

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd, 2015
CHAIRMAN MICHAEL WRIGHT
VICE CHAIR MARVIN PERRILLOUX

The Council of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session in the Joel McTopy Chambers, LaPlace, Louisiana on Tuesday, September 22, 2015, at 6:30 PM.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ABSENT: None

Councilman Perrilloux led the Prayer. Councilman Snyder led the Pledge.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BUSINESSES:

There was no new business at this time.

Natalie Robottom/Jaclyn Hotard - Proclamation - Shelby Reine - American Quarter Horse Youth Association (2x) World Champion in Ranch Riding

Natalie Robottom presented Shelby Reine who won her American Quarter Horse Youth Association 2nd World Champion Title in Ranch Riding. Mrs. Robottom read the proclamation and congratulated her for a job well done. Shelby also thanked her parents, grandparents and her trainer in helping make her dream come true for the second the time. The Council also congratulated her and her parents for providing the guidance and support through the years.

Natalie Robottom/Lennix Madere - Proclamation - Christina Marie Green Davis - First African American to experience the integration process at Leon Godchaux High in 1965

Natalie Robottom presented and read the Proclamation to Christina Marie Green Davis the First African American to experience the integration process at Leon Godchaux High in 1965 and received her entire education in the St. John the Baptist Parish Public School System. The Parish President and the Council acknowledged her for her bravery and commitment to obtain an education in an integrated environment at a time when it was not easy.

Natalie Robottom/Beverly Hodges (GFOA Immediate Past President) - Presentation - Vince Lucia & Finance Department - 2015 Distinguished Budget Presentation Award (2nd consecutive year)

Beverly Hodges/Natalie Robottom presented Vince Lucia & Finance Department with the 2015 Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the 2nd consecutive year. Vince thanked the Finance Department and everyone who worked on the and for a job well done.

Councilman Wright stated, "Thank you Mr. Lucia and thank you to our Finance Department. There's no doubt, the great job you guys are doing. Thank you'll."

Natalie Robottom - Presentation - Robert Collins, River Parishes Transit Authority

Michael Coburn stated, "Thank you Mr. Chairman. Yes sir, Mr. Collins is here with the River Parishes Transit Authority, will go through a brief presentation."

Robert Collins, General Manager, River Parishes Transit Authority, "Thank you for having me gave a brief presentation and explained how the service actually works. The fare for each trip is \$2.00 and service runs Monday - Saturday, 5:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. For more information please call: (985) 651-1141 or toll free at (877) 651-1171 to schedule a ride."

Councilman Snyder asked, "The feasibility study, why just Airline Highway?"

Robert Collins stated, "It's not just Airline Highway, if you look at the map up on the screen, the primary route would be Airline Highway because that is where the concentration of leadership is. That would allow a central location to disburse the passengers from housing and businesses."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Even if the western part of the parish from Garyville to LaPlace, there isn't much on the Airline Highway in that area."

Robert Collins stated, "No there isn't. We also have some studies going in on additional routes, if you look up on the map. Those routes could go down River Road across on the Westbank working the St. John area and then additional vehicles on the Westbank in St. Charles."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay because the red line is the Airline Highway route and the blue line is the Westbank?"

Robert Collins stated, "Again, those are very preliminary we are still doing the study."

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

Robert Collins stated, "It would be to concentrate where people live and where they shop and try and transfer them between those points."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Thank you sir."

Councilman Gauff asked, "Did you say that for the ridership where we need to be as far as the amount of vehicles that we have and you know the need that the parish has?"

Robert Collins stated, "We are absolutely not where we need to be."

Councilman Gauff stated, "Ok."

Robert Collins stated, "We are tracking to our usual average. We actually peaked out on the number of trips we can do per day because of the size of the service area and the number of vehicles we have in service every day."

Councilman Gauff stated, "Ok so our limiting factor is financial and..."

Robert Collins interrupting stated, "It is predominately financial, yes sir."

Councilman Gauff stated, "Ok, because I guess my other question was going to be; what would be the biggest I guess, question or problem that you're facing other than financial then, but it is maybe accessibility or ridership or what is that?"

Robert Collins stated, "We are turning clients away because we cannot fit them in the schedule. It's not that we have full busses, if that the size of the service area to the amount of service that we put out, just doesn't match. Again, we service over 700 square miles, we go from St. James around Veterans Bridge all the way to Williams and 25th in Kenner, down to Des Allemands and St. Rose. St. Charles excuse me. That limits the amount of trips that we can take based on distance and the way the trips are booked on a first come first serve, so when somebody books a trip, that determines what direction that bus is going and each bus heads in a different direction in the morning and their schedule is built off of those calls and the order they come in."

Councilman Gauff stated, "Ok. I'm good for now."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "Thank you so much for the presentation. I know this is a service that our residents, obviously from the graft our residents definitely take advantage of this service. My concern is you said that we had three, we have five busses and three are in operation, two are for backup?"

Robert Collins stated, "Two are backups, yes ma'am."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "So if something would happen to one, you'd have something to go and service the other ones?"

Robert Collins stated, "Yes ma'am, we..."

Councilwoman Millet interrupting asked, "Do they rotate these?"

Robert Collins stated, "We rotate them in and out based on service schedules and what busses are available."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "And your calls all originate from your local office or they originate, they all start on Woodland?"

Robert Collins stated, "Yes ma'am."

Councilwoman Millet asked, "And then from there you spread out as the need

demands?"

Robert Collins stated, "Yes ma'am."

Councilwoman Millet asked, "Do you'll have a program that when you put these addresses in it, it automatically generates your route or do you'll do this manually?"

Robert Collins stated, "At this time we do not. We do it manually and again it is based on first come first serve. We are looking in to the possibility at a program that the funding for that is, have been a financial issue."

Councilwoman Millet asked, "Which is why you're doing a feasibility study for a designated route?"

Robert Collins stated, "Yes ma'am."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "Because I can imagine if you get a phone call to go pick somebody up in Des Allemands, you're not available to pick anyone else up with that bus until they get to their destination which may be..."

Robert Collins stated, "Well that may take a while, but we do try and schedule somebody else in to the place heading out that way so we don't have a deadhead, what they call a deadhead in transit; which is an empty route."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "Ok"

Robert Collins stated, "So we kind of schedule..."

Councilwoman Millet interrupting stated, "Well I'm sure you know, you've been doing this for a while so I'm sure you have it down path. I was just making sure it was available to all the residents and obviously from the graft, St. John is getting more than their fair share and I thank you for that."

Robert Collins stated, "Yes ma'am."

Councilman Gauff stated, "I think Mrs. Millet covered it. I guess I was thinking; how do we keep these busses in a regional area so that they don't have to overextend mileage wise so that you can get more people serviced. But I guess with a first come first serve, it's kind of difficult to do that."

Robert Collins stated, "Yes sir the problem is, the origin of the trip may be in St. John, the destination for the trip may be Kenner, Des Allemands, St. James. So unfortunately we can't control regionalizing the vehicles. A fix drop service would help that because this type of service could feed into that, so I could leave a vehicle in St. John that would service just St. John, bring them to a fix drop that would transport in the direction they're going and pick them by another vehicle and bring them to their destination."

Councilman Gauff stated, "Well as long as you're giving us the best service we can have with the monies and the materials at your disposal, we appreciate it."

Robert Collins stated, "We're certainly trying."

Councilman Gauff stated, "Thank you very much."

Councilman Wright stated, "Thank you so much Mr. Collins."

Robert Collins stated, "Thank you very much."

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Items: Approval of Minutes - September 8th, 2015, Regular Meeting; Permit Approval - Run for the Sun 5K Race and 1 mile fun run/walk - 10/10/15 beginning at 8:00 AM

MOTION: Councilman Smith moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda items consisting of Approval of Minutes - September 8th, 2015, Regular Meeting; Permit Approval - Run for the Sun 5K Race and 1 mile fun run/walk - 10/10/15 beginning at 8:00 AM. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE:

15-53 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance authorizing the Parish President to execute an Act of Donation to acquire certain property for inclusion in the Parish's drainage servitude system, and under such other terms and conditions deemed fit and proper by the Parish President in her discretion, and upon review by legal counsel (C. Millet)

Michael Coburn stated, "We spoke with Mr. Perrilloux this afternoon on this item and he will be preparing the documents that are needed for this transfer to go through."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I don't have right in front of me, but can you tell me where the properties located in the purpose of the transfer?"

Michael Coburn asked, "You're asking for Ms. Hotard for the property numbers?"

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "No, where is it located and what's the purpose of the donation?"

Michael Coburn asked, "And the location of it? It's on Fairway Blvd. the dance studio that's right there, it's that canal that runs along back behind the Links property. It's on both sides of the canal. It's in your book you see the copy in your book?"

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "No I don't have a book. Alright thank you."

MOTION: Councilwoman Millet moved and Councilman Smith seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 15-53. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Millet stated, "At this time I'd like to make a motion to accept

the items that were approved in the finance committee meeting earlier today."

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Michael Wright - Council meeting date change from Tuesday, October 13th, 2015 to Monday, October 12th, 2015 in observance of "Night Out Against Crime"

Councilman Wright stated, *"At this time I ask for a motion."*

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Gauff seconded the motion for Council meeting date change from Tuesday, October 13th, 2015 to Monday, October 12th, 2015 in observance of "Night Out Against Crime". The motion passed unanimously.

Jobe Boucvalt - LNO - A Letter of No Objection for the Maurepas Pipeline Project

Jobe Boucvalt stated, *"Parish Council, thank you Mr. Chairman Councilman Wright. Maurepas Pipeline is proposing to construct three pipelines from the St. Charles parish line to the St. James Parish line in the northern portion of St. John Parish. These pipelines follow the same pipe alley way and no problems are anticipated. It has been reviewed by the Parish Engineer and Director of Public Safety and Administration recommends approval."*

Councilman Snyder asked, *"Was the question I answered to our engineers question as far as how deep it's going to go? Is it below the hard surface?"*

Jobe Boucvalt stated, *"Ah yes that's correct. Mr. Savoie would you like to comment on that? Mr. Savoie wrote a report and I think he can answer all his questions, in fact I know he can."*

C.J. Savoie stated, *"Yes I guess you saw I had several reports because I requested several things. One of them was is that I was concerned about pressures and possible contaminate points and the other question was relative to the depth across our canals and so forth. And they responded and I was satisfied because they also had Corps of Engineers approval and the one particular one was the Hope Canal where that may be a possible future diversion canal and so, but the Corps was taking them going under there to 8 feet, and but they are responsible should they ever create this canal we have to come back and move the pipeline at their own expense."*

Councilman Snyder asked, *"Right, so that takes into consideration the fillings like did we do a sonar test on that canal or they did do a sonar test on it?"*

C.J. Savoie stated, *"They did several sounding test, Councilman and they knew cause I asked the question also relative to that was, is how much settlement is sitting relative to the hard bottom. And they did soundings down to the hard bottom passed settlement. They had to do that it's part of their Corps permit."*

Councilman Snyder asked, "Ok, so 8 feet below the hard service?"

C.J. Savoie stated, "Correct."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Alright."

Councilman Wilson stated, "This is a big major project, I'm just asking that you'll employ as many people from St. John as you'll can and spend as much money as you can in St. John. Thank you!"

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved and Councilman Gauff seconded the motion to approve LNO - A Letter of No Objection for the Maurepas Pipeline Project. The motion passed unanimously.

Jobe Boucvalt - LNO - A Letter of No Objection for the Proposed Belle Pointe Coastal Mitigation Bank - Delta Land Services, LLC

Jobe Boucvalt stated, "Thanks again. The project is located in Reserve behind East St. John High School and Belle Point Subdivision. The proposal is to restore approximately 352 acres of forested coastal wetlands by planting native tree species in the area. The project also includes reconstruction of a berm which protects against flooding at a set elevation of 6 feet rather than the current 5.5 feet. This project was reviewed and approved by the parish engineer and Director of Public Safety and Administration recommends approval."

Councilman Madere stated, "The only thing that really concerns me about it when I talked to Mr. Savoie about it was to make sure we have that levee protection and we went from 5.5 up to 6 feet. Protection you know for the subdivision back there that was my major concern that we didn't have any problem you know with this project and my question was answered that we're going to end up with a better levee protection system than what we have now behind that subdivision."

Jobe Boucvalt stated, "That's correct and Mr. Savoie did write a report on that and he's here to answer any questions if you have them on there."

Councilman Madere stated, "I think you'd like to just explain that to the other council members before they vote."

C.J. Savoie stated, "I also wrote several reports on this one because this one involves a mitigation bank that's just North of the Belle Pointe Subdivision, but you all may not be familiar with the mitigation bank. A mitigation bank is where they create wetlands and they do by the planting of trees and so forth to create a wetland and possible sell it. There are mitigation banks throughout the state and they sell this mitigation bank to parishes and other entities for the purpose of replacing damaged wetlands and so forth. So they got to create this mitigation bank so. And so doing this the levee approximate 3200 feet North of Belle Pointe Subdivision and it's, but the levee is kind of broken up and down, varies from about 4 feet 8 to up to 5.5 and so forth. So one of the requirements I asked within the first hundred feet North of the Subdivision was to put a levee and maintain the height of 6 feet and they agreed to do this as part of that is one of the

requirements, second requirement I asked them we have a treatment a sewer treatment facility that handles 250,000 gallons per day just North of the plant, also located by the levee and so forth. And I asked them to build up the road that goes to this so that we always have access to that plant and they agreed to do that. Now the parish will agree to aggregate that road but they were doing that anyway."

Councilman Gauff stated, "I think my concerns were also addressed, this isn't for you Chuck it was just general statements agreeing with Mr. Madere that as long as the subdivision at Belle Pointe, as long as they were protected we're going to put in a levee protection, seems like a very good project and good for us. I see also talking to Mr. Lee that pump would be removed, we'd have a gravity flow north which would, all this would help also help the school. So this is good for all of us as far as residents, so I also ask we accept this."

C.J. Savoie stated, "Well my goal was to protect the public and to protect the subdivision and make sure we had a better levee than what we had already, so that actually I felt like I was improving upon the situation."

Councilman Gauff stated, "I think you did a good job from the explanation that I got from both Jobe and Mr. Lee."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "Mr. Savoie I just have that one comment you know once again there's a lot of homes back there and we want to make sure they are indeed protected and with the building up that they did at the school, that's going to push water more back into that subdivision and this is going to continue pushing it back further, it's not going to you know I don't want to see it come back on these residents and have them, they didn't have a problem with flooding before and we certainly don't want to have that happen now. So this is going to push it further to the swamp?"

C.J. Savoie stated, "It doesn't push it, I don't want to make the statement that it pushes the water in either case, but because all it really did is, I moved the levee virtually up closer to the subdivision but I built it up higher and made it more uniformed that's what I did. So the levee..."

Councilwoman Millet interrupting asked, "So if water toppled the levee, the residents would flood?"

C.J. Savoie stated, "Well I guess so. But if the water topped the levee that's already there it would. But the elevation you have to realize in that subdivision I think it's around 6 feet already."

Councilwoman Miller asked, "So we're above that flood level?"

C.J. Savoie stated, "Above flood level anyway so, this is just an added protection."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "I just don't want to see you know adding water to bring water to the residents is my fear but if you tell me it's all okay and done and designed properly, I'm ok."

C.J. Savoie stated, "Well it's not been designed yet and I'm waiting to see

what the design when it comes back, but we're approving them subject to them putting the design together so I haven't seen a finished design. We gave them some parameters to follow."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "Thank you."

Councilman Snyder asked, "So we're killing 2 birds with 1 stone, here we have a better levee and more uniformed levee?"

C.J. Savoie stated, "Correct."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Right and we also replacing land that maybe we have destroyed somehow..."

C.J. Savoie interrupting stated, "No no no no they are selling this. This has become a marketable item for these people. Delta Land Services is going to sell this property. They're not actually about it developing or going in there, there are creating a wetlands, for the trees and they make it available and they have to keep it up. For example; if you were wanting to start some wetlands in some particular locale and you came back and you said hey, the Corps of Engineers said; well you going to have to pay for that damaged wetlands or you're going to have to replace it and you say okay I'm going to replace it. I'm going to run over to the mitigation bank and buy some and over that in place of it, so you go over there and you buy a section of it and they sell it to you for a price and then you in turn have accomplished what the Corps of Engineers wants as a means to an end."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Ok. That was my question that's what I wanted to know that part of it, thank you very much."

Councilman Wilson asked, "Chuck the levee is going to be 6 feet high at sea level, 6 foot of sea level is that enough?"

C.J. Savoie stated, "Correct, above means sea level."

Councilman Wilson asked, "Is that going to be enough? How much closer..."

C.J. Savoie interrupting stated, "Better than what it was to say it's enough I don't know, I don't have a crystal ball but to say that's enough, I've always liked levees even higher but..."

Councilman Wilson interrupting stated, "Well I know the back end of that property used to be rice field at one time and it is real low back there already, when I was a kid but that part could walk in it, I believe the intake?"

C.J. Savoie stated, "Yeah."

Councilman Wilson asked, "It's so big, but as long as they coming far enough up you know it makes a big difference."

C.J. Savoie stated, "Well they provided 100 foot servitude in there, north of the subdivision to place this levee."

Councilman Wilson stated, "I just hope it works without you know any little pump system."

C.J. Savoie stated, "Like I said I don't have a crystal ball, I don't know what's going to happen in the future but I mean the effort and the goal here was to give them better than what they have. That's why we required at least a 6 foot high levee because they had, the proposal for that old levee was supposed to be around 6 feet, but the elevation showed that it's up and down and not even close to, it's close I mean it's in the 5 foot something 4, 8 and I saw different elevations all along, but it wasn't uniformed and it wasn't a, none of it got up to 6 feet."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Just a quick question Mr. Savoie. I thought 7 feet was the level for the levees, it's not 7 feet?"

C.J. Savoie asked, "7 feet for what?"

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "High height."

C.J. Savoie stated, "I know what you're talking about height, but I mean we're talking about some dictated or..."

Councilman Perrilloux interrupting stated, "Well I thought that if we're building a levee back there and I thought it was standard 7 feet FEMA required."

C.J. Savoie stated, "I don't know that. I can't say I know that part of that."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Ok, we'll find out."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes I think when I spoke to you, you know we had this meeting concerning this and 6 feet like Mr. Perrilloux said if it's the standard of 7 feet, then 7 feet is what we want if that the standard, we don't want to go below the standard. I mean we're going to have to look into that to find out for sure if there's a standard. Okay we don't want to accept anything lower than what the standard may require for that project. We want to give them more, okay I understand we say 6 they had 5.5 and we're going to 6 but if there's a standard height, then that's what we should get."

C.J. Savoie stated, "Well..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Well I mean we need to look into that more if there's a standard, we don't want to be below, we don't want to be below standard..."

C.J. Savoie interrupting stated, "I know that there's only standard set for a residential you know the..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "All I'm saying is Mr. Perrilloux may have a good point okay. If there is a standard, then we don't want anything less than what's standard."

Angelic Keller stated, "I think you may be and I'm not sure, but I'm thinking maybe you're thinking FEMA based flood elevation requirements; and that's"

normally when you're elevating or if you're building a structure, it has to be at a certain level or a certain height and it's for that particular flood zone or that area, so it may be 7 in some places it may be 8 it may be 9. So there's no, not one particular standard to my knowledge that's is not a specific height standard for levees or berms that you're building around your property. However, those things that they're building and I believe the rear of the property, I'm not sure if it's in a flood zone or not but there are state permits that they have to and state processes that they have to go through for that as well. The state is not going to approve anything if it's not the correct height if there is some standard that's required."

Councilman Wright stated, "Thank you Ms. Keller for that clarification. Any further questions from the council?"

Councilwoman Millet stated, "Mr. Savoie if you can answer this question. I am looking at the drawing here and how much servitude is there between the back of these houses and the proposed berm or levee?"

C.J. Savoie stated, "100 feet."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "There's a 100 feet buffer zone?"

C.J. Savoie stated, "Well it's not a buffer zone, it's 100 feet and the levee is within that 100 feet."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "It's within the 100?"

C.J. Savoie stated, "Correct."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "So it could be in..."

C.J. Savoie interrupting stated, "They're providing us a servitude of 100 feet and they're putting the levee in basically it's along the most northern line or the furthest point."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "I mean is it going to be in somebody's back yard or is it beyond, that's my question. How much..."

C.J. Savoie interrupting stated, "No no, that's why we wanted the 100 feet. Because we didn't want anybody, that to be backed up to somebody's back yard."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "That's my concern and you know I know we've seen issues with water toppling over and it's right there in their back yard and in their house and there's no..."

C.J. Savoie interrupting stated, "And also you have to realize also that 6 feet and most of these houses, if the land let's say is 4 feet the levee is only going to be 2 feet above their property and it's going to be at a pretty good distance so it's not like it's going to be a real pronouncing like you're picturing at East St. John..."

Councilwoman Millet interrupting asked, "These are preliminary, you still haven't given the final approval or is this the final approval?"

C.J. Savoie stated, "You're giving them approval to proceed, okay? We have required that we need some documentation, I have anyway and mind that they submit, they have to come in and give or say the right away, the servitude and they have to build it according to the way that they had been approved."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "Ok thank you. Are we going to inspect this or is someone going to?"

C.J. Savoie stated, "Oh I hope so, I hope so."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "Ok thank you."

MOTION: Councilman Gauff moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve LNO - A Letter of No Objection for the Proposed Belle Pointe Coastal Mitigation Bank - Delta Land Services, LLC. The motion passed with 8 yeas and 1 absent (Hotard).

Natalie Robottom - Resolution - R15-30 - Support of the Manchac Greenway Recreation Area

Michael Coburn stated, "Good afternoon council again. This resolution grants the Parish President the authority to execute all documents involved with the DOTD permit application to make the 26 mile span of Old US 51/I-55 Frontage Road between Ponchatoula and LaPlace a bike path. It also commits the parish to purchasing, installing and maintaining bicycle signage along the adopted route. Administration recommends approval. I have with me Mr. Za Maurin, who is on this committee to give you some further details."

Za Maurin stated, "Yes the bike path part is just one aspect of the whole Manchac Greenway that we're proposing on that 26 mile stretch. The bike path is just one aspect of the proposed recreation so just let you know and having said that, there is going to be a fundraising event for the Manchac Greenway, it's for the proposed recreational. It's going to be this Saturday 2-5 rain or shine at the Frenier Landing this Saturday between 2 and 5, there's a \$25.00 donation. It's not only to raise a few funding for the Greenway but it's also to get some support, get the word out that there's some effort to kind of work on this diamond in the rough on that 26.2 mile stretch that's it, thank you."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I may be as lost as a baby in the woods here but you're saying that we're going to close that highway down and all of us, there's more than us listening at this ok and the way it was read, it's take Old 51 and make it into a bike path. So what's that telling the people that's listening at home? That's what I'm looking at, well you may know the difference cause you may know, but that's what I'm asking. We're going to take part of it and make it a bike path or part of the highway and it be a bike path?"

Paige Falgoust stated, "I think there was a misunderstanding in the response but the Hwy. 51 is not going to change. The Hwy. 51 will still remain that frontage road for vehicles to use but they're adding a bike path to that road for bikers to use. It's my understanding that it's going to be just striping and signage along the highway that's currently there."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well great! That may be more privileged to more information but the way I read it and the way people listening at home read it, it's going to be a bike path. I'm glad it's not because they have good fishing back there."

Za Maurin stated, "And improve fishing is the whole scheme of trying to enhance that area. We want to improve fishing areas, we want to improve everything that you need to do out there."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Great, great thank you."

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "Mr. Coburn, the striping, the state will take care of the striping, I heard Mr. Maurin say fundraiser, did we look to see if we have any grants involving getting this bike path done?"

Michael Coburn stated, "We haven't looked and I haven't. I'll have to check with Ms. Valentine and we could see if there is any out there that are available to do this but we agreed to go in with a group to put up the signage and things like that. I have to see what DOTD how much the striping would cost to do that entire you know project, but we certainly can look at that."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I mean it's a good project because along in there we have like a park. We have a park right there and we could, I mean beautify the park more, it'll be a bike stop for the bikers to stop there. You know we have a little gazebo there but we're going to have to improve in that area a little bit and I think it'll be a good idea if we had some grant money we could just go ahead and fix that whole corridor up and kind of beautify it and fix that park up at the same time. I think it's a good idea because I know some bikers were looking for places to ride besides the levee."

Michael Coburn stated, "Exactly. We'll be glad to look at that. We sure will."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Thank you."

Councilman Wilson asked, "Where will this path end? Is it going to meet up to the Mississippi River?"

Michael Coburn stated, "It's going all the way to Ponchatoula."

Councilman Wilson stated, "They've been working on this for 20 years, but is it going to go, will it hook up to the levee?"

Za Maurin stated, "Yeah Ranney that's going to be the, you know the big plan, you know but the Big Plan, not just a little piece of plan."

Councilman Wilson stated, "I said this has been going on for quite some time."

Michael Coburn stated, "We're just trying to get it started."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "I commend you for bringing this to us, because this is area of the parish that is kind of left on the sideline. I remember many many many years ago when it used to be a dumping ground and it's has

been cleaned up and it's been beautified and I think if I remember correctly, MD used to have a bike-a-thon every year that went down that same road, I don't know if they still do that or not but it's a great route and for those cyclist this is a perfect way for them to avoid the traffic situation because we don't have a lot of traffic on that area. So I commend ya'll and I look forward to working with ya'll."

Councilman Madere stated, "So this striping, is there a certain distance, how wide that striping is on that bike path?"

Michael Coburn stated, "I'm assuming anywhere from 4 to 6 feet possibly 8 feet. I'm sure the DOTD has specifications for that."

Councilman Madere stated, "Right because I'm really not up to date here but a Mr. Snyder laughing already, we have a friend of ours, all he's does is ride his bike on the side of the road and he said he's entitled to 3 feet. You know he's got his 3 feet. You know so I just wanted to know, you know exactly I think he's right he's does have those 3 feet. We discussed that a lot with him and that's why Mr. Snyder is laughing you know because sometimes we tell him stay off the road because we don't want to see him get hit. He said he's entitled to those 3 feet, so if they're going to do that on 51 and I55, I guess he really is entitled to those 3 feet. Okay so I just want to make sure that the bikers and the traffic respect each other because we don't want to see anything happen out there on the highway you know."

Michael Coburn stated, "No you're right."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Where are we supposed to get this money from, which budget?"

Michael Coburn asked, "For the signage you're talking about?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "Signage whatever."

Michael Coburn stated, "Yes that comes from Public Works. They do our signs now."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay and a..."

Michael Coburn interrupting stated, "We trying to work with DOTD so we can make a split and things like that, we're working with them."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Ok alright thank you."

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilwoman Hotard seconded the motion to approve Resolution R15-30 - Support of the Manchac Greenway Recreation Area. The motion passed with 8 yeas and 1 absent (Perrilloux).

DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:

Councilman Wright stated, "Before we go any further in to this, I'll ask Mr. Nunes to come up I just want to give the council kind of and the public a quick update and I want to commend Senator Vitter's Office, we sent a letter after one of our last Council Meetings to Senator Vitter asking for some help with both railroads and some of the drainage problems we were having. His

office was very responsive and the Federal Railroad Administration did contact me and came inspect almost immediately within a week, put together a confidential report that's going to be finalized tomorrow, it's going to be sent to Senator Vitter. There was some findings, those findings are confidential but the railroad has been given notice. We did set up a meeting yesterday with some of the railroad officials, administration and myself and Mr. Perrilloux and ask Brian to maybe elaborate a little more."

Brian Nunes stated, "In summary of the meeting we met with both railroads, the Eastbank, it was KCS had a representative and CN actually had 4 representatives and both railroads, I find them to be extremely responsive to what the parish may, actually Mr. Gauff was there to. They were responsive to our request, as far as maintenance of their areas, maintenance of their culverts, replacement if needed, now we did clarify it on Mr. Madere has been asking who owns it, who's responsible. They've clarified their 25 feet on each side. So they have a 50 foot right away that they're going to maintain. If we find areas we know need to be brought to their attention, we have the direct contacts now, we don't have to call Mississippi or Chicago, I call Baton Rouge and I can get their guy from there, that's on both railroads. And they said they might not be here within a day but, you know maybe they can get here in a day or if it's an emergency and they want, you know we think we need to take care of it in house, they'll get somebody as soon as they can or flag man down here and they'll allow us to do it. They won't charge us for the flag man as it's been rumored, they said they'll just get them here as soon as they can, but and Mr. Wright brought some pictures and after the meeting I brought the Bridge Supervisor with me, we went to some areas, we went to East 14th Street, we went out by Perrilloux Drive, just a few areas that we already know were bad and they agreed. They said; these are bad we need to get on them. So they're going to come back and they're going to get on those and if I don't see any results within a week or two, then I'll just make that phone call again and we all have the number now, Mr. Coburn has that number, I have the number and Mr. Wright has the numbers, Mr. Perrilloux and Mr. Gauff have them to. So we can all go directly to the local guys and they've made a commitment to us that they are going to put their efforts to our request, so I felt very happy with it, I think the Council did as well, I know Mr. Coburn did and again I want to reiterate thanking Senator Vitter's Office and a the Federal Railroad people that set up the whole meeting."

Councilman Wright stated, "Thank you Brian, just I know for the Council the report is going to be finalized tomorrow with Federal Railroad Administration's findings and like I said it is confidential, although the railroad does have 30 days to get the work done and get it completed. I do ask you to monitor your areas and do keep note of areas of concern that do need to be brought to their attention and then we know have a good relationship, so it's going to go a long way."

Councilman Wilson stated, "I have one comment on the issue. I started the battle with this with the railroad. You wrote the letter but I have been on this railroad issue for a long time and I was not invited to that meeting and that was very very unprofessional on everybody's part..."

Councilman Wright interrupting stated, "Mr. Wilson actually I can comment on that. I actually set up the meeting with just, myself as Chairman and Mr. Perrilloux. We all have had problems with the railroad but we can't meet 4 or

more, so I made that decision to set up the meeting, I think Ms. Landeche did contact you last week for specific areas to give of concern, as well as Mr. Madere and a couple other council members...

Councilman Wilson interrupting stated, "Specific areas I had concerns from end of my district to the other end of his district. It's just I'm really perturbed by not being involved and invited to the meeting."

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

Councilman Wilson stated, "I mean the newspaper came down and took pictures."

Councilman Wright stated, "Ok thank you Mr. Wilson."

Councilman Gauff stated, "I just to let you know, I wasn't invited either. I just happen to be there handling some other business and I think we all have areas. I think every rail system through parish runs through my territory, so I was fortunate enough that I was at the building at the time, was able to make it, I think they tried, they really did, I'm giving Michael credit because between he and Jackie they did try to make phone calls and we all weren't available but, at least they set up a meeting, they were able to make contact, I've got to give them credit. Senator Vitter's Office and Administration but mostly Michael and Mr. Perilloux they had started with a letter and that letter opened the door for us to get this group together and they came in and they rode through the district with us and I really want to applaud them for that because we really do have solid contacts now that went out and we were walking through and up and down the rail systems, they were getting down looking into these culverts to see if they were plugged or not plugged or where the drainage system actually went to. So I understand you're upset because it's an area that you represent, but you have to realize Sometimes it's a team and this time the team leader, he swung hard and he hit a home run, because I think he did a good job getting this meeting together and we're going to be able to see some, we're going to reap the benefits of it. So I do want to commend Michael, Senator Vitter's Office, Administration for what they did, so good job."

Councilman Madere stated, "I agree and then disagree. I understand, now if you can't follow what I just said I'm going to explain it to you. I agree that we hit a home run with the railroad and got this commitment from and got a full understanding as to exactly how this operate. Cause since I been on this council okay, Mr. Wilson was on the council years before I been on it, but I know for three and a half years since I first got here I've been talking about drainage and railroad. I told you it's a 3 headed monster, it's the railroad it's the ditches, the parish and the citizens. I been saying that from day one okay, so I agree we hit a home run and finally nailed him down as to what are their responsibility and what is our responsibility, it took three and a half years to get this information and to nail them down and I have heard anywhere from 50 feet to 25 feet that we don't care, that we do care okay I understand what you did, everything was great. But I do agree with Mr. Wilson that either he or myself should have been at that final meeting, either one of us. It could have been him I wouldn't have had no problem, if I would have been there he wouldn't have any problem okay. I'm the one who have drainage problem, but we are the two that constantly was on this railroad and spoke out. I was also contacted on Friday to drive around

with Mr. Coburn and Mr. Wright to show the areas and the pictures, so that's why either myself or Mr. Wilson should have been at that meeting. I under you can't have 5 or 4, but in that number of 2 or 3, it should have been one of us. So that's why I agree that we hit a home run, but me, and Mr. Wilson threw the first pitch, to the batter. So make sure we understand that, especially when most of that area we're talking about is in District 3 in District 2 and part of District 1, so I do feel the disrespect that we were not at that meeting, I'm glad to know and on my way here, I had a resident that was passed and I have the tape measure in my car I measured those 25 feet so I already know where they are. Those 25 feet from where that railroad to that canal in my district. Okay and now, since I know it's 25 feet the parish is going to care of those 25 feet, I mean outside that 25 and the railroad is going to handle theirs. When it took three and a half years to establish that, but like I said, I agree that we hit a home run. But me and Mr. Wilson, one of us should have been that batter's box."

Councilman Wilson stated, "Mr. Coburn, did you'll go to Mt. Airy and Garyville?"

Michael Coburn stated, "Yes sir we did go."

Councilman Wilson asked, "You'll did?"

Michael Coburn stated, "Yes sir we did."

Councilman Wilson asked, "You went to the areas where I brought you?"

Michael Coburn stated, "Yes sir! We drove by the culverts down the canal area, took pictures of them and those pictures were given to the railroads at that time, sure did."

Councilman Wright stated, "And also on that note Mr. Wilson, as the conversation you and I had previously, but I will say for public record, I was told that majority of the findings were in your area and the railroad will be starting in that area."

Councilman Wilson stated, "Thank you."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I think you guys did a good job on getting it done and we got some results now. I think that's the important thing and the important thing to move on and the people who's going to benefit from this are the same people we represent. Now we got some resolution, now you guys can step in there and tell them exactly the way you want to get it done at, because this is your district okay. Let's move!"

Torri Buckles - Economic Development

Torri Buckles provided an update on the plans that are in place for the 42nd Andouille Festival at the St. John Community Center and Thomas F. Daley Park, 2900 Hwy. 51 on October 16th - 18th, 2015. There will be over 40 Craft and Food Vendors this year as well as the line-up to see everyone performing on stage visit the website at: andouillefestival.com for more information. The Official 42nd Andouille Festival Print designed by Jamar Pierre and was unveiled and are available for purchase. The Council commended Torri and her

department for a great job well done.

Blake Fogelman - Utilities

Blake Fogelman provided a brief update on with a reoccurring event on the Water Algae in District 1. He thanked the guys in Utilities in conjunction with Public Safety, Communications, Office of Fire Services, the Parish Engineer and the on-site Contractors, actually came up with our options and having contingences and options were in place on how to effectively implement and handle the outage. Necessary repairs were performed over night when consumption was at a minimum and were aware of the leak and was able to keep as much pressure on the system for as long as they were able to and get everyone through the night rush so this would not affect the residents. The District was brought up in the early morning hours within the time frame in which was anticipated and provided a notice to residents through the Communications Department. He also thanked the residents and businesses for their cooperation during the outage and encourages residents who have not signed up for the parish alerts to visit the website at: sjbparish.com or through the Communications Office at (985)652-9569 for any type of emergency the parish may have to receive an alert.

Councilman Madere stated, *"I understand everything you said, but I know we have an aging one system, I said that to we've been chasing bust pipes all through the parish. Friday I don't know if Mr. Coburn gave you all of the list of addresses down 14th Street, 15th Street when we have bust pipes. Okay we constantly have water in those ditches over there and I don't know if he gave you any information yet."*

Blake Fogelman stated, *"No sir I'm unaware of that."*

Councilman Madere stated, *"Right and I want to say we've been chasing water through this parish, something later on I don't know how soon, after trying to do something with the system that we have. Now that pipe that bust, was it because of being old, just old?"*

Blake Fogelman stated, *"There was work, there was construction work actually the UB Project is going on at this side itself and we had made a tie in the day before so that main line leaving the plant and I believe it's just because of the type of pipe it is and the minimal amount of room we had to circumvent that piping. That may be a probable cause but we've seen that similar leak in other areas where we haven't had any work going on at the same time."*

Councilman Madere stated, *"Right and you see my whole thing is, usually when I have something on the agenda, I want to make sure that the people in my district know the cause, the remedy, everything that goes on. I mean they received information that there was a leak and the water is off 10-6, so at this time they're looking at the meeting, they want to know exactly what happened. Exactly what happened was a fact that a pipe fractured or older pipe, I think we replaced it with a different type of pipe."*

Blake Fogelman stated, *"We actually just repaired it at this time."*

Councilman Madere stated, *"Ok we just repaired it but the process in the*

future is...

Blake Fogleman interrupting stated, "We've already started to, is to replace that main transition line into the distribution tubes."

Councilman Madere stated, "Right, with a new up-to-date pipe?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "Yes sir, yes sir. With a PVC or something like that is what the standard for being used this day and age."

Councilman Madere stated, "Right, right. I just want to make sure that the residents getting the full information as to what happened and why. When Mr. Boucvalt called me and told me about the situation, I had a lady this morning, I think I requested that we put this on the news, because I received a phone call about maybe 2:40 and I wanted them to put this on the news on Channel 4, Channel 8, all the news stations between the hours of 5 & 6 cause the water was going off at 10. Was this ever done?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "Yes all the news stations were contacted. I had to let them know for those..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Right, cause I don't always look at the 5 or 6 o'clock news but a lady this morning mentioned it to me that she looked at the news and she didn't see anything. But I see several people saying it was on there so that's a good thing you know and a I just want to make sure the people in my district are well informed about everything that's happened because they're the one you know had the Ameba scare and I just it processed here and I know I just want to make sure they did know exactly what's going on and why certain things happen."

Blake Fogleman stated, "I completely understand that and that's why I'm standing here today to try to explain and to try and give you'll an up-to-date of what we have going. I think that's why you see a lot of communication through the communication department with what we're doing in the system as far as outages even it's to an isolated area. I think that's something that a lot of people stay clear of but as say Mr. Madere, I want to be able to open up and I want you to be aware to where we are all on the same page this and..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Right and I think that's exactly what the residents want to see you know, is transparency about each and everything that concerns them and that would affect them. Just them not knowing what happened just, your water is off till 6, you need more information and I'm glad you were able to come here tonight and present that to them cause this meeting is to take action but also give out information. And I think a lot of the residents understand better now by looking at this meeting than just, we're cutting the water off, we have a leak. I think they understand a whole lot better and moving forward I think is the best way that's the best way to go. One other question and it's a concern I think I mentioned that to you. In that curve by DuPont, I know they have a flush in there and they have one a further down, why is that area right there always maintaining water?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "The flusher is normally on a timer..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, *"Well I understand about they come on on a timer okay but everywhere we have a flusher and they come the water doesn't sit there, the water actually drains away..."*

Blake Fogleman interrupting stated, *"I think that's just the way that ditch is configured over the years. Our intent Mr. Madere is not to put any water on the grounds so I mean we are looking forward into refining and become more efficient..."*

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, *"What I want to say, I understood exactly what you said but I think that area what you're saying that ditch would probably have a little bevel in it so it maintaining that water. So in order to get that water to move, that's a state ditch or something, well maybe we need to get them to come and shoot that grade for that water just doesn't sit there, because we already have enough mosquito problems where we don't need a..."*

Blake Fogleman interrupting stated, *"And I think just recently someone, they had a car accident out there that even messed up the ditch even further, so it..."*

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, *"Right, right. I would hope someone would get in contact with the state and have them come out there and shoot the grade so that water wouldn't just sit there, because I mean it's just sitting there you know and we don't need that. Ok, so just check into that for me okay, thank you."*

Blake Fogleman stated, *"Yes sir. Will do."*

Councilman Snyder stated, *"First of all I just like to say thank you guys for the job you all did on that water leak back in Cambridge on Sherwood I think, we had a pretty good water leak back there and I think I called you, didn't I talk to you Blake?"*

Blake Fogleman stated, *"I think so."*

Councilman Snyder stated, *"I talked to somebody in your office for sure and they sent someone out to send it and I think I talked to Warren about it and the guys took care of it and the people are very happy back there and it looks like it had been gone a while, so thank you guys for a good job well done. Now the next phase of that particular job is the repairing of that sidewalk. Now we don't want that job between the cracks okay, because that's where I see some of our problems might be sometime in our jobs process is that, once we go from one department to the other department we kind of loose it a little bit, so guys if you don't mind, stay on top of that and make sure that the public works department know they need to repair that about 20 feet of sidewalk something like that or so, and that sod put back down there wherever it needs to be put at."*

Blake Fogleman stated, *"Just to speak on that as well, the Director and I have actually spoken about that fairly recently. That is something that we want to see efficient finalization to 100% not to 80% of the job completion, so the things that linger well move on and a water leak can pop up somewhere else so and so we certainly stress finalizing the job so that we can move on*

to the next and we aren't all hearing about it and we want it to look nice and we want it to look complete so."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Oh yeah, you know because people live there and they want it to look decent because they kept the yard pretty nice, now it's all you know it's got a lot of dirt around but I understand that, because you've done a lot of work back there, right at Sherwood back there."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you and I meant to call you sooner Blake, so if you don't have an answer for me now it's fine. But I've gotten some calls about some sewage backups, River Oaks Subdivision, Southpass and Oxbow and Southpass and DeSoto were having some problems, are you familiar with all this that was going on?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "I think this, I'm not exactly sure if it's the same specific address or residents but I know we've had some timing issues on some pumps with implementations, some may need work that's back there and some of them may just be some normal, I say normal, everyday calls that we get as far as just typical backups and something being stuck in a grabbing main. If you give me that I can certainly, if those have been brought in to our office and know that somebody has looked at them because, I mean if nothing in that comes through, for somebody to have put eyes on it if nothing else..."

Councilwoman Hotard interrupting stated, "When you said something about the timing issues..."

Blake Fogleman stated, "I know you're talking about River Oaks that's um..."

Councilwoman Hotard interrupting stated, "At the end of St. Andrews Blvd."

Blake Fogleman stated, "Oh I'm sorry. I was thinking of a different area the way we're setting the pumps. So let me look into it, I don't want to speak, misspeak..."

Councilwoman Hotard interrupting stated, "Ok, I'll email you everything I was trying to get it all together just now."

Blake Fogleman stated, "That will be great. That will be great and what'll I'll do is I'll check it on our work order system, see who went out there and then have a discussion with that manager and we will get back with you."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Okay thank you."

Blake Fogleman stated, "Yes ma'am."

Councilman Gauff stated, "I do want to commend you and the utilities department on both communication and the job that was done. I know Mr. Lennix was off yesterday on vacation and when I talked with him at about nine something last night, he said; man we're out here. So I really want to commend your department for communicating, especially with me, I'm not sure about anyone else but I think the other guys in the district received those same phone calls about what was going on, what was going to happen, how long you were expecting the water to be out and that you were communicating with the residents to let them know, so that's a big part of it as Mr. Madere

said, the communication. When folks know what's going to happen, they can prepare a little bit and that eases their mind that ok this is what's going on and we can prepare for it. So the communication is very important, do want to say thanks a lot. Also Mr. Snyder made a comment which is you know I found from of the complaints, we either need a better check list or there need to better communications between departments on and/or the inspector has to do a better job when these projects are completed, because more and more it seems like we're missing some part of it that we end up getting the calls about, saying that okay, the work was done great, they fixed the leak, they did the sidewalk but no sod. So now there's a hole there or something to that affect. We need to get a checklist or better communication between the departments and that would really help us out."

Blake Fogleman stated, "And I think we're trying to integrate you know we spoke briefly on it because I think it was done by everybody knew each other and so say hey, I'm calling the other department we're going to get it done, no big deal. What we're going to try and do if possible, integrate a work order system some kind of way so that, it is not being left or it's a separate work order list that doesn't close out until that project, even it is not just a concrete job I mean, if the hole is not filled back in or if there's tape left around a hole or even just tape left or the site left, that's not a complete project in my eyes. A complete project is when we can drive by and not really even notice that, that we've had any footprint in that area."

Councilman Gauff stated, "I agree thank you."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "Yeah Blake, I just wanted to ask you on that house on Greenway they finally finished all that work, the streets been repaired and everything has been done but the tape is still there and it's one of your jobs that hasn't been completely finalized, I mean everything is done the work's done and everything's great, the resident is happy as a lark, the orange tape is missing but we just need to finish cleaning it up as well and also that area at Acadia and Kenilworth where they were doing that sidewalk, what's the story, I mean I see it's still taped up, do we know what's going on are they, how is that going to be completed?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "No ma'am I'd have to check in on it before I can answer that. I'm sorry I don't have an anything..."

Councilwoman Hotard interrupting stated, "That's a public works project."

Blake Fogleman stated, "Yea."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "Oh I know, but I didn't know if the utilities would be involved because of the big drainage culvert that was involved there."

Blake Fogleman stated, "Not that I'm aware of but I can certainly can jot a note of it and certainly get back to you."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "Thank you."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes I think Mr. Gauff is reading my mind because I

have it on the agenda about the in house project between public works and utilities. So it's no need for us to discuss it since he brought it up. My concern what that is, Mr. Snyder gave me some information and I spoke to a lady in Belle Pointe and utilities came out right in the middle of her driveway and repaired a leak and they put some sand and some rocks in it and that's it and it sat there for over a month...

Blake Fogleman interrupting asked, "Mr. Madere can you give me the address on that?"

Councilman Madere stated, "I can't give you the address just now, but I can give it to you later."

Blake Fogleman stated, "No that's fine. I just wanted clarification so I know where he was speaking of."

Councilman Madere stated, "So what I'm trying to say is, it's not just that particular resident, there's several. Okay there's one on Grant Street, there's one on East 17th Street, me and Mr. Snyder brought to you'll attention, that took 3 months before public works actually went out there and did something with it. So that's why I was concerned about the process, if you clear to go out there, it's a perfectly good spot, nothing wrong with the road, the black top or the cement and you break it up to repair, I understand you have to do that, okay but what if you repaired it then it immediately goes to public works and now it's up to them to complete that within, and I remember what Mr. Perrilloux told me long time ago, once the parish is aware of a problem they have a reasonable amount of time to fix it. And I do not believe 3 months, 2 months is a reasonable amount of time. If that project was done Monday of this week, I would expect by Monday no later than 2 weeks at the most that this thing is repaired in front this lady house or down the street or anywhere you know a repair that takes 3 months to do. Okay you end up with a big hole, there's one on 27th Street right now that has been cut out, that needs to be repaired so you may want to look on the back of that one, so I don't know how the process work between the two of ya'll and you said you're trying to get it better, it have to get better, it have to get better. We can't have 2 months, 3 months, maybe even longer and I do know what one of the problems is and I said it before and I'll say it again, we need workers. We have more work than we have workers, you're list this long, public works work this long and at the end of the week, they cut it down to this, but the next Monday, it's like that, it's getting bigger and bigger. That's while it takes so long to get to these potholes or get to this thing here. One other issue maybe so you'll can talk to the council can come up. Each department have a budget, so you actually taking money out of Public Works to repair something that Utilities had to fix. I think that black top and cement money should come out of your budget, okay come out of your budget or we have to make sure that we set it up that way because the budget for Public Works is strictly for holes that develop that's not caused by busted pipes or anything like that you know so I think maybe we should sit down and talk about that and try and work that out, but we definitely will to have to come out with a process that's going to cut that time down, to fixing it. I'm going go back and get that address and I'm going to check to see, last time Mr. Snyder gave me that information a big rain storm came and that lady's whole thing was messed up. Oh and I cannot forget this one on Central and Mrs. Vicknair, I think they put the cement back down, put the cement back

down, okay but I will be on top that one, because that lady had a beautiful front lawn, so when the grass start growing we have to make sure it leveled and beautiful like it was. You know I want to make sure of that and any other ones."

Councilman Snyder stated, "You know what I found works pretty good is we need a planner. I'm not telling you to do what you have to do you know, but if you had a planner to plan these jobs, from the time they put the paint, paint things down to picking up the paper, putting sod back down. We need job planner that can follow each job that way we won't have these jobs going over 6 months because of communications between Utilities and Public Works wasn't there. But a planner I find he can plan for both departments, you don't need one for each and he can plan all the jobs and on emergency jobs he do the work there also. I think that's what we need here. I worked 30 years in the plant and we had a planner and he looked at all the jobs and depending on how many jobs he had, he had more than one planner and it worked, it worked. The job got finished then the cleanup."

Blake Fogleman stated, "Yeah both departments do have a work order system which would as far as job numbers something that would track. I need to do my investigation and ensure if that can be integrated in a sense that we can pass over work orders out numbers or something with that system that would allow us to not just have to call in or refer to Public Works or vice versa if they need something from us on one of their jobs."

Councilman Snyder stated, "We're looking at a computer system right now that can integrate all of these departments. I know we say financial, put if you get a computer system you can make it do what you want it to do."

Blake Fogleman stated, "And there's one that works pretty well. I mean from what I've seen of it, it does and you can input a lot of data in there and we're trying to get better at what we're doing and more efficient and more inclusive of all that information so that we can pull one up and that we can discuss it and I can have it readily available data for you."

Councilman Snyder stated, "That's right, thank you that's all I have."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "To add to what Councilman Snyder said, some type of tray system I find that what happens if I put in a work order to have a concrete repair done, I don't hear anything about it. And then you know 3 weeks, 4 weeks go by you know nothing happens, if you had a just even some kind of tray system or anything like that in your offices where when a work order gets submitted, it alerts one of the office staff to call you know the person who's in charge of that, hey did we get that repair fix or where is it going or so that everybody is in the loop. It seems like right now you put in a work order you really don't know what's going on with it and even like with that concrete those handicap corners that we put in, you know that would be the perfect thing. They tore up the concrete, 3 weeks go by we don't see them again, then they repair it, they still have the cones, what's going on but if there was a tray system that person in the office would check it whether you trace it out for a week or 2 weeks, however long those types of jobs take trace it out for that, then they get the notification or email, okay let me follow up and see what's going on with this so that the system could be fully

updated, we can get updated you know and the resident can get updated. But something and I don't know if you can do that now with your work order system to have them come back up and update and find out what's going on with it. Instead of just inputting them in and you don't hear from anyone after that so, I'd like to see that in Utilities and in Public Works, more so with Public Works because we're submitting more work orders there at least, I'm submitting more Public Works type work orders but some way to trace those items out so we're not just turning in and then not knowing what's going on with it and it may even help your guys you know be a little more efficient you know and know that okay this is going to be followed up on, on a weekly basis if this a job that should take a week or in 3 weeks somebody is going to follow up on it, it adds a little extra step of accountability and in turn efficiency in your office so just some suggestions."

Blake Fogleman stated, "Thank you."

Councilman Madere stated, "Last comment, say there's a leak in Belle Point again and you get the call you get the work order, it's just a regular not a major leak but it's a leak and you go out and repair it, Mr. Nunes may have to answer this question, do Public Works prioritize that area over a regular area just have normal crack in the road?"

Brian Nunes stated, "I'd have to defer my time Mr. Madere."

Councilman Madere stated, "If Utility alerts your department and bust open a section in Belle Point what is cement or asphalt, do you prioritize that over some other work orders to get that fixed as quickly as possible, or do we just fall in line you know like you get a number when you getting a driver's license?"

Brian Nunes stated, "If we have a curb repair obviously somebody's driveway we go in front of that, we look at those every morning when we come in and we're like this needs to happen, this needs to happen. The problem is, utilities makes a lot of cuts on a daily basis, so I mean that's what we're talking about setting up weekly meetings with Blake and I will go through his new ones and his old ones, where we stand with the old ones and then what new ones he has coming so, he and I can be tracking them personally. I think you know with..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Right and then that way I can say if Blake knows if there's a repair that was made, you know if you see it should have a final check print I guess I would say that, you repaired it, they fixed it, then you check it off as a complete repair. Until you get that information from Brian then it's not a complete repair, you're totally not off the hook. You have to make sure that he repair what you bussed open."

Blake Fogleman stated, "They certainly remember that utilities were in their yard or on their property..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Oh yeah oh I get the calls. I get the calls you know so I just want to make sure we work together and don't just put that into a, like a number and it may be a long long time before you get to it. You know a street repair or someone saw someone house on the street where there's a lot of traffic we need to move that one up, especially if there was no hole there before."

Brian Nunes stated, "Right yes sir."

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

Councilman Snyder stated, "I'd just like to get some discussion on this. I've had on there for a long time. But pretty soon we have to start doing some work over there, in Reserve on that system over there. I know we talked about putting 2 more filters in because that was a necessity but there's a lot of other work we have to do first. But what I'm thinking about here Blake is an old system that's in there now. It's just there and paying taxes, no we don't pay taxes, no. It's just sitting there now. Why can't we get rid of it, why can't we just get some group to come and look at to see would they tear it out for us, you know once we get a plan and just get rid of it because we have to get rid of it anyhow and maybe if we get it done now, we can save some money in the future. Because I know everything going to go up, wages going to go up, materials are going to go up, everything going to go up. Gas is going to go back up, we know that so why can't we just look at that know, see if we can get it out of there, see what it's going to cost us if it cost us anything, because someone may come there for the iron, who knows you know, take it out for just the iron. Have you ever thought about that, doing something like that?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "I think that's been a discussion but most of the time when you come in and do a larger project like we're expecting, I do know a deconstruction or a demolition of something would part of that project on one fourth of that project and you would roll it into that larger project, cause again you're going to have your contractors on site anyway doing other work you can pad it in to that."

Councilman Snyder stated, "And I agree with you 100% and you're right, but what I'm saying is this, we may be able to get it done for nothing. Because they have a lot of iron in there that can be with a lot of value."

Blake Fogleman stated, "It would have to be a certain somebody to go in there and get it, I know there's a lot of electrical work to be done if you are going to go in there and decommission that area."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Exactly and that's fine. I'd like to look into it and I'd like to put that in a form. Do we need to put that in a form of motion that we resolute if we ask you guys to go look at it?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "I can certainly do that and get back with you if that's something you'd like. I'll work with the parish engineer and we'll come up with something that we can..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "Alright sounds good. That way we can get a head start. We come into some wind fall money you know and we can just take that money and oh let's go do this job, we don't have to tear this it out, it's already torn out. We can even get plans made up for it, once we get that system out of there. Thank you, do that for me."

Blake Fogleman stated, "October 24th Mr. Snyder is the date of submission of that resiliency. We had a meeting on that as well today on funds that are

standing by available."

Councilman Snyder stated, *"You know that's a Saturday?"*

Blake Fogleman stated, *"Oh well it's the 23rd. I think that's what Mr. Goodman told me today that it was the 24th but it's mid-October, mid to late October is that resiliency Phase 2 is due and that's where we had discussed I think 2 meetings ago probably discussing that's the money we're trying to leverage to get more grant money out of that competition. That's quickly coming I guess is what I'm saying, so I'm certainly not opposed to investigating options and moving forward."*

Councilman Snyder stated, *"Well I appreciate it if you investigate that and maybe kind of take the lead on that, just a few phone calls and see what we can do with that, what kind of money we're looking at."*

Blake Fogleman stated, *"Yeah absolutely. I mean we have 2 contractors in the plant right now, so we can certainly at least, hey you got eyes on the ground if I should come do this tomorrow, give me a price on what you're looking at and just see what it would take. Because I mean most of the guys, most contractors, I think well actually Mr. Savoie contractor has gone through that with electrical just recently. We just had a 2" condor go straight through that whole area so, you know that's part of that decommissioning, it's not tearing down walls and taking..."*

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, *"Well I understand that I'm not that naïve, I understand that. Mr. Savoie give him a pair of plyers, cutting plyers and a screw driver he can do that himself since he know everything about it already you know. But I know some guys with some pickup trucks who would out there and tear it down for you..."*

Blake Fogleman interrupting stated, *"I'll be sure to speak to them about that Mr. Snyder."*

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, *"Yeah and they called me if I knew some guys who owned pickup trucks to tear it down for just the iron. I'm serious."*

Blake Fogleman stated, *"We'll certainly investigate, yes sir."*

Councilman Snyder stated, *"Yes sir, thank you."*

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

Michael Coburn stated, *"Thank you Mr. Chairman, we are pleased to announce that the Homer "Boogie" Joseph Center, construction is complete. Only thing we need to do is go back and reconnect the computers that were taken out of there."*

Councilman Madere stated, *"Yes and first of all, I would like to thank the Council Members for their support during this project, it took a while. But I mean in my heart that it was the right thing to do and I was not going to back down if I knew it was the right thing to do for the people in my*

district, the same thing with any issue they may have. I believe in what they believe in and once again I want to thank the Council for sticking with me on this project and seeing it through. I want to take a look at the Homer Joseph Building and that's the way I envisioned it to look when we went in there the first time. Okay, all the walls looked the same, beautiful paint job, so now the inside of that building looks like it belongs to St. John the Baptist Parish and that was Phase 1. Phase 2 is the beautification of the outside, that's for a later date. We'll get to that later on, thank you."

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

Councilman Madere asked, "What is our update?"

Brian Nunes stated, "Well Hickory Street is still the same. I did identify who the owners are but I haven't made any contact with them. I just, did identify them. I didn't personally, I had our GIS expert go ahead and look up the information for me. And then..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Okay and you took care of that other problem on 26th Street. We took care of that that came out real good."

Brian Nunes stated, "We'll do the whole street for you."

Councilman Madere stated, "Right okay and I have another work order in for Chad B. Baker, so have them blow that one out to. I sent that one in the other day, but Homer Joseph Center is off, I can't wait until you get Hickory Street off."

Brian Nunes stated, "I can't wait either."

Councilman Madere stated, "You know but either way it's some progress okay, thank you."

Brian Nunes stated, "Thank you."

Jaclyn Hotard - (Carry Over 8-25-15) Update on Canal Clearing I LaPlace Park/Erosion Issues

The above item will be carried over.

Larry Snyder - (Carry Over 8-25-15) Discussion - Creation of new position/job description

The above item will be carried over.

Larry Snyder - Update on new administration building

Michael Coburn stated, "GeoTech testing was performed last week, probably ten days ago along the area on the proposed site location. Murray Architects has completed the design of the facility and construction documents are being prepared to begin the bid process of where we are. Mr. Cooper does have plans if you want to look at specific plans you know about the building, we can have those for you, we'll be glad to meet with you or any of the Council to review those plans."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay, concern just one concern and I'm going to talk to Mr. Cooper right. Is that the location of some of the office in there, that's what I want to look at and we'll talk, you know like for instance the receptionist office, you know you have to walk a mile to get to it but the front door is right there, it seems like it should be closer to the front to me, you know you know and that was brought to my attention by someone. You know it does make sense, why I have to find the receptionist office to find out where I need to go and it's all the way down the hall the receptionist office, so and it's things like that, one or two little things. I was looking at the drawing and I had some questions on, so I'll get with Daron maybe we can sit down and talk and see if we can do, we may not be able to do anything about it. You know but we can try, we can see, tell you my concern. That's all I wanted, thank you."

Michael Coburn stated, "Sure, right! I got you. I'll set up a meeting and we'll certainly look at it. Sure!"

Councilman Wright stated, "And Mr. Snyder maybe to suggest since this is a large project it does affect a lot of us maybe we can get a workshop set up prior to administration, putting on the agenda to go out for bids and we can get the entire council together."

Ranney Wilson - project from Garyville Northern to Pete's Body Shop

Councilman Wilson stated, "Yeah, I see the reporting here as complete. Anybody has gone on the Toups property?"

Michael Coburn asked, "On whose property?"

Councilman Wilson stated, "Mr. Toups."

Michael Coburn stated, "That's the second lot?"

Councilman Wilson stated, "Second lot."

Michael Coburn stated, "Yes sir, we met with all as I discussed with you Mr. Wilson, we met with all Planning, Public Works, the department that was in charge of that, they did shoot the grade on that drainage ditch, without the best option we have out there, is wait till it rains out there again to go see it because according to the people in Public Works, their indication means that the water should drain sufficiently down that ditch. So we want to wait until we get a rain to make sure. But to answer your question; has that ditch, that lot number 2 been dug up, no sir it has not."

Councilman Wilson stated, "Well it's not complete and I have been being nice, but there's times when it's, you can't be nice. This has been going on for over 2 months I asked this Council for help, it's full of cypress leaves and I went out there in the rain the other day..."

Michael Coburn interrupting stated, "Mr. Wilson our Public Works said once they start putting a back hoe or anything, type of equipment to dig those cypress leaves out, they just going to drag, they're going to tear up parts

of the lot, they're going to have to go back and replace that, so...

Councilman Wilson interrupting stated, *"What's the point of starting a project if you're not going to finish it?"*

Michael Coburn interrupting stated, *"The Public Works department has assured me..."*

Councilman Wilson interrupting stated, *"Dig a ditch here, dig a ditch there..."*

Councilman Wright stated, *"Mr. Coburn you have the floor."*

Michael Coburn stated, *"The Public Works department has assured me that they feel very comfortable, they feel that what they've done is going to be successful and if we see after a rain that is not, that it is not going to flood, I can tell you that, you're going to have better drainage now than you had before, because it was completely blocked up. So the only problem you have now is your concern on lot number 2, which we will address if we see that is not draining properly after we get a sufficient rain. I promise you that. I live in Garyville to Mr. Wilson. I promise you that."*

Councilman Wilson stated, *"Well I've already seen it and I have spoked to them I mean I was given excuses they weren't going there because they had dogs in the yard. The man doesn't own a dog..."*

Michael Coburn interrupting stated, *"That's what was explained to me."*

Councilman Wilson stated, *"Then the next time I get the excuse, the man didn't want them on the property. Well he called me the other day and there's no, he never said any such thing, I spoked to he and his wife and I just don't understand why it takes so long to get something done and I also went out there in the rain and I watched the water sitting in the first lot..."*

Michael Coburn interrupting stated, *"That water is out complete..."*

Councilman Wilson interrupting stated, *"And besides that, if you'll don't take those cypress leaves out of there, every piece of grass that it catches is going to help stop the flow even more. That's all I'm asking, it's been for 2 months. It's been 2 months I've asked this council for help. It's got on here that this thing that it's complete and it's not complete."*

Michael Coburn stated, *"If we dig number 2 out like Brian say, we're going to have to go back to Mr. Rome's property and re-dig that which he changed the depth of the digging when we started, am I correct Brian? He doesn't want it down to the level of the culvert, it's about half up the culvert. That was his request, we did that. And if we dig out number 2 lot, then we've got to go back to Mr. Rome's house and re-dig that lot."*

Councilman Wilson stated, *"I don't care if you'll have to re-dig the property because all of the property to the south of that street is flooded and that's where it all goes through is that one little pipe. There's another ditch that the little house behind Mr. Rome, the right on the Baton Rouge side, on the Westside there's another ditch and I'm not talking about the one that they*

dug on the Johnson property...

Michael Coburn interrupting stated, "On the Johnson property. I'm not aware of that other ditch."

Councilman Wilson stated, "But that's another ditch, the ditch is out there, those ditches have been there for hundred years and they were there for a reason. I think they put them there so they'd have drainage. I believe that's what the reason was. I don't care if it's private property, whose property it's a drainage ditch, it's been a drainage ditch for hundreds of years and it needs to be maintained. And if they would maintain them we wouldn't have all these major problems and I'd have to go put out fires constantly, always chasing something and having have to go through this."

Michael Coburn stated, "Mr. Wilson I've talked and I truly say, I going to back Public Works on what they did and I've spoken with Mr. Rome, he's satisfied with what we did, you're not satisfied with lot number 2 which you feel needs to be dug out. All I can do is give you my word, so after a rain we're going to go and check it out. Brian is going to be there, we all going to be there and we're going to see if it drains, but I guarantee you it's draining 100% better today than it was the day you brought this to the council because you couldn't even see the railroad back there. Now you can see all the way through, all the way through."

Councilman Wilson stated, "Yeah you could see where they moved the trees. I'm not talking about where they moved the trees, I'm talking about the ditch drain."

Michael Coburn stated, "I'm talking about the ditch that they dug out plus the trees that they removed sir. I promise you it's going to be correct, we not going to let it lye but our Public Works department and the man who did this job..."

Councilman Wilson interrupting stated, "I just want to know, you'll put it in here that it was complete and it's not complete."

Ranney Wilson - Tree limb pick-up

Councilman Wilson stated, "Mr. Nunes, I've been told tree limbs are not going to get picked up unless they got the address and they're on the list. I have areas that's over hundred years old, they have old houses, they have old trailers, they don't have house numbers on them and if they get their mail at the post office they don't a mailbox and I'm being told from the drivers that they are being told if it's not on the list you don't pick it up. Now I have piles that I've reported that's not even in my district that they passed at least a dozen and a half times and it's still sitting there. But I had 7 piles on South Fig Street, why should I have to give an address? Start at the front and go to the back, almost every street in Garyville got tree limbs. What do you need an address for? Why would any truck pass a pile and don't pick it up? What's the point of passing a pile up, just somebody got to explain to me, why they pass them up because they're not on the list? Because somewhere around, it's just time being wasted and they're going to have to come back at one point time or another, it's just I don't want to hear that again, about a list. If the pile is there pick it up."

Brian Nunes stated, "You're right, these are two separate issues. We've talked..."

Councilman Wilson interrupting stated, "Well you get with Mr. Raydell because this/she's the one that's telling them that and that's what I'm getting back, but that's got to stop."

Brian Nunes stated, "My guys are instructed if they're on a street, use Fig Street as an example; if they have an address on it, they go to it and they pick everything on that street. The only time they will pass is when their truck is full, they have to go dump and then they come back."

Councilman Wilson stated, "And they should come back. That's all I ask, they're asking for an address, when I say a street, it's because they have more than 1 pile on the street."

Brian Nunes stated, "Right, but I mean we put them in the system based on an address. That's how they get in the work order system and that's how they get sorted by district..."

Councilman Wilson interrupting stated, "Yeah but okay if you don't have an address then just piles just stays there."

Brian Nunes stated, "There's an address somewhere, I mean 911..."

Councilman Wilson interrupting stated, "No if you got 2 lots over here and you got 2 lots over there, they all empty, because the people cleaned them because they got notices that they had to clean their property. There's no address that we could see to turn it in."

Brian Nunes stated, "Okay it might not be visible. Right, but there is an address based on the 911 system and everything but that's the way our system works."

Councilman Wilson stated, "What's the point of not going down the street and..."

Brian Nunes interrupting stated, "You're right they're supposed to pick up everything. The only time they're skip them like I said is when they're full..."

Councilman Wilson interrupting stated, "I mean it's this address thing doesn't, if I give them a street they got more than 1 pile. If it's only 1 pile I'll ask to get the address but if they have more than 1 pile down the street, they just assume drive down the street and pick them up because they're probably going to go to the next street to get some on that one."

Brian Nunes stated, "And that's fine. A solution for that is we'll make up a number and a street. We'll call it 100 Fig Street and then it's on the list, you know and then we'll take up every house on there."

Councilman Wilson stated, "I've seen this with my own two eyes before I got on this council this last time. At N. Apple Street and Mill Street I was standing on that corner the truck was coming out of Timber Mill it was empty"

and I stopped them right there, there was a pile, they didn't even have to move the truck they could have stayed exactly, was in the right spot, that's all they had to do was take the arm and pick it up. And I was told it's not on the list they not picking it up and they drove off. So it's just not hear say for me. I witnessed it for myself personally, and I was told they not going to pick it up."

Brian Nunes stated, "I believe you and that's the situation I would love for you to contact me, get the truck number cause I'll know exactly who it was and I'll address it with that person."

Councilman Wilson stated, "I mean we're asking people to clean up and the stuff sits out there for 2 months sometimes and I'm not exaggerating with 2 months."

Brian Nunes stated, "I know I agree, I do know that. We did fall behind but to let the council know the new tree truck is in and it's operational, it's on the road."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes concerning this issue with the trees, Mr. Wilson is speaking from his experience but I just want to put in some information that I witnessed myself. I usually come to the Council Office early in the morning, sometimes 7:00, 7:30, 8:00. But I was actually present when the supervisor, Mr. Verdell gave the drivers a pad and told them even though they didn't have a work order or a list of people to pick up, if they see something right it down, if it's down the same street where they are to pick it up. So I witnessed that I heard him tell them that and that's was like a year a little over a year ago when I witnessed him telling them that. Now, are they actually doing it, I can't tell you that but I do know it was communicated to them and was given a pencil and a pad that if they pass and see something, right it down and basically telling them don't pass it up, pick it up. Now are they doing that I can't say for sure, but I do know it was communicated to them and I think Mr. Nunes or Mr. Verdell may have to meet with them again or talk to them again but I know that the order was given a while back."

Councilman Gauff stated, "I guess I just want to comment on it to say that we have to have some sort of order, that's why the list is there, to have some sort of order and some sort of direction. Now I agree that it seems like these trucks pass the same piles all day long and don't get all of them or don't get most of them picked up. But then again, if they LaPlace to go to Reserve and stopped and picked up, they have a list they're following and they follow and they pick up from that initial address, if they pick up everything they see on their way, they will never get to second thing on the list. So I mean I can see the order, I can understand having the list, so suppose something has been on the list for 2 months and then someone calls today, then we're going to complain or the residents are going to complain, now look somebody's stuff got picked up it was out there yesterday, it only got put out there yesterday and it got picked up, but yet my stuff been on the list for 2 months. So I can see why the drivers, maybe they're being told to pick up everything along the way but they're saying if I have a list I have to have some sort of order, I'll never get to the old stuff before I get to the new stuff. So there has to be some sort of order and I understand because I see it every day up and down river road. I'm thinking, how can you

get from LaPlace to Reserve or Garyville along river road and not pick all the stuff that's there, you can't. But if you have a list that has oldest to newest, then yeah that's how it's being done and I can understand that, so when I add things to the list then I say well, it's taking a while, you're right, it's summertime or it's the end of summer, getting to the end of summer and start of fall, a lot of people are trimming trees, that's why because some of the things have been on the list for such a long time that we're getting to it. Maybe we need to just hire a little more help, contract some more help or something, get another truck in or something to help us, but I can understand why you can't always pick up the newer things that are out there, we'll never get to the old ones."

Councilman Wilson stated, "Look I'm not blaming the drivers, it's not the driver's. They doing what they are told to do, so I mean I just have a problem with it and really it don't make common sense the people see it to. You know this pile has been here for 6 months and I've turned one in right here that's not even in my district on Hwy. 628 at the railroad tracks, soon as you cross the railroad tracks on the left hand side. They've picked up at least 10 trips over there and didn't pick that thing up and if you go there today, it's still sitting there."

Councilman Gauff stated, "Mr. Wilson you just said a pile has been there for 6 months but you want them to pick up the newer things, you want them to pick up everything along the way, so that's what I'm saying, the stuff that's been there for 6 months, if they go by the list it may work out better. So I don't have the answer to it, I'm just saying there's got to be a method to the madness and I think the method is the list, oldest to newest. Now there are some things as you say, if there's only 1 pile on the street, I think if they went to pick up that pile as they're passing but if they catch everything on the way, they're never get to the things that are on the list, that's my understanding anyway, so I'm not contradicting you."

Councilman Wilson interrupting stated, "Well..."

Councilman Wright stated, "Mr. Wilson. Ms. Millet you have a comment?"

Councilwoman Millet stated, "I do have a comment and I understand the residents get very frustrated, a lot of the problem is they're not being called in. If you just see them, I mean a lot of them trim their trees and I've seen professionals come out and trim their trees and leave the debris right at the curb, but if you don't call it in, Public Works doesn't know it's available to be picked up. We do follow a list and sometimes I get very frustrated and I have spoken with Mr. Nunes and I've spoken to Mr. Coburn about it cause we have a lot of trees in my area as well but sometimes it just takes a little patience and I want to encourage the residents to make sure you call it in and give them an address and please have your address on your house so they can find it. That's a lot of the problems when I drive the streets I call in work orders and I have to back up 3 houses to figure out which house it is because there's no numbers. So be proactive with us and help us out with this situation and calling it in and putting your numbers on your house and that makes things a lot easier for everybody."

Councilman Wilson stated, "Well everybody should have a number on their house, but my wife and I besides of me driving my district on the way home,

my wife and I drive every street in my district, takes us four and a half hours if I don't stop and talk to nobody and I turn in pages on that list and they had been turned in a half of dozen times already but still they'll past there and they're going to miss it. So I don't you know, they need another truck, they obviously do, they need another truck but some of this is nonsense and this is religiously my wife and I do this every week and I got to put down the same thing every week."

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

Lennix Madere - Utility (Sewerage) & Public Works - In house procedures

Councilman Madere stated, "We had an in house procedure already. What I'm asking him is concerning sewage, I think it was last week we had a little rain episode and I got a lot of complaints off of Central, they weren't able to use their sewer system, water was actually backing up into a lady's home, almost backed up into her home and this was a major rain episode. Do you have any incite as to what's causing that particular problem? It was down Central."

Blake Fogleman stated, "I would have to investigate that with my manager, with my waste water collection manager."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay now one other question I've said before. Did we ever did a smoke test and tell the residents exactly who have bad lines going to the sewer system?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "No sir. The only smoke testing that I'm aware of that we've done is in the areas that we did the actual repairs to the public lines and man holes in that area."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay do we have any possibility that we're going to do this because I know we spent a lot of money on securing our sewer system as far as water getting in it, but if we don't get the residents that have these cracked pipes, we're going to continue to have the same problem. So we need to find a way to test all the areas and find the individuals that have the cracked pipes and I do believe, I really do believe if we locate 100 and tell these residents this thing has to be repaired and going to help their sewer system, I have every confidence in the world that we'll get 75% of them will fix them."

Blake Fogleman stated, "I do believe that at any time when we go to a call, and it is on that side, I think that is expressed to them at that point as well. I think a lot of the plumbers that are called are not going to express that because I think they want to come back to your house and keep repairing. But I think when you have consistent issues with your sewer lines and it may not be the full the gravity main or anything in that area, it may be lines that's an indicator on that for us to do, I mean I'd have to speak to legal and maybe even the parish engineer. I'm unaware of anything in that nature to do it for individual homeowners."

Councilman Madere stated, "I mean as a parish, parish wide."

Blake Fogleman stated, "I understand why you were saying that, but we work within our means and work within our servitudes and we take care of what's

there for the individual homeowners. You know most of those calculations and what we expect, you beef up that number knowing that you're going to have some of those issues that you're discussing."

Councilman Madere stated, "Well here's what you may have to do. You may have, because you're newly to this system but I think Reed know the parish, I don't know exactly what area, but we did run a smoke test to an individual people property, but it was not communicated to them."

Blake Fogleman stated, "I don't believe that that smoke test was ran for those individual properties, I think that smoke test was run for our system, to correct our system."

Councilman Madere stated, "Well just check into that to see. Just check into it."

Blake Fogleman stated, "Yes sir, I will and I will and I'll certainly read about that because I think that you've expressed that some and maybe in conversation with them..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "We need to find out and target the areas that do have the cracked pipes because not only that will help them, that also helps us in terms of having to go out there and find out what the problem is because they're getting pretty fed up with the fact when they get a little rain episode they can't use their restrooms."

Blake Fogleman stated, "Well I'll definitely look into that Central Avenue. As far as that cracked pipe on that property that's unfortunately as it is that's something that needs to be addressed by the homeowner with a certified plumber."

Councilman Madere stated, "Right I understand that..."

Blake Fogelman interrupting stated, "And we're willing to go out to the calls and discuss that with them, with the knowledge we have of our system but I'll certainly investigate Central Avenue and get back to you on that."

Councilman Madere stated, "Right ok, alright thank you."

Lennix Madere - Comcast cable

Councilman Madere stated, "Mr. Ronnie Colvin could not be here tonight, but I spoke to him on the phone and I told him I was going to give this information out and I think it's some information the residents who have Comcast should know. I had several individuals told me they had a problem with Comcast Cable or box and when they came out to fix it, they actually billed them and I spoke to him on the phone and I said how does this work, your box is bad or something happened to your cable line and you come in to fix it and you bill me, to me you're responsible for your wire and you're equipment. I told him I understand that I waste water on your box or I cut your cable wire when I'm cutting grass and I told him I understand that we may be we're responsible for that repair, but just to come out and change the box because the box went bad or something happened or a tree branch fell on the wire, something that was nothing the citizen had, so he agreed that they are not to be billed for

those type of incidents and I told him I was going to mention that at the meeting because I want the residents to understand that. They are not to be billed if the problem is directly associated with them, with the cable company. They are not to be billed cause a couple of people were billed and he said they are not to be billed if I drop the box or set it on fire of course I have to pay for it, but if anything happen with them is totally on them. And one other thing I want to say thanks to Comcast and RTC because we had an incident happened over the weekend and I wasn't aware that on E. 16th Street my district, garbage was not picked up Wednesday or Saturday. I got calls Saturday evening and then after talking to our secretary a list was given but it was on the Westbank that they couldn't go down certain streets because the wire was too low and I think Comcast and Reserve Telephone addressed that problem. So when I found out about it Saturday I called Metro and I found out that's the problem and the wire was too low, the guy actually came that Monday and picked up the garbage and he identified the 2 wires and I couldn't determine if it was Comcast or Reserve, so I called both companies and the 2 companies went out there and it was actually Reserve Telephone and they lifted the wires and the guy on the truck said that they're going to inform Comcast and Reserve of any low hanging wires, because I think it's a minimum of 18 feet and I believe what sparked them from going down that street and what was happening when I talked to you Mr. Coburn 2 weeks ago, so they don't want to have those types of incidents happen anymore, so any low hanging wires they are going to report it and we're going to get those up. So that's why I wanted to make sure that I get that information out and Comcast will not bill you if it's a problem that they have, okay they will not bill you, you should not be billed. I want to make sure we get that information out to the people."

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

There was no executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

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

Larry Snyder - Hurricane Preparation plans

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

Parish Buildings - Security

Water bill issues - 133 Beechgrove, Reserve, LA

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

Lennix Madere - Water bills - amoeba update

Water District #1 System issues/State DHH order

Any and all pending legal matters

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

There are no ordinances at this time.

PRESIDENT REPORT:

Good evening. As a member of the Louisiana Super Region Rail Authority, I had the honor of joining Mayor Barney Arceneaux of the City of Gonzales and other regional leaders to announce the purchase of property for the Gonzales rail depot. The proposed commuter rail will service passengers from Baton Rouge to New Orleans with additional stops in St. John, Kenner and New Orleans. I want to thank my fellow rail commission members, Councilman Perilloux, Brian Nunes and Eliza Eugene for serving with me on the Rail Authority and donating their time to this project. A briefing book outlining the next steps for the proposed line will be available for public review later this month. Thank you to the more than 100 volunteers who spent their Saturday cleaning up throughout the Parish during our annual Fall Clean Sweep. We encourage all residents and students to continue their efforts throughout the year as we strive to keep our parish clean. I'd like to thank Ken Graham, Meteorologist with the National Weather Service and the NOAA team for working me and my staff on a new weather station in Laplace. This project was initiated immediately after Hurricane Isaac exposed St. John's vulnerability to flooding from Lake Pontchartrain and the fact that there was no real-time water gauge on the west bank of the lake. The station is the only one of its kind in the state and country. We will be hold a ribbon cutting ceremony introducing the station on Wednesday, September 23 at 10:00 am near Frenier Landing Restaurant. Everyone is invited to attend. Last week, we had the pleasure of making an historic announcement of a presenting sponsor for the Andouille Festival. Marathon Petroleum donated \$25,000 toward the festival and hosted the announcement and the 2015 Andouille Print unveiling. We extend a heartfelt thanks to Marathon Petroleum and their employees and we look forward to working to make this year's festival the best ever. We are accepting applications for the Miss & Teen Andouille pageant at an informational meeting tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. at the St. John Theatre in Reserve. This will be the last day to turn in applications. Girls ages 13-23 are encouraged to participate. The Andouille Pageant is Saturday, October 3 at 7:00 p.m. at the St. John Theatre. This year's theme is Kentucky Derby. The Baby through Junior Miss Pageant will take place the following day on October 4. Registration forms can be downloaded at andouillefestival.com or picked up at the Parish office. Please join us October 16-18 at the St. John Community Center for the 2015 Andouille Festival presented by Marathon Petroleum. It will be a great time for all. I'd like to congratulate WSJH for its ranking in Newsweek of #5 in the country for preparing students from low socio-economic backgrounds for college. They moved from 50 to 5 in one year, which is a testament to the hard work of students, teachers, parents and the entire school community. I'd like to thank the West St. John Stakeholders for hosting a gala in their honor to highlight the significance of the achievement. Thank you to all who attended our public meetings on the CDBG

Business Loan and Grant program recently. The application intake period will run from September 29-December 3, 2015 at the intake centers on the East and West Bank. Locations and hours of the intake centers are posted on the Parish website, government access channel, Facebook page and in our office. A ribbon cutting was held this morning to commemorate the new location of the Child Advocacy Services Office, located at 2840 W. Airline Hwy., Suite G in Laplace. Volunteers are needed to be an advocate for children. Anyone interested should contact the office at 985-536-8384 or by email at info@childadv.net. Greater New St. Peter Baptist Church in Edgard will celebrate the 38th pastoral anniversary of Rev. Vernon Alexander Sr., on Sunday, September 20. The morning service begins at 7:30 a.m., and the guest minister is his son, Vernon Alexander Sr. The evening service begins at 2 p.m., and the guest minister is the Rev. Samuel Jones, pastor of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church of St. James. Saturday, September 26 is busy day in St. John. "The Second Annual "Makin It Do What It Do" Motorcycle Ride & Car Show in memory of Fallen St. John Deputy Brandon Nielson will be held at the St. John Community Center from 11 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Concerns of Police Survivors. A fundraiser for the Manchac Greenway project and commemoration of 100 Year Anniversary of the West Indian Hurricane of 1915 will also be held that day from 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Frenier Landing Restaurant, 113 Dottie Lane, LaPlace. The event is open to the public and will feature a book signing, music, a wreath laying ceremony, displays and more. Proceeds will go toward the Manchac Greenway project, a proposal to revitalize the recreational area along the Hwy 51 between Ponchatoula & LaPlace. Providence Baptist Church No. 2 will hold its first fall festival Sept. 26 at Montz Park from 11 am to 7 pm. A run, car show, arts and crafts, food and other entertainment will be featured. Contact the church at (504)559-8225 for more information. On Wednesday, September 30, a ceremony will be held at 10:00 a.m. in the Riverlands Shopping Center to kick off the Airline Highway Streetscaping Improvements project for Airline Hwy. from Belle Terre to Main St. The final report will provide costs and designs that identify replacement sidewalks, ADA compliance needs, design recommendations and potential bicycle pedestrian improvements at major intersections. Please join us for this important announcement. The Louisiana Dental Center will hold a ribbon cutting to commemorate their new facility in St. John later that afternoon on August 30th at 2 pm at 393 Belle Terre Blvd in LaPlace. More information can be found by contacting the office at (985)652-8767 or online at www.ladentalcenter.com. The Sheriff's Office will be hosting Night out against Crime again this year on Tuesday, October 13 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Any resident of the parish interested in hosting a night out party should contact the Sheriff's Office at (985)359-8753 or register at www.stjohnsheriff.org.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:10 PM, Councilwoman Millet moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with 7 yeas Councilwoman Hotard and Councilman Wilson absent.

/s/Michael Wright
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
Council Secretary