

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH, 2018
CHAIRMAN LENNIX MADERE
VICE-CHAIR LARRY SNYDER

The Council of the Parish of St. John the Baptist Parish, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session in the Rudolph Sorapuru Chambers, Edgard, Louisiana on Tuesday, November 13th, 2018, at 6:30 PM.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ABSENT: Marvin Perrilloux, Michael Wright

Councilwoman Hotard led the Prayer. Councilman Sorapuru led the Pledge.

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

MOTION: Councilman Malik moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to go back into regular session. The motion passed with Councilmen Wright and Perrilloux absent.

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

There was no public comment at this time.

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "*Chairman...if I may. Just as a point of just a point of order, can we offer a motion to like amend the agenda to move that item up first and then vote to go into Executive Session?*"

MOTION: Councilman Snyder moved and Councilwoman Remonet seconded the motion to amend the agenda to go into Executive Session. The motion passed with Councilmen Wright and Perrilloux absent.

MOTION: Councilman Snyder moved and Councilwoman Remonet seconded the motion to amend the agenda to go into Executive Session to discuss - Dinvaut v. Robottom et al, Docket #72961. The motion passed with Councilmen Wright and Perrilloux absent.

MOTION: Councilman Snyder moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to go back into regular session. The motion passed with Councilmen Wright and Perrilloux absent.

MOTION: Councilman Becnel moved and Councilman Sorapuru seconded the motion that starting in 2019, all members of the St. John the Baptist parish Governing Authority/Council shall attend mandatory annual training conducted by the St. John the Baptist Parish District Attorney's Office, relative to the Louisiana Open Meetings Law. The Mandatory training for Council Members may occur at the annual retreat of the Parish Council and Administration. The motion passed with Councilmen Perrilloux and Wright absent.

INTRODUCTION OF BUSINESSES:

Natalie Robottom - Proclamation - November 24th as Small Business Saturday

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes I just want to go back Jackie make sure you're clear. Uh we didn't bring the proclamation, but I am addressing November 24th as Small Business Saturday in the remarks. So I think you were asking just to remove it from [INAUDIBLE]."

Natalie Robottom - Appointment of Director of Planning & Zoning

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes as all of you are aware and at our last meeting Alex addressed the Council and is no longer in the position of Director of Planning & Zoning. Since that time we've put together some recommendations with regards of how the office can function, being there's no Assistant Director, it's not possible to have an acting person in that position. However, I had conversations with Mr. Rene Pastorek who has worked for some time and is willing to accept the position with full well knowing that there's only about a year left in my term, and I do think he can continue on some of the work that's been done. I'll read briefly his Bio, but I know many of you have worked with Rene, I've received letters and positive comments about his conversations and communications with business leaders and all that they do. I do, you know we did look at some other options but there's a lot going on in Planning & Zoning, this year we have our Permit, Occupational Licenses and the Projects that require their expertise in planning. Once the grant funding that we have, and I know that's not going to be able to just cover for everybody, we need to fully staff that office and put it back in the state that it was so that we don't lose some grounds that we've already made. The Bio reads - Mr. Rene Pastorek holds a Master's of Urban and Regional Planning from the University of New Orleans where he concentrated his studies in Community Economic Development. Over the past several years, he has worked as manager of the Planning and Zoning Department where he has worked to streamline application processes for citizens while helping to accomplish long term goals for the Parish, including the successful inclusion into the Certified Local Government (CLG) program. In addition to his professional career, Mr. Pastorek also serves as Treasurer of the local chapter of the American Planning Association (APA). I'm putting Rene up as Director of Planning & Zoning and I humbly ask for your support and confirmation of Rene Pastorek as Director of Planning and Zoning."

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to approve Rene Pastorek - Appointment of Director of Planning & Zoning. The motion was passed with Councilmen Wright and Perrilloux absent.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEMS: Approval of Minutes - October 23rd, 2018, Regular Meeting; Councilwoman Hotard - Appointment of Branden Collins to the Recreation Advisory Board; Councilman Malik - Appointment of Michael Rollo, Jr. to the Recreation Advisory Board; Councilman Becnel - Appointment of Kenneth Taylor, Jr. to the Recreation Advisory Board

MOTION: Councilman Malik moved and Councilman Becnel seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda items consisting of Approval of Minutes - October 23rd, 2018, Regular Meeting; Councilwoman Hotard - Appointment of Branden Collins to the Recreation Advisory Board; Councilman Malik - Appointment of Michael Rollo, Jr. to the Recreation Advisory Board; Councilman Becnel - Appointment of Kenneth Taylor, Jr. to the Recreation Advisory Board. The motion passed with Councilmen Wright, Perrilloux and Councilwoman Hotard absent.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES:

18-36 An ordinance naming the Baseball Complex located in the Juan Anthony Park in Edgard - the "DeVante Smith Baseball Complex" (K. Becnel)

The above item will be carried over to the next meeting.

18-37 An ordinance naming the Airnasium located in the Juan Anthony Park in Edgard - the "Roneka Small Airnasium" (K. Becnel)

The above item will be carried over to the next meeting.

18-38 (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, "*Conditional Subdivision approval was originally granted for this project in September of 2006. This extension allows the developer to adapt the timing of subdivision construction to market conditions. Administration recommends approval.*"

MOTION: Councilwoman Remondet moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 18-38. The motion passed with Councilmen Wright, Perrilloux and Councilwoman Hotard absent.

18-39 (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, "*Conditional Subdivision approval was originally granted for this project in November of 2005. This extension also allows the developer to adapt the timing of subdivision construction to market conditions. Administration recommends approval.*"

MOTION: Councilman Becnel moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 18-39. The motion passed with Councilmen Sorapuru, Wright, Perrilloux and Councilwoman Hotard absent.

18-40 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the re-subdivision of Lot A, B, C, D, E, F, G, A, being (1) Lots 1 and 2 of the Rodrigue Partition per COB D(NS) Folio 35; (2) portion of the Caire Tract; (3) 30 ft. Strip portion of Church Place; and (4) less and except the Allen Edwards Lot per COB 75, Folio 619; into Lots 1-CT, 2-CT, and 3-CT of the W. Caire Subdivision, located in the area generally bounded by Hwy. 18, the TP/Union Pacific railroad, East 3rd St., and East 2nd St., containing municipal addresses 2403, 2405, 2407, and 2417 Hwy. 18; 131 Caire Ct.; and 148 Numa Ln., Edgard, LA, as shown in a survey prepared by Stephen P. Flynn, P.L.S. on August 24, 2018, last revised on October 11, 2018 (N. Robottom) (PZS-18-1139)

Rene Pastorek stated, "*This re-subdivision request was approved unanimously by the Planning Commission at its October 15th meeting. Based on consistency with*

the zoning district requirements and intent of the Land Development Code, Administration recommends approval."

MOTION: Councilman Sorapuru moved and Councilman Becnel seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 18-40. The motion passed with Councilmen Wright, Perrilloux and Councilwoman Hotard absent.

18-41 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the re-subdivision of Lots 1, 2, the remainder of Lot 3, and an undesignated remainder of the Ignace Himel Tract into Lots 15-1, 16-1, and 16-2 of the Ignace Himel Tract, being a portion of Farm Lots 15, and 16 of Woodland Plantation Subdivision, located in the area generally bounded by Main Street, the Woodland Canal, Remy Dr., and Hwy. 51, containing municipal address 3401 Main St., LaPlace, LA, as shown in a survey prepared by Stephen P. Flynn, P.L.S. on August 6, 2018 (N. Robottom) (PZS-18-1197)

Rene Pastorek stated, *"This re-subdivision request was approved unanimously by the Planning Commission at its October 15th meeting. Based on consistency with the zoning district requirements and intent of the Land Development Code, Administration recommends approval."*

MOTION: Councilman Malik moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 18-41. The motion passed with Councilmen Wright, Perrilloux and Councilwoman Hotard absent.

18-42 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the re-zoning of property identified as assessed parcel 0400033500, located in the area generally bounded by Captain G. Bourgeois St., West 2nd St., Redwood St., and Pine St., containing municipal addresses 209 and 215 Captain G. Bourgeois St., LaPlace, LA from the Residential District One (R-1) to the Residential District Two (R-2) zoning district, as shown in Exhibit 1 attached (N. Robottom) (PZR-18-1116)

Rene Pastorek stated, *"This rezoning request was also approved unanimously by the Planning Commission at its October 15th meeting. Based on compatibility with the surrounding development pattern, zoning pattern, and intent of the Comprehensive Plan, Administration recommends approval."*

MOTION: Councilman Becnel moved and Councilman Sorapuru seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 18-42. The motion passed with Councilmen Wright, Perrilloux and Councilwoman Hotard absent.

18-43 (Public Hearing Held) 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, 2019 and ending December 31, 2019(N. Robottom)

Robert Figuero stated, *"Budget workshops will be scheduled within the next two weeks to address questions and concerns regarding the proposed FY19 budget."*

MOTION: Councilman Snyder moved and Councilwoman Remondet seconded the motion to TABLE Ordinance 18-43. The motion passed with Councilmen Wright and Perrilloux absent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

MOTION: Councilman Sorapuru moved and Councilwoman Remonet seconded the motion to accept the finance committee. The motion passed with Councilmen Wright and Perrilloux absent.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Natalie Robottom - Resolution - R18-28 - A Resolution conveying signatory authority to the Parish President for the purpose of entering into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) between the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and St. John the Baptist Parish identified as the "St. John the Baptist Parish Local Coastal Program Implementation."

Rene Pastorek stated, *"This Resolution authorizes an agreement with DNR for funding to implement the Parish's Local Coastal Zone Management Program. The program was adopted by the Parish Council in May of 2017 and implementation serves to protect, develop and restore resources within the Parish's coastal zone. Administration recommends approval."*

MOTION: Councilman Malik moved and Councilman Sorapuru seconded the motion to approve Resolution - R18-28. A Resolution conveying signatory authority to the Parish President for the purpose of entering into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) between the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and St. John the Baptist Parish identified as the "St. John the Baptist Parish Local Coastal Program Implementation. The motion passed with Councilmen Wright and Perrilloux absent.

Natalie Robottom - Resolution - R18-29 - A Resolution authorizing the Parish President to complete and submit documents and agreements required in connection with the Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) 2018-2019 grant application in the sum of \$79,200.00 to the State of Louisiana to replace a portion of the raw water intake pipe and replace the pumps at the Lions Water Treatment Plant Intake Pump Station

Blake Fogleman stated, *"This resolution authorizes submission of a grant application through CWEF in the amount of \$79,200. The funding will assist with construction of the Lions Raw Water Intake Project. Administration recommends approval."*

MOTION: Councilman Sorapuru moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to approve Resolution - R18-29. A Resolution authorizing the Parish President to complete and submit documents and agreements required in connection with the Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) 2018-2019 grant application in the sum of \$79,200.00 to the State of Louisiana to replace a portion of the raw water intake pipe and replace the pumps at the Lions Water Treatment Plant Intake Pump Station. The motion passed with Councilmen Wright and Perrilloux absent.

DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:

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

MOTION: Councilman Sorapuru moved and Councilman Becnel seconded the motion to

remove Larry Sorapuru - Council's possible withdrawal from the River Parish Tourist Commission from the TABLE. The motion passed with Councilmen Wright and Perrilloux absent.

MOTION: Councilman Sorapuru moved and Councilman Becnel seconded the motion to discuss Larry Sorapuru - Council's possible withdrawal from the River Parish Tourist Commission. The motion passed with Councilmen Wright and Perrilloux absent.

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "I just want to say for everybody to understand why it's on there right now, it's left on there because there is/there are funding's that are coming to that Commission that's not accounted for, that can't clearly be described where it's going until we get the research on that. We need to take a look at the numbers, like a hundred twenty-four thousand dollars (\$124,000), that that, that's not coming to that Commission, that's not there, so we need to find out where that money is going."

Lennix Madere stated, "Okay I agree with you, but I think that might be a little far reach from what the item is."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Well..."

Lennix Madere interrupting stated, "No, no, listen to what I'm saying. I'm not disagreeing with you, okay but I think we may have to put it under a different way to talk about it, cuz this item is basically talking about withdrawing from it. Okay now, if you are talking about some funding you may have to at the next Council meeting put a different wording of it for you to discuss exactly what you're talking about."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Okay well we can do all that to, but I just wanted everybody to understand why."

Lennix Madere stated, "Yeah."

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "Are you saying that money came in, it's more like a

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "No, not it's for a staph but..."

Lennix Madere interrupting stated, "Well we need to locate it. So that's what I'm saying..."

Councilwoman Hotard interrupting asked, "It came and it can't be found or it hasn't come in?"

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Well we don't know. We..."

Councilwoman Hotard interrupting asked, "You don't know if it came in and it can't be found, or it didn't come in at all?"

Lennix Madere stated, "Correct!"

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Uh!"

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "So there's some research on that."

Lennix Madere stated, "Right, so that's what I'm saying. We have to go back and

but go under another topic. But I can understand...

Councilman Sorapuru interrupting stated, "And this has nothing to do with the existing Board that's in place, this is with the conception of the Commission."

Lennix Madere stated, "Right, that's what I said in order to discuss it in depth, we have to have it worded differently on the agenda."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Okay, thank you."

Councilman Snyder asked, "You say that it's a hundred twenty-four thousand dollars (\$124,000)?"

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Yes."

Councilman Snyder asked, "That comes to the Parish?"

Councilman Madere stated, "Oh wait, wait, wait!"

Councilman Snyder asked, "You don't want to discuss that?"

Councilman Madere stated, "No we can't discuss this, until we word it differently, then we discuss it and answer all these questions."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay I'm sorry."

Lennix Madere - Update on drainage and road repair in District III

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay, Mr. Verdell you don't have to come up. I can handle this all by myself. Handle this all by myself. Okay but first before I talk about this item, okay it's with Public Works and everything else. Mr. Verdell did a tremendous job during the time we had the bad weather a while back. I want to commend him for that, I got some more to say about that in closing remarks. Now concerning this drainage issue, okay this is a prime example of why when you have Substantial Completion. Okay now, we passed this item as substantially completed maybe five (5) months ago, and this thing is still not completed. Okay, I took upon myself to go and walk that area and not one of those potholes or holes have been addressed. Now, when I talked to Daron about it the first time, what we know as the potholes, the guy say they was coming bring a load of sand, a load of dirt, that never happened. When I question about where the dirt was, they say they had an emergency, okay and I understand emergencies do happen. Okay so I wasn't upset about that, okay but it's been four (4) weeks since that emergency, and nothing still haven't been done. And those potholes and sinkholes are getting bigger. And we need to find out why are we even having any sinkhole in a project we just paid almost four million dollars. Okay, so when we talk about making sure we spend public money the right way, that's a prime example. Okay, we got a project that cost us almost four million dollars and we got sinkholes, and no one repairing them. Okay so that's a problem. And the problem I have is, anyone tell me I'm going to give you - ask a question and they say they're going to do something, I give them 30 days. After 30 days, you should be then got back with me or have done it, or something. Okay, so the way I look at it, you just, it seems as though they just thought I was going to go away and just forget about it. Okay but I'm not going to go away and forget about those potholes or anything they have left to do. Okay, I want that project completed the right way and the way it should be. Okay if people didn't have sinkholes by their house before, they should have them now. Okay we did what was supposed to be improving the area, you understand, not causing problems that they never had

before. And I definitely don't want to see that be dumped on Public Works or Mr. Verdell a year from now or a year and a half from now, they have to be going out there with trucks trying to fill sinkholes up. Okay and that never should be the case. Okay when you leave a project, and you say it's done, just like that new building, it's done it's done. I won't have to keep coming back, door falling off, sinkholes you know, it rain, all the sand that I complained about used as top soil, when it rain it's all down the street. Okay it was bad, okay I'm not a fool I'm not a contractor, but I know you don't put beach sand as top soil, okay and that's the problem we have. Okay so that's what I had to say about that, so that's why Mr. Verdell didn't have to come up here and say anything. I just wanted to make that a public comment, okay and I will stay - that drainage thing will stay on there and one other thing to I was a little confused about last week. Administration was saying well why I didn't get a phone call to know what we was talking about. Well this been on this thing for at least the last 25, 30 meetings worded the same way. So I didn't see the need to change it okay, I'm not going to change it until some things change out there and those sinkholes are taken care of, then it be removed. Okay so written permanent ink on there, till they get it straight. Okay, that's all I had to say about that."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Councilman I do not have an answer but I can comment. I just emailed Mr. Kindrick as well as Mr. Cooper, and we're going to schedule a call with the Contractor hopefully tomorrow, and try and get this matter resolved."

Councilman Madere stated, "Good."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "I understand that you know, this is a concern of yours and we want to try and address it. I realize that we have been given promises and they haven't delivered yet, so we'll see on tomorrow or before the end of the week if we can get this matter resolved. "

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay..."

LaVerne Toombs interrupting stated, "So whatever it is that, the comment or whatever he was just response, is made to us will be, definitely will let you know."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay one other thing I'm concerned about, is what actually causing these sinkholes. Okay the re-occurrence, cuz they fixed it, two sinkholes before and they're back again. So they have to have something causing those sinkholes, it's not just a matter of coming back and putting dirt back in the hole, they have to find out why it's happening in those locations."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "We'll ask the question."

Councilman Madere stated, "Right, and also ask them if we can do a thorough walk through to make sure there's not any in one. Oh one more thing I want to make sure that they know, you have to ask Daron the guy address, he want that sand he want that top soil back. He been demanding it. They been telling him he wants that top soil back and not that pump sand that they put in his front yard. So Daron know his address."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Yes Mr. Madere, I saw some of those sinkholes that you're talking about and you've had had this on the agenda for a while, and I'd like to ask Administration; is this contractor fully paid, everything?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Yes. I think so."

Councilman Sorapuru asked, "Is he fully paid?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Well, I'll confirm it tomorrow but I believe so. Because they have 45 days to complete everything after Substantial Completion."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Okay. And the warranty on that work is one (1) year?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "I would have to believe that it is. Again, I'll check and confirm."

Councilman Sorapuru asked, "Thank you."

Larry Snyder - Directive to the administration to develop a plan, to be approved by this Council, to mitigate the water bill collection issue and return to disconnects for non-payment

Blake Fogleman stated, "As discussed at the October 23rd Council meeting, the process of addressing billing issues when going from estimated to actual readings is underway and working. As manual reads have increased to 90%, fewer problems are occurring. A disconnect crew is being assembled to begin disconnecting meters based on non-payment for actual reads. This will begin on January 1, 2019. The Director is also in the process of drafting comprehensive policies and procedures for the department."

Councilman Snyder stated, "You know that sounds like a plan to me. That's exactly what I was asking, and I you know before and I was told that they won't have a plan till January 1st or the beginning of the year."

Blake Fogleman stated, "Yes sir. I'm hoping maybe on a small scale you and I or something can go over some of the stuff that the ideas I had, um what I'm trying to do is work with what worked in the past, I don't I looked at a lot of municipalities and the way they do it and it's very, very comprehensive. Honestly your intention is to start somewhere, I think it's a good starting point and hopefully we can develop from there from that initial policy."

Councilman Snyder stated, "My issue is that all of us are having problems."

Blake Fogleman stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Snyder stated, "With individuals having issues with their water bills. I got one right here, I got it just tonight before I came to work you know? So, we need to look at what the plan is going forward, how we're going to handle the bills that we got, because that's thousands of dollars and you're telling me now that you've started already. You see and I read in the newspaper somewhere whereas sound like a plan you'll had."

Blake Fogleman stated "I think what they took was from this meeting, the last time we spoke. Yes sir, I don't think anyone spoken directly to them about."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well I'm just satisfied. Sounds like a plan to me you know!"

Blake Fogleman stated "I mean in understanding so there's a couple, so we're going to initiate a plan and internal policies, when the new billing software

comes in it's going to change step-by-step processing things on how we integrate that. Maybe not to the residents, but to us that's a big change... Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "Well we don't need to even go into that as far as that go. I wanted some consult on that, when we get a plan, something down present to us. Let us look at it, present to us. Let us just read it, then we got some input to it. Let us have some input to it you know, and then after that you do want you want to it."

Blake Fogleman stated "And I do have a meeting with a full staff that have been here long enough, the ones that have, we're doing disconnects, when it was operating when it was working right. I've realized in this first transitional period with it being a year, that we just pulled something new out of the hat and say; hey you guys this is something new - that's a tuff cell to the entire staff to actually integrate and get behind, but if we take some of those things that they're familiar with and deal upon with any of your input and I think we can make it pretty good process moving forward."

Councilman Snyder stated "Well I just think that this thing is growing now it seems like, I thought we were getting to a point where we have most of these issues behind us. What I've..."

Blake Fogleman interrupting stated "The last few months we've actually gotten to that 90%, so I think what a lot of people saw that it was low and we got to about 70%, we addressed a lot of those issues during the summer, everything was kind of settling in, well we made another push and we were able to get to 90% and so I think what you're seeing now is a lot of that additional 20% of your constituency that we've actually covered ground and got actual reads for. So, they're going through the same process that a lot of the parish went through back in [INAUDIBLE] when we really made that push back."

Marvin Perrilloux - Update on the Haydel Canal

Verdell Kindrick stated, "Purchase agreements were drafted and offered to property owners interested in selling and alternative options are being explored to deal with deceased property owners or those who cannot be reached."

Marvin Perrilloux - Discussion regarding Ordinance 17-16

The above item will be carried over due to Councilman Perrilloux being absent.

Thomas Malik - Discussion regarding re-engineering of the St. John Civic Center

Councilman Malik stated, "We've been talking about the Civic Center for quite some time and I think it would be prudent to get an Architect to look at the building. And based on recommendations on what kind of usage we expect out of it, I would say that it would have to be useful to residents to have various sizes of parties there. I spent some time looking at the center in St. Tammy, which seems to be very, very profitable, and is roughly the same size, also Westwego, when you consider the things that's going on. You know there's everything from [INAUDIBLE] to high school, various pageants, mixed martial arts, boxing, there's box sales, the boat shows or a whole host of things. And I think that having an Architect come take a look at it would be wise. If the Huey P. Long Bridge could be redesigned [INADUBLE] turned into something useful, I think this thing certainly can and should be. As of now it's just a glorified warehouse, and we could still get the use out of it."

Larry Snyder - Update on Reverse Osmosis testing at the Reserve Water Plant

Blake Fogleman stated, "Earlier this evening a (1) year extension was requested to move the Pilot study forward. Site work is expected to begin in early Spring. A representative from CDM Smith, Inc. is available to answer any questions regarding the project."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yeah we discussed that in our financial meeting."

Larry Sorapuru - Update on the Westshore Levee Project

LaVerne Toombs stated, "The Army Corps of Engineers will provide an update at the November 27th Council meeting from what I understand. They're going to make a presentation and any questions and concerns they you have, but it's my understanding that it's not much to update because you al attend the meetings, from my understanding."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Yes the Corps have been having monthly updates, but we're asking them for an update. We need to have more than just updates and Ms. Robottom is not here tonight to talk about it. But there's a process going on with building this levee for a hundred seventy/sixty million dollar levee, and we don't have anybody at the table during the planning stage, and I have a problem with that. So I'll be glad if they could come in and explain the detail how we're going to move with this levee."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Again, it's my understanding that Councilman Snyder and yourself, attend those meetings and the last meeting you all attended was very short and there was nothing to report at the last meeting. So again I stated in the narrative that the Corps coming at the next Council meeting and hopefully that they will provide an update not only to you all but the constituency as well."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Yes and exactly, this whole Council need to get that report and actually cross examine them on the process that they're using. And that's why I'm asking the Corps to come..."

Councilman Madere interrupting asked, "You said they're going to be at the next Council meeting?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Yes sir."

[CROSSTALK]

LaVerne Toombs stated, "They'll be here at the next Council meeting."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Yes

Councilman Madere stated, "Alright thank you."

Councilwoman Hotard excused herself from the meeting at 9:12 PM.

Robert Figuero - Ordinance 18-34, a millage ordinance providing for the levy and collection of ad valorem taxes in the Parish of St. John the Baptist, to be spread upon the 2018 Assessment Roll, was adopted at the October 9, 2018 public meeting by a vote of 8 YEAS and 1 ABSENT

Robert Figuero stated, "Based on a recommendation from the Louisiana Legislative

Auditor (LLA), this ordinance is being placed on the agenda showing final approval of the 2018 Ad Valorem taxes. They wanted us to take an extra step, just, it was a formality, so they wanted us to make the public was aware that this Ordinance was voted on and was adopted in a public meeting and these are the results. So it's just a formality."

Councilman Madere stated, "Alright thank you."

Councilman Snyder asked, "This is, which tax is this? I know this is an Ad Valorem taxes."

Robert Figuero stated, "It's all the Ad Valorem taxes."

Councilman Snyder asked, "All the Ad Valorem taxes?"

Robert Figuero stated, "Yes on Ordinance 18-34 when you all adopted it, it was our 2018 Ad Valorem taxes that are throughout the parish. When we submitted it to Louisiana Legislative Auditor in order for them to approve it so we4 can actually collect it, they just had some discrepancies with how things were said in public, so they just said to put this on the next council agenda, just make sure that the public was aware that this Ordinance was introduced and it was voted on in a public meeting."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay."

Lennix Madere/Larry Snyder - Update on Utilities, operational and safety issues at all Waste Water plants - path moving forward

Blake Fogleman stated, "Utilities Management and employees are continuing to address ongoing issues in the facilities. A list of specific items will be provided at the meeting. A plan has been drafted by the Fire Chief to address breathing equipment for discussion with the Public Safety and Utilities Directors."

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Dinvaut v. Robottom et al, Docket #72961

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

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

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

Parish Buildings - Security

Any and all pending legal matters

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

18-44 An ordinance approving the extension of Conditional Planned Unit Development (PUD) Approval for an additional twelve (12) months, as per SJB Code Sec. 113-289, including the re-subdivision of an undesignated portion of Glencoe Plantation into Lots D-1 and D-2, Glencoe Plantation and the rezoning from the Residential District One (R-1) to the PUD zoning district,

being a portion of the area commonly referred to as the Garyville Parish Housing Authority (PHA) site, located in the area generally bounded by South Fig Street, Museum Street, Anthony F. Monica Street, and Historic Main Street, Garyville, LA as shown in the survey drawn by John W. Starring, PLS on November 14, 2017 and as shown in Exhibit 1 attached (PZR-17-1081) (N. Robottom)

18-45 An ordinance amending ordinance 18-30 relative to the annual operating budgets for St. John the Baptist Parish General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Enterprise Funds and Capital Project Funds for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2018 (N. Robottom)

PRESIDENT REPORT:

Natalie Robottom stated, "Good Evening! Veterans Day was this past Sunday and St. John Parish paid tribute to our veterans by hosting a Veterans parade and program at the War Veteran's Home. All events are hosted through a partnership between the parish, the Young Marines directed by Lt. Brian Bertrand, the Southeast Louisiana War Veterans Home and industry sponsors like Marathon and Cargill. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to all veterans who served our country and those who are still serving. The events this weekend are tokens of appreciation as these brave men and women can never truly be re-paid for their service and time away from their families. Veterans are a special group of individuals and I encourage each of you to express your gratitude for their service year-round. I'd also like to thank everyone involved with putting on the parade and celebration and all who came out to the celebration. I'd like to congratulate Pastor Steven A Perrilloux of Historic Riverlands on celebrating 30 Years in Ministry. Your dedication and commitment to service is greatly appreciated. I'd like to send special thanks to Marathon Petroleum for hosting their Annual Activity Day at Ezekiel Jackson Park - the weather was beautiful and turnout was great. Thanks to the Recreation and Fire Departments for their support. In addition to lots of food, fun and games, Marathon raffled an Amazon Fire tablet every 30 minutes throughout the event. I'd also like to thank everyone who took time to early vote or vote on Election Day. Residents overwhelmingly approved renewal of the mosquito control millage through 2028. This millage continues to support testing, spraying and an educational components of the program for the next 10 years. Congratulations also to Congressmen Garret Graves and Cedric Richmond on their victories and we look forward to continuing to work with them to move the Parish and levee construction forward. I'd also like to congratulate school board members elected and re-elected to the board on their victories. A run-off election is scheduled for December 8th. The Army Corps of Engineers will host Industry Day this Friday, November 16th, 2018 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon for local contractors and members of the construction industry. The event will take place at Bishop Robert E. Tracy Center, on South Acadian Thruway in Baton Rouge and members of the Corps will provide information on how to get involved with recently funded flood risk reduction projects, including the West Shore Levee Project. All attendees must register in advance on the Corps website. Information can be found on all of our communication outlets. Holiday Inn Express of LaPlace will host a ribbon cutting to celebrate recent renovations on tomorrow, Wednesday, November 14th from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM. The hotel is located at 4284 Highway 51 in LaPlace and the public is invited to attend. Senior Citizens are invited to a Thanksgiving Luncheon sponsored by the Sheriff's Office at REGALA Gym on Tuesday, November 20th. Bingo will start at 10:00 AM with a meal following at 11:30 AM. They'll have plenty of food, fun, music and prizes. As the holidays approach, I'd like to remind residents to spend their dollars in our Parish by shopping local! To kick off

your holiday shopping, Small Business Saturday will be celebrated on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. A Shop Local Holiday kickoff will take place this Thursday, November 15th from 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. at David Lee's Boutique on Highway 51 in LaPlace. Business owners' and residents' are invited to attend the start of the holiday season and commit to spending holiday dollars here in the Parish. Additionally, residents will begin receiving their Shop Local trivia games in the mail and should participate and return them to win prizes and gift cards. In closing, I want wish everyone a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving. Reminder, Parish offices will be closed Thursday, November 22nd, 2018 and Friday, November 23rd, 2018."

CORRESPONDENCE/COUNCIL BRIEFS:

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Sorapuru seconded the motion to give the parish employees half a day off on Wednesday, November 21st, 2018 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holidays. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard and Councilmen Perrilloux and Wright absent.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:43 PM, Councilman Malik moved and Councilwoman Remondet seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard, Councilmen Wright and Perrilloux absent.

/s/Lennix Madere
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
Council Secretary