made the request, looked at your legislative audit reports and the surplus of something like Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000) and looking at how much you generate and how much you spend on an annual basis, not just one year but over years and there appear to be a little room to move some. But as we just discussed with the Health Unit, we're not trying to hurt any fund. You know the analysis is done by our financial team to look at the numbers, the number of mills that come in, looking at your history, this is what you use this is what you can comfortably operate on. I did share with some of the council members that historically none of those buildings were built, so they needed mileages of that size to be able to build the library, expand the one in LaPlace, to redo the one in Reserve, to add renovations to the one on the West Bank and build one in Garyville. So during those periods of time, large chunks of capital expenditures were made for these new facilities. But looking at basic operations and I think they looked at, I wasn't in there, they did look at your capital expenditures knowing that you're going to have to do capital expenditures, and there still appear to be some flexibility within the number of mills that were dedicated to the Library. But that was a recommendation to have some conversation with the."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay, before I go to Mr. Snyder I want to make a comment. I think it's very important that we do sit down with the Library and discuss it, I know I was part of that discussion when everyone else and they did have some surplus money but the whole idea about this mileage rollback, not rollback I mean, is basically rededicate some of the money without hurting the library in terms of the ability to continue the service that you have and also the ability to improve the service that you have with people coming in, okay that's the thing. Okay we don't want to cut your nose off to spite your face, okay so we want to make sure that they have enough money for you to operate and to expand but also any surplus money that can be used to help benefit the parish as a whole without increasing tax for anyone. That's the key thing, no tax increase, the Library Board is still whole still able to progress, still able to improve, but also some of the money that's left over every year can be used towards drainage, and drainage is a big problem, okay and I think everyone I don't want to say everyone, myself, I would be in favor of it but that would be left up to the voters. But I think a conversation with your group and then we would be able to determine how much money can be set aside. Okay without speaking to someone I can't cut their pocket. Okay alright!"

Councilman Snyder asked, "The value of a mill is based on what, exactly for the

public and for myself also?"

Jason Akers stated, "The value of a mill is based on the market value of property as determined by the Parish Assessor, which is then assessed at a market value is assessed at a percentage depending on the type of property that it is. And then a mill is one, one thousandth of that assessed value."

Councilman Snyder asked, "So with our new levee coming back and my home go up to another Ten to Fifteen Thousand Dollars, with the same mileage I would have to pay more taxes? And that will be more money for that particular mill, am I right?"

Jason Akers stated, "That would be a better question for the Assessor, theoretically however, you seem to be correct."

Councilman Snyder asked, "I was just trying to ease Ms. Smith, Ms. Trina, she was saying that you know with the expansion coming up. The expansion we'll have more people paying taxes put that way on properties so. But don't worry about that, you'll probably get that back. Thank you, thank you sir."

Councilman Madere stated, "I just want to thank everyone for their comments. I just like to make a suggestion, I don't know if you agree with it. They will be cutting the water off at 10:00, okay so my suggestion is..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "In LaPlace."

Councilman Madere stated, "In LaPlace, you'll not coming to my house, I live in Reserve (Laughter) you're not coming (laughter) I'll hose you. Let me get what I'm saying. What I'm trying to say is, ~~we~~ what I want to do is ask everyone who have something an agenda item okay, we not run them carry them over, carry them over until the next meeting. Now only one is Mr. Becnel, but we do have Executive Session, we can't carry that over. So I would like to move (wait a minute I would, my actions my fellow councilmen, do they want to TABLE all of the items. I'm the only one going to TABLE mine until the next meeting. Okay, I want to carry everything over until the next meeting. So except the one with Kurt Becnel and Ms. Roussel. You'll want to carry everything over except for Kurt Becnel's item and Ms. Roussel."

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to carry all items under Department/Engineer Reports except for Kurt Becnel - (Carry Over 08-14-18) Request signage at Harold Scott Roussel Park on Castle Dr. - Res. R99-10 due to the emergency repair to a main water line. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I have another question. Just to ask and maybe legal. This Resolution R18-23, we didn't do anything with it. We need to TABLE it or because we didn't take no action on it. It stays on the agenda?"

Councilman Madere stated, "It just come off of it."

All items below except for Kurt Becnel - Request signage at Harold Scott Roussel Park on Castle Drive - Res. R99-10.

DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:

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

The above item remained tabled.

Lennix Madere - (Carry Over 08-14-18) Update on drainage/servitude and road repair in District III

Kurt Becnel - (Carry Over 08-14-18) Request signage at Harold Scott Roussel Park on Castle Dr. - Res. R99-10

Daron Cooper stated, "Resolution 99-10 approved almost 20 years ago, renamed the complex on Castle Drive the "Harold J. "Scott" Roussel Sr. Memorial Pool and Park. It is my understanding that Mr. Becnel is requesting a new sign at the site, which is being designed with the newly named Juan Anthony Joseph Park sign. Signs for all other parks without them are being designed and will be budgeted for in 2019."

Lennix Madere - (Carry Over 08-14-18) Update on Grass cutting/Repeat Offender program

Larry Snyder - (Carry Over 08-14-18) Discussion Levee preparation

Larry Snyder - (Carry Over 08-14-18) Update on drainage issues in District VI

Larry Snyder - (Carry Over 08-14-18) Discussion Tree/Tree limb pickup schedule and issues

Larry Snyder - (Carry Over 08-14-18) Discussion Group Home safety

Julia Remondet - (Carry Over 08-14-18) Update on Canal Dredging permits

Larry Snyder - Update on the Community Service Program

Lennix Madere - Update on abandoned houses parish wide

Lennix Madere - Update on junked vehicles parish wide

Jaclyn Hotard - Update from Administration and Royal relative to the CDBG project

There is no executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A.B. Houston vs E. J. Turley - Docket# C-72495 - to discuss litigation strategy

Roger Tassin v Matika White, et al, 40th JDC docket 72554, Div. B - to discuss litigation strategy

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

Parish Buildings - Security

Any and all pending legal matters

There was no executive session.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

There was no ordinances to introduce.

PRESIDENT REPORT:

Natalie Robottom stated, "Good evening. As a mark of respect for Senator John McCain, the United States flag will fly at half-staff at all parish buildings until sunset on Sunday September 2nd, 2018. The passing of Senator McCain is not only a loss to his family but to the country. He was a true public servant and we ask that you remember his family. Late yesterday, a contractor working for Verizon damaged a waterline fitting in old LaPlace that resulted in on a loss of water. Crews have been working with a contractor in that area all day, but the repair is still not finished. Subsequently, beginning tonight at 10:00 PM, the Utilities Department will conduct a scheduled water outage to all customers in LaPlace to make the necessary repairs to the water main. Water pressure is expected to be restored within 6 to 8 hours. As a precaution, the Water System in coordination with the Louisiana Department of Health will issue a Boil Water Advisory upon restoration of water pressure for LaPlace. This **BOIL WATER ADVISORY** will remain in effect until lifted by the Utilities Department upon notification that the water is safe from the Louisiana Department of Health. We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your cooperation during this outage. Please sign up to receive phone, email, and text notifications by visiting sjbparish.com or calling the Communications Department at (985)652-9569 during office hours. Tomorrow, August 29th, we will commemorate the 6th year anniversary of Hurricane Isaac and the 13th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. At that time, over 6,000 homes and structures were flooded, and more than 7,000 residents evacuated to safety. We remain grateful that there were no deaths or serious injuries. We also witnessed the goodness of people and volunteers in the aftermath of the flood, with strangers and neighbors helping other neighbors. Today, I am proud to say that this disaster ignited the fight for levee protection and it did not fall on deaf ears. With full funding of the West Shore Lake Pontchartrain project, a timeline of 2023 has been established for completion. Our residents and businesses will finally get the protection and peace of mind they deserve. In a brief meeting earlier today, the Corps provided an overview of the project scope and timeline, but they are still working with CPRA and PLD to finalize all CEAs and other agreements to begin the project. On that note, we are in the peak of Hurricane Season when we normally see heightened activity in the tropics. There has only been one named storm this year, but we still have almost two months left of Hurricane Season. Residents should check hurricane preparedness plans and emergency supply kits and ensure they have an evacuation plan in place. Parish government and emergency responders are prepared and have executed prepositioned contracts should they be needed. We encourage everyone to take personal responsibility for developing their plan to protect themselves and their families. We are also in the rainy season; rain is forecast every day this week. Please assist with keeping drains and catch basins clear at your homes and businesses as this helps with drainage flow. Please do not blow, sweep, or dump grass clippings and yard waste into streets, ditches, driveways and storm drains to avoid drainage issues. Please do not dispose of tires, shopping carts and other trash in the ditches and drainage canals as this affects the entire drainage system. It is also extremely important that all residents sign up now to receive emergency notifications to your home phone, cell phone, email or SMS text messaging device. You can do so by visiting the homepage of the Parish's website and clicking on "Stay Connected." These alerts are critical in times of emergencies. We also encourage all FB users to like the St. John Parish Page, as updates are made available to everyone. The government access channel is also used but may not be available when there is a loss of power. As there has been a recurring pattern of power outages, a meeting is being scheduled with Entergy to discuss maintenance issues or the need for upgrades to the system. We will keep you posted on the plan moving forward. As we mentioned earlier in the meeting,

today marks two years that we suffered a great loss to the Fire Department, the Parish and the community with the death of District Chief Chauvin. Spencer, was a dedicated and honorable fireman who was taken from us much too soon. We want to continue to keep his wife, children and family in our thoughts and prayers and through the Motorist Assistance Patrol program and other initiatives such as renaming the portion of the interstate and the St. Andrews Fire Station, we will make sure he is remembered for many years to come. We also want to keep two other firefighters and their families in our prayers. Nick Saale and Mack Beale were also injured in the accident but are well on their way to recovery. They are both back at work serving our community as the dedicated firefighters they are, and we wish them and their families the best. Please continue to send prayers for these families and all Fire personnel and emergency responders involved with that tragic day. Last week, Marathon Petroleum Company was the recipient of the Energy Star Partner of the Year award for reducing their use of energy by 35%, thus reducing emissions into the environment. Marathon has received the Energy Star Award since its inception in 2006, but this is the first year they received the Partner of the Year award. We congratulate Marathon and their team for this accomplishment. This year's Andouille Festival is the weekend of October 19th-21st. Stay updated by visiting the site where the band lineup, print unveiling and more will be added in the upcoming weeks. The Andouille Pageant committee is seeking contestants for the 2018 Miss & Teen Andouille Queen Pageants scheduled for Saturday, October 13th. Girls ages 13-16 are needed for the teen division and ages 17-23 for the Miss Division. Visit our office for an application or www.andouillefestival.com. Although the Belle Terre Ramp project is substantially complete, DOTD and the contractor are still working on dressing up roadway and punch list items. Therefore, ramp closures will take place in both directions at Belle Terre Blvd. tonight through Thursday from 8:00 PM to 4:30 AM. We look forward to this project being closed out. I'd like to remind everyone that September 3rd is Labor Day and all government offices will be closed. Thank you."

ADJOURNMENT :

At 8:55 PM, Councilman Malik moved and Councilman Sorapuru seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard absent.

/s/Lennix Madere
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
Council Secretary