

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th, 2017
CHAIRMAN LARRY SNYDER
VICE-CHAIR JACLYN HOTARD

The Council of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session in the Rudolph Sorapuru Chambers, Edgard, Louisiana on Tuesday, September 12th, 2017 at 6:30 PM.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ABSENT: None

Councilman Madere led the Prayer. Councilwoman Remonet let the Pledge.

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

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

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

Marvin Miller, 273 Central Avenue, Reserve stated, *"I'm here to complain about the underside culverts that were installed on Hotard Drive. Hotard Drive ditches as it is cannot hold the water whenever we have the big rain. Everything from Hotard Drive comes over to Central Avenue to where I live, it just crosses over and it's destroying the foundations of our homes, plus the homes that's on Hotard Drive. Now section 111-238 says, no culverts can be installed under 18 inches under 18 inches. And these here are 14 inches, and that in itself is going to restrict an already undersized ditch, so I'm complaining about that. Secondly, the way they were put down, I had Code Enforcement come look it over the next day, they saw that there was no permit to put anything, there was no permit on the lot period. And then they had put the culverts and Code Enforcement agreed for two reasons: there was no permit and they were undersized. So they put a stop work order on the land. Two days later I went and there was a permit allowing work to be done there, so I went to Code Enforcement and I went to Planning & Zoning and they told me that I had to go see Roads & Bridges. They were for some reason they overrode Code Enforcements efforts to stop the work. Now, I'd like to know can Roads & Bridges override Code Enforcements order to stop work. Do they have the power to do that?"*

Councilman Snyder stated, *"Well first of all thanks for coming we appreciate your input and help us out there like that..."*

Marvin Miller interrupting stated, *"Thanks for having me."*

Councilman Snyder stated, "And this is only a comment section. If it's on the agenda we will get to it and there will be some discussion then. And so if you can just bear with us until we get to it, we've heard your comment and we appreciate that. Thank you sir, and we understand how you feel about this. Appreciate you."

Marvin Miller stated, "I wish I was a little bit more-clearer, but I'm nervous."

Councilman Snyder stated, "No, no, no I think you're very clear, I really do. I think you're very clear. That's no problem with that, and we're going to discuss that when we get to it. Thank you sir."

Marvin Miller stated, "Ok thank y'all."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yes sir. Any other comments on anything on the agenda, 2 minutes."

Yes sir number twelve on the Denka report, number twelve on the Denka on the agenda. I'm John Cummins...

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "That a tabled item, so we're not going to discuss it."

Councilman Madere stated, "Until we take it off the table."

Councilman Snyder stated, "And when we take it off the table."

Jackie Landeche, Council Secretary stated, "Correct, correct, ok."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay right, right! We're not going to discuss it now, it's on the table we got to un-table it cause we may leave it on the table."

John Cummins asked, "It won't be discussed today?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "It may not be discussed because it's on the table. If we don't get the votes to take it off the table, it won't be discussed today."

John Cummins stated, "Alright."

Councilman Snyder stated, "And I think if I'm not mistaken..."

Councilman Sorapuru interrupting stated, "We're going take it off the table."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Our Parish President is not here but oh well, CAO."

John Cummins stated, "If it is on if it does get on the table, we'd like an opportunity to refute whatever is said, and we have packages for the council and we'd like to leave these with the clerk, and we'll wait for that agenda item. Thank you so much."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Thank you sir appreciate you. Are there any other wish to comment on the agenda items?"

INTRODUCTION OF BUSINESSES:

BOARD OF REVIEW:

For a period of fifteen (15) day, beginning August 15th, 2017 and ending August 29th, 2017, this Board of Review has been opened to receive any written or oral complaints from taxpayers who wish to protest their assessment as determined by the Assessor. Complaining taxpayers must comply with ACT 705 of 1976 in order for the Board of Review to consider any protest. The Board of Review is now opened to consider any protest.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEMS: Approval of Minutes - August 22nd, 2017, Regular Meeting; Permit Approval - Unity in the Community Block Party - Saturday, September 30th, 2017 - E. 30th & 31st St - Reserve from 2:00 PM until 7:00 PM; Permit Approval - Rising Star Baptist Church - Fun Walk/Run Saturday, September 30th - beginning at 8:00 AM; Permit Approval - 44th Annual St. John Parish Andouille Festival - 10/13 through 10/15/17 beginning 6:00 PM Friday; Permit Approval - ESJ Homecoming Parade - Thursday, 9/28/17 beginning at 12:30 PM

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilwoman Remondet seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda items consisting of Approval of Minutes - August 22nd, 2017, Regular Meeting; Permit Approval - Unity in the Community Block Party - Saturday, September 30th, 2017 - E. 30th & 31st St - Reserve from 2:00 PM until 7:00 PM; Permit Approval - Rising Star Baptist Church - Fun Walk/Run Saturday, September 30th - beginning at 8:00 AM; Permit Approval - 44th Annual St. John Parish Andouille Festival - 10/13 through 10/15/17 beginning 6:00 PM Friday; Permit Approval - ESJ Homecoming Parade - Thursday, 9/28/17 beginning at 12:30 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES:

17-29 (Public Hearing Held) (Carry Over 8-8-17) An ordinance to amend Ordinance 92-33 to discontinue the automatic CPI-W increase to the residential water/utility bills as follows: By amending Ordinance 92-33 by deleting: "and in each additional year thereafter, the rate shall be adjusted downward or upward in accordance with the change in the national consumer price index published by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics which shows a rise or decrease in the cost of living index for New Orleans, LA over the level of such cost of living in the previous year." (J. Hotard)

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilman Becnel seconded the motion to remove Ordinance 17-29 from the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

17-39 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance to amend Ord. 11-52, "Division 2 - Sale of Adjudicated Property" of the St. John the Baptist Parish Code of Ordinances by changing the title to "Division 2 - Disposition of Adjudicated Property" and by providing for a legally compliant and consistent process and procedure for St. John the Baptist Parish to legally dispose of properties that have been adjudicated to the Parish for at least five (5) years from the date that the *Certificate of Adjudication* was filed in the official land records of the Clerk of Court for St. John the Baptist Parish. (L. Snyder)

LaVerne Toombs stated, *"Administration recommends tabling this ordinance until a meeting is held clarifying the contents and impact of the changes being proposed. Due to scheduling conflicts, the meeting could not be scheduled before today. The meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 14th, 2017, will allow all entities*

involved with the program, i.e. the Sheriff's Office, Assessor's Office, Code Enforcement, Finance, and Economic Development Departments, an opportunity to discuss the program as implemented for the past 2 years and the proposed changes with this ordinance."

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Sorapuru seconded the motion to table Ordinance 17-39 until the September 26th, 2017 Council Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

17-40 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the re-subdivision of Lots 5A and 7A, Block 2-A, Reserve Industrial Park Subdivision into Lots 5A-1 and 7A-1, Block 2-A, Reserve Industrial Park Subdivision, located in the area generally bounded by West Airline Hwy., Power Blvd., West 10th St., and Rosenwald St., containing municipal addresses 4007 West Airline Hwy. and 242 Power Blvd., Reserve, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana as shown in a survey prepared by Stephen P. Flynn, P.L.S. on March 8, 2017 (PZS-17-1170) (N. Robottom)

Alex Carter "On August 21, 2017, the Planning Commission recommended unanimous approval of this request, which is consistent with the existing neighborhood character, the surrounding land uses, and the intent of the Land Development Code. Administration recommends approval."

MOTION: Councilman Sorapuru moved and Councilwoman Remondet seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 17-40. The motion passed unanimously.

17-41 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving a conditional use permit to establish a bar on a 0.139 acre parcel of land located in Headright 37, Township 9 South, Range 8 East, Southeast Land District, located in the area generally bounded by Pass Manchac, Galva Cr., the Illinois Central Railroad, and Old Hwy. 51, containing municipal address 194 Old Hwy. 51, Akers, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana as shown in Exhibit 1 attached (PZR-16-1053) (N. Robottom)
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Alex Carter stated, "On August 21, 2017, the Planning Commission recommended unanimous approval of this request, which is consistent with the existing neighborhood character, the surrounding land uses, and the intent of the Land Development Code. Administration recommends approval."

MOTION: Councilman Wright moved and Councilman Becnel seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 17-41. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Madere stated, *"I'd like to make a motion that the council accept the results of the finance committee."*

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilwoman Remondet seconded the motion to accept the results of the finance committee. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

There is no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jobe' Boucvalt - Request to amend the by-laws for the Animal Control Advisory Board

Travis Perrilloux, Assistant Director of Public Safety stated, "The by-laws were amended to reflect changes in law at the local and state level. The changes were approved by the Animal Control Advisory Board and Administration recommends approval."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I just have one comment and I had talked to Ms. Toombs earlier. When they make amendments to these by-laws or changes, send it to the council so we can review it, I just got that tonight when I walked through the door. We need to get that ahead of time so and maybe highlighting in red or whatever color and let us know what the changes were because we just received it, but I know the board unanimously approved it. Thank you."

Travis Perrilloux stated, "That we will do sir, thank you!"

Councilman Snyder asked, "Could you give us revisions of the law, do you know them or does Mr. Boucvalt might know them? Or what was changed or in the by-laws?"

Travis Perrilloux stated, "We do have a list of the revisions."

Councilman Snyder asked, "There's a lot of them?"

Travis Perrilloux stated, "Yes."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Ok, ok, please send them to us."

Travis Perrilloux stated, "Will do."

MOTION: Councilwoman Remondet moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to grant administration to amend the by-laws for the Animal Control Advisory Board. The motion passed unanimously.

LaVerne Toombs - Resolution - R17-37 - A Resolution amending Resolution R13-08 certifying that the "Urgent Need" National Policy Objective is being met and certifying that the St. John the Baptist Parish will augment community development block grant disaster recovery funding in connection with the "Foxwood Levee Project" under the Hurricanes Gustav/Ike Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Parish-implemented disaster recovery program

LaVerne Toombs stated, "This resolution is necessary to allocate surplus Hurricane Gustav/Ike Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funding to Phase II of the Foxwood Levee Project."

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilwoman Hotard seconded the motion to approve Resolution - R-17-37. A Resolution amending Resolution R13-08 certifying that the "Urgent Need" National Policy Objective is being met and certifying that the St. John the Baptist Parish will augment community development block grant disaster recovery funding in connection with the "Foxwood Levee Project" under the Hurricanes Gustav/Ike Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Parish-implemented disaster recovery program. The motion passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:

Lennix Madere - (Tabled 8-22-17) Report from Parish President on Denka information

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Sorapuru seconded the motion to remove the Report from Parish President on Denka information from the table. The motion passed unanimously.

LaVerne Toombs stated, "An informational flyer was generated by DEQ after the meeting in question and it was distributed at the last Council Meeting. A website has also been created to address questions and concerns regarding Denka and a link can be found on the homepage of the Parish website. Council members Snyder and Perrilloux attended the meeting on behalf of the Council and they should be able to address any additional questions not addressed in the flyer or website. At this time we do not have any new information to share."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay, I know we have some questions on this for sure, but I'd just like to make this statement before going into this. When we ask for things on here, I know when I ask, I ask for anything on here it's not for us it's for the public. And it's for the people who watch it on television who can't get to the meetings. Those are the people that we work for."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Just really quickly I just wanted to make a statement. I believe there was a gentleman from the audience that wanted to speak on the item initially before it was taken off the table, so I just want to make sure that we do recognize that somebody from the public, now that it's off the table and we can actually talk about it, that they know that this is the opportunity."

Councilman Madere stated, "Right, they got 2 minutes."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay, I tell you what! Let's get to that gentleman first. The only thing is, this is on the update on this particular item that we can speak on it. But for anything else we're not going to let you speak on it, I will sit you down. Okay, because we asked for an update on this and we were told where to go get our updates from."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "He said it has to be to remain I guess to the report from the Parish President on Denka. We can open up discussion for that."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Exactly this right here. Okay, other than that because we can't just do that at this time. But if there's anyone who want to speak on it that's fine, on this particular, we had a gentleman that came up before. Thank you ma'am, we're going to vote on this in a minute here. We have 2 minutes guys."

John Cummings stated, "We have distributed to each council person, the clerk has them, and we're not going to go through them now but there's some major things occurring. In today's paper in the Advocate it show..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "We just want an update."

John Cummings asked, "To what?"

Councilman Snyder asked, "What's the update from Denka and that's what we want it on."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "It has to be about the report from the Parish President on Denka because..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "Ms. Hotard I'm going to take care of

this. It got to be on this report right here on what the Parish President said. And I just read it, we don't want any newspaper clippings, we don't want any court documents, we just want what the Parish President said. And she told us about the links that's knowing the homepages to go to, what else she said down there?"

Councilman Madere stated, "Well she haven't given the presentation yet."

Councilman Snyder stated, "There was a flyer or website that she gave to us, the website we can go and find all this out? This right here, it's got to be pertaining to this, we can't go with anything else. I'm sorry. Yes ma'am, you have something you want to say?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "I just, I just for a purpose of clarity I just wanted to make sure I think that Councilman Madere in reference to those who attended the meeting wanted an update because you weren't in attendance?"

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes but I'm going to make a comment about that. Okay, I'm going to make my own comment about that."

Councilman Snyder stated, "About the Parish President's..."

Councilman Madere stated, "Well before they start there process. I have a comment to make."

Councilman Snyder asked, "About the..."

Councilman Madere stated, "About this update."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Ok."

Councilman Madere stated, "Ok."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Thank you ma'am. Sir, I'm sorry we just can't go any further with that."

John Cummings asked, "Well can I comment, can I talk about that..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "If it's on anything on here about the website..."

John Cummings stated, "Website yes sir. And the website does not have the most recent science, the most recent disclosures the fact that Denka has done certain things to..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "I think the website does have what Denka has done and I'm sorry to get that far, but we can only comment on this. Okay? And we know that when you go to the website it'll tell you everything what the administrative order said to do and where they are on that from the EPA. Alright and that we can find that information and that's on here so, and whatever the administration orders told them to do that's what they're doing. We understand that and I think that's what Mr. Madere was looking for also. Now as far as any other facts pertaining to this case, they don't have, we can't go into that."

John Cummings asked, "Well we, the administrative order is that open for discussion?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well it's not, no..."

John Cummings interrupting stated, "It's on the website."

Councilman Snyder stated, "That's the website. Where we can go and find that information."

John Cummings stated, "Oh I see."

Councilman Snyder stated, "You only have 2 minutes I'm sorry."

John Cummings stated, "Yeah in other words whatever what was reported here today, is the only thing okay?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "Right exactly. What's your name?"

John Cummings stated, "My name is John Cummings."

Councilman Snyder stated, "John Cummings."

John Cummings stated, "And we would like very much to be put on the agenda sometime in the next few weeks."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Mr. Cummings let me let you know one thing about this is, I'm sure you're aware of this. Is that this thing is in some kind of litigation, am I right here? If it is in any kind of litigation, we're not going to entertain anything like that here. Because we're not going to prejudice any side on this thing, we don't want to get involved with that part of it."

John Cummings stated, "Well it's not on the litigation."

Councilman Snyder asked, "It's not?"

John Cummings stated, "No sir."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Ok."

John Cummings stated, "In other words, we have seen..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "Uh hold on a second. Our attorney over there. Okay, Mr. Cummings."

John Cummings stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Snyder stated, "The Parish President wrote this down here or whoever wrote this down there for the administration, and that here we are (where am I, I just want to get myself together here). FLYERS WERE GENERATED BY THE DEQ, you have anything to say about that? About the flyer that's been generated by the DEQ? Is you comment relative to that? The flyer that was generated by DEQ? Is that the information we asked for? Is your 2 minutes comments related to that?"

John Cummings asked, "To DEQ?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "The flyer that was generated by the DEQ, right?"

John Cummings stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay and distributed to the council meeting. Our website, you have anything to say about the website?"

John Cummings stated, "It's a, I guess that I'm wondering how we can add to the website."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Oh we can't do anything."

John Cummings stated, "How does, who controls the website?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "I have no idea, I have no idea. You're talking about our website?"

John Cummings stated, "No, no, no. The website..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "You're talking about the, we're talking about the EPA website or DEQ website?"

John Cummings stated, "No."

Councilman Snyder stated, "That's the website we're talking about, DEQ website."

John Cummings stated, "It's the parish website."

Councilman Snyder stated, "No it's not our website."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "It's not, we're not managing, DEQ is the one that created the website."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Right."

LaVerne Toombs stated "And so we have no control of any content that the DEQ has on their website."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Right, exactly. Now if you're going to talk about the DEQ, you got 2 minutes so now you're time is up."

John Cummings asked, "I can talk anything about the DEQ?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "No I think your time is up, 2 minutes is up. We have to move on I'm sorry."

John Cummings stated, "Well I have another man wants to talk about the..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "Well if, he's got 2 minutes he's got 2 minutes. And it has to be on this right here or we're going to have to do what we have to."

My name is Hugh Lambert.

Councilman Snyder asked, "Lambert?"

Hugh Lambert stated, "Yes. And my comments with regard to the DEQ and the website..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting asked, "Website?"

Hugh Lambert stated, "Yes, have to do with developments that just occurred last week in Washington D.C., when there were..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting asked, "Is that on the website?"

Hugh Lambert stated, "It has to do with the website yeah. It has to do with the fact that there is an Isis its IRIS Assessment that was done by the EPA which sets the Chloroprene limit, Denka at .2 micrograms per cubic meter..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "Hold up."

Hugh Lambert stated, "If I could finish my statement."

Councilman Snyder stated, "No, no, no, no..."

Hugh Lambert interrupting stated "Two minutes."

Councilman Snyder stated, "We don't want to get into that. We don't want to get into that..."

Hugh Lambert interrupting stated "No, we don't need to get into it because what we need to do is recognize the fact that at that hearing there was a gentleman named Mund..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "I'm sorry we're going to have to shut you down."

Hugh Lambert interrupting stated, "And Mr. Mund..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "Turn that mic off. Hold up sir, we can't go into that."

Hugh Lambert asked, "Why is it that information that's truthful..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "Well, let them put it on the website, we already told them where the website at sir, and anybody want to go on the website."

Hugh Lambert stated, "I think the citizens of this community have the right to know what they're being exposed to."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "Exactly. Well that's on the website."

Hugh Lambert stated, "And well..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "Alright hold on. Do I have to get the police in here?"

Hugh Lambert stated, "You can do anything you'd like."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Uh okay!"

Hugh Lambert stated, "But I think that you told me I had 2 minutes."

Councilman Snyder stated, "We're not we're not we're not, turn that recording off, turn that recording off over there."

Hugh Lambert stated, "I think you said we had 2 minutes."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yeah but we can't go into that. Now why can't you understand that, we don't want to go into that. That's not to be here, that's not this is not the venue for that."

Hugh Lambert stated, "Thank you sir."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Thank you sir, you're welcome. Okay, you can turn the recording back on now. Okay we're on this item, Mr. Madere is your information you wanted in there?"

Councilman Madere stated, "Well I've been trying to make a comment before all this started. And I think the misunderstanding is, I'm going to clarify it trying to understand. The presentation haven't even been given yet, so I think the Council's Chairperson is trying to say, once the presentation is given in here tonight, he can only speak on what was presented in here tonight. No outside information no any information, I think that's what the council was trying to explain. Anything that's going to be discussed, you can talk about that. Nothing else. If they don't talk about the emission level, okay then you can't talk about. This is only supposed to talk about what is going to be presented to this council. And the reason why I had this put on the agenda, okay because every time I read the parish comments about this, I get ticked off! Okay because this is my District, okay and I'm going change that, not District, the District that I was elected to present. And I have a big problem not being at that meeting. A huge problem! A tremendous problem. And I don't care who like or don't like it. When you have something going on in District III, and you have a meeting going on, I should be there. And that's the bottom line. And I don't care who comes from Washington from Baton Rouge from anywhere, and try to dictate who is in that meeting okay, I'm supposed to be in that meeting. And that's the statement I wanted to get across and I'm not going to be directed to a website, I'm not going to be directed to some paper, I want the information live in person. Cause that's why I have this presentation being presented to this council okay, I should already have seen the presentation, Mr. Snyder seen it, Mr. Perrilloux seen it, but I'm going to get to see with the rest of the council who haven't, who don't represent District III, and that's the problem I have. Moving forward, until I'm removed from this location, anything that happens in District III, I better know something about it. That's my comment. Now we can have that presentation that I should have had before."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you, and I just want to comment real quick on this item. Just for the public to understand because we've had this happen before when we had an agenda item that was specific to one thing and someone wanted to comment on the item and it just wasn't allowed because of the way the item was on the agenda. So I don't want to give and Larry I don't believe, our Chairman you did give this perception but sometimes it's confusing if you don't understand the rules of the agenda, we do. The agenda item is just specific to our Parish President's report, and so if there's discussion that doesn't stay in line with that specific agenda item we can't lawfully allow the discussion. Now the agenda item were just this broad non-specific item about you know whatever, anything, then we can have the discussion. But the item on the agenda is limited to just that Parish President's report, that's why we're not allowed to comment outside of that, but I just wanted the public to know because again, we operate under those rules, I don't want to give the impression that we're not just allowing you to comment on an item because we don't want to hear what you have to say. I appreciate, and we all do appreciate public participation. At the time and place

where it is on the agenda or another public meeting where it is allowed or for comments about anything as it relates to this specific item, then that will be heard. It's just the way that the item is on the agenda that we can't allow discussion that isn't directly related to the Parish President's report about Denka, which we already kind of concluded that item, the report was only what the reply that was turned in. Thank you."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Yes I'd have to agree with Mr. Madere, I represent that district also and I felt very, slighted that I was not invited to get that firsthand information at that meeting. I don't want to see a flyer, I don't want to go to a website to lookup things. We had an opportunity to get firsthand information with people that work in DEQ, with people that work from Denka, people that work in EPA, and I think it's very, very, shameful that we have a community of government where we don't bring people together to really get firsthand information and Mr. Madere I didn't sleep good for a long time you're right you should have been at that meeting. Mr. Snyder you were there, Mr. Perrilloux you were there, you did your job. But Mr. Madere and myself were left out purposely, and I hope this doesn't happen again, I hope it'll be the last time and I hope we can get a good report from somebody from this administration from some point on what that meeting was about. Because there are too many things going around that the truth's not coming out like it should. All we want to do is follow science and the facts. We have a responsibility to the people in this community to let them know what's going on, that's all we're asking for. Thank you!"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Councilman Madere it's my understanding that what's on the website as well as on the flyer is what was discussed in the meeting. Now I wasn't in the meeting, but again based on the information that I received, is the information that was discussed was placed on the website as far as, as well as the flyer that all the council members received at the last council meeting."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay, I think yawl have a problem. Okay! I think yawl Have a problem. I think I speak clear enough, okay that's the same thing that was told to me at the last council meeting, and I'm going to make it perfectly clear again, I don't want to go to no website. Okay! I'm not going to no website, I want that presentation that was presented to Mr. Snyder, Mr. Perrilloux, to Ms. Robottom, to whoever was in there, I asked twice for that presentation to be right here and I'm going to say it again, I don't come up here and give me a flyer, give me a presentation. I then had presentations on sewer, I then had presentations on this presentations on that, I want a presentation that was given to administration..."

LaVerne Toombs interrupting stated, "Ok I guess I..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Ahah, ain't no guess..."

LaVerne Toombs interrupting stated, "Councilman..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Wait let me finish..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "Hold up, hold up Mr. Madere let her finish."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "I didn't say I was finish. I didn't say I was finish talking either. When I say I'm finish you can have the floor. I will make it perfectly clear, I want a presentation, not a flyer!"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "So Councilman, again in that meeting if I'm not mistaken it was DEQ, Dr. Brown who gave the presentation, so does that mean you want Dr. Brown who you spoke to a couple of times regarding your disappointment that you weren't a part of that meeting to make that presentation?"

Councilman Madere stated, "Look, I don't care who make it."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Ok."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay? If it's Dr. Brown, Dr. Zeuss, I don't care who it is. I want a presentation."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "I don't know if we can get Dr. Zeuss for you but you might get somebody."

Councilman Madere stated, "He might do a better job he might do a better job..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "I think what we can do with this Mr. Madere, Mr. Madere, you could put it back on the agenda."

Councilman Madere stated, "Oh yeah, table it because I..."

Councilman Snyder stated, "And then we can get some updates on it. So let's motion to table this to put it back on the agenda for next time."

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Sorapuru seconded the motion to table the above item to place on the agenda for the next meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Sorapuru seconded to suspend the rules to move up Councilman Perrilloux item - Senior Citizen Committee - Update on bylaws, Members, etc. The motion passed unanimously.

Marvin Perrilloux - Senior Citizen Committee - Update on bylaws, Members, etc.

LaVerne Toombs stated, "The Senior Center is managed by a board that is selected by a membership during an annual meeting as outlined in their by-laws. Their funds are allocated in the Parish's budget by a millage and there is little to no oversight over the board. All concerns regarding the committee should be directed to their Director, Ms. Parquet who is present to answer any questions you may have."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Thank you, and the reason I put this on the agenda because at Councilman Becnel's Town Hall Meeting, this council took a bash in for a Senior Citizen Complex that we had no part of but approving the money. Now, in recently I had sent the bylaws to Councilman Becnel and Councilman Sorapuru because they were concerned about how it was formed, who's the board members, who are the board members on the west bank, I couldn't answer that. But Ms. Cheryl and I saw her and I'm glad she came to the meeting to explain that, because I thought the council should have not taken the blame for something, all I did was voted for the money and for design and approving of this facility as far as how it's going to be built, we had no input. So we shouldn't have taken that bashing for that. So that's why I asked Ms. Parquet to come and she can explain to these two council members of what transpired from that building and what it is like it is now, and who are the members of the board because I don't know that neither."

Cheryl Parquet, Executive Director, St. John Council on Aging stated, "Our board consist of 15 members. Our members are elected by District, so there's a representative from each district, the bylaws that Ms. Toombs, we have a copy of that and from there on, whatever questions you have. We have an annual meeting and that's how the membership is done, every April there's a membership drive, it has to run 21 days in the paper, anyone that is 21 years or older can become a member of the Board of Directors."

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "And you're saying that the members are selected by districts, council districts?"

Cheryl Parquet stated, "No, no, no. The members are represented by a District."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Ok."

Cheryl Parquet stated, "Okay, whatever the size of the district, you have so many representatives from that district."

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "How many from the Westbank?"

Cheryl Parquet stated, "One (1)."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "One (1) and that's we didn't know. We didn't know, I thought it was Mr. Leroy Mitchell, and that's who I said because I didn't know and I sent those two (2) gentlemen the bylaws and asked you to come here so you can explain to them about procedure, policy, the board members, and how that senior center complex came to pass because we had no input in none of that. We just, all we did was approve the money that was it."

Cheryl Parquet stated, "Well as far as the complex, all we did was look at the blue print. I mean we didn't have anything to do with the construction of the blue print. It was presented to us, during that time Mr. Mitchell was on the board from the Westbank and Eula Young, so when they looked at the blue print, the only thing they didn't approve was the restrooms was all the way in the back, and because you're dealing with seniors they wanted the restrooms moved to the front. So that's when Mr. Cooper took the blue prints back to the contractor and then from there on the restrooms were moved to the front and the kitchen area was moved to the back. And then after that, we had nothing to do with the building or construction of the building or anything else."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Yes and Mr. Perrilloux I'm glad you was able to find those bylaws and bring it out, but the public now understands that the council does not run the Senior Citizen program, and I think we got complete clarity to that and also there was a ribbon cutting that was to be held on the Westbank and the ribbon cutting was canceled. I was very upset about that, of course administration made a decision to cancel that ribbon cutting. But the people that attend that community that Senior Citizen Complex, don't represent that entire Westbank. Ya'll need to remember that, I had no input to the ribbon cutting, I think Mr. Becnel had some conversation about it, but in the near future whenever something is going to affect our district, I think both of us need to be involved in the decision making. That's something I don't want to go any further, with the cancellation of the ribbon cutting at this point, but this had caused lots of miss-communicative dialog within the community. And we all are going to enjoy that building, it is a beautiful building, it could have been a little bigger, again we wanted to table when this building was designed. But I just want you to know, Cheryl anything you ever need help within this community with your

operation, you, myself and Mr. Becnel, whether it's on this side the river on other side of the river, we're here to help you."

Cheryl Parquet stated, "Thank you."

Councilman Sorapururu stated, "Thank again Mr. Perrilloux for putting this on the agenda."

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "And Mr. Becnel you have any comment?"

Councilman Becnel stated, "Thank you for putting this on the agenda. First of all cause we needed clarification because I took it personally when people make comments but look what Kurt let them build a match box or whatever, all kind of crazy comments and people need to understand, like they said; I took office in sixteen (16), this building was designed in thirteen (13) I think, and approved in fourteen (14), so I want to clear that up with the Westbank cause I take it personal when they come after me with these kind of comments, get your facts together. I had nothing to do with the size of the building or whatever you know, now the building is there and I have to accept what's there. But basically, thank you for clearing that up because I needed that clarification, and Cheryl you're doing a good job."

Cheryl Parquet stated, "Thank you."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "And I just wanted to thank Ms. Cheryl for coming because like I said, the council took a bash and I didn't think it was justified and I wanted the Westbank residents to know, she has a budget to run. Her concern is if you need to talk to her and talk to the board member and that's what I wanted to bring out who is the representative. Talk to them, talk to Ms. Parquet about what's going on at the Senior Citizens, the council has no appointment on that or control over it. And I want, when we do it through a millage through our budget, but that's her budget and you have any problems with it, I think you'd have to notify the Elderly State/Louisiana Elderly Association..."

Cheryl Parquet interrupting stated, "Office of Elderly Affairs."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Elderly Affairs. I mean because we don't have control over this board and there's a budget to run by her. I need to clarify that because I thought we could of unjust bashing from the Westbank residents and I just wanted to bring that up and clear it up."

Councilman Snyder asked, "You said they are elected by Districts?"

Cheryl Parquet stated, "No I said we have so many representatives from each District."

Councilman Snyder asked, "And how we get those representatives? I mean if all of them decide to retire tomorrow, quit tomorrow, how would you know we do that board?"

Cheryl Parquet stated, "Well like I said, every April we have the membership drive, so if you're interested in becoming a member, you come and sign your name that you're interested in becoming a member, the meeting is always held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. You attend the meeting, and then from there those who are members, if you're nominated well those that are members, those that are members they're the ones that do the voting."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Okay Mr. Perrilloux opened up that door up I mean because I was just wondering, how are they appointed if they all retiring at one time. We don't have a board, so how do we get a new board? Who will have to do that? You have to be a member of the association..."

Cheryl Parquet interrupting stated, "The Council on Aging? No, no, no."

Councilman Snyder asked, "It can be anybody?"

Cheryl Parquet stated, "You can be 21 years or older. The notice goes out in the paper, it runs for 21 days. It's always the end of March to the beginning of April."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Okay so there's nothing in the bylaws, maybe they might have something in our Ordinance that might, that we established the first board, how it was established? And I was just wondering maybe from there we could figure out how it's replenished. I know how we can get one member, but if we have to get, how many member you said they got? Thirteen (13)/twelve (12)?"

Cheryl Parquet stated, "Fifteen (15)."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Fifteen (15) members! How did we get fifteen (15)?"

Cheryl Parquet stated, "Well what you have is, you have that five (5) that rotate. You have five (5) going off each year and then you have new coming on. You don't get fifteen (15) at all at one time."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay. Alright thank you ma'am. Appreciate your help."

Cheryl Parquet stated, "Okay and our next meeting just happen to fall on the Westbank and it will be the 4th Wednesday. If you're interested in the meeting, the meeting begins at 2:00, it will be the 4th Wednesday. It's usually the 3rd Wednesday, but because I'm going to be out of town."

Councilman Becnel asked, "And where is it?"

Cheryl Parquet stated, "At the Senior Citizens building."

Councilman Snyder asked, "At what time 1 o'clock?"

Cheryl Parquet stated, "At 2 o'clock."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Ok thank you so much, I appreciate it."

Cheryl Parquet stated, "And I'll send you all a notice."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "And thank you for coming."

Marvin Perrilloux - (Tabled 8-22-17) Discussion relative to the A&E Pool

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Becnel seconded the motion to remove the Discussion relative to the A&E Pool from the table. The motion passed unanimously.

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Because the original proposal from the Council to issue an RFQ to allow additional firms to submit for the pool is a violation of

procurement policy, Administration requests authorization to solicit qualifications for the Utilities section of the A/E Pool only."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "And the question, I talked to Ms. Stewart on that because and Ms. Hotard had brought up some good comments on this, that's why is like that, and Ms. Stewart probably can help me out, by being so big we try to do it a piece at a time, like we're going to do the Utilities section right now in January they'll do maybe the Public Works section and fill the pool up that way. And I told her I said, well I'll present that to the council and see if they have any objections, if not we'll proceed forward like that."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "And to add on that, Butch also by separating it, you have some firms who may specialize let's say in a water, or in roads and things and so when you separate utilities and the different specialties, then some who may not do anything with the roadways or buildings, but sewer and water is their thing, they're going to submit on those projects instead of you know kind of forcing them all to submit, and then we may have some firms who in a sewer and water group that really don't do sewer and water they only do building so it helps us also have those firms only submit on the projects, are not projects but submit to get on the list of projects they have expertise in."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Just so the public will know the people that are looking at home, A&E is an acronym for Architect and Engineering Firms. Alright good!"

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Sorapuru seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to solicit qualifications for the Utilities section of the A&E Pool. The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Sorapuru - (Tabled 8-22-17) Update on Meter Pilot program with Aqua Metric

MOTION: Councilman Sorapuru moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the motion to remove Update on Meter Pilot program with Aqua Metric from the table. The motion passed unanimously.

Ross Gonzales stated, "A contract was drafted that addresses the responsibilities of both parties, i.e., equipment requirements, software installation and piloting procedures and it is currently being reviewed by Legal Counsel. The Utilities Billing Manager is selecting 100 meters for replacement and it is anticipated that it will take 2-3 months to complete the installation process and begin piloting the meter program once the agreement is signed."

Councilman Sorapuru asked, "On 100 meters have you identified the 100 meters yet?"

Curtis Young stated, "We haven't, actually I have a meeting set-up this week with Mr. Raggusso who is the Representative for Aqua Metrics, he's bringing over the information that the coverage area of the tower we selected for the Pilot Program. He's bringing me the information about the coverage area so I can carefully select the meters for the program."

Councilman Sorapuru asked, "Ok, what's going to be the timeframe on the contract that we're offering him?"

Ross Gonzales stated, "It's up to twelve (12) months."

Councilman Sorapuru asked, "Twelve (12) months?"

Ross Gonzales stated, "But it can be ending sooner."

Councilman Sorapuru asked, "Okay alright. We have a clause to cancel it if we want to?"

Ross Gonzales stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Sorapuru asked, "Are we putting meters in ourselves or is he's putting the meters in?"

Curtis Young stated, "Yeah they're going to install the meters, yes sir."

Councilman Sorapuru asked, "He's going to install the meters also? Alright thank you."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Just really quick. Are we having any other companies do a pilot, because it's my understanding that some of them have software that's compatible, some don't, I don't want us to waste any more precious time on water meters, water bills, anything else, so if we get a pilot I mean it might be in our best interest that everybody who's involved it's just not going to cost us anything participating in a Pilot Program because I mean we need to have everything on the table at this point."

Ross Gonzales stated, "There are three (3), the three (3) other companies who gave a presentation to the council are interested in participating in the Pilot and each one does have a cost."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "So are you going to go ahead and have them owe at the cost for us to have them, what's the cost?"

Ross Gonzales stated, "Well this particular one is I think fifteen thousand nine hundred thirty dollars (\$15,930) and its a hundred (100) meters installed that we own at the end. The other three (3) they're still kind of negotiating the price and we have to contract together to present to legal. It will be the same contract, just changing the names and the suppliers."

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "Is there information and I'm just thinking because this is so important, but is there any information that we can provide to some of these companies that will help offset the cost because if we only get one of the companies to actually do a Pilot, then we almost will limit ourselves to the results of the Pilot presented by a company who wants to have a contract with parish. So there's some type of bias there, when from an affordability standpoint we may not want to pay everyone to do a pilot who is actually interested in providing a product to the parish so, I don't know if there's some kind of in between or if there's some information that we can provide to help offset some of the cost cause I think it's in our best interest whoever can provide a product can actually do some type of pilot without us absorbing all of the cost. Because again what we get from any company, it's going to be from you know their standpoint of wanting to sell us the product."

Ross Gonzales stated, "Well at the end of the Pilot Programs they will have to go through an RFP process so no one's going to be guaranteed, you know the end result but the fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) mostly covers the cost of the meters, a hundred (100) meters at a hundred fifty dollars (\$150) would be fifteen

thousand dollars (\$15,000)."

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "So we have to buy their meters for them to be able to do the pilot?"

Ross Gonzales stated, "Yes because they got to be compatible with the fixed antenna system and the software of the reading and so forth."

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "And so once they finish with the pilot, we keep their meters..."

Ross Gonzales interrupting stated, "We keep the meters they can stay in the ground or we can go put our old ones back in if we so decide."

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "But will those meters be compatible with what we have if we keep them?"

Curtis Young stated, "All of the meters will have the capability of actually being read the same way they are now via by drive-by or manually so."

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "So we're not going to have to replace the meters that we're going to pay fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for if we choose not go with one of the companies?"

Curtis Young stated, "No ma'am."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Ok thank you."

Councilman Malik stated, "Just to be specific, you said that each of the four (4) companies that are producing these registers, will all be compatible?"

Curtis Young stated, "No, I said they will all have the capabilities of being read like we're reading it..."

Councilman Malik interrupting asked, "All have capability?"

Curtis Young stated, "Right, as far as the drive-by system we use and being able to be manually read. So if they do have a specific software that goes with this meter to help it to perform better, maybe where we can read it from the office or in the billing office, if we decide not to go with that company and not that software we'll still have the capabilities of doing drive-by or manually reading those meters."

Councilman Malik stated, "Requiring multiple different systems to read."

Curtis Young stated, "That would probably be a possibility, yes sir."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I'm sorry Chairman, but kind of piggy backing off of what Tom's saying, if we're spending; how much of the fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) let me ask is for labor? And where I'm going with this is if we're buying the meters anyway, if we're going to be able to keep the meters after we do the pilot then, right it's not like a lost for not just paying a company fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to come give us some type of suggestion, we're actually going to receive meters that we can use. So my question would be: Of the fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) of the pilot or when we look at any price that any of these companies give us, lets subtract out the cost of the meter because

we're going to keep that and look at how much the actual labor. Do we know on this Aqua Metric how, what is the value of the meters that we are going receive after the pilot?"

Ross Gonzales stated, "I think the value is twenty-four thousand five hundred dollars (\$24,500), they're giving us a discount on the meters and the pilot program..."

Councilwoman Hotard interrupting stated, "Okay so we're going to spend fifteen thousand (\$15,000) and we're going to get a value of twenty-four thousand (\$24,000) in meters no matter what?"

Ross Gonzales stated, "Plus the use of an antenna that's going to be on the water tower at their expense, but it's theirs at the end of the program and it's probably a fifty thousand dollar (\$50,000) antenna. They're going to let us use the software, the computer to read, but we will own the meters at the end."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Alright and that's what we need to know, you know because when I asked how much it cost the first thing I went to, well we don't want to spend the money to have everybody do a pilot, but if you're telling us we're going to be purchasing new meters anyway and we're going to get them, then that will help us make a decision, well it's almost like we're just buying some meters at a discount to have them come in and do a pilot, which would make sense because we're going to buy the meters anyway, at some point from somebody."

Ross Gonzales stated, "And this is Aqua Metrics offer. The offers we're still defining what we'll get for our money and they're all at different prices."

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "When will have that defined?"

Ross Gonzales stated, "Really soon. We've got the information that we start putting..."

Councilwoman Hotard interrupting asked, "Really soon? Ross I hear you but no I can speak for all nine (9) of us. Really soon has no value right now."

Ross Gonzales stated, "Well there's different options in each one, so depending on what we do, how many meters we put out in the different programs. We could put a flow chart, a spreadsheet together next week."

Councilman Malik asked, "Is this a brand new device? Has this ever been used in municipality roughly in size of St. John?"

Ross Gonzales stated, "I'm sorry this particular one?"

Councilman Malik stated, "Yes."

Ross Gonzales stated, "Yes they're in larger municipalities."

Councilman Malik stated, "They're in larger."

Ross Gonzales stated, "I think they only have a couple they've only been in Louisiana I believe in two (2) years."

Councilman Malik asked, "Ok, but they have other areas that are in the same system for a period of greater than a year?"

Ross Gonzales stated, "Yes."

Councilman Malik asked, "Shouldn't that be our Pilot Program?"

Ross Gonzales stated, "I'm sorry."

Councilman Malik asked, "I said, Shouldn't that be our Pilot Program?"

Ross Gonzales stated, "I'm not sure I understand."

Councilman Malik asked, "If it's been in existence at another municipality, it seem to me we can save ourselves fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) if the system works good there, you know what are the good points with the bad points?"

Ross Gonzales stated, "If they're willing to share that information we certainly can. And if you trust what they tell you."

Councilman Malik stated, "And we're willing to trust Aqua Metrics who is going to come in and install it, you know that's..."

Ross Gonzales stated, "For a year we can actually decide for ourselves if it works you know, kind of like a test drive basically."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "I want to answer Councilwoman Hotard's question in regards to the other companies that have shown interest in doing the Pilot. We have gathered all that information, we have all the information with us so we can move on this quite quickly, since we have the information. What we had suggested was put together a spreadsheet so that we can see the difference of each one of the companies as far as the equipment they provide, as far as the cost, so we can probably could have that by Wednesday of next week to move forward. But what we're waiting of course is in regards to the contract, I believe that legal has the contract, a reviewing it and then once we get that contract back, move forward with Aqua Metrics then we'll be able to do it with other companies as well."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you, that was going to be my question as far as legal to make sure that and I know they look at everything closely. But right, if we're going to be investing in these meters, we want to make sure we have the same guarantees on these meters that we're purchasing that we have on a brand new meter. We don't want to have a contract that doesn't protect us if either these meters start failing in a short period of time, we want to have almost like we want to buy it, want it new you know and have a full warranty or whatever..."

Ross Gonzales stated, "And part of the reason doing our own program because of certainly we can look at another municipality but that's no guarantee that the antennas are going to receive the signal in our geographic area like it does somewhere else, flatland, lowland, there's a lot of reasons that we almost need to you know test drive it."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "And this is what I'd like impress upon you guys and I'm sure you already know and Kurt going back to your famous line here; stalling and delaying. I'm not saying that you all are doing this, but I can tell you we have been talking about water bills, water meters, water registers forever, like I had enough! You know we have all had enough, I don't even get my bill on time, so when people say it's the 5th and my bill says it's due 5 days ago, I hear you mine to! So we have got to have a sense of urgency, we need to light a fire

underneath this entire program. Because the day that we cannot hear about a water bill that somebody didn't receive, an elevated water bill, I didn't get you know the right reading, all these things like this, this is a basic service you know, the public expects us to provide basic services; garbage pick-up, water, sewage, those basic things and when we can't do the basics, it's very hard to ask the public to trust us with many other things. This is a basic service that we provide to our customers and so it needs to be at the top of the list with a fire, it shouldn't you know be going on this long but we need to get this done like yesterday, the pilot and come to this council ask us to make a decision and move on with it. Same thing with the system, when people don't receive their bills and I keep thinking, my god I get Entergy notification, ATMOS, all these people send me an email. We're not even there, it's 2017 we've been saying that for I don't know how long. We have a service provider that we can make a payment with, call them hey; look you have an email, you have to have an email to even set up a login to make an online payment, why can't that system send an email to that same email to that person who is registered, hey your bill's due! And then we're not fighting this thing at the mailbox. But that and you know I asked for that maybe even a year ago, we need to talk to the person...

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "Ms. Hotard I appreciate that but I think if you want to discuss more than that we have some of that on the agenda talking about bills and things."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Tired of talking."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay well right now we should be talking about the meters this Pilot Program and we did have a pretty good presentation in the council chambers about 2 weeks ago, and all of these people were there and they made a presentation to the people that were there and we got a pretty good understanding on these meters. And if you go online they give you some websites, you go online and look at those websites you could at hundreds of types of meters and so we can be better informed and we got to make decisions on the types of meters we need to have. And also not only the fact that if we're making decision on meters that we got to have, remember the electronic part of it because most of them fit on any meter. As a matter of fact at the presentation we had there was a group there that they had just provided the software and electronic part of it not the meters themselves if you remember that. So we have some good information on that and we can discuss more of that when it come up on the agenda tonight."

Jaclyn Hotard/Michael Wright - Timeframe for responding to constituents and council members regarding water bill issues

Curtis Young stated, "The Utilities Billing Office responds to an overwhelming amount of calls into the office regarding various water issues on a daily basis. Some days, in excess of 100 calls come into the front desk alone, not counting the walk-in customers. The response time committed to these issues dictates the amount of time necessary to follow-up on all requests. We are attempting to acquire 2 to 3 temporary employees for additional inside and outside support on these specific matters. By adding the additional staff we will try to address and respond to all issues within three (3) working days."

Councilman Wright stated, "The fact that administration is saying we're attempting to acquire 2 temporary employees on September 12th, 2017, and you're now telling us there's a backlog, is a problem! Because we've had it on every council agenda, since this problem started. So the fact that we're trying to acquire more employees, that's a big problem."

Curtis Young stated, "We have acquired..."

Councilman Wright interrupting stated, "Let me finish Curtis. Additionally when a council member sends an email to administration, chances are that constituent has not had a response for much longer than 3 days. It's been weeks and sometimes months. So when a council member sends an email with a constituent's problem, we expect a response immediately, we're working on it we got your concern. And we want a follow-up the next day, but we should not have to chase down administration to get them to respond to our emails. So I think the communication needs to improve on all levels, and I think we need to get more than 2 to 3 temporary employees, and I think we need to do more than attempt we need to get them yesterday."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you and I'll just obviously piggy back off of that. And it seems like that you know we had this on another item on the agenda, and when I look at the entire agenda it all boils down to communication and the lack of it. This is what the entire agenda is about, every item, I've been here 14 years. The reason we have all of these items is because of a lack of communication from everybody. And with what Michael said, when we send an email, and I want the public to know and I see the media still here, I want you to know because we get beat up on daily, I get tagged in post on Facebook constantly about the frustration of the water bills. And when I email the administration, any of us, it's not for my personal benefit it's because I have been contacted by a constituent, and we get almost the same lack of communication that they're getting. And I want the public to know it, I want the paper to know it, because when we talk about being frustrated and not being responded to and we see the threats on Facebook, it's happening to us to. We sent emails on behalf of our constituents and they don't get responded to, or they say we're going to be responded to and its days and we have to follow-up again and I know that as a council member, if a council member has that type of trouble and we have the ability to put it on the agenda and talk about it and get on the camera, just think what's happening to the resident that's sitting at home. And it is a problem and it's got to stop. Again, this entire agenda is about lack of communication, every item every one, that's got to stop! Because we talk all night about not being communicated with and it's doing a disservice to us and most important to the residents who we work for them. This this, it's got to stop! You know it really needs to stop and I'm glad we're having this conversation in a public meeting, because the public often times view our role as a Police Jury, because you have residents who are in the parish when you had a Police Jury when each council member was a mayor of their district. You could issue a purchase order, I could ahead and say you know what; Aqua Metric yeah get on the ball get these meters rolling over here, in my district or in my division. But we don't have that authority anymore, we are legislatures we are at the mercy of administration just as the public is at the mercy of the administration. But it's hard sometimes for the public to understand that especially when they're used of the police jury, why can't you do anything? What good are you, I contacted my council member? And I'm here shaking my head saying, I didn't get responded to either, that's got to stop and we need to think in the mindset, we're running a business and the customer is the resident, and if the resident is unhappy rightfully so we can't make everybody happy about everything, but when it's a basis service of getting a water bill on time or a return phone call, when we don't approach that from a standpoint of a business owner that if I don't take care of my business, my business is going to suffer, then we're just going to just keep spinning our wheels at every council meeting. If the paychecks depended upon it like it would in a regular business, you would better believe that we would be responding and be responsive to the residents. But again, everything

we're talking about tonight is a lack of communication. It's got to stop! When I send an email and I'm going to back my council members up and I want back-up; when I send an email on behalf of a resident and 2 or 3 days goes by and I don't have a response, that a problem. That a problem, that's a real problem and it has to stop! Because if I can't even take care of the resident's needs, what good is any of us okay? So whatever needs to happen, 2 temps, 3 temps, 4 temps, whatever you need, you need to put it in place like Michael said; yesterday! We're tired of talking about this, we've got probably 8 more agenda items about water bills, water bills. You know and we had the workshop, I had illness in the family, I've had lengthy conversations with all these companies, they're eager to get us out of this mess we're in. And it seems like the sense of urgency isn't coming from us and I don't know what more we could actually do besides passing an Ordinance that says; yeah you got to call me back. Do we want to be micromanagers, we want to be legislatures and we want to be accountable to our constituents. So I'm asking you guys CFO, CAO, right here in front of us in front of the public to comment to responding to us on time and responding to the residents on time and resolving these issues. When you get a water bill in the mail that has a disconnect notice that you know you've paid or it tells you if you don't pay by this day, you owe this much money that day was 5 days ago, that a problem, and saying come in to talk about it, who wants to come and talk about it okay? I've had enough of this, like this should not be what we are consuming time with okay? So we need to fix it and quit coming here with all this lip service, it's enough! It's really enough! I've never seen anything like this, and again look at this agenda everybody's got items. It is a lack of communication, and you know what else and I'm going to wrap this up, it's disrespectful, it's not just a lack of communication, it is outright disrespect for the jobs that we have to do every day and face our constituents every day in Walmart, they come to us! We're not sitting up in an Eiffel Tower in office, we're in the community and they're wondering why we're not doing anything. And we're getting the same zero result that they're getting. And I have had enough of it, I have served for a long time and I'm responsive to people and I feel like I just can't do anything as it relates to something as simple as a water bill issue. And when that happens, we got a problem ok? I deserve the respect I have earned it! Everybody up here, we have earned that respect we deserve it, okay? It is outright disrespectful! And again, if everybody's lively hoods in this parish and their offices your shielded all day long, we're not. If everybody's paychecks were riding on it, we'd have a different result. We need to start treating this like it's a business and those residents are our customers and when we screw up, we're going to be accountable. There is no accountability. That's it I'm done."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Thank you Ms. Hotard that was some good dialog there, we appreciate that."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Yes I can understand Councilwoman Hotard's frustration regarding the water bills and administration is also as frustrated as you are. And again, I believe I had sent an email to both of you apologizing for the delay in the response, of course it may not be sufficient at this time but again, as far as administration goes this is an urgent matter, and we have been working day and night in reference to how we can go about resolving this for months. We've met with all these companies, we've brought in people to help us understand why the bills are spiked we've had some employee issues that all of 9 of you are aware of the issues that we've had, and so you know we're working on this tirelessly, each and every day to try to come up with some sort of resolve. But in regards to the lack of response, I agree with you the Parish President agrees with you as well, Councilwoman Hotard and we are going to resolve that, that matter has been resolved. We have had conversation and again you're not the only

one that's been faced with that, we've been faced with that. And again in regards to us being out in the public, we have constituents that walk up to me, to the Parish President, to our Communications Director, to whomever works for the parish and ask about water bills. This is a serious matter and we're taking it that way. And so I don't want the council to think that we're sitting on our hands and we're not looking at this as an urgent matter. The Parish President spoke with me on just the other day in regards to a system that we thought that would work, we realized that that system is not working so now we come back to the drawing table, and see how we can restructure and can come up with another system. So these are conversations that we're having often, with Curtis, with Curtis staff, we have brought in all the staff, try to look at how we can go about estimated doing estimated billing, how we can go about manual reads, how we can different assign different ones in different zones, so that everyone can be accountable to their particular cycle, so we're looking at all of this. And again, you know we hope and pray we can come up with a resolve and come up with something quickly. But again with regards to the lack of responsiveness from our staff, that will not happen I'll take full responsibility for that, and I've asked the Directors, especially Mr. Ross as well as Curtis to copy me and I will be monitoring and find out exactly, and if you do not get a response from them, you will get a response from me. In my former life that's what I pride myself in, in making sure that I respond to constituents because again, we're here, administration is here to provide you with information that you need, so you can then communicate to your constituents. Of course, we're not here to make your job harder, we're here to make it as easy as possible. So again, I'll take full responsibility and make sure that not only just the Utilities Department but all the departments are responding to you in a timely manner."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you I do appreciate that, I don't want to give the interpretation that I said you don't get any comments from this from the public. The difference is that, we don't have the authority to do anything about it. And you guys do, you can hire temps, anything and the biggest problem aside from meters, so I'm not saying that that's not a pressing issue and you're sitting on your hands with it, but the problem about communication is not rocket science. Just having someone returning phone calls to someone, doesn't require a new meter, doesn't require Aqua Metric, it doesn't require a pilot, it doesn't require anything. Just responding to the residents require nothing but somebody who cares enough to make sure that the residents are going to be responded to. When they tell us legislatures, I can't say we going to get a temp. I can't say Jackie go answer phone calls, Donna answer phone calls, we don't have that authority. So when you get stopped you can actually do something about it and could have quickly do a year ago. So we're on a different role, but again answering a call or returning a call or returning an email is not going to require pilots anything. It's just going to require somebody making sure that everybody is held accountable for what they're supposed to be doing. And I appreciate tonight you're said you're accepting responsibility for that, and hopefully it doesn't happen in any longer going forward. But I definitely wanted the public to know 100% that the frustration that they're feeling is the same thing we're experiencing or we're trying to get answers. And hopefully tonight when not going to have that going forward."

Councilman Malik asked, "Yes sir, Mr. Young you said, what is your typical turnaround time for a call?"

Curtis Young stated, "I said it depended on the issue at hand actually."

Councilman Malik stated, "Ok! And I think this was someone else's. I left a voice

mail for you at 4:43 on the 28th of August, so I mean that was 15 days ago and still waiting for a return call and I think that kind of summed it up from everything that we've feeling about phone calls. That's all I have."

Councilman Wright stated, "I don't want to take too much again on this but Ms. Toombs I do want to thank you for your, you know your response. Just one thing to, to remember not to add also, not only are we legislatures but we're part-time you know we don't do this full-time so you know to be overloaded with phone calls from residents not getting a response or appropriate action. For that to come to us and for us to do that on a part-time basis, that's also the frustrating part so I just want the general public to know that we are part-time as well and have full time jobs. But also to we also have to look at if we are overloaded with these calls and some excess of 100 calls a day, how many of those are people that are following up for calls that they haven't gotten calls for? So there's a difference between working hard and working efficiently and effectively and I'm not saying you guys are doing either, but obviously what we're doing is not working so we have to come back to the table and take action and not progress any longer. So I think we need to come a better approach and I'm ready to take some action in this water situation the next meeting."

Lennix Madere/Larry Sorapuru - Update on drainage on E. 14th, E. 24th, E. 26th, E. 27th Street, Chad B. Baker and Melius Drive

Verdell Kindrick stated, "Work has been completed on Chad B. Baker and the Reserve Drainage Project Phase III is in its final phase of completion. The Contractor is in the process of resolving utility conflicts with the gas company and the Utilities Department before installing the last 200 feet of pipe. Estimated completion is the end of October and the contractor is here is you need to ask any questions."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay contractor."

Lennix Madere - Monitoring of contracted employees working on Parish Projects Parishwide

Verdell Kindrick stated, "Basic contracts for grass cutting and janitorial services are monitored by Parish inspectors. Major construction projects are monitored by the Capital Projects Administrator and Department Directors."

Lennix Madere/Larry Sorapuru - Abandoned/derelict homes in District III, Homewood, E. 30th Street, E. 23rd Street and Jessie Lane in Wallace

Alex Carter stated, "As not to discuss individual violations and addresses publicly, an update on the properties in question has been provided to both Council members today. Unless we can right?"

Geoffrey Michel stated, "As a matter of rule just in case these matters might go into pending litigation, it probably is good to not discuss it publically. So they can communicate with you in other ways, I think they've already have?"

Alex Carter stated, "Right I have spoken with both Councilman Madere and Councilman Sorapuru."

Geoffrey Michel stated, "So I think that would be the way to go."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Have you guys, Mr. Madere hold on a second Mr. Madere."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "We did have, I did have communication with Alex on one of the properties on Jessie Lane particularly. I have an individual that lives near that area that's here tonight that would like to testify what his surroundings is like on Jessie Lane. Not myself."

Alex Carter stated, "And just to be clear I did speak with him before the council meeting started."

Lennix Madere - Update on repetitive grass cutting violations in District III

Alex Carter stated, "Presently, there are 15 properties having more than one grass violation this year in District III. The most recent activity associated with these properties includes 4 cases recently cut by a contractor, 3 cases cut by the owner, 4 cases undergoing notice procedures, and 4 cases assigned to be cut by a contractor. These cases represent a small share of the grass violations both recently closed and being processed throughout the Parish and I provided a detail list to Councilman Madere of these cases that list the properties in question and I would say, I know you and I talked about one today, I don't think it's on that list. So what I'm going to do is have the inspector in the area go out and check out the property you mentioned on 20th Street."

Julia Remondet - Hydrant Leak - 136 W. 6th Street - Reserve

Blake Fogleman stated, "Utilities and the Fire Department investigated this issue and it has been placed on the work order list to be replaced at this time. And I did speak to Ms. Remondet as well regarding this in a phone conversation earlier this week."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "I thank Blake and came to a going forward out there, it's been a tricky leak to catch and it's just got a lot of foot traffic and it's been sort of a little standing thing that we're not getting it done in the community. So I'm glad they finally caught what it was leaking so we could report it."

Blake Fogleman stated, "And I guess for the record if you don't mind. As I mentioned to Ms. Remondet, a little bit of patience that area is tight so when we do start that construction that area is going to be a little bit messy. But know that we're going to try to do it to where it doesn't persist to be a problem in the future."

Councilwoman Remondet stated "Thank you."

Julia Remondet - Drainage work schedule - Parishwide

Councilwoman Remondet stated "Before Mr. Verdell starts talking about this. The only thing I really was looking from this was just, we've had a lot of rain, we know it was unprecedented, that's rain we don't get on a regular basis, my goal was to have the department just tell the general public we're working on these projects, we're moving forward, we've got a lot going on, we can't get it all at one time but it became this toggle war with administration that I'm looking to talk bad about Mr. Verdell or Brian and you know they've got a schedule but the schedule is confidential and internal document, I didn't think there's any internal document that's confidential to the councilmen or to the public that's freedom of information. This was supposed to be just a good response between administration and the council to tell the public don't worry drainage is coming. We're going to correct it. And it became this big incident that I'm being told

that I'm trying to talk down to these people. I worked with Verdell for 30 years, if I got anything to say to Verdell I'm going to look him in the face and tell him. That's all that was wanted here, I just want the general public to know, you might know what's going on you tell us some things we talk to the directors, but the general public has no idea what we're really doing with drainage. We've got people with cars, there's water getting in their cars, there's homes getting flooded and we can't tell them what we're doing. Why not? Why not? That was my main concern. There is no document I can't have but personnel files. That's it."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Councilwoman Hotard if I'm not mistaken I had a conversation with you by phone."

Councilwoman Remondet stated "Yes."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Because I called you and asked you what was your reason..."

Councilwoman Remondet interrupting stated "You asked me to take it off the agenda."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "I did not ask you to do that. I did not ask you to take it off the agenda. I asked you a question regarding the agenda item."

Councilwoman Remondet stated "And the answer was, I'm putting down people, I'm not."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "No ma'am that's not, that was not the just of our conversation. The just of our conversation was to ask you the purpose of this item..."

Councilwoman Remondet interrupting stated "And that was it."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "So that I can have understanding. It was never about or anything negative toward Mr. Kindrick, basically I did state to you that the schedule that we have is an internal schedule for our staff or for our employees to know exactly where they are to go in particular districts on a weekly basis which I receive on a weekly basis, and as the narrative basically states here, that those assignments are given but however with those assignments that are given, you have council members and other individuals that call and that takes them away from their schedule and basically we said that here in this narrative. However we also have particular areas of concerns, when we had the drainage workshop we asked the council if they had any particular areas of concern, please let us know and we would put place it on the list. The Parish President and myself, went over that areas of concern with Mr. Kindrick and Mr. Kindrick addressed all those areas of concerns that was brought to our attention. I believe a large number of those concerns Councilwoman were in your district. And so again, that conversation that you and I had, had nothing to do with being negative, it primarily was just to get some clarity so that we would know how to address your concerns."

Councilwoman Remondet stated "If it's that general then, just give us a list then."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Okay again in our conversation..."

Councilwoman Remondet interrupting stated "A list of it."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "In our conversation also Councilwoman Remondet, when I mentioned the fact that we have an internal schedule, when we provide that particular schedule to the council that first time, it was addressed to administration that they never see anybody in their particular district. But again, there you know this is a pretty large parish and so our employees are assigned to particular areas and so they may be in your district one week, they be in another district another week. But that doesn't mean that they never been in your district, so you know we can have more conversation about how we can distribute that schedule, but I never ever and again I make myself very clear ma'am, with all due respect I was never disrespectful, I never said anything in a way that would be negative towards Mr. Kindrick. Mr. Kindrick in my opinion is a life saver to us all, and I call him on a regular basis as all of you do. And so again, I would never say anything negative toward Mr. Kindrick."

Councilwoman Remondet stated "No ma'am you misunderstood me. You didn't say anything negative, you were implying I was..."

LaVerne Toombs interrupting stated, "And that's not true."

Councilwoman Remondet stated "I was in Verdell's face all the time, but basically I understand that. They're always in my district, they'll always coming in and out. I didn't say that, the whole goal was to make a feel good statement at a public meeting to show the public that we are moving forward cause they want to see things happen now. Not 2 weeks from here not 2 months from here, I know that can't happen. But they don't believe us, they don't believe me and they don't believe you. And that was an opportunity to show the public that we can work well together on this. It never did come out that way because I felt you never wanted it to be a positive thing. We need show the public we're working together and we're getting things done, and by showing them a list of things that we need to do they'll see we're going to address it."

Verdell "The Public Works Department maintains a drainage schedule that is updated weekly, but is highly dependent upon employee attendance and available equipment. The number of work orders and urgent requests from Council members makes the schedule difficult to follow, as staff attempt to address Council requests rather than maintain their schedule. As a result, they frequently fail to complete jobs in a timely manner because they are hopping from job to job. Staff has been instructed to follow their schedule unless it is amended by Administrative staff. The priority has been to address all drainage issues on the list of "Areas of Concern". Additionally, items identified following major rain events take priority as determined by the Administration."

Julia Remondet - Update on Railroad culverts/drainage

Verdell Kindrick stated, "Administration has requested drainage assistance from the railroad companies and received mixed results. In the past, CN has cleaned all of their culverts in the Parish. With recent assistance from Congressman Graves, KCS will be working to clean culverts along their tracks. At this time, we do not have a copy of the maintenance schedule that these companies utilize. However, we do have points of contact that can be reached if there are particular areas of concern."

Julia Remondet - Update on the criteria for culvert placement

Verdell Kindrick stated, "Residents must apply for a culvert permit through the Planning and Zoning Department. Once an application is received, a PW employee

visits the site and determines the correct culvert size and other required materials. Once a permit is issued and all materials purchased by the resident, Public Works installs the culverts. As requested by the Council, amendments to the culvert ordinance was drafted and sent to all Council members on March 8, 2017 for review. We are awaiting formal comments to the proposal."

Thomas Malik - Update on the Pilot Program

Ross Gonzales stated, "The pilot program with Aqua Metrics was authorized without an approved agreement document. A document was drafted by Administration and is being reviewed by Legal Counsel. Upon final approval, the pilot programs approved by the Council will be implemented."

Thomas Malik - Update on what the Utility Department has done to reduce the billing cycle

"As a result of the recent implementation of the combined estimation/read process, the billing cycle has dropped to approximately 30-32 days over the last 4-6 weeks."

Thomas Malik - Update on the number of residential and commercial water meters

Ross Gonzales stated, "On average 16,100 meters are billed monthly, of which approximately 1,030 are Commercial/Non-Profit/Government accounts and approximately 15,070 are residential."

Thomas Malik - Update on the number of registers replaced as well as the approximate date replaced

Ross Gonzales stated, "Registers began to be steadily replaced in 2013. This replacement rate accelerated at the end of 2015. To-date we have changed approximately 3,000-3,500 registers. Replacements in mass have been reduced as we consider new meters/registers through pilot programs."

Thomas Malik - Update on question - Are the meters/registers NSF 61 compliance

Ross Gonzales stated, "Master Meter has been providing NSF 61 compliant, low-lead meters since the middle of 2013."

Larry Snyder - Update on Administration's plan to address and finance water meter issues

Councilman Snyder requested to have the above item carried over to the next agenda.

Larry Sorapuru/Kurt Becnel - Request for a Water Bill Payment Center on the Westbank

MOTION: Councilman Sorapuru moved and Councilman Becnel seconded the motion the table Request for a Water Bill Payment Center on the Westbank to the agenda on 09/26/2017. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard and Remondet absent.

"This request was evaluated in the past and was determined not to be feasible at that time. Currently, utility payments can be made by auto-draft, cash, credit cards, online payments, or mail-in. Payments can also be made at Club Grocery located at 3035 Hwy. 18 in Edgard, LA."

Larry Sorapuru - Request that the Council be notified of all Emergency Preparedness meetings

MOTION: Councilman Sorapuru moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion the table Request that the Council be notified of all Emergency Preparedness meetings. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard absent.

"In accordance with the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance & Disaster Act, the Parish President is responsible for Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness and she appoints a Parish OHSEP Director who schedules preparedness meetings with an identified ESF team. As suggested in the past, the Parish Council can select a Council member to represent them at such meetings which their designee is invited as a means of keeping them informed. These are not open meetings which is consistent with EOC policies and procedures with other municipalities and Parishes statewide. Additionally, updates are provided to the Council through the Communication's Department and Emergency Preparedness staff."

There is no executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Parish Buildings - Security

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

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

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

Any and all pending legal matters

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

17-42 An ordinance to amend St. John the Baptist Parish Code of Ordinances to create Chapter - Council Agenda Meeting - Each Tuesday preceding a regularly scheduled Parish Council Meeting, there shall be a Council Agenda Meeting, at 2:30 p.m., in the Council Office, to provide good order and efficiencies in conducting business of the Governing Authority by determining the urgency and necessity of placing a particular item on the Council Meeting Agenda, to read as follows:

PRESIDENT REPORT:

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Good evening. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all affected by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. We hope for the best in recovery and encourage our residents to pay it forward to these affected areas in any way that you can. I know many of our local groups and churches have already reached out to our neighbors and are assisting. We thank you for that and encourage residents to make donations toward this much needed cause. On that note, we are in the peak of Hurricane Season and seeing heightened activity in the tropics. Although we were not directly affected by the recent storms, we continue to experience record rain events and the latest forecasts should show residents that now is the time to have a plan. We still have almost two months of Hurricane Season left and our citizens should be checking hurricane preparedness plans and emergency supply kits and ensuring they have an evacuation plan. Please assist with keeping drains

and catch basins clear at your homes and businesses. The Communications Department will be distributing and posting flyers' with the message, Only Rain Down the Drain - and we hope you will partner with us, and together ensure we don't blow, sweep or dump grass clippings and yard waste into streets, ditches, driveways and storm drains to avoid drainage issues. 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. I was honored to attend a recent celebration at New Wine Christian Fellowship with Pastor Neil Bernard to celebrate their 22nd Anniversary and reopening of their facilities from the February 2016 tornado. Thank you for the great meal and fellowship. The Andouille Pageant committee is seeking contestants for the 2017 Miss & Teen Andouille Queen Pageants scheduled for Saturday, September 23rd. Girls ages 13-16 are needed for the teen division and ages 17-23 needed for Miss Division. Applications can be downloaded from andouillefestival.com and turned in at the meeting or to Deanna Schexnayder at the Parish Office. This year's Andouille Festival is slated for the weekend of October 13th-15th. Stay updated by visiting the site at www.andouillefestival.com. A print unveiling will be held on Thursday, September 21st and more announcements will be released soon. Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 10:07 PM, Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard absent.

/s/Larry Snyder
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
COUNCIL SECRETARY