

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22nd, 2019
CHAIRMAN THOMAS MALIK
VICE-CHAIR MARVIN PERRILLOUX

The Council of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session in Council Chambers, St. John the Baptist Parish Government Complex, 1811 W. Airline Hwy., LaPlace, Louisiana on Tuesday, October 22nd, 2019 at 6:30 PM.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ABSENT: None

Councilman Perrilloux led the Prayer. Councilman Becnel led the Pledge.

Legal Counsel Keith Green, Jr., and Christopher Cortez were present.

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

There was no public comment.

INTRODUCTION OF BUSINESSES:

Thomas Malik/Andrea J. Hollins - Presentation - SeLah Productions Inc. - Aspire to Inspire

Good Evening everyone. Thank you, Mr. Chairman for having us we have a short presentation for you. My name is Andrea Hollins, I serve as the Chief Operating Officer for SeLah Productions, Inc., and first we would like to say thank you to Councilman Malik for having us, Councilman Sorapuru, Councilman Hotard Gaudet, I see the Assessor, Mr. Gauff is also present, thank you all for your donations and your sponsorships for SeLah Productions, Inc. And we are a non-profit Play Production Company, and we've been to the St. John Theatre here in Reserve, over 12 shows here, we've sold out over 1,070 seats with our hit show 'Lord If I Could Help Somebody' as well as our nominated production 'If It Had Not Been for The Lord'. This is our set decorator and, also the co-host for the SeLah Spot, she's here of course for support, and I want to show you guys a brief presentation. So that is JaVon Ophelia's Act, that is our performing arts program. We do mentorship & learning for the performing arts, we are based out of Baton Rouge but we're expanding here to St. John, we've met with Sheriff Tregre, who's interested in using the program for the juveniles, we've also been to East St. John, I met with Mrs. Hymel regarding instituting a program there and using it as a Carnegie Unit. We do, acting, singing, and dancing, we partner with the Big Buddy Program in Baton Rouge, as well as Empower 225, which is through Healing Place Church, and these are just some photos from the program. So, these are just some photos from the program, we not only teach them acting, singing, and dancing, we teach them moral skills we teach them social skills, using the

performing arts as a tool. They're learning here they're learning auditions they learn actually, an audition is nothing more than an interview, it's a life skill that the kids can learn, it's things that they can take with them in any opportunity, here's our acting group (photo shown) from the summer through Big Buddy, one of our Coaches, Mr. William Wade, that's their silly photo that they're taking there. And then this is another reenactment, this young man is auditioning for a part (photo shown). This is our dance group through which was at Istrouma Middle School in Baton Rouge, and so this is actually our upcoming show 'OPHELIA', which is going to be at Choice the Even Place. Some of you may have attended 'Church Meets Government', and so if you had the opportunity to attend, then you would have gotten a little snip of SeLah Productions, Inc., and so if you're interested in seeing more - OPHELIA will be at Choice the Event Place, our show is actually Friday, November 8th, 2019. The presentation can be viewed in its entirety at www.sjbparish.com."

Natalie Robottom/Stacey Cador/Vincent Rollo - Louisiana Worker's Compensation Corporation (LWCC) Presentation of Dividend Checks

Good Evening. My name is Jill Leonard, I'm with Louisiana Worker's Comp Corporation, I'm the Assistant Vice-President of Insurance Operations. I thank you, for allowing me to come in here today, and present these dividend checks to you. When it comes to Worker's Comp for Insurance you do have a choice, Mr. Rollo and I were talking earlier, there are many carriers who write Worker's Compensation Insurance in Louisiana. We feel that we are different at LWCC, and that we are part of the community, we live, breathe and do everything on behalf of Louisiana Employers', and we thank you for making the choice to stay with us. We also thank Mr. Rollo, I know he give you plenty of sound advice when it comes to your Risk Management needs, and because of that sound advice, you have been with us for many years and that contributes to this dividend that you're receiving today. I have a few comments to make, not just handover the check, this is an unusual dividend for us, in two (2) ways. First, of all it is mid-year dividend, we have never done that before. So, normally our dividends are declared as of 12/31, end of year, but this one was declared as of July 31st, 2019, and is an addition to the dividend that was declared as of 12/31/18 and distributed in 2019. The second thing that is different about this dividend, it is the largest dividend that we have ever declared. So, we declared a one hundred and thirty-six million-dollar (\$136,000,000) dividend, given back to Louisiana Employers', and that's on about two hundred and four-million dollars (\$204,000,000) of written premium. So, you could see how much of that premium we're giving back to Louisiana Policy Holders. When I take a look at these two (2) accounts, both the Parish Council and the Office of Fire Services, I did a print out, which I will leave with you in addition to the checks it goes over the dividend history with you. So, St. John the Baptist Parish Council, we have given you back with this check \$2.79 million dollars in dividends over the years. The Office of Fire Services, \$1.33 million dollars in dividends over the years. So again, we think those are very important numbers. We're not delivering all of these dividends in person, we're only doing it for a select few, and you're one of them, so we value you, and we appreciate you. This is your money for you to do with as you please, we hope that you will invest in the safety of your employees, which I know you are absolutely committed to, and we also hope that you invest it into the services that you provide to this community and help us in our mission to help Louisiana thrive. So, with that I have two (2) checks; the first is for the St. John the Baptist Parish Council for five hundred thirty-six thousand, two hundred and eight-nine dollars (\$536,289.00), and the second is to the Office of Fire Services, for two-hundred twenty-eight thousand, seven-hundred eighty-five dollars and sixty-six cents (\$228,785.66)."

Vincent Rollo, Riverlands Insurance stated, "Give the first one to Stacey, and the second one to Cain. Let them look at it and then Robert's going to get them both."

Jill Leonard stated, "And look I have this historical number. So, again this is unusual, I'll be happy to answer any questions that you might have regarding this dividend or the services that are provided from LWCC. We were talking about how Darron Kibble and the safety services that he provides to you folks, if you have any additional needs from LWCC regarding your worker's comp coverage, safety, claims services, other sorts of things, I'd be happy to hear about it, I'd be happy to discuss it with you as well...so."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Just quickly, what constitute us getting checks back? What has to happen for us to get those things back?"

Jill Leonard stated, "You have to be a policy holder with LWCC, as of July 31st, 2019. We look, our normal dividend process is a 5-year cycle, so we look at the premiums you've paid to us over the past 5-years. For this mid-year dividend, we used July 31st as the cut-off, so we only used 7-months of 2019, plus the 4-years prior, okay. And we when established that hundred and thirty-six, million-dollar dividend, it's percentage based upon the premiums paid."

Vincent Rollo stated, "It has nothing to do with your own losses, okay."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Ok."

Jill Leonard stated, "It's not loss-base, some carriers have loss-based dividends we do not. For us we believe that even policy holders who may have sustained a severe loss, which can happen, we still want them to have the ability to receive the dividend and invest it properly into their business their employees and safety. So, ours is merely loyalty, you have to stick with us."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Okay, thank you."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes, we don't have any doubt, we will be sticking with yawl. Okay, I'm just saying you know, that's two (2) beautiful checks we got..."

Jill Leonard interrupting stated, "And Mr. Rollo!"

Councilman Madere stated, "And Mr. Rollo. Okay, we keep rolling with Rollo then. Okay, I was when it was getting ready to bring the check up, I thought about a song cuz we heard that nice presentation just before yawl, you understand? I was thinking of an appropriate song, next time yawl bring that check it's 'Money, Money, Money' bring it on in you know. But we want to thank yawl and we appreciate that, and money going to be well spent. I know that, thank you."

Councilman Malik stated, "Thank you very much!"

Vincent Rollo stated, "Thank you!"

Jill Leonard stated, "Alright, thank you!"

Natalie Robottom - Proclamation - October 24th, 2019 World Polio Day

LaVerne Toombs read the proclamation for October 24th, 2019 as World Polio Day.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEMS: Approval of Minutes - October 8th, 2019, Regular Meeting; Permit Approval - Slave Rebellion Reenactment (SRR) - Friday, November 8th, 2019 - 9:00 AM - Beginning at Rising Star Baptist Church in LaPlace; Permit Approval - Maurepas Swamp Monster Run/Walk - Sunday, November 24th, 2019 - 8:00 AM - U.S. Hwy. 51/Gators Den; Robert Figuero - Monthly Financial Report (September 2019)

Robert Snead stated, "I am Executive Director of Antenna, of the non-profit organization that is supporting and developing the film and performance project 'Slave Rebellion Reenactment', which will bring together hundreds of people in period dressed walking for two (2) days over the original path of the 1811 Slave Rebellion that started here in St. John the Baptist Parish. So, we are here our group is here to answer any questions and support the application of permitting to be able to walk the path. Most of the path will be on the river levee system, along the top of the levee, there will be some place particularly around the former Andry Plantation, where there will be a bit of staging and dramatization there, and so there will be some road closures. We are working with the Parish Sheriff's office to assist with that work, and then we also have a Security firm that's working with us in conjunction with the project. And I'll, I guess I'll let my colleagues come up and talk about the work that they're doing on the project as well."

Greetings. My name is Karen Kaia Livers, and I am the Outreach Manager for the project, and I have spent the last couple of months here in St. John Parish. I work very closely with Pastor August at Rising Star Baptist Church, as well as the Riverland Baptist Church and Calvary Baptist Church. And together we have, we're building more-not only the participants for this event, but we're creating projects within the community. We started with a sewing circle, and the sewing circle was held at the Library on Hwy. 51, and generations of/and nationalities all came together to help us build the costumes for this event. And tonight, as a matter of fact, we're having what we call a Memories, remembrance of Woodland at Rising Star Baptist Church, where for the past month, every other Tuesday, we have brought in 3-4 elders from the community who are sitting and telling their stories to everyone, the youth as well and it's been very successful. So, it has been very, it's really been an honor to work within this community because I was embraced from day one (1). And they're open and my job was not to come in here and tell the community what we wanted to do, but to be open to listen, and have them participate and share what they would like to see happen within the community. And what we have formed is a committee, what we're calling the 1811 Slave Rebellion Commemoration Committee, which we're also building a celebration that will happen from the Parish in January on the actual dates of the anniversary of the Rebellion."

Good Evening, my name is Peter Wilson. I'm also working on the Slave Rebellion Reenactment, and my job is to take care of all the permitting, and all the paperwork and all the administrative work between the two (2) parishes that we're working in. We're two (2) days next month, November 8th and 9th, is our event takes place, and I just want to mention that everyone has been so welcoming, and it's been an honor and I've been so proud to be part of this community (I'm from New Orleans), and everyone's been so professional and on top of it, and it's just been a great experience for me and I want to thank each and everyone of you, especially Mr. Perrilloux, and Mr. Sorapuru have who have, whenever we reached out to them they helped us every time and a lot of private property owners have helped us out, and it's been a really positive experience. And just want to reiterate, we're following all the protocols for safety with Homeland Security, all the factories along river road, and we're following all the protocols set

forth to us by the deputy's office. As well as all the protocols set forth by the parish, so we're following all the rules and we want it to be very peaceful, orally, and calming, and successful event. And I just want to say, thank you very much for having us."

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve consent agenda items consisting of Approval of Minutes - October 8th, 2019, Regular Meeting; Permit Approval - Slave Rebellion Reenactment (SRR) - Friday, November 8th, 2019 - 9:00 AM - Beginning at Rising Star Baptist Church in LaPlace; Permit Approval - Maurepas Swamp Monster Run/Walk - Sunday, November 24th, 2019 - 8:00 AM - U.S. Hwy. 51/Gators Den; Robert Figuero - Monthly Financial Report (September 2019). The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION ON ORDINANCES:

19-46(Public Hearing Held)An ordinance approving the extension of Conditional Subdivision Approval for an additional twelve (12) months for Praise Place Subdivision, Lots 27 through 83 and parcels V-1, V-2, and V-3, on East 22nd Street, situated in Section 46 and 47, T-11-S, R-7-E, Reserve, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana; which was originally approved on November 8, 2005 (N. Robottom)

Rene Pastorek stated, "Thank you Chairman. This ordinance extends the valid time for Conditional Approval of this subdivision for 12 months. An extension is requested due to economic times and a slowdown in the local real estate market. Administration recommends approval."

Councilwoman Gaudet stated, "Just really quickly, I just wanted to recognize I guess in my comments here, we have two (2) new members, soon to be new members of the Parish Council. We have Ms. Tonia Schnyder who's here, she will be a new Councilwoman in District VI; and we have Ms. Tammy Houston (she's my play cousin) but she will be the new Councilwoman in District III. So, I just wanted to recognize you, and get a feel for what you're about to get into on January 13th of 2020. Thank you."

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilwoman Gaudet seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 19-46. The motion passed unanimously.

19-47(Public Hearing Held)An ordinance approving the extension of Conditional Subdivision Approval for an additional twelve (12) months for Coles Landing Subdivision, Phase IV, lots 148 through 208, and Parcels D, F, G & H, situated in Section 91, T-11-S, R-7-E, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana; which was originally approved on October 10, 2006, as part of preliminary/conditional approval for Phase III & IV, Lots 121 through 281 and Parcels A through I (N. Robottom)

Rene Pastorek stated, "This ordinance extends the valid time for Conditional Approval of this subdivision for 12 months. According to the developer, an extension is requested due to economic times and a slowdown in the local real estate market. Administration recommends approval."

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 19-47. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:

Lennix Madere - (Carry Over 10-08-19) Update on abandoned houses/grants for demolition located at 119 Tassin Court, 219 Homewood and E. 23rd Street

Rene Pastorek stated, "So the contractor has mobilized to demolish 5 of the 6 houses with judgements. The violation process is still underway for 119 Tassin Court, that is because the homeowner has decided to begin renovating the house. The judgement that was issued for demolition of the house does prescribe that the homeowner does have the ability to begin renovations of the structure. And then with respect to East 23rd Street, a violation to board and secure the property was issued on October 7th, 2019."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay let's take 'm one at a time. The one on Homewood, that one is going to be in the process with getting demolished?"

Rene Pastorek stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay, we might be good on that one. The one on 119 Tassin Court, okay I understand exactly what you said we spoke about that last time. You know I believe that the guy came and got the permit to remodel, without the intention of actually remodeling. That's why I asked you, what was the deadline on his permit. Okay cuz after that deadline is passed that he hasn't started anything or in the process of doing anything. When that permit expires, he have to come back in to get another permit to continue doing it. Okay but first, he must start okay and as I passed there, he haven't done anything. Okay and I received some more pictures, all these emails I'm getting from people in that area. Okay, so that's why I'm going stay on top of this one, to make sure that if he's going to remodel it that he actually starts doing the work. And when that deadline pass, then it's going to be up to the Parish, to do their part. Cuz they gave him an opportunity to do it. Okay like I said, I have about 10 pages, okay so I'm going to make sure and stay on top of that, because the constituent is that concerned about it to email me, okay, I'm a have to do my job and that mean stay on top of that one, to make sure that he does what he says he's going to do and I don't believe it, but we'll see. The one on 23rd Street, okay, that one I have a lil disagreement on. Because that house there, like I say since 2009, it have been also declared by South Central, on two (2) separate occasions that it should be demolished, okay. The last time they went back, after I told you they had a big incident out there with that guy, and they told him that it could be fixed, okay, but he'd have to spend an extraordinary amount of money, he'd have to tear the whole 2nd floor down, cuz he can't have a 2-story multi-complex in that particular area. Okay! And he refused to do it he just walked away from the building. Okay so, I believe that we should go back to court, get

that process started again, and go back to the Judge and say, in fact the Judge gave him 90 days and that was 4 years ago 5 years ago, so his 90 days been expired. Okay, so that particular house should not be just boarded and secured, it should go back to court immediately to be torn down, okay cuz he knows exactly what he have to do. He can't fix not one piece of wood on it, he have to take that whole floor off okay, and he refuse to do it and he walked away from it. So, we have to go and take the next process, and also if you look in those papers, I gave you, the previous Parish President had signed a demolition order for that building to be torn down. So that one there we need to take action on that one. Okay!"

Councilwoman Gaudet stated, "Thank you. How many contractors do you have to demolish these houses?"

Rene Pastorek stated, "There's one."

Councilwoman Gaudet asked, "Who's the contractor?"

Rene Pastorek stated, "DLH Contractor."

Councilwoman Gaudet asked, "Did you, was it like a letter bid that you all did to get this?"

Rene Pastorek stated, "A request for..."

LaVerne Toombs interrupting stated, "We did three (3) quotes."

Councilwoman Gaudet asked, "You did three (3) quotes?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Yes."

Councilwoman Gaudet asked, "Who did you call?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "We called, well we didn't call we actually sent the quotes to DLH, Blaine Bundy, and Demo Diva. And just as a note, DHL actually did our demolition on our other homes that we had a few months ago when we received the CDBG Funding, and we went with them."

Councilwoman Gaudet asked, "Is it DHL or DLH?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "I think it's DLH."

Rene Pastorek stated, "DLH I believe."

Councilwoman Gaudet stated, "Ok."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "DLH."

Councilwoman Gaudet asked, "And where are they located?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "I'm not sure we can find out."

Rene Pastorek stated, "Don't have that on hand."

Councilwoman Gaudet asked, "Ok. And then what about the other contractors, do you know where they're located?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Yeah, both of them from New Orleans."

Councilwoman Gaudet asked, "Did we contact any St. John contractors that's licensed in demolition?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "I'm not clear if we did or not. I have to reach/contact the Purchasing/Procurement Department and find out."

Councilwoman Gaudet stated, "Alright thank you."

Councilwoman Remondet excused herself from the meeting at 7:05 PM.

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes Rene another thing. Okay, I heard Ms. Toombs say that we had some CDBG money that we knock some houses down. Okay, I'm a go back to a couple of weeks ago, cuz I think we had on this agenda about/grant money. Okay, so we did receive some grant money to tear down houses? Okay, now my question concerning that grant money, okay, did the individual who we used that grant money on to tear their houses down, did they have to pay that grant money back? Because a grant to me, they shouldn't have to pay that back! Okay, with the money that came in that's not/it's really, it's parish money but it's a grant that was awarded to the parish to tear down some of these houses people couldn't afford to tear them down. Okay and then to ask some of these people to pay it back, without explaining that to them. I didn't think that was quite right and I never heard of a grant that's granted to us - I heard of grants where we had to pay back a percentage, you know maybe 10%, 25%, okay but, this lady had to pay back 100%, and she don't have that kind of money. She had to make a loan..."

LaVerne Toombs interrupting stated, "Councilman, I think we had this conversation a few Council meetings ago..."

Councilman Madere stated, "Right, I didn't get a good answer..."

LaVerne Toombs interrupting stated, "And the answer sir that we gave you were, the grant was given to the parish, not to the individual. The grant was given to the parish for us to demolish someone's home-their private home. And no matter if they had gotten a grant or not, they were still responsible for the expense of demolishing their home. So again, when we as the parish received the grant funding, it was given to us to administer something, and that was to demolish those homes. That grant was not for us to give to the homeowner to demolish the home. I guess if the funds were given to them as a grant, then maybe they wouldn't have to pay it back. But in this case, it was granted to the parish, for us to administer a service and that was to demolish those individual's homes."

Councilman Madere stated, "Well, the CDBG Grants that was used to demolish a home."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Yes sir. The homes that you are very well, aware of, because we had several discussions about it, you also reviewed the list..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "I'm not talking about that."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Ok."

Councilman Madere stated, "Listen to my question. I said that grant money was given to the parish to? Right?"

LaVerne Toombs asked, "What do you mean?"

Councilman Madere stated, "I mean it was administered to the parish..."

LaVerne Toombs interrupting stated, "There's different criteria for different grants..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Well that's what I was, that's what I was asking..."

LaVerne Toombs interrupting stated, "Yes sir for that particular criteria regarding that grant, that grant was given to the parish for us to demolish a private owner's homes their homes, demolish their homes..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Without reimbursement..."

LaVerne Toombs interrupting stated, "No matter what, they would have to pay the money back to the parish."

Councilman Madere asked, "CDBG grant to?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "And again..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Wait, wait, wait, you're trying to move too fast. Just take my question a little bit at a time. I said the CDBG grant was given to the parish to tear houses down, right?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Uh-mmm."

Councilman Madere asked, "My question to you, do those individuals have to pay that grant back to?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "They have to pay, I wouldn't say they have to pay the grant back, but they have to pay the parish."

Councilman Madere stated, "Well that's what I'm asking you. The CDBG grants, I mean homes that was torn down, all these individuals have paid the parish back?"

LaVerne Toombs asked, "What a you...paid the parish back?"

Councilman Madere stated, "You said grant money is given to the parish, and if they tear the houses down the individual have to pay that money back! So, I'm asking you about the CDBG..."

LaVerne Toombs interrupting stated, "I don't know about paying the grant back, they have to pay the parish."

Councilman Madere stated, "Well if you pay the parish back, you're paying the grant back. Cuz the parish use the grant money...listen to me. Parish use the grant money that they receive to tear the houses down, right? So, if we pay that amount of money back to the parish, they're paying the grant back to the parish. Cuz it's the parish money you said..."

LaVerne Toombs interrupting stated, "It is, it was awarded to the parish."

Councilman Madere asked, "So I'm asking you. What was the difference between, so

I'm asking you, the CDBG grant that was used to tear the houses down, all those individuals have to pay 100% of that grant money back, that's what I'm asking you?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "As far as who has paid it back, I'm sure Rene 'll be able to answer that question."

Councilman Madere stated, "But is that they have to pay it all back? That's what I'm asking you."

Rene Pastorek asked, "For the CDBG funds that were expended for the demolitions?"

Councilman Madere stated, "Right."

Rene Pastorek stated, "Those were funded to demolish structures with judgements such like the ones that we were just discussing."

Councilman Madere stated, "I understand that."

Rene Pastorek stated, "When people pay back those liens, those are paid back as liens to the parish. I wasn't necessarily involved in creating the program that use those CDBG funds, but I believe there was discussion with OCD about whether it was programmed income? I believe it's not, so that money comes back to the parish as parish funds."

Councilman Madere stated, "Cuz I also know, well when we ran out of that money, there's some houses that was supposed to be I think torn down or raised, and there was grant money that came in they had to pay a portion of it or something like that. I just want to make sure..."

LaVerne Toombs interrupting stated, "That's the Elevation Program."

Councilman Madere stated, "It's on there..."

Councilman Malik interrupting stated, "Let's a...the grants, let me ask quick question. How prepared are you to start regurgitating information on the amounts of money that were paid out, and how much is still owed and things like that?"

Rene Pastorek stated, "I would not have that information tonight."

Councilman Madere stated, "Wait hold on."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "We could get that information to you."

Councilman Malik stated, "Yeah, that's what I'm suggesting."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay."

Councilman Malik stated, "Yeah..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Let's get some more information on our next meeting."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Thank you."

Councilman Malik stated, "Yes ma'am."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay."

Councilman Malik stated, "Thank you."

Councilman Becnel stated, "Yeah, I want to say something, and if I'm off script just correct me cuz you know I just want make a statement that something the parish should consider, and I've seen it happen in another parish. We're arguing about tearing down houses and stuff, don't we have heavy equipment and operators in Public Works or another department? I guarantee you, some of them got license or they could get trained to tear down some of these houses that could be knocked down with one blow! But we're paying people, we want to hire this one that one, I'm calling it thinking outside the box, look within! And I bet we got some talented people who can operate a piece of heavy equipment and knock them houses down in no time, just as long we get with Entergy and all of them and point out where the danger zones are. I'm just saying I'm not going to argue this is not for part of an argument, this is just a statement that we should think about it. I guarantee you, they got somebody within Public Works that and maybe it's not in their job title, but you make an exception, see if you have that talented person around. Some of them houses I can knock 'um down with an ax in less than 2-hours. So, that backhoe could bust that house down, save the parish money, all these grants we're trying to get and all these contractors we're paying unnecessary. I've seen people knocking down houses, it's a dog on shame for eight thousand dollars (\$8,000), and your parish could knock it down for free. But that's just a statement, that's not to go back and forth with nobody I want to just make a statement. Thank you."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yes Mr. Becnel. It's funny you brought that up, because we did same thing on a house on 22nd Street. We tore a 3-story house down and it was much larger than anything we got here to tear down. And our parish workers did that. So that can happen. Thank you."

There was no executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Parish Buildings - Security

Any and all pending legal matters

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

19-48 An ordinance approving the rezoning of Lots 1 & 2 of the Al Eugene Tract, located in the area generally bounded by Interstate 10, LA Hwy. 51, and Woodland Drive, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA, from the Industrial District One (I-1) to the Commercial District Three (C-3) with the following stipulation that: (1) Future development plans for the site must be designed for a zero-net increase in stormwater runoff such that post-development flows equal pre-development flows, as shown in Exhibit 1 attached (PZR-19-1169) (N. Robottom)

19-49 An ordinance introducing the annual operating budgets for the St. John the Baptist Parish General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Enterprise Funds and Capital Projects Funds for the fiscal year Beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020. (N. Robottom)

ADJOURNMENT :

At 7:32 PM, Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilwoman Gaudet, Councilman Madere (no vote), and Councilwoman Remondet absent.

/s/Thomas Malik
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
COUNCIL SECRETARY

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