

AGENDA
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th, 2017
CHAIRMAN LARRY SNYDER
VICE-CHAIR JACLYN HOTARD

The Council of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session in the Joel McTopy Chambers, LaPlace, Louisiana on Tuesday, September 26th, 2017 at 6:30 PM.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ABSENT: None

Councilman Snyder led the Prayer. Councilman Malik led the Pledge.

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

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilwoman Remonet seconded the motion to return to Regular Session. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

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

Shandrelle Perrilloux stated, *"Good afternoon with all due respect, I might need more than 2 minutes. But anyway I don't want anyone to be offended by what I'm saying, but I want you to read this and I don't want you to all take it lightly, because lately the community has been very disappointed with the actions of this council..."*

Councilman Snyder interrupting asked, *"What item do you want to speak on?"*

Shandrelle Perrilloux stated, *"On the agenda just strictly this."*

Councilman Snyder stated, *"And it says something pertaining to the DEQ meeting with the Parish President and that's what you've got to discuss on that?"*

Shandrelle Perrilloux stated, *"Yes and it's pertaining to that."*

Councilman Snyder stated, *"Well no, it's got to be that and you have 2 minutes."*

Shandrelle Perrilloux stated, *"And the 2 minutes is this; recognize this speaks volumes. So when the next time yawl make a decision concerning DEQ on our behalf, please put the people over profit first. We're not trying to shut down the plant, so make that into your consideration and make a note, it's about to get real in St. John the Baptist Parish. Thank you!"*

Councilman Snyder stated, *"Yes ma'am. Thank you very much."*

INTRODUCTION OF BUSINESSES:

Natalie Robottom - Proclamation - Brittney Lindberg - Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) Project Manager and Military Liaison Delta Regional Authority

"Administration requests removal of this item from the agenda."

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEMS: Approval of Minutes - September 12th, 2017, Regular Meeting; Councilman Perrilloux - Appointment of Ivey Mathieu to the Coastal Zone Advisory Committee; Permit Approval - 39th Annual Andouille Festival 5 Mile Run & 2 Mile Run/Walk - Sunday, October 15th, 2017 - 8:00 AM

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda items consisting of Approval of Minutes - September 12th, 2017, Regular Meeting; Councilman Perrilloux - Appointment of Ivey Mathieu to the Coastal Zone Advisory Committee; Permit Approval - 39th Annual Andouille Festival 5 Mile Run & 2 Mile Run/Walk - Sunday, October 15th, 2017 - 8:00 AM. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES:

17-39 (Public Hearing Held) (Tabled 09-12-17) An ordinance to amend Ord. 11-52, "Division 2 - Sale of Adjudicated Property" of the St. John the Baptist Parish Code of Ordinances by changing the title to "Division 2 - Disposition of Adjudicated Property" and by providing for a legally compliant and consistent process and procedure for St. John the Baptist Parish to legally dispose of properties that have been adjudicated to the Parish for at least five (5) years from the date that the *Certificate of Adjudication* was filed in the official land records of the Clerk of Court for St. John the Baptist Parish. (L. Snyder)

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Becnel seconded the motion to remove Ordinance 17-39 from the table. The motion passed unanimously.

Jerry Jones stated, "On September 14, 2017, a meeting was held with representatives of the District Attorney's Office, Sheriff's Office, Council Members, Assessor and other staff, involved with the Adjudicated Properties Program to review some of the challenges and concerns related to the program as implemented for the past 2 years. The meeting was productive and a set of guidelines and procedures were established to keep everyone informed of the program moving forward. With regard to Ordinance 17-39, Administration recommends leaving this item tabled until duplications and redundancies in the document are corrected and the proposed Administrative processes are reviewed and developed with input and knowledge of those responsible for the process. However, Administration supports renewing the expired CEA with the DA's Office to continue contracting with Civic Source to assist with administering the Adjudicated Properties program."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Request to put it back on the table? Table it until next week?"

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "No, I was requesting the motion to approve the, to renew the expired CEA with the DA's Office to continue contracting with Civic Source to assist with administering the Adjudicated Properties program."

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the motion

to renew the expired CEA with the DA's Office to continue contracting with Civic Source to assist with administering the Adjudicated Properties program. The motion passed unanimously.

Jackie Landeche stated, "Wait I have a question. So we didn't approve the ordinance itself, we just did this motion am I correct? So what happens to the ordinance?"

Councilman Wright stated, "We'll have to vote to table it."

Jackie Landeche stated, "Cause I need..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "We're going to have to table the ordinance."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Well we took that ordinance off the table and the ordinance didn't receive any motions or seconds that it would fail automatically. If there was no motion or second on the ordinance then that would fail automatically and my motion was to renew the expired CEA with the DA's Office to assist with administering the Adjudicated Properties program."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay."

Jackie Landeche asked, "Do we put the ordinance back on the table?"

Councilman Snyder asked, (of the entire Council) "So what you want to do?"

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "Is that appropriate that way?"

Councilman Snyder asked, "No, Mr. Keith (Legal Counsel) do we have to go through the process again?"

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Alright, ok so at this time because of the renewing of the CEA is not on the agenda, we can, well let me ask you this; Keith can we amend what's on there, we can amend what's already the ordinance to amend 11-52, as long as we don't make a substantial change to what's being presented. We can amend it and then adopt it as amended?"

Keith Green, Jr. stated, "That's correct."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Ok administration how would you like us to edit 17-39 to accomplish?"

Councilman Snyder asked, "Yes ma'am?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Thank you Council. I believe that we would need to have some more conversation with the DA's office regarding this ordinance, even though we had a meeting a couple of weeks ago. There were some items that were discussed in the meeting that need to be implemented, and so we wanted to make sure that these items were implemented before we moved forward with the ordinance."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Ok so Mr. Chairman if I may I'll withdraw, I withdraw my motion. We can obviously let this item die and administration can come back when you're ready to present another ordinance."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I'll withdraw this motion."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay both of these motions have been withdrawn, first and second. So the administration, we will table it until next week?"

Jackie Landeche stated, "So we have to put it back on the table?"

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "No we removed it, it's dead."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Removed it?"

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Its dead."

Jackie Landeche stated, "So we can take it off the agenda."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "And we'll wait. Because we can't accept this one the way it's written anyway. We have to come back with another one."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Let's go."

Jerry Jones stated, "Thank you."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you Chairman Snyder."

Ordinance 17-39 died for lack of motion.

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

Councilman Snyder stated, "What we did, what we did with this particular ordinance, was we had made some changes to it the way it was introduced, the way it was described to all of the council and administration. So what we want to do, we want to remove this from the agenda because some of the terms in it we changed a little bit, and we were instructed it might be best to remove it and then present it again. We're in no rush to get it done, but we want to get it done and so I'm going to ask someone to make a motion to remove this from the agenda please, cause this was mine anyhow."

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the motion to remove Ordinance 11-42 from the agenda to correct some of the terminology as instructed and will reintroduce when completed. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:

Baileigh Rebowe stated, "Good Evening Council. As most are aware, Puerto Rico has sustained extreme damage from Hurricane Maria which passed over them the last few days. Governor Edward's office has been in contact with the Governor of Puerto Rico and pledged support from Louisiana. The Governor has called on each individual parish to help our Puerto Rican neighbors under the guidance of state officials. Per the Governor's office, theirs is an extreme lack of personal hygiene products specifically for infants, toddlers, women, due to the islands lack of normal supply chain, and they're in dire need of diapers, baby formula, baby bottles, baby wipes and feminine care products. Governor Edwards has asked that each parish assist in this statewide endeavor by participating in a public outreach campaign and also determining a location in each parish in Louisiana in which these goods can be donated. On behalf of St. John and in coordination with the Public Safety Office, REGALA Gymnasium at 200 REGALA Park Road in Reserve, we'll have a donation drop off site set to open this week. Specifics in drop off hours are still being finalized and will be sent out via communication outlets and posted. This is an extremely quick turnaround because the supplies in Puerto Rico are needed now and we're asking the community in our faith based leaders for their support in this endeavor as initiated by the Governor's Office. The donated infant, toddler and women items will be picked up by the National Guard after the 14 day donation period and sent to Puerto Rico. A specific list of what products are needed, and the location and hours for drop off in St. John will be sent to the council, posted on the website, TV, Facebook page, we ask our newspaper to help us spread the message and at our parish buildings this week. In addition, the Governor's website at gov.louisiana.gov will have an entire list of drop off locations around the state. We thank you in advance for your love and support as we join Louisiana Governor and all the parishes in our great state in giving back to people who need it most right now. Thank you."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Thank you Ms. Rebowe appreciate that. We all can offer prayers for sure, but I heard on the news when I was coming here about the people over there in Puerto Rico, they need everything, everything. And they just don't have anything, the whole that whole island was torn up by the storm and we know how it when you have to run out your home and, because we've had some of those things happen here and you go places and you worry about everything. So I'm sure we're going to have more communication on Facebook and the newspaper how we as a parish how we can help out in that endeavor, and help the parish because the whole world is looking at that and we have some on the each coast, on the east of us and on the west of us we've been having problems. You know you got to think about those things, we're vulnerable right here in the middle, we've been lucky we've been blessed. So whatever we can do, let's try to do it. Let's kind of push it a little bit."

Larry Snyder - (Carry Over 9-12-17) Update on Administration's plan to address and finance water meter issues

Ross Gonzales stated, "Administration would like to revisit the Council's request

to Pilot each of the proposals which could take 6 months to 1 year before a permanent solution is recommended. Implementing the pilots will not solve the problem of failing registers and will prolong the implementation of a full scale retrofit or replacement of registers and/or water meters and billing software system. It may also not be the best use of Parish funds available for a permanent fix to the problem. As noted previously, the pre-application for a low-interest loan was approved by LDEQ for up to \$6M at a .095% interest rate. A tentative schedule is being developed to move the loan process forward which includes 1) selection of an engineering firm to begin preparation of plans and specifications for public bid under the loan program, 2) Bond Commission Approval, 3) loan closing and 4) installation of new equipment. The target date for the closing and bidding process is March of 2018 with implementation beginning in May of 2018. In an effort to expedite the process, numbers 1 & 2 can be addressed simultaneously. Administration is finalizing their recommendation to move forward."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Thank you Mr. Gonzales at least we're doing something, we're trying to do something. I was just running, I'd like to get your input on this on exactly what they're asking us to do here. You're asking us this pilot program here that we approved, not to do it or not to do any of the other pilots that's been requested?"

Ross Gonzales stated, "I think administration is re-visiting that thought, because it could take us between sixty (\$60) and a hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to implement the four (4) programs. Which is, we feel like this money could be better spent in you know going towards new meters and registers or a whole new plan."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yes we're all about spending money. So you're saying that we don't have to, we don't need to go through the Pilot Program that we approved, we only approved one company to do the Pilot Program. So you're asking us, we don't need to do that, that's what you're saying to us right now?"

Ross Gonzales stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Snyder stated, "And one other question, then we have some people that need to ask some questions also. The specification, we need to get an engineer, our engineers can't set the specs for that?"

Ross Gonzales stated, "I think it um and I'll let Rob speak, Rob Delaune with Digital speak about that but I believe that LDEQ requirements compel us to use an engineer and independent engineer to administer the program."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay, to administer the program not just to set the specs."

Ross Gonzales stated, "I'll let Rob address that."

Rob Delaune, Digital Engineering stated, "And I assisted in help putting the pre-application together to LDEQ. And one of the requirements through the LDEQ loan is that, the parish enter into an agreement with a consulting engineer to put together plans and specifications that LDEQ will review and approve that can go out for advertisement and public bid."

Councilman Snyder asked, "So it's got to be a Licensed Consulting Engineer?"

Rob Delaune stated, "A Licensed Professional Engineer, yes."

Councilman Snyder stated, "An Engineer! Because I mean one of the selling points that we had when we approve our engineers and directors for that, they can do these things. And that was one of the selling points of these engineers we got. That they can do things just like that and so we approve as that was one of the traits that these engineers supposed to have had. So you're saying, we can't use out engineers to set up a spec. We got to go out and get a firm like Digital Engineering?"

Rob Delaune stated, "I think you'd have to confirm that with LDEQ. In the letter that LDEQ sent, it specifically states an Architectural or Engineering Agreement needs to be in place. So that usually means an Independent Consultant Engineer."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Alright I guess that's all I needed. Somebody's got some questions? Ms. Hotard."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you, thank you Rob. This is actually a question for administration and I'm hearing what you're saying Mr. Gonzales, about the Pilot Program now you're saying it's not a, let me read it here again, implementing the pilots will not solve the problem of failing registers and will prolong the implementation of a full scale retrofit, and so as you were reading that, I just started having flashbacks because I'm looking at the minutes from the meeting the last meeting, and I even said when I asked you when we're going to start with the Pilot, you said; real soon, and I said; real soon isn't really an answer, we went through how much the pilots were going to cost, what we were getting, you stated that we were waiting on other companies to reply back to you, and what I want to say about all this, is that just 2 weeks ago we were told we were waiting on other companies to submit information, and we had information from one company, and we had already calculated that we were going to keep the meters at the end of that, so we spend a whole lot of time trying to start the pilots which 2 weeks later, you're telling us now this isn't the best thing to do and we spent pages of minutes of talking about it 2 weeks ago. And it only adds to the frustration because it makes me wonder, do we really know what's going on? If just 2 weeks ago we spent 2 hours just talking about pilots, how much is it going to cost, we had sent a contract to the DA's office for one of the pilots, everybody's spending all this time and now were just saying; nope we're not going to do that we're going to do something else. I need to have some reassurance so that I can pass the reassurance along to my constituents that we know what we're talking about. Cause every meeting that we get up here we're saying something different and all the residents know, it's broken! And from where I'm sitting, we don't appear that we really know how to fix it, cause like I said; I just went through the minutes to see what we said 2 weeks ago. And I know you spend a lot of time working on even these pilots because of all of the good information that you provided, which 2 weeks later we say; that's not the answer. That's a problem. We need to know where we're going, how we're going to get there, once and for all. I don't want you to come back 2 weeks from now and say no we need to do something different. Because again, we're answering to the public, you know so it's not something that really requires a response, I mean the minutes are reflective of what we said 2 weeks ago. And like I said, I know you spend a lot of time on it, but now in 2 weeks later were saying something totally contrary to what you spent months working on with the pilot. So I don't if we got a good handle on what's going on and what we need to do to resolve it. But if just a person, an outsider only looks at the record, they only look at the minutes, they're going to say; they don't know what's going on there. One minute they say one thing next meeting it's another and it depends on when you show up kind of answer you're going to get. We can't have that because I know you guys are worki9ng too hard to resolve to have this."

Ross Gonzales asked, "Can I respond?"

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Hmm."

Ross Gonzales stated, "Since that last meeting we met with two (2) engineers, our in house Engineer and Mr. Delaune, and they discussed a better path forward would be to write specifications that fit our need and move forward. Because the 4 or 5 meter companies that we met with basically all have the same output if you will, they all have the same features, the same reporting and I guess they neutrally decided that it would be better from our standpoint to go forward with the plan versus spending 6-8 months trying to grade a pilot. Now we can pull a plug on the pilot earlier, and you know after 2 or 3 months, but I think it was decided if we did that we really probably no better off than trying to move forward with the implementation program."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "And I agree with you and think about this; we've been talking about the water problems for at least 6-8 months. So even if way back then, we would have even started a pilot it would be finished now, we would have a path forward. When this problem first started, we got a parish engineer, we have utilities, we have water engineers like Digital, we should have brought them in a year ago to ask them the questions, hey guys what's out there, you're running water systems, you're doing this help us out! And I'm glad they've come to the table with some suggestions, but again it's almost a year later. So there has to be a sense of urgency like I said 2 weeks ago. This has to be a burning flame, because it's just such a problem all the way around. You don't get a bill, you don't get it on time, you got late fees if you don't call they don't get adjusted off, I mean tired of talking about this. And again, 2 weeks ago we talked about the pilot I get what you're saying, but again if we would have started asking the questions a year ago, we've got all these people at our disposal we would have either been finished with the pilot or we would have started implementing something else. We got to think about it like it is an emergency. Because for some people, if you are charging them late fees of four and five dollars a month and it equals up to sixty dollars a year, guess what! To some people that's not a whole lot of money but to an elderly person on a fixed income or somebody who isn't as fortunate as the next person, fifty dollars (\$50.00) is a lot of money. Okay, so we got to think about it in those terms."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes I'm sitting here listening to what Ms. Hotard said and I'm getting frustrated cause she's absolutely right. Everything she said is on the money and it's not your fault. Okay it's not Curtis fault okay, its administration, okay I'm going to put the blame where it belongs but it's administration. It's their job to come to us and give us the suggestions that was the best path forward. And like I said, it's been over a year and it's not having been 6 months it's been a year. Okay I made a suggestion when we first started how to handle these water bills. Okay, about adding 12 months dividing by 12, adding doing 6 months dividing by 6 and come up with an average and everybody pay an average until we solve this problem. Okay I was rejected on 12 months, rejected on 6 months then they came and told me they could do it in 18 months. And then there was confusion about 18 months, about I think at the last meeting I didn't get a chance to respond back, but you said something concerning the meters again by doing 18 months you had a little problem with it, right some people."

Ross Gonzales stated, "Well I said the system automatically does an 18 month average and if somebody did have a couple of high bills in there it kind of sku's their average and they were going to be paying higher than a true average."

Councilman Madere stated, "Right but what I meant to say at that last meeting was; even if that was so you'd be talking about a small amount of individuals, not everyone in the parish. Maybe 200, let's just say 500 people had that problem, okay the other people would have an average bill that no one would be complaining about..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stating, "Excuse Mr. Madere..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "I got you, about the meters about the meters about the meters about the meters..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stating, "Still on the meters, right. On the meters."

Councilman Madere stated, "About the meters and the meters go with the bill. Okay well understand what I'm saying. Alright, that's what I was saying and for us not to be any closer to a solution at this meeting tonight, you understand is not what the people want to hear. And Ms. Hotard is absolutely right, we should have this suggestion and this taken place months ago. In fact we'd be well on our way to solving the problem instead of still talking about it and once again it's not Curtis, it's not you, you understand? It's not the citizens of St. John the Baptist Parish. It's the one that we put in charge okay and that includes us. I'm not going to take the blame off of no one that includes us, you understand cause maybe we should have kept the pressure on harder on everyone. Okay, well I don't know but I don't like to put blames just on any particular individual. Okay we have some part in it too. Okay but I know I made many, many, suggestions and all of them was rejected."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Yes Ross, did we explore any other opportunities to finance the meters through any other method besides LDEQ?"

Ross Gonzales stated, "We spoke to our bond counsel but they kind of ensured us we're not going to beat them .095 interest rate."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "And I understand that clearly but like my colleagues are saying, we're the ones getting the calls every day and I know you guys are working hard on trying to get this thing fixed, but there's no there's no magic wand the meters have to go, the transmitters have to go. And I don't know how you guys feel, but if we have to pay a little bit more interest tomorrow morning wouldn't be soon enough to get those meters going. As far as the engineering firm to begin preparation for meters, hell we're changing meters out everyday right now without engineering firms breathing down our necks. So I just think that LDEQ is trying to harness us with a process that's probably more invasive to their protocols and right now we don't have time for that, we need to move now. The public's patience is thin, people in the street knocking down doors, knocking down your doors in this building if we don't do something real quick. So I'd like to make a motion that we look at that you go and seek another avenue at getting financing with LDEQ as soon as possible, outside of LDEQ."

Ross Gonzales stated, "I would suspect that any financing we do is going to have to go, we're going to have to maintain bond commission, I know we'll have to attain bond commission approval and I don't know if that could happen before March of 18 anyway, it's a process."

Councilman Sorapuru asked, "There's no..."

Ross Gonzales interrupting stated, "I can check into it, but it's going to probably be very similar timeline."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Well please see if there's an emergency lever we can pull because we, we're running out of time Ross."

Ross Gonzales stated, "I understand."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Thank you."

Councilman Snyder asked, "You want to pull your motion back for time being?"

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "No, I want to keep the motion on. I want to keep the motion..."

Councilman Snyder asked, "We got a second? Well we got a motion on the floor."

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "What is the motion?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "Say what your motion is."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "The motion is to seek another venue of financing our meters or transmitters to go to bonding attorney for emergency loan."

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "So you're just requesting information?"

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Requesting information to see what our opportunities could be."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "I just wanted to elaborate a little bit on the comment that Councilwoman Hotard made regarding time, and as far as administration; we have met with a number of people to look for solutions regarding this issue. And you're correct it is, we're operating on a daily basis regarding the urgency of this. And we do receive the phone calls, when we're out in the public people address us about the water meter issues and so we've been having these discussions. Now in regards to the pilot, when we looked at this a couple of weeks ago Councilwoman Hotard, we noticed that with the not that we didn't pay attention to it before, we just observed the fact that it's going to take 2-3 months for that particular company to implement the pilot. By that time we realized that since we already got it preapproved with LDEQ with a low interest rate which basically it's unheard of to be able to have this opportunity, and the fact that I believe that the bond commission stated the fact that it's a possibility they will be able to pay this loan back, we've decided that we would move forward with this and present this to you all cause of course we understand the urgency and by the time they would implement the pilot, we would then have everything in place including going to closing on this loan and begin to install the registers or meters. And so, that is the reason why we look at this, we have analyzed it and brought it to you all and asking you to consider moving in this direction rather than with the pilot. Now just to back up a little bit I know that some of the council members met with Aqua Metrics, the administration wasn't aware of the meeting, you all implemented, stated a motion put in a motion for us to begin to move forward with the pilot, and we did that with the direction of the council. And so you're correct, we did have conversation, we met with a number of companies, they came and did a presentation, we began to work on the contract and had the contract approved by legal. And then from there we just looked at it and said well you know what, let's see if we could move this forward

so we can makes things quicker so that we can go head and install the necessary equipment so that we won't continue to have these issues that a number of our constituents in the parish are being faced with. So I just wanted to make it very clear that I understand this has been going on a while, we have been sitting on our hands as I stated in our last council meeting, and that we've been meeting and trying to come up with solutions to these problems."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you and I do appreciate that, if my memory serves me correctly I think we called that special meeting if you will or water workshop because we hadn't had a resolution to the problems up to that point. So that's how we got to that point where we had to have the water workshop. So again, we just need to act with a sense of urgency. I just did a simple little google search and said, water meter problems and just on the first page I found 4 other places where they had water meter problems. So if I'm and administrator and I'm sitting in my office and this is what I'm working on, I would of googled that and I probably would have called the top 3 that I saw, hey; what was the problem, how did you fix it? And then we would have probable known a year ago, what would work, what didn't work, a little troubleshooting, could have saved a little time with the pilot, started a pilot and this whole process there just has not been a sense of urgency, or it would have been resolved or we would have had a recommendation to resolve it. Right now we're still authorizing you all to do something to come back and present a recommendation to us to solve the problem. And kind to touch on what Councilman Madere said that, you know I don't totally agree with that because we're legislatures, everything that we have within our power is sitting right here. You know and we have had so many meetings, we've taken so many actions, I've even spoken with the District Attorney's office, hey tell me what kind of what can we legally pass to fix this, and we are kind of restricted because we're legislatures and relying on you all to come back with a recommendation. And so, you know with all that being said, it just seems like this started almost a year ago, Curtis how long have you been here?"

Curtis Young stated, "A year."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "A year, yeah and you got thrown into it you know. Everybody got thrown into this, so you've been here a year and when you came in it was already at level ten (10). So we're still later, maybe we're not at level ten (10) but we're still about level eight (8), because I still get phone calls, we still have people that aren't getting their bills, another thing to touch on is it relates to water meters really quick and I'm going to wrap this up, I don't like that averaging because even if you have one or two or three people did have that one spike, if we average them for 12 months, we're averaging in that one spike. And if we over charge one customer for something that they didn't get, that's stealing. So I don't care if it's just one, that averaging to me, that's a problem because again, if my bill is \$52.00 a month, that's what I run, and on one month I had a high bill..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "Alright Ms. Hotard, stick to the meters."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "This is about meter problems."

Councilman Snyder stated, "But this is about billing."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Well from the reading of the meters. And so you use that average and now my average is sixty-five, seventy based on the average reading from the meter, you're over charging me. You're stealing. And so we got not you specifically, but the way we bill people that's erroneous, so we need to

fix it!"

Councilman Madere stated, "Ok just one response. Ms. Hotard I agree with you on that one spiked bill..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "We're talking about meters now."

Councilman Madere stated, "Well she continued on it. I'll wait till we get to that billing part and I'll explain that one. Cause I got answers for that spiked bill."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Anybody got any questions on meters? I got a question I want to ask the administration. What's your view on what direction we should go in cause we haven't had any discussion with this at all with this council as far as I know? What's your view on what direction should we go in, meters, registers or both?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Well primarily from what we've been told that our meters have 20 or 30 year life..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "So we got good meters?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "That's what we were told. So in reference, what the problem here is our registers that are failing. Because there was only you know when they were installed 10 years ago, there was only a 10 year warranty and then the other 10 year of course was prorated, but a number of our, right after the 10 year warranty a number of our readers/registers failed. So again, is my recommendation as well as what we've heard from others that we may want to look you know just our registers, and consider that which would less than what has been proposed to us as a cost. But again, Curtis and Ross have been in those meetings with a number of those companies, they may have a better insight on what they believe that it is but based upon information that we received, that I've received and the meetings I've attended is primarily our failing registers."

Councilman Snyder stated, "And I think this council understands that, but since we don't have/get much communication, the administration looking at maybe registers just registers? And have we got a price on just registers for all the meters in the parish for 16,000 I think we got. So?"

Ross Gonzales stated, "The four companies that we entertained have variant proposals, one being retrofitting the register only, all the way to changing meter register and even the brains that run the register. There's 4 different levels of technology, there is one that would retrofit the registers only and flat cost and that's probably \$2.7 Million but that's before installation and engineering."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Ask this question again, have we looked at starting half and reading half manually?"

Ross Gonzales stated, "That would probably be the way to get implemented, because I think it's going take the best would be about, the scenario would be about 9 months to implement parish wide. So they would start with a complete billing cycle, that's my understanding and work their way across the parish. So you know within 2 months one or two cycles should be completely error free and radio read, and we'd focus on the other four cycles with a combination of manual reads and drive-byes', and they would just peel off one cycle at a time till they get

across the whole parish."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay, so that's our position right now. Ok!"

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Mr. Larry."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yes ma'am."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I just want to ask really quickly I'm glad you brought that up, because I know I asked I don't know how many meeting ago we've been talking about it for so long. To come back even with a recommendation on the path we need to take whether we need to go back to an entirely manually read system or electronically. Because we know from what we found St. Charles and St. James still manually read meters with a few meter readers, so do we have an answer on that yet?"

Ross Gonzales stated, "St. Charles does a combination of..."

Councilwoman Hotard interrupting asked, "No do we have an answer on what I ask administration to come back and even look at manual read or going back to driving by and getting reads. What is going to be the most cost effective thing in the long run because the point that I brought up is, if these meters have 10 year lives then we know 10 years, that's that fast. So if 10 years we're going to financially strap the parish again to have to replace meters, then maybe this type of software is not the way to go. That's what I said I don't know how many months ago and so I asked administration to give a side by side comparison, can we even afford this type of system or do we need to go back manual reading like our neighboring parishes? Have we come up with that yet?"

Ross Gonzales stated, "I don't that an answer has been drafted in written form, but we have had discussions and it's not an easy thing to measure because we having trouble reading 8 or 9,000 registers now. So to go 16,000 it doesn't seem like it's going to be beneficial."

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "We're having trouble with our people reading them or with the meters actually being read?"

Ross Gonzales stated, "Well there's a lot of problems when you're having an/uncover when you drive-by a meter for 10 years and never have to uncover it, now you have to go find it uncover it, some of them are covered with mud, grass, it's not like St. Charles, the read them every the ones they read, they read every month down the street and you know it's one after another, so their meter boxes are clean, they're read on a regular basis, that makes a difference. Once we've located a meter, cleaned it, unearthed it, it's easier the second time around, but it's getting to that point. But again, you know and regard to your comment about the 10 year life, the registers you know they have a 10 and 10 warranty. Ten (10) full years, ten (10) years prorated. All of the companies that we entertained claimed their batteries are much better technology than what we had 10 years ago, their claiming you get 15/18/22 years out of the battery now, and certainly there need to be a plan in place to sync money so from ten (10) years from now or eleven (11) years from now, we start to change one cycle at a time for a year so that when we hit fifteen (15) years we'll have recycled the whole parish if we need to we may not need to. You may only have to change the registers that failed."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Right."

Ross Gonzales stated, "So that's kind of unforeseen you know, when we get there ten (10) years from now, there'll be new technology out there again."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "And that's my concern and that's why I think that or I know when I made the request that's what I want to see on paper. Because I was here 10 years ago and this was the best thing since sliced bread and now I wish we would have never done this. And so I don't want the next council sitting here 10 years from now saying, I wish they wouldn't have made that decision then. We can't do that again, and so we need to weigh both sides. Even if it even a little more initially because we do have to uncover some buried meters, obviously it's working in both parishes next door, and St. Charles has three times the money we do and they're still manually reading meters. So there's some...."

Ross Gonzales stated, "Well there is but again, there's a lot of benefits to us and a fixed based system. The meters they read 3 days later they'll find out there was a leak 30 days ago. With a fixed base system we'll find out the next morning. So constituents can get a phone call, a text and an email saying; you're meter spun last night. If we have to go manually read it 30-32 days from now, it leaks for 32 days and we don't know it. Also we go 32 days from now, we find out the batteries been dead, the new system you get a report everyday saying; these batteries have a 6 month life left. And you know need to be proactive and maintain the system, that's where we failed the last 10 years. There was no proactive maintenance on the system and it got to the point where it's at."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Where it is now. Thank you."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "Just a quick question. I know billing is handled through finance with the money and whatever. Do we get the input from the Utilities Department and their Director on what meters to work with or any issues they might have with the new meters or outgoing system or anything? Do we include them in the process?"

Ross Gonzales stated, "Blake has sat in on several meetings and again, our plan was to you know get an engineer to write true specifications, put it out there and see who could fill them and judge from that."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "I just don't want to pick a mere and something comes up later and then say well; if Utilities would have been involved, we would have known this or that. So I just wanted to make sure that everyone was included. Thank you."

Councilman Wright stated, "Quick question. Do we know how many meters are buried right now, roughly an estimate?"

Curtis Young stated, "Not off hand, no sir."

Councilman Wright stated, "Ok, I only asked that because I guess no matter what direction we move forward they still have to be dug up so, I do request we do start that now and start manually reading. Because even if were to get new meters starting tomorrow, we still have to dig up the ones that are buried. So that's, that's our request."

Ross Gonzales stated, "That's correct. And that is part of the whole implementation program, locating the meters, GPS's them and you know that's, and that's why we need some engineering oversight."

Councilman Wright stated, "Right, tomorrow or the next day just start identifying those and digging them up."

Ross Gonzales stated, "And part of the problem with that Councilman Wright is that, if a meter is still sending a signal as we drive-by, we don't know that it's buried, as long as it's sending a signal its fine it's when it doesn't and we have to go find it that we run into problems."

Councilman Wright stated, "And that's why I do agree with the manual reading also. Thank you."

Curtis Young stated, "Well we do, we have identified a lot of the meters that are covered and we have put a plan in place working with Blake's department to actually start unearthing them."

Councilman Wright stated, "Thank you."

Councilman Malik asked, "Who did you say was going to write specifications?"

Ross Gonzales stated, "Rob Delaune with Digital. Oh well I mean that's our plan."

Councilman Malik stated, "Thank you."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Yes Ross I had a conversation with the company that installed the meters 10 years ago, and he mentioned to me in our conversation that there was a warranty a maintenance warranty that was taken with the parish at the time and it was cancelled after 3 years. Could you explore that option with him and see exactly is something we want fit in with our next protocol?"

Ross Gonzales stated, "Sure, was that a manufacturing warranty or installation warranty?"

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "That was a warranty on breakdowns, on malfunctioning meters. They would go in and replace the meters."

MOTION: Councilman Sorapuru moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to grant administration to seek other opportunities to finance meter replacements or a register replacement. The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Sorapuru/Kurt Becnel - (Tabled 9-12-17) Request for a Water Bill Payment Center on the Westbank

Councilman Becnel requested the item remain tabled until more information is gathered.

Larry Sorapuru - (Tabled 9-12-17) Request that the Council be notified of all Emergency Preparedness meetings

MOTION: Councilman Sorapuru moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to remove Request that the Council be notified of all Emergency Preparedness meetings from the table. The motion passed unanimously.

Jobe' Boucvalt stated, "In accordance with the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance & Disaster Act, the Parish President is responsible for Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness and she appoints a Parish OHSEP Director who schedules preparedness meetings with an identified Emergency Support Function team. The Parish Council Chairperson or designated representative during

emergencies will be notified of the Emergency Preparedness updates and meetings. Our Assistant Director sends out calendar invites and that will be sent, y'all will be invited along with the notices and updated information Mrs. Helm puts out to the whole council during emergencies or in advance of emergencies, and we are very sensitive to you and your districts. Several times I have called and informed the council person in that district if it was something an emergency like along with an industry, we know that's important to y'all so we do that, and if that call is not coming from me it's coming from Col. Travis Perrilloux, our Assistant or Mrs. Helm. So hopefully that answers y'all questions, we are sensitive to that and we will keep y'all abreast."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Yes Mr. Chairman and Jobe'. I put this on the agenda only because during the preparation preparing for hurricane I know you guys huddled up pretty tight and it's a lot of information that you're trying to expedite, I mean process information and expedite equipment to locations. But as a council person we're riding around in our districts looking for things, and looking around and talking to people and watching what's going on, looking for areas that could be flooding and by sending us an email letting us know that you're having a meeting, what time the meetings are for, the morning meetings or the afternoon meetings, that would give us the heads up to be at a certain location to try and get some firsthand information. And I don't know about the rest of the guys but I don't want to have to call you unless I have to, I don't want to have to call Travis unless I have to. You guys are you know doing all kinds of things, but just the communication itself sitting in and getting information. I have no ambition or reason want to come in and change your strategy, change your emergency preparation plan, but give me an opportunity to hear firsthand information what your strategy is and what's going to change that morning. Get me a chance to get to the people in my district and make sure we're protected, okay? That's the reason why. There's nothing that you're doing that's wrong, there's nothing I disapprove of not being invited to the meeting, that's it. I think all council people should be given notice, if you're going to strategize about preparing for a hurricane we need to all be on the same team. That's all I'm asking for, thank you very much."

Councilman Madere stated, "Mr. Sorapuru had that conversation, I had that conversation with several other councilmen. And before the last incident, we was informed of meetings and we was at the meeting with other storms and tornados came you know, and I found it very unusual that the last time we didn't receive any communication about the meeting, okay. We may have gotten, was told some information afterwards but we was not told as far as when the meeting was going to be, what time it was going to be, we didn't receive that. In that pass we did, we did receive a, I remember going to meetings at 9 o'clock, then coming back at 2 o'clock for an update, then coming back at 7 o'clock, but that was related to us. But this time we didn't get any email or any information concerning it, and that's why Mr. Sorapuru put that on the agenda and that's why I totally agree with him and I understand what administration said, that this they're going to in future, continue to practice they had before. I don't know why it was a hiccup the last time, but it was a little hiccup in the road because we was not notified of those meetings. And I think that's a concern, and I will say when something do happen in the district, I get a phone call from Baileigh. The other day, something I'm going to talk about later on, Travis called me and gave me an update what was going on and I appreciated that what he did. But that's exactly what/how it's supposed to happen. When something happen in our district, in District III, I should be the first one to know about it not the last one. And parish wide all the councilmen should be involved at a meeting when it involves the whole entire parish. That's all we're saying."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Just one thing. Explain to me this last paragraph. The Parish Council Chairperson or designated representative during emergencies will be notified of the Emergency Preparedness updates and meetings. Explain that one for me. That means emergencies here in the parish, or emergencies going on around us?"

Jobe' Boucvalt stated, "That would be any emergency that's going to affect any part of our parish. That's correct."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Emergencies that's going to affect. Okay, I was just thinking about the meeting leading up to emergencies and making preparations. Yawl got a team that does that and that team is identified as who?"

Jobe' Boucvalt stated, "All of our ESF functions all of our department heads and all disasters. Some, they're all different. Some are small, you know Colonel Perrilloux and myself might come out on a weekend and it's just me and him, and of course as it grow we bring more ESF's in the Emergency Operations Center and to a full activation if the event's big enough. So it could be 1, 2, or 30, like some of you all have seen as yawl come into the EOC during some of the meetings."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yeah alright, anybody else? Thank you."

Jobe' Boucvalt stated, "Thank you."

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

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I don't have any comments."

Councilman Wright stated, "Just want to make a comment. I just want to, I did talk to Mr. Gonzales before the meeting and I think we have this squared away. Just want to make sure moving forward that anytime a councilman receives a call and ask administration to follow-up, that that is done. I think some of the concern was that some of the responses were that the resident talked to multiple people they didn't get the answer that they wanted, so they were looking for another answer. I can tell you that the answers that I've gotten from the constituents were that if they talked to four different people it's four different messages. So that's why when a council member does request you guys to follow-up we want some consistency and accurate information provided to the resident."

Councilman Madere stated, "I can speak about that water bill issue now. What I want to say concerning that water bill like I said, when this first started 12 months, 6 months, I mentioned 18 months and Ms. Hotard brought up the point where someone might have had a spiked bill. That's one bill or even if it's two, okay you can work with those individuals and alleviate that take care of that okay, I mean as a former school teacher sometimes we would grade on the curve or you would grade and take away the lowest grade then average the rest of them out. So in this case with the water bill if someone had a high bill a spiked bill and you know it's a spiked bill, you eliminate that bill and you average the rest of them, and you're still going to come out with an average of what that person pays. Now if we had done that, okay I wouldn't be getting phone calls and people coming to my house and we wouldn't had 12, 13, 15 discussions about water bills. Everyone would've been paying an average bill based on what they normally pay, bet rid of the spiked bill, throw it out, okay and everyone would have been satisfied and then you could have taken as much time as you want to solve the

meter problem. But while we're solving the meter problem we gave the residents a problem. Especially the ones that are on fixed incomes that's the ones I'm concerned with the most, that's the calls I get the most. A lady who average fifty dollars (\$50.00), that's her budget, that's what she has for water bills. Now all of a sudden she has to go into maybe her money that she used for her food, to pay her water bill. Okay that's the problem I've been having with this situation and spiked bills, take it out throw it out, get it out the way average the rest of the bill. And this would have been done months ago, everyone would have been happy, no one would be mad because they know I'm getting my average bill every month while we work on the problem. That's what I say and maybe I was talking in French, Spanish, Japanese, maybe North Korea, I don't know but no one listening. Okay, but that's what should have been done."

Councilman Becnel stated, "Okay I got something to say, and it's going to be, we're going to do a math problem right now. And Jackie you're right, with stealing, that's exactly what we're doing and let me give you an example. Let me give you an example; 3 people came to my job, this lady bill was fifty-nine dollars and eighty-seven cents (\$59.87) sir. She came to me she said; Councilman, look my bill jumped up to three hundred dollars (\$300.00), you all said on tape to pay the average bill, so she was averaging fifty-nine dollars and eighty-seven (59.87), she paid sixty dollars (\$60.00) okay, so she paid sixty (60), her bill should have gone down to two-forty (240), I mean that's sixty dollars (\$60.00) that she paid but, it's still the next bill came in again, she paid sixty (60), like you said they should have just scratched that out and averaged it. And I'm going to show you what's a head game and what's called stealing, because this needs to be reported somewhere, and I got 3 people got an attorney right now, so coming to a theatre soon to you all. Yawl going to see, I'm going to say it..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "Stick to the point."

Councilman Becnel stated, "I'm going to stick to the point. But I'm sick of this okay, because basically it's this, like I said; if her bill averaged sixty dollars (\$60.00), and even the next bill comes in with 45 days, 15 days extra, that's two dollars (\$2.00)..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "Hold up Mr. Becnel. What's the issue over here?"

Geoffrey Michel, DA's Office stated, "Read the item. It's about communication between administration and council members. It has nothing to do with the water bills per say. It's about the communication between them."

Councilman Snyder stated, "We got to stick to that, the communications. We got to stick to the agenda item as far as going into all the details about this water bill."

Councilman Becnel stated, "I was just saying the communication they said on tape, but the average so I was saying the communication apparently not right Mr. Snyder."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay you got 2 minutes let's go."

Councilman Becnel stated, "Okay, cause I'm just saying this; but I'm going to try and make it quick. Even if that person average sixty dollars (\$60.00) and the next bill yawl, with yawl infamous number, oh that's 15 extra days, so okay that's just two more dollars a day, so the bill should have come in at 90, not

come back at three hundred and sixty (\$360.00), but you see what yawl keep forgetting is this, those people average, that's what they should be paying. But it keeps coming in higher and higher and higher, when it gets to a thousand dollars (\$1,000), then yawl threatened to cut people off. And that's dirty and I don't care what yawl say, you keep adding and going higher and higher and those people are being robbed, I don't care what you say! Yes they're being robbed! I'm on TV and saying it."

Curtis Young stated, "That's not true, that's not true at all. Right! I don't think they should..." (Was not able to understand due to others speaking at the same time)

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

Brian Nunes stated, "The Reserve Drainage Project Phase III is in its final phase. The gas company should be finished with the relocations of the utility conflicts by the middle of October. Waterline conflicts at Melius Drive and Sweet Loraine have been resolved. Contractor has requested a substantial completion walk-through and is working to resolve punch list items. A follow-up discussion was conducted with representatives of the construction company regarding complaints from residents and Councilman Madere and they're being addressed. Additional information will be provided on this topic when the Parish President returns."

Councilman Madere stated, "No, no questions, use just comments. So they're going to be finished when?"

Brian Nunes stated, "All depends on the gas company. The gas company had some offsets, they should be done with those mid October and following that, I'm guessing 2 more weeks of construction."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay, let me try to say this. I never liked this project before okay I made that perfectly clear I didn't like the project okay? Okay but like I said when I voted for it, I don't want to stop progress, okay but I never liked it. Okay, I said it before half of anything is not good. Okay and this is a half a project down four streets, I much rather have seen a full project down two streets than four halves. Now all this have done is put this council and myself on notice, we have to do the other halves of those four streets, okay as soon as possible, that's #1, #2) the contractor is requesting a walk through you understand, now they're ready to get paid okay, they want a walk through and get paid. The reason what makes me just didn't like that statement because I requested 2 weeks ago, about an incident that happened on the job with 4 of my constituents, which was ladies, okay and 2 that was men. And we done dig, willy-walleyed, danced around, dodged, okay I never got a direct answer. Okay if I'm your employee, if I'm working for the parish, I don't care if it's a contractor I don't care if it's one of our employees, if somebody reports that one of our employees was sassy or disrespectful with a lady, okay that person would be suspended or removed from that position. Okay and I made a simple request 2 weeks ago that an individual, not fired because I don't like to see anybody get fired, but removed from that job and it was danced around all kind of way and not you, okay but you got to stand up there and listen to it like everyone else, to me it was 2 calls should have been made, when I call the Engineer the Engineer should have called the company and it should have been done. You danced around it, I called administration I notified administration about it administration should have made that call. And instantly that guy should

have been removed. Because we're paying them now they want to get paid. They want to get paid, they want me to go walk a punch list but they want to get paid. Well I might take 2 weeks before I do that, since they took 2 weeks to just to respond to remove 1 individual. Not to get fired just to remove them, go somewhere else. Don't disrespect no one in my district no one male or female! Don't even kick a dog in my district. Okay and I just asked 2 weeks ago for a simple thing to be done, and that didn't happen. And plus I spoke to several people and they kept telling me they would get back to me. No one got back with me, no one. Oh I'm a call you Councilman Madere, I'm a call you again. Lack of communication, no one got back to me until this meeting, okay I guess it was billing me up because I kept waiting. I'm a call you tomorrow, I'm a call you later on today, no phone call came. Okay so I knew what was going to happen tonight, so I expect, Ms. Hotard made that perfectly clear 2 weeks ago about communication, okay? We are the governed body, if we don't get a return phone call if we don't get a response, then what chance do the average citizen have of getting a phone call? Okay and that's the problem! Okay and it burns me up when I look at the fact you want walk through, okay a punch list okay, okay, do something first, what I requested. That this individual not be fired just simply removed. Now I got to wait again another week or so until Parish President comes back. Okay that's 3 weeks, okay if something would have happened, if something would have happened out there, a fight break out or like I mentioned before, if one of those women son would have been around and heard somebody disrespect they're mamma, I guarantee something going to happen. Okay and for Administration, the Engineer, the Contractor and the Parish not to have taken swift and immediate action okay, is a problem. And that's the problem I have and it's not your fault because you don't make those decisions. Okay, you don't make those decisions. That's all I got to say."

Larry Snyder - Update on Vicknair Canal drainage pumps

Brian Nunes stated, "As noted previously, a grant application was submitted for participation in the Statewide Flood Control Program for this project. The design firm is in the process of performing a Hydraulic and Hydrologic Study (H&H) as a requirement of the Statewide Flood Control Program grant application for additional project funding to complete construction. The actual design of the pump station, and all permit applications have been completed by the Engineer."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Are we going to do this project?"

Brian Nunes stated, "We are. We've met before, we're going to do this project, we can start it and just do a piece of it or we can get this grant and do the whole thing all at once. And I think we've spoken and would rather do the whole thing."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I'd like to talk to the Engineer."

Brian Nunes stated, "I can set that up."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Can you set that up in your office so we can discuss that cause I don't like the way it's going?"

Brian Nunes stated, "Ok."

Councilman Snyder stated, "And looks like we just been lame duck in here. I'm not going to be a lame duck in my district back there. I'm not going to be a lame duck. I'm going to do everything I can until my last day in office. And this money have been put there over since 2000 what 14? Money's been there?"

Brian Nunes stated, "2014 correct."

Councilman Snyder stated, "2014 the money have been sitting there. And did the Engineer work on it? I think we need to look at it and I need to talk with you and that engineer cause I got some thoughts on this."

Brian Nunes stated, "Ok."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Actually a couple of next items on there, it might let you know what my thoughts are. Appreciate though, thank you for..."

Brian Nunes interrupting stated, "I'll call him myself."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Yes Mr. Nunes because I've been sphere heading with Mr. Snyder on this. This pump is going to help from 51 to Belle Terre and all the neighborhoods in between, so you have a timeline?"

Brian Nunes asked, "For the grant application?"

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Yes."

Brian Nunes asked, "We submitted the initial grant I believe it was due by May 31st that was Phase I and we got accepted, we got approved to move to the rest of it. So that's where this H&H Study is required. Basically we still want to see the affect the pump station will have, so where the water surface will be now for a certain storm versus the improved the condition. So that's what we're working on right now, they're doing a topographic survey trying to pick up a few things to run the whole study, that will be submitted as part of the grant application and then it will move the next phase. The study as far as the timeline, I don't have and I don't want to speak for the Engineer, right now I wasn't prepared to answer that question, but we'll find out at that meeting we set up."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Let me know about that meeting, I'd like to be in attendance for that one too. Thank you."

Brian Nunes stated, "Ok, you're welcome."

Councilman Wright stated, "Hey Brian just a quick question. Is this project going towards our match for the levee?"

Brian Nunes stated, "Ideally it would be. I can't answer that right now, but I that's the intention is try to put that as another match."

Councilman Wright stated, "I would think it would to, that's why I was only asking because let's just say we don't get this grant, what's administration's next step to get this implemented?"

Brian Nunes stated, "I'll have to get back to you on that one. I don't have the answer for that one but I provide an answer hopefully by the end of the week."

Councilman Wright stated, "Ok thank you."

Councilman Madere stated, "Mr. Nunes, okay this comment is directly to you. First I want to apologize for my outburst it was not directed at you. It was at the situation, okay the situation like I said should have been handled weeks ago. I want to make that perfectly clear because a lot of times you stand up there and

take, and then take and take, but you have no control of it. Okay, that was directly for the individuals and people who have control. The Engineer, the Construction Company and Administration, okay? They are the ones that make those decisions, not you. Okay and so I just want to make that perfectly clear."

Brian Nunes stated, "Thank you."

Larry Snyder - Discussion regarding Parish Board/Committee attendance

Councilman Snyder stated, "I only put that there to tell administration I have a comment on that. Because we were having some issues, Councilmen/Council Persons, we are having some issues with Board attendance but on a whole, if you've been monitoring your attendance report, most of the boards been doing very well lately, and I think the only one we've been having problems with was the well the Recreation Board, they've been having meetings lately. Okay, they've definitely gotten better they've had enough to have a meeting, official meeting but it's always the same people. Now I asked the Director to look at some of the by-laws and be assured that if you guys have an issue, some of the by-laws from some of the other Committees, it states that if a vacancy occurs and the councilman doesn't appoint someone to that position that they can find someone. That's in the EDC for sure, because I read that and I think I sent that to Kerry to look at that to make sure he put that in his by-laws, bring it to us for approval cause I think that's important. We've had people that's been appointed that haven't been to a meeting yet on that board, they haven't been to a meeting yet. And that's this year, but we want to get things done you know, so we got a department there that they can make some suggestions on and get some good people in there and we can some have a good department there, although we do now."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Yes I just wanted to inform you that Recreation submitted their by-laws today for review, and that component is included in their by-laws."

Councilman Snyder asked, "They've already put it there?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Great, that's great. That's what I asked him if he can try and work that in somehow and bring it to the department. And that was just to be able to make the appointment themselves if we don't do it in a timely matter."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you and that's a very good point. In the EDC by-laws it states that the Economic Development Committee can recommend somebody after three (3) meetings, if someone misses for three (3) meetings, it still has to be ratified by the Council, if we've included anything into the Recreation by-laws I would for it to also be that they're not actually appointing because they don't have appointing authority, they're making a recommendation to the council and we could confirm the appointment in the event of an absence by three (3) missed meetings."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Alright I thought I just said that. Thank you."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "But no because what you said was that the EDC could appoint someone, that they only make the recommendation to the council."

Councilman Snyder stated, "With our approval, okay. Some ethics ok."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "I just want to say that the verbiage that was included in

their by-laws state that the member of the Park and Recreation Board who misses more than two (2) consecutive regular meetings should have their status reviewed by the board, and three (3) missed meetings constitute dismissal from the board, absence due to sickness, death or emergencies to be recognized as an approved absence. That other component is not in there."

Larry Snyder - Discussion on disconnect policy regarding water bills

Ross Gonzales stated, "The Utilities Billing Department has started disconnecting customers whose bills are over 90 days delinquent and are in excess of \$1,000 and has no relationship with the meter reading issues. In accordance with Ordinance 93-27 item #5 (attached), we are requiring full payment of the outstanding amount in order to reconnect services. A \$50 reconnect fee is added to the customers' bill. And again, that's in accordance with Ordinance 93-27."

Councilman Snyder stated, "And the reason why I put it there is for that reason. There are people, gee I hate to say this; but there are people that are just not paying their bills. They just chose not to because we made a statement that we weren't going to cut anyone off. We made that statement, that was a mistake I think but we're suffering for it now and there was just some people made that decision; I'm not going to pay this bill they're not going to cut me off. And we've been living up to that, now we have people with thousands of dollars' worth of bills. They're going to pay those bills because I agree with administration, you got to pay your bill. Now you can come over and talk with the department over here and discuss how we want to handle that or if I got some issues, we can come over there and work those issues out, but you need to pay your bill regardless. If you don't a bill, pay something go pay what you usually pay. You got your number and you come over there and you go pay. Because yes you know they say; Ignorance of the Law is no Excuse, it's the same thing here. If you didn't get a bill this week, who knows the dog might have eaten it, but you can't blame it on the people that is sending the bill, you got to come pay your bill. Okay, that's definitely why I wanted this for discussion and to let people know in the public out there, you got to pay your bill or it's going to get cut off."

Councilman Madere stated, "I agree and then I disagree with that statement because it was said in here more than once, that people who had these bills that they know was wrong and it was not for them to pay their average and it was not going to be cut off. So you can't add that on to their bill, I'm talking about individuals that have never been late for their bill but they stop paying the whole bill because it was wrong. Now are you taking those individuals and adding that amount up to a thousand dollars (\$1,000) to cut them off? If you're talking about someone who had a bill that's was over a thousand dollars (\$1,000) who wasn't paying their bill prior to this happening, then I would agree..."

Ross Gonzales interrupting stated, "And that's what we're talking about..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "I'm not finished man. Okay so I would agree. But what I'm saying is; if these bills are a thousand dollars (\$1,000) to new people who never was behind, are we going to cut them off? When we said when we created that monster, when we said we weren't cutting them off, we created that monster. They just did what we said for them to do. Now if you're talking about somebody that owed two thousand (\$2,000), or three thousand (\$3,000) or wasn't paying before prior to, YES cut them off! But someone who have never been late, never been behind and they did exactly what was told them in a meeting, to pay the average and they had a five hundred dollar (\$500) bill, and they paid fifty (\$50) which is their average, so where the other four fifty (450) go at?"

Stays on their bill? And then they get another bill for four fifty (450) and they pay fifty (50)? Okay so now they're over a thousand (1,000), so you're going to cut them off? Okay, it's not just that simple. Now if you're talking about an individual who owe two thousand (2,000), three thousand (3,000), who owed that amount prior to this happening, well yes, cut them off! But not individuals who have never ever been late and they started doing what was told to them in this very council chamber. So how do you cut them off when you told me not to pay it, pay the average?"

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you councilman. I'll ask that we not have those types of outburst from the audience. Administration you could respond."

Curtis Young stated, "And you're absolutely correct. And the vast majority of people that are being disconnected it's like you said, its people who had bill paying issues prior, it's not people who we're penalizing because of the situations that's going on."

Councilman Madere asked, "So they would not be cut off? The ones who had never had a problem paying their bill and their bill may be in excess of a thousand dollars (\$1,000) now? I want to make sure we get that straight in the meeting."

Ross Gonzales stated, "Well we're going to do a reread. We're going to do a reread."

Curtis Young stated, "Right."

Councilman Madere asked, "What happened?"

Curtis Young stated, "One second."

Ross Gonzales stated, "I said we're going to do a reread if we verify the amount."

Curtis Young stated, "There are precautions and there are steps that we take before we cut somebody off. There checks that are made, there are checks and balances that are made to consider the same items that you are referring to."

Councilman Madere stated, "Right because that's exactly who I'm trying to protect. An individual who have a small bill and all of sudden they have a high one and they listen to the meeting and they paid their average. But the remainder of it stayed on there and you kept adding it. Okay, so you shouldn't be cutting those individuals off."

Curtis Young stated, "Correct, those are not the individuals that were targeted."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay I'm talking about prior to five hundred (500), or a thousand (1,000) they just decided well I'm going to add on to this five hundred (500) by not paying, I understand that. I'm talking about individuals who never ever late, billed was paid up prior to this happening."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Councilman Madere and Councilman Madere, normally what happens if there's a constituent who has a large water bill, we normally go and do a reread, because it's a spiked bill and we give them a credit. So they shouldn't have a large water bill in the first place. Now in reference to average bill, I understand that there may be constituents who had a spiked water bill and we resolved the issue and then it continues, but what we try to do is fix the

problem so that when they receive their water bill they may not get the credit the following bill, but they will get it the next bill. So there shouldn't be anyone with high water bills if we went about going about changing the meter, giving them the credit, checking to see if there was a water leak, and giving them the credit with that. So that shouldn't be happening."

Curtis Young stated, "And that includes leaks also, I just want to put that out there. So if you had an issue as far as a leak and that's the cause of your bill increasing in the amount then yes we take that into consideration, you won't be disconnected for a simple reason like that."

Councilman Madere asked, "So when you say a credit, what do you mean by a credit?"

Curtis Young stated, "Applied to the next bill is what she's referring to."

Councilman Madere stated, "No well I mean someone had to pay!"

Curtis Young stated, "Right, sometimes..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Okay so that's the problem. Okay the pay part!"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Well no, no they may not have paid. If they received a three hundred (300)..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "No, no. I'm talking about a person who had a fifty dollar (\$50) bill, okay and they, well let's just say they average fifty (50), and you have some people actually came and paid a three hundred dollar (\$300) bill, the other people actually came paid a four hundred dollar (\$400) bill, borrowed money and paid what was on their bill. When this thing first started and all we offered them was a credit and not their money back, okay my problem with credit is what the parish didn't want. We didn't want to give a company twenty-seven thousand dollars (\$27,000), and if you don't do nothing we didn't want accept a credit. Okay, we want our money back. So if we want our money back, okay why the individual got to take a credit? They don't eat credit! Okay, they need their money. So if they were supposed to pay fifty bucks (\$50) okay and they actually paid five hundred dollars (\$500), you understand? You owe them four fifty (450). That lady could use that money you don't want to hear a credit. A credit! Okay, I want my money. I want my money. The parish would not give South Central twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), twenty-seven thousand dollars (\$27,000) because if they didn't do no work we wanted our money back. And now we're using the word CREDIT to our people. Okay they need their money okay they need their money on that particular month. You can imagine four hundred dollars (\$400) or two hundred dollars (\$200) out somebody who's on a fixed income? That's a problem."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "And I think what they were referring to is if someone does have a high bill and they call and they realize that it was a spike, they're crediting the bill before they actually make a payment on it."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Pay it that is correct."

Councilman Madere stated, "Well some people paid, that's what I'm talking about. Some people paid and then they told them they going to be credited to the next bill okay."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you Councilman Becnel."

Councilman Becnel stated, "Yeah well I'll go back to my first example. I can give you an example of a person who bill was like three eighty-two (382) or three hundred (300), and they told her to pay the average or that particular person and she didn't. She paid it, but then it kept coming back coming back and she ended up paying like, this is one of the ladies who borrowed money, she still haven't seen her credit till today and this has been over almost a year. But my solution to this, is like that first person I gave yawl for fifty-nine eighty-seven (5987) and their bill came in at three hundred dollars (\$300). Okay so they paid sixty (60) because that's what yawl said to do the average. Why yawl just couldn't eliminate the two forty (240) instead of a fresh new bill? If you would eliminate that simple mathematics, erase and click on the computer, whatever, but no and it keep adding up, keep adding up and it rolls over, then it gets to a thousand (1,000) and those people panic and they pay it. And if you remember, if that person was paying seven twenty (720) a year, they end up paying a thousand (1,000) and something, so you're still robbing them of two hundred eighty dollars (\$280). And I'll fight yawl tooth and nail on that."

Councilman Madere stated, "That's sounds like a solution I had from the very beginning. What's the average? And they won't be complaining about anything, sound like a solution I had a year ago, okay? Maybe when I talk everybody tune me out but I'm going to keep talking."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you, any further discussion on this item?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yes I just have one question. Has anyone been cut off that do you think didn't deserve to get cut off, that they're paying their bill but they just couldn't afford to pay the whole amount that they're paying the bill every month? Or is it just the people that who's not paying the bill that we're looking at cutting off?"

Curtis Young stated, "It's, the people that's not paying the bill. If you're paying a bill every month rather you feel like it's the correct bill or not, then your numbers won't get that high to that point that we're actually using to cut off."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Ok alright thank you."

Larry Snyder - Discussion relative to Coastal Flooding of Communities North of Airline Hwy.

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yeah and I put this on here for discussion. And to just to get your feeling on this cause right now we know what Senator Graves said about us, you know we need to jump on the band wagon now you know people read things like that and they ask you what you're doing. When know what's happening in Washington D.C. as far as our levee is concerned. So actually most of the flooding, when we had the big flooding in the parish it was on North of Airline Highway, Airline Highway back there by the levee. And people got their homes flooded out, so I want to get the thought, I want to get the mind going and just maybe throw this hat out there and start looking at running levees around these communities. I'll give it some thought and I'm looking at ring levees around, but let the canals along our canals we got the right away there and we already got the land there to put levees, and I'm looking at from I know my district all the way over to 51 over there, a ring levee see how that can help us out. That's why I asked a while back we get an audit on all of those lines going under the

Interstate to the swamps back there, and actually what's then happen I think the, actually the state has asked us for that same information more or less. We got to make a report to them. The reason why for that is that if we get ring levee, you know all those things have to be blocked off somehow cause our problem is, it's coastal flooding it's coming out of Lake Maurepas back there, everybody knows that. Well some ring levees, that's why I asked you about my pumps earlier you know, I know that those pumps can take care all of that area you know from 51 all the way over to Belle Terre you know, and we can get and I was also looking at some way we can put some water in the river up there. So this just food for thought as far as we are concerned, but I know this and I believe this I really believe this, is that if we get another one of those storms like we had like an Isaac, Isaac was just a storm you know. We might have water to the levee, you know because if we hurricane like they had these hurricanes happening, everybody see what's happening and we push that water back you know on us again, and it can happen. We've just been fortunate you know I think we been blessed. So I'm going to start some conversation on ring levees around these communities, at least I know my district for sure. But when it comes down to this, it's just not my district it's everything north of airline highway. I think that's the people, it's high on south of airline highway, but north of airline highway it's low, that's where the lake at everything drains back there you know, so we need to start looking at this you know. And come up with some ideas on what you think as far as some ring levees concerned and some pumps. We might be able to do it we might just be able to do it. It cost some money but what else can we do? We depend on the federal government for seven hundred million dollars, I can't do that. They'll never give us the money."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Mr. Snyder I think that's a very, very clever idea. Mr. Perrilloux is already doing that in part of his district, there's a ring levee up in a little section subdivision already. I you know eight thousand homes got flooded in this community, and we're about 10 miles from the spillway right now? We got dump trucks. Those are things we can expedite in house doing that, in house without having to go to a big engineering firm or putting some big bids out. I mean we got heavy equipment, we've got personnel and the spillway is in our backyard. It will be a disgrace to miss that opportunity to save these communities. Of course the next thing would be to appoint probably an engineer over that project, someone in house that we can appoint our parish attorney to track this and work along with Public Works Director and do something like that. So I mean anything we can do in support of that idea Mr. Snyder I'm with you 150%, I think we need to start tomorrow morning if we could, I think we need to look at getting that engineer, want one point person in place and to free up our Public Works Director to get into the other drainage areas that need improvement on, and to carry on with his daily routine but having a point man over that project, and just take and run with it. And that's just my opinion, you asked for my input that's my input. Thank you."

Councilman Madere stated, "Totally in agreement with Mr. Snyder and Mr. Sorapuru, only one thing wrong with what Mr. Sorapuru said, and it's not wrong but we don't have the personnel. Okay I've been saying that again since I've been in office about the drainage department. We have a drainage department with ten (10) people and ten (10) people not going to put a ring levee up. Okay we need equipment, we need a workforce, I go back to Ms. Remondet said and what Mr. Perrilloux said, okay we need to get some contractors in here to clean up our plugged up drainage system okay, so we can run and flow better than what it is. And with ten (10) people, okay that's presented to us a couple of times has a drainage crew is a laughable, joke able matter, because ten (10) people cannot handle if they're doing ring levee what else they're doing? Ten (10) people, okay you can't have

ten (10) people. This is a big project and it's going to involve more than ten (10) people, so that's why I said what you said is you know it's not feasible with the personnel that we have. Now I also know, we are short in personnel in some departments and it's already budgeted for those people. So maybe we hire those individuals, they can do what Mr. Sorapuru's saying so we have to go back and look at that to. When someone retire or quit, we're not replacing, okay we need to make sure we hire those people and in fact at the next council meeting, I want going to request a report from Utility and Public Works as far as man power. How many they have, I asked for this several years ago, how many people was working in those departments 15 years ago, 10 years ago 5 years ago to present? Okay and I never got that information, cause the total have gone down, and it's no way possible that we can handle the business of the community if we have less people."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yeah Mr. Madere is on a roll tonight I guarantee you. Yeah and appreciate the enthusiasm. And I don't know if we can get this started in the morning you know but for right now, I just resume discussion. I know Mr. Wright is going to be thinking about it, Ms. Hotard going to be thinking about it you know, and Mr. Perrilloux has already been thinking about it, I've been thinking about it. You know we need to do something for our people back there, try and protect them a little bit that's all, and I know it's going to be expensive but that's our job to look at you know and Mr. Malik got that, you got some responsibility too you know. I mean all of us north of airline highway you see. So we need to really start looking at it guys, somehow to protect these people and their properties."

Larry Snyder - Update on Cambridge Drive concrete surface evaluation and repairs

Councilman Snyder stated, "If you want to say something its fine, cause you've started already and you guys are doing a good job on Cambridge Drive and I understand what you told me about the front part of Cambridge Drive and I'm satisfied with that. I really am, thank you very much sir."

Brian Nunes stated, "You're welcome."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you. Chairman Snyder if it would be ok with you, you have another item on the agenda. If we could just suspend the rules to take it up now so I can, we don't have to keep passing the gavel back and forth. Louisiana Legislative Auditors requests for information."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yeah I'd like to."

MOTION: Councilman Snyder moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the motion to suspend the rules to take up Councilman Snyder's item - Louisiana Legislative Auditors requests for information - Drainage and Flood Protection Audit. The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Snyder - Louisiana Legislative Auditors requests for information - Drainage and Flood Prevention Audit

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to direct the Parish President under her management authority of all Parish Departments and Employees to fully comply with the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's request for information from St. John the Baptist Parish Drainage and Flood Prevention Board and/or Department under the provisions of LA R.S. 24:513. Specifically that the Parish President shall provide Louisiana Legislative Auditor with one electronic packet of all the requested documentation that

pertain(s) to the area identified in the request, no later than Friday, September 29th, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "Any discussion on the motion? Ms. Toombs."

Verne Toombs stated, "I'd like to read into the record please."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Yes."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Administration and Council Members as you all know we met on yesterday with the DA and her staff to discuss the requested documentation from the Louisiana Legislative Auditor. Administration is in the process of completing the report and will provide the necessary documentation to the DA's Office for review by Thursday afternoon, and once we get a response from the DA and she's satisfied with the report, we will then forward it on to the Louisiana Legislative Auditors on Friday."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "And just to add there I know administration like you said that you will be providing the information I think for Council standpoint, it's a formality that we've acknowledged we have received the request from the Legislative Auditors and we've taken the steps that we have to take to make sure that we instruct administration, even though you all already doing it we have to take that type of action."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "I understand."

Larry Sorapuru - Update on Airport pumping station and upkeep of retention pond

Brian Nunes stated, "Two (2) pumps at the Airport station are operational and a third pump was recently removed and sent to a repair shop. Administration will have an anticipated repair time this week. Though preliminary inspection is promising, repair time will depend on availability of parts. In the interim, Utilities has verbal agreements in place for emergency pumping if necessary. The vegetation in the pond has been removed and a Contractor has been contacted to provide an estimate on dredging the pond. A Public Works employee is assigned to the station for regular checks during rain events to remove debris from the bar screen."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "And Brian I did put this on the agenda because I got a call from one of the business people down at Airport road and he wanted me to see the vegetation that the employees were taking off of that screen. And I've been dying to get to look at those pumps too, to see how that operation works. But he pointed out there's a degrading suction line to the pump, now the suction wall where the grading lies there was a part of that that was damaged. And it was kicked in, but he just wanted to make there was something we would give attention to."

Brian Nunes stated, "Actually one of our design plans that's up at HMGP was to replace that entire bar screen and put some automatic cleaners on it. So that'll address the entire problem once we get approval for Phase II. In the meantime my guys will continue to manually do it."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Thank you."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "I just wanted to ask. Do these pumps impact Star Terrace?"

Brian Nunes stated, "Yes they do."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "That was the issue we had with the last rain."

Brian Nunes stated, "That was just too much. I mean 2 pumps that stations' designed for 2 pumps but the third is redundant which is why we pulled the third, but they were installed in 1985, so finding parts for them is a little difficult. So that's why we have another project to refurbish the entire station as well."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "Ok thank you."

Brian Nunes stated, "You're welcome."

Larry Sorapuru - Update from DOTD on River Road drainage East and West Bank

Brian Nunes stated, "As you know we did have a ride through with DOTD, that was last week I think, I believe. We rode the parish with them, we met with them all morning and then rode the parish in the afternoon. But specifically as far as river road, there was a culvert under LA 18 in front of the Farmers Market that was opened by them and they rerouted the ditch that used to cut through the property along the service road, that's helped a lot in that area. They've also sent us a map of all of their cross trains along LA 18 and the West Bank, I just received that, we haven't done much with that yet but they all are identified, so we can start identifying property owners like you and I had spoke about in the past, and maybe, actually one has already been identified, he said he would be willing to help us, allow us to dig those ditches that are filled in overtime. That's the West Bank. Did you have something specific on the East Bank because we know about the one at DuPont curve?"

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "As far as the West Bank, coming further down around the Wallace Water Tower that area flooded pretty good, also on that stretch going into the Evergreen Plantation also during heavy rain it came up, so if they plan on coming that way I know it's been a big help and I've seen some results from what they've done from the bridge, but if they could keep going east coming down and having culverts cleaned under the highway on river road that's going to help. But they need to look at cleaning the whole West Bank. On now today, this morning the Levee Board was doing some stuff on the Lucy end."

Brian Nunes asked, "On the levee side?"

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Yeah on the levee side, Levee Board they were doing some digging so I guess you put a work order in for that too hah Brian?"

Brian Nunes stated, "I actually didn't talk to Mr. Ivy about that one but he must have done it himself."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Yeah ok yeah. So they're helping out with that, but it's been a great help and I appreciate it, it's about public safety keeping the water off of the river roads but the biggest challenge we're going to have is going to the sugar cane fields when those arteries on the West Bank."

Brian Nunes stated, "I think now that we have them all identified we can start you know laying it over on the GIS and find out who those people are and see if they'll work with us. Because I know the Levee Board will work with us, the state will..."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "And I think what we might be able to do is call a meeting with all the farmers on the East Bank and West Bank. Whoever's farming some of this property, that way everybody will be understanding what needs to take place with these drainage arteries? And on the East Bank of the river of course I didn't get a chance to ride with Snake on the whole East Bank but he told me knew where all the backups were. But the DuPont curve was one of the DuPont fork was one of the bigger areas, as a matter of fact one of the residents are here tonight at 99944, this gentleman has problems flushing his toilet whenever it rains and the water comes up halfway to his driveway. Of course, get to the railroad the water is not going on the railroad track again. That's the probable the hottest area on the East Bank that I've observed with that along the way around that Cargill and after you pass Noranda coming up to the parish line, there's some water that's hanging out in the area that's being stationary, but hopefully we can get all the water to move. But the DuPont Y, I would think after this last rain event and the gentleman, getting a call, not being able to use his bathroom. So maybe you can step it up with them and concentrate on that area a little bit."

Brian Nunes stated, "That's actually one of the target areas we discussed last week, so I have some work I have to do, coming around the corner and by the corner and then by the tracks and then we're going to clean under the track and then the state's going to do some more along river road. So instead of that water sitting there and just flying over, we're going to get it to the crossing and go north. We have a plan for that it's just I got to implement it, I got to pull some guys, we'll finish some other jobs and then move them. But we do understand it's a priority."

Larry Sorapuru - Discussion relative to the expansion of the Lions Water Plant

Blake Fogleman stated, "The Utilities Department has continued to work on improvement projects at the Lions Treatment Plant. However, without additional property, any electrical or mechanical expansions would not be cost effective and would be an operational hindrance. Our department has spoken with the Port of South Louisiana, agreed upon a preliminary property layout and received an appraisal of said property. We are continuing the discussion at this time. Once the property is acquired, we expect to move forward with an electrical, piping and capacity upgrade; funds permitting. But we fully expect to continue to expand and upgrade that project/that plant."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Thank you Blake."

Larry Sorapuru - Update from DOTD on culvert under Airline Hwy at Granier Blvd

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I have a comment on this. Because I see administration is saying; they inspected the culvert a month ago after a hard rain event and it was flowing without any restrictions. The ditch along the north side of US 61 seemed to be flowing from the west into the large canal. Phil Graves, with DOTD recommends setting up a site visit with Councilman Sorapuru during the next hard rain event to assess the situation and identify restrictions. I just want to make a comment because this is my area and Mr. Sorapuru didn't know I was working on this. The last time we had this big rain flood you and I was out there and Dwight Perrilloux, we saw what the problem was and we need to address the problem and I want to be in the meeting with Phil Graves and bring Mr. Sorapuru in because it's not just by Granier, that's not really the cause of it right there. We got all the way down to the Camelia Street where they enters into the canal, we got a problem. And you and I have probably determined the culverts are undersized. It may be too small."

Blake Fogleman stated, "And Councilman on just on behalf of Public Works, I was in that meeting, obviously this isn't necessarily my department but..."

Councilman Perrilloux interrupting stated, "Right it's not, you and I was talking okay at the time and I know it's Brian's department..."

Blake Fogleman stated, "No I know, so I'll give you my, if you don't mind. I did sit in that meeting and that was specifically one of the questions I asked. Not just in that area, I know that's a specific area but it's a concern down any state highway, right? So any highway that pair any culverts that's parallel any state highway, my question was; well who's responsibility is it, the state's responsibility to replace somebody's driveway culvert cause they put it down in 1950 and now in 2017, it's not big enough or and they just kind a smiled because in the same result with us a lot of times I can't make full scale improvements for a development to come in, I expect that development to maintain or improve their utilities or whatever and that's kind of a the stance they took on parallel drains. So that's why I kind of think it focus's back on Granier because that's the one I brought up when I said, well on Granier carries water North and South that goes under your roadway, so what about that? So they said; what if you could provide sufficient information and whether it's a hydrology study or some calculations that would get the engineers involved, they would actually look into those crossings. So that's why I think on river road they're very engaged or they want to be engaged on those because those are the ones that they have to maintain since they're under their roadway. Everything parallel they kind of, I would say as they defer to parish level on how we want to maintain and upgrade because in that area do you turn to the developments and say; hey guys you'll holding out on yourselves, do we provide that you know that do we do the calculations for them, that's kind of unknown because I think it's always just been in the realm of the state and not necessarily fully addressed. They said it's an issue across the state, because when I asked the question he kind a chuckled about it. Because he knew it was a question that obviously he's had to deal with previously. So they're aware that, it's finding the right way to solve that parallel culvert issue with those, and I know we spoke to a few people along that way, that we're willing to contribute, be part of that improvement, so I guess it would be just to find a way to meet in the middle with that and found out if we give them x, y, and z culverts and they put them down or I don't know the type of negotiation could happen that way. But I think that's where it's going to have to happen and across our parish, along these roadways, these highways that DOTD governs. I don't know that they're going to deal with those parallel culverts. They'll deal with anything under, parallels' tough."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I'll like to sit in the meeting, Jackie I'd just like to carry this item over to until the next meeting."

Blake Fogleman stated, "And I'll communicate with Brian and we'll hopefully have a little more information from DOTD for you guys."

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Becnel seconded the motion to table Update from DOTD on culvert under Airline Highway at Granier Blvd. until the next meeting on October 12, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

Lennix Madere - Update from Parish President on recent DEQ meeting

LaVerne Toombs stated, "A meeting is schedule on October 24th where Dr. Chuck Brown, Secretary of LDEQ, will be presenting and giving a presentation. I believe this was a request of Councilman Madere."

Councilman Madere stated, "No. Let's get it straight, it wasn't a request. My request was; a presentation by Administration, first of all I want to apologize to the concerned citizens that's been here all this time. Okay but let me just give you the whole detail of how this got to this situation here. Okay because I'm going to make sure I'm going to explain it very carefully. Okay it started when I received a phone call that a meeting was held in the EOC concerning DENKA from Chuck Brown and EPA, the state and everybody else that was there. I don't have no problem but like I said before Mr. Snyder being there, he's the Council Chair he's supposed to be there, Mr. Perrilloux was there, that's fine. Okay the absent person that was not there which was not fine, was me! I said before I said it again and I said it at the last meeting, I said it the meeting before I said it on 2 phone calls, okay I said it again and then we had a similar situation where we wasn't invited to emergency things. Okay Communication! Okay, if something someone, I'm not just talking for myself, I'm talking for everybody up here. We supposed to know, okay I don't care what somebody said that don't live here about who should be here, okay this is our parish this is our EOC this is my District and I'm going to take that back, it's not my District it's our District. But I'm the one that's in charge as far as elected to find out what's going on and when someone calls me, I want to be able to get firsthand information not second hand, not hear say, not off the street, not underneath the pecan tree, I want it firsthand. I want it firsthand when they're speaking to Administration, they speaking to me cause it's my District. I don't want administration whispering in my ear I don't want nobody giving me a phone call I want to see it myself because maybe I have a question I want to ask myself on the spot, okay and that's the problem I have. When I ask for a presentation I didn't get it the first time, I asked for a presentation a second time and didn't get it, okay it was said it was Mr. Chuck Brown, I said I didn't care of it was Chuck Brown or if it was, I'll repeat it again Dr. Zeuss, I don't care. So then I get a phone call, I requested a presentation at this council meeting, I didn't request for Mr. Brown to come, if he want to come that's good. I requested this from administration, which didn't happen okay! I did receive a phone call telling me that Chuck Brown would be here on October 24th to give a presentation to the council, okay to me, that's still second hand for me because I should have seen him when came here the first time, not the second time like Mr., everyone else that's not in my district going to see him for the first time, it should be my second time. I can't get over that! The next thing is, I agree for him to give that presentation and I called our secretary and her to remove that item from the agenda but then I thought about it, I said oh no, no, no, no, no, no October 24th is a very long time, I want to know now. So I called the secretary again, and asked her to put it back on the agenda, at that time she called administration and put back on there put it back on there. So if it's back on there, that should tell you I wanted what I requested two meetings ago, which was a presentation at this meeting. And we're not able to get that presentation okay because it seems as though administration had a hard time understanding, what is a presentation. Okay well at the next and the next item that's coming up, we will be getting a presentation. So if administration do not know what a presentation is, take notes. Okay, because I asked for a presentation not a discussion, I asked for a presentation to be given to me on paper or up on that TV screen and tell me what went on. And guess what, we would not be having this discussion if I was invited okay and it should not take me 3 meetings to get a presentation. Okay, now I made a mistake and I apologize for taking it off, but then I thought about it's not a good idea, put it back on because I requested one, I demanded one I should have received one. Even though Chuck Brown is coming. Chuck Brown coming had nothing to do with what I requested 3 meetings ago. That's the way I feel about it, Mr. Chuck Brown is welcome. Okay and the concerned citizens are welcome back on October 24th, but they should have received a presentation tonight, I should have

received a presentation tonight, I should have received a presentation last week, I should have received a presentation 3 meetings ago. That's what I'm saying."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Yes and Mr. Madere you weren't the only one that felt slighted. I did not get an email or communication about this meeting taking place. Looks like communication will always be just the way administration want it to and I hope and I hope and pray and I hope and pray this wasn't done purposely, but it appears that you're the councilman for that district, I'm at-large for the district, we should have been at that meeting. Chuck Brown is coming down to give information, this is critical information that we should get first hand and get the accurate information out to the community. Whether we trust Chuck Brown's information or not, this is information that needs to be handed over to us firsthand, not a website, not a flyer, man to man heart to heart. We need to look into this man's eyes and see exactly what he's talking about. So I would appreciate that anytime administration has any official in the capacity of public safety, anything to do with the environment that you never ever skip over any Councilman in our Districts or anyone of our councilmen up here at any time. Louisiana is at the bottom of the barrel as far as environmental commissions that exist in this community, this community is suffering we got people dying, we got people that's exposed to multitudes of chemicals up and down this river, okay and it's very important we know how keep those chemicals in the pipe and if we don't speak up for this community, have a voice for it, we can't just sit back and let higher government, EPA and DEQ dictate to us on how we should live in our communities. And that is the important part, so communication, Ms. Hotard mentioned that couple of meetings ago, YES, it's very, very, very important. It might not be important to some people, but it's important to us. Ok! So Mr. Madere you're extremely right, you have a right to be angry, I have a lot of angry in my heart right now I'm trying to erase it in my heart, it's coming out my mouth because I'm upset, but I don't hate people for making mistakes. But when you go out intentionally to bypass us, overlooking everything that's taking place in this country, in this community, I think you need to take a second look on how we do business here in St. John Parish. Because if we can't do it better, we don't need some people we got working for us. Thank yawl."

Lennix Madere - Update from District Attorney's office on Adjudicated Property Program

Bridget Dinvaut, District Attorney, introduced the members of her staff and provided a brief description of everyone's job duties who are involved in working with the Adjudicated Properties Program on behalf of the Governing Authority. Keith Green, Jr., Chief Deputy provided a power point presentation explaining the process and procedures local government uses to dispose of its adjudicated properties, in accordance with Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes. An adjudicated property is a piece of real property for which an owner has failed to pay the property taxes, and the Sheriff is unable to sell the tax sale interest in the property during the annual tax sale LA R.S. 47:2196. For more information on Adjudicated Properties log on to: www.civicsource.com or call (985) 652-9757 LaPlace, (985) 497-8270 Edgard. (Power Point attached)

There was no executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Parish Buildings - Security

Any and all pending legal matters

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

17-43 An ordinance to amend St. John the Baptist Parish Code of Ordinances to create Chapter - Council Agenda Briefing - Each Tuesday preceding a regularly scheduled Parish Council Meeting there shall be a Council Agenda Briefing, at 2:30 p.m., in the Council Office, to provide good order and efficiencies in conducting business of the Governing Authority by determining the urgency and necessity of placing a particular item on the Council Meeting Agenda, to read as follows (L. Snyder)

17-44 An ordinance approving the re-subdivision of the northerly 40 ft. of Lot 29 and the southerly 20 ft. of Lot 30, Block B, Englade Subdivision into Lot 29A, Block B, Englade Subdivision, located in the area generally bounded by the Illinois Central Railroad, Trigger Ln./East 29th St., Chad B. Baker St., and East 30th St., containing municipal addresses 214 Chad B. Baker St., Reserve, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana as shown in a survey prepared by Stephen P. Flynn, P.L.S. on June 19, 2017. (PZS-17-1171) (N. Robottom)

PRESIDENT REPORT:

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Best wishes to Iesha Taylor for the recent grand opening of Dream, Body, Health & Wellness Studio specializing in health and wellness. The studio is located at 3025 Hwy. 51 in LaPlace and is open Monday - Saturday. For more information, the studio can be reached at (985)359-2639. Also congratulations to TownePlace Suites, LaPlace on their grand opening and ribbon cutting. The new state of the art hotel is located at 4281 Highway 51 in LaPlace and features large suites, meeting rooms, an outdoor pool and fitness center. Visit www.marriott.com. Congratulations to our recently crowned 2017 Andouille Queens, Miss Laeh Alexander and Teen Queen Patience Pray. Both will reign over the Andouille Festival and promote a Smokin' Good Time. We hope you have a great year as Queens! Thank you to Janet and Kash'mir for a lovely year and we wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors! Last week, we had the pleasure of announcing our presenting sponsor for the Andouille Festival, Marathon Petroleum LP, and unveiling this year's Andouille Festival poster. For the second year in a row, the Festival Poster is created by local artist Dana Bardell Wallace and will be available beginning October 1st, through the Economic Development Department, Matherne's Supermarket, Don's Supermarket and Greg's Supermarket. Posters will also be sold in the General Store on the festival grounds during the Festival and a portion of the poster sales will be donated to breast cancer research. Please support this great cause. The 2017 Andouille Festival presented by Marathon Petroleum, LP is October 13th-15th at the Thomas F. Daley Memorial (Hwy. 51) Park. It will be a great time for all, so please plan to join us. Visit www.andouillefestival.com or the Andouille Festival Facebook page for more information, band line up, craft, food vendors and more will be announced this week. We hope to see you there! For the second year, WGNO News with a Twist will be broadcasting a live show beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the festival grounds on Friday, October 13th and will feature all there is to know and love about St. John, its people and the Andouille Festival. Don't miss this fun event airing live on WGNO Channel 26 at 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on the Friday of the festival weekend live from our festival grounds. REMINDER to all: Hwy. 51 Park will be closed October 6th through October 18th for Andouille Festival logistics. Cambridge, Belle Pointe, Emily C. Watkins, Greenwood, and REGALA Parks are available with walking paths or visit sjbparish.com for all park locations. Residents are reminded that early voting for the October 14th general election

which includes the public school mileage renewal, special school board member seat and three constitutional amendments will take place from September 30th through October 7th, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. the Registrar of Voter's Office located in the Percy Hebert Building in LaPlace and the West Bank Courthouse in Edgard. A sample ballot and list of polling locations can be found on the Louisiana Secretary of State's website."

ADJOURNMENT :

At 10:07 PM, Councilman Perrilloux and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed

/s/Larry Snyder
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
COUNCIL SECRETARY