

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS**  
**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011**  
**CHAIR RONNIE SMITH**  
**VICE CHAIR CHERYL MILLET**

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, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011, at 6:30 PM.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**PRESENT AT ROLL CALL:** Lucien Gauff, III, Councilman-at-Large, Div. A, Cheryl Millet, Councilwoman District VII, Jaclyn Hotard, Councilwoman District IV, Haston Lewis, Councilman District I, Charles Julien, Councilman, District III, Steve Lee, Councilman-at-Large, Div. B, Darnel C. Usry, Councilwoman District V, Danny Millet, Councilman District II

**ABSENT:** Ronnie Smith

Councilwoman Usry led the Prayer. Councilman Lewis led the Pledge.

Legal Counsel Billy O'Regan was present.

**Charles Julien - Proclamation - (Carry Over 11-8-11) Jamaan Kenner and Bryce Robertson for excelling academically and athletically**

*Natalie Robottom stated, "Whereas, it is an honor and privilege to give special recognition to Bryce Robertson for his excellent academic record and exceptional accomplishments as a young athlete; and whereas, participation in organized athletics helps to build character and teaches a wholesome sense of fair play and good sportsmanship among our young people; and where, to really excel in any one sport, a young person must demonstrate, in addition to a great deal of natural ability, an outstanding spirit of dedication, enthusiasm, and hard work; and whereas, a striking example of this has been brought to our attention in the achievement of Bryce Robertson, a graduate of East St. John High School and currently a senior at Bucknell University majoring in management; Bryce, a fourth-year starter at defensive back leads NCAA football championship series in interceptions per game; and whereas, we are incredibly proud of his success on and off the football field; Now, therefore, I, Natalie Robottom, Parish President, in conjunction with St. John the Baptist Parish Council members extend our sincere congratulations to Bryce Robertson. We appreciate his athletic powers and wish him the best in his future endeavors."*

**Consent Agenda**

**Items:** Approval of Minutes November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011, Regular Meeting;  
Councilwoman Cheryl Millet - Re-appointment of Dr. Courtney Millet to the Library Board

**MOTION:** Councilman Millet moved and Councilman Julien seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda items consisting of Approval of

Minutes November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011, Regular Meeting; Councilwoman Cheryl Millet - Re-appointment of Dr. Courtney Millet to the Library Board. The motion passed with 6 yeas, 2 abstaining (Hotard & Lee) and 1 absent (Smith).

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES:**

**11-49** (Carry Over 11-8-11) An ordinance introducing the annual operating budgets for the St. John the Baptist Parish General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Enterprise Funds and Parishwide Sewerage Construction Funds for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2012 and ending December 31, 2012 (N. Robottom)

Theresa Rodgers stated, *"Administration requests this item be carried over until the next council meeting allowing time for review with all council members."*

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

**11-50** An ordinance granting approval to further extend the valid period of time 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 for 12 months (N. Robottom)

**11-51** An ordinance granting approval to further extend the valid period of time 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 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, situated in Section 46 and 47, T-11-S, R-7-E, Reserve, St. John the Baptist Parish (N. Robottom)

**11-52** An ordinance to provide for sale of adjudicated properties. (N. Robottom)

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilman Lee stated, *"The finance committee met this evening at 6:00. We had nine particular items to deal with many involved typical annual updates that we go out for bids on and many service items. The committee as a whole took action on these actions. I would ask at this time now for one of my fellow council members to make a motion to ratify or take action on these items taken by the finance committee."*

**MOTION:** Councilman Gauff moved and Councilman Millet seconded the motion to accept the recommendation of the finance committee. The committee approved to take the bids for water & sewer fittings under advisement, approved to take the bids for Pumps & Materials under advisement, approved to take the bids for Granular Chlorine & Bio Sanitizer Tablets under advisement, approved to take the bids for Fuel under advisement, approved to take the bids for Culverts under advisement, approved to take the bids for Liquid Chlorine & Sulfur Dioxide under advisement, approved to grant administration authorization to award the bid for street lighting fixtures and

supplies parish-wide (NotoCo Industries and Nu-Lite Electrical Wholesalers as per attached bid tabulation sheet), approved to grant administration authorization to advertise for the CSM/RE8040-BLN Filters needed for the Utilities Department, approved to grant administration authorization to execute change order No. 3 with Blastco Texas, Inc. in the amount of \$5,700.00 for additional repairs required on the Courthouse Annex Tower Water Tank, and approved to grant administration authorization to execute the Certificate of Substantial Completion with Cecil D. Gassiott, LLC for the Edgard Walkway Project. The motion passed with 6 yeas, 2 abstaining (Hotard & Lee) and 1 absent (Smith).

**DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:**

**Haston Lewis - (Carry Over 11-8-11) Update West Bank Courthouse**

Councilman Lewis stated, "I tell you just looking at this map and some of the office buildings and stuff compared to what we have in the St. John Parish Courthouse. It looks like when we get to writing things in the paper and stuff we don't ever identify the building with the right name. I want people to know this is not the West Bank Courthouse. This is the St. John Courthouse because the way it is treated sometimes I think it is just the West Bank and not the other side the river. I am going to tell you why. When I look at other parishes court houses and I look and see what is happening in our courthouse they are not the same way and the same people aren't there. We are going to discuss a lot of that at the next meeting. I am not prepared right now to do it but at the next meeting I will be ready and I will have all of the laws to go with it. Please carry this item over to the next meeting."

**Haston Lewis - Update on Water Plant clarifier on West Bank**

Councilman Lewis stated, "Alright, my water plant got a bad clarifier in it that we repaired a while back. I was told it was going to last two years, now they are saying three to five. I think time is expanding on the same clarifier and I can't sit back and just let that go by. If that clarifier goes out on us we are completely out of water. I know you all remember a while back when that pump was out on there. The courthouse was closed. The schools were closed. We didn't have any fire protection at all and it took four years to fix that. Now we are talking about a line across the river. I want the line across the river but I think that plant should be able to take care of itself and I would like to go out for bids for a clarifier and if we need to find some money then we look for it but we cannot let it keep going like that. People are not going to ever come across the river to build over there if we don't have water over there. We have to do something. We can't stay like we are. So I would like to make a motion that we go out to see what kind of price we can get on a clarifier to fix that water plant."

**MOTION:** Councilman Lewis moved and Councilman Gauff seconded the motion to find the funds to go out for bids for a clarifier.

Natalie Robottom stated, "The clarifier was a project that was part of the bond issue and the intentions at the time were to build a second clarifier while repairs were made to the first clarifier and once the repairs were made to switch back to the repaired one and neither one

would be functioning at capacity. So rather than building and spending \$800,000.00 on a second clarifier we met with the engineers in charge of the project as well as our parish engineer and utilities department and made some efforts to make repairs to the existing clarifier and looked for a long term solution which for us was the water line under the river. However the money in the bond issue was not sufficient to complete the line because it will exceed a million dollars. I think it was something like \$800,000.00 budgeted for this project but as a good sense measure, it didn't make a lot of sense to build two clarifiers, one while on is being repaired. So we invested in the existing clarifier to extend its life to allow us to add funds to the existing funds and go with the long term solution which is placing the water line under the river that would allow a back up for both the East Bank and the West Bank and it would be the best use of tax payers dollars because in the end if we built another clarifier we would have two clarifier's on the West Bank that neither one would be used to capacity and wouldn't be needed at the same time."

Councilman Lewis stated, "You know before this was put on the ballot and voted on it was our engineer who looked at and said we needed the clarifier, not Mr. Lewis. They said it and I believed them and now I want to do it. It is just like it was supposed to last for two years and now you are saying three to five. What can I believe?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "We can go through the list of repairs and costs that we have actually spent because having water on the West Bank is critical. At this point there is not a secondary source of water. We used to be able to get water from both St. Charles and St. James that is no longer possible. We needed to make sure that we were not caught with a clarifier that would go out on us. So we invested the money and the time to repair it so it would last but we would rather invest the money into a system that has a long term solution rather than spending 800 or a million on a second clarifier and then a 1.5 million on a line under the river."

Councilman Julien stated, "Okay Mrs. Robottom said that if we have two clarifiers neither would be used to capacity. So as Mr. Lewis says if one goes out, would we still be able to get water to the residents?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "That is the purpose of the water line under the river to make sure that it is connected to the Lions water Plant. At this point the West Bank doesn't utilize all the water that is produced but sometimes on the East Bank we have shortages and we have connected our systems to allow some of Reserve to supply LaPlace when there are problems. What we are attempting to do is to have a back up source on either side. We have watched our neighbors on both sides do this. We have followed up with both levee boards who make sure that those processes are things that we can follow. The engineer who was assigned the project is working with us to make sure that our solution is long term. What Mr. Lewis appears to be saying is that he would like to build a clarifier and do a water line under the river which now puts us completely out of line with any budget that we might have and it would be unnecessary?"

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "So the long term solution is to have the line under the river and one clarifier? So if we have two clarifiers then once we have the line under the river then we would have access.

*That is what you are saying?"*

*Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes we will have access with two, period, with no line."*

*Councilman Gauff stated, "I wanted to know about the time table with completing the line under the river in case our clarifier does fail then are we caught without the backup?"*

*Natalie Robottom stated, "Mr. Gauff that has been a problem all along which is why we have invested time and money to make the repairs to the existing clarifier to extend the life not two years but three to five. We continue to make upgrades to that site because it is a concern for us. Originally the funding was not budgeted for the line and the original cost estimate was not exactly on target so we have some money in the bank for it and we are looking through grant funding as well as through budgeting to make sure that we have the remaining funds. That process alone we are hoping to cut down on the time frame based on what St. Charles has done and St. James with regards to permitting. We have had an initial meeting with both levee boards, the Corps of Engineers, all of our engineers and they are walking us through the process so that we are not caught up in some of the problems that some of our neighboring parishes have had but it would not be in the best interest of the parish. It is not the best way to spend tax payer dollars to do something just because it was the original plan."*

*Councilman Gauff stated, "I understand that. That sounds correct and the way we should go. I think what Mr. Lewis was trying to say is that we don't want to get caught without a water source."*

*Natalie Robottom stated, "We don't. We understand that. We have been working really hard to make sure that we won't get caught."*

*Councilman Lewis stated, "I am not knocking what Mrs. Robottom is saying. I am talking to you from experience. I live on the other side of the river. I know when I don't have water. I know how long that pump sat on the side of the river four years before we could get water through it, now I have a clarifier that is bad. The engineer says it is bad. We spent \$66,000.00 on an old clarifier that doesn't work. Why did we run the bond issue to replace it if we are not going to replace it? You know and I know that if the clarifier goes we are out of water. It is going to happen."*

*Natalie Robottom stated, "Mr. Lewis my concern is that the plan was to build a new clarifier and repair the old one and switch back to using the old one, that didn't make sense to me. It didn't make sense to our team. So in the end a decision was made to make sure that the West Bank would have a water source that would not be jeopardized by a time table. We are continuing to do that. We are continuing to make additions there but we also are proceeding with the long term solution, which is a water line under the river."*

*Councilman Gauff stated, "Maybe we can get clarification from the engineers. It seems like we have the engineers that administration has met with, and then we have the engineers that Mr. Lewis has met with. Hopefully they were the same engineers and maybe they can tell us about this clarifier and how long is the life expectancy of this clarifier so*

that we don't get caught."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Well our utilities director is here and our parish engineer who has been involved in all the meetings is also here."

Virgil Rayneri, Utilities Director, stated, "Our biggest concern is to make sure we ensure water supply to the West Bank that is what we are trying to do. We were proactive to look into the clarifier ourselves and luckily we did because the manufacturer was there with us and found some very troublesome situation in there that we could have been like Mr. Lewis said had total failure of the clarifier then we would have been in bad shape. The clarifier has been repaired per manufacturer and we have all of that information because we did the recommendations that the manufacturer of the clarifier and they estimated that the repairs that we did will extend the life of the clarifier for three years and in addition to that if we paint the outside of the clarifier after we did the repair the life of the clarifier will be extended for five years. What we had there before might have lasted six months. So I feel very comfortable right now that the clarifier will function enough to give us enough time for the administration to make a decision with the council to go for the line under the river and then we will be in pretty good shape. If you want to I can try to get you that information."

Natalie Robottom stated, "We will forward you a copy."

Councilwoman Usry asked, "What is our expected timeline for the pipe under the river? Is it within that time frame?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Definitely, the problem is permitting which would be what takes us the longest. We have had the opportunity of the engineer assigned to the project to go and take a look at some of the other projects. I found the meeting we had with the Corps and both Levee Boards was very productive. They discussed some things that were not originally brought to our attention in our preliminary meetings and as I said those levee boards, particularly the Pontchartrain is willing to work with us and the Corps of Engineers to avoid some of the miss-steps that our neighboring parishes had as it is becoming more common to do these projects. The other aspect that we are working on is property right of ways. It is not necessary to remain on either properties however when the line is being threaded under the river it is necessary that we are on neighboring property. So we have to get permission to use that property just to store the pipe until it is threaded on both sides of the river. So there are some right of way issues that we need to take care of, some permitting issues and the design isn't complete however that is administrations recommendation for a long term solution for making sure that the West Bank is never without water."

Councilwoman Usry asked, "And it would be before the five year time?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "It would be before the three or five year estimate."

Councilman Lewis stated, "I hate to come back again but who knows when that clarifier is going to go out not me or no engineer will know when

that will go out. I am going to tell you it took me four years to get that intake line and let me tell you what I kept hearing with that pump, the Corps says we cannot get a permit. I found out how you get a permit. You do what they say to do. We fooled around. We kept looking at the cost. The cost was three to four hundred thousand dollars. We are spending all kind of money with pumps by the water. Paying overtime and everything else and when we find out what it cost close to a million dollars. We come up with the money, we get the permit. That is how things are done. You come up with what they want and they will do the work. You think you are going to do what you want it isn't going to happen with the Corps."

Councilman Gauff stated, "I withdraw my second."

Councilwoman Millet asked, "Can I get a second? There is no second. The motion fails for lack of a second."

#### **Haston Lewis - Update on East Bank Government Complex**

Councilman Lewis stated, "I don't need to discuss the next one. Put this on the next agenda."

#### **Cheryl Millet - Update on Belle Terre exit ramp lighting**

Natalie Robottom stated, "This is a project that we partnered with DOTD for. The lighting project was bid by DOTD. It has been awarded to Diamond Electric, which took place in June. The contract was executed in June and a notice to proceed issued July 18th. This was an unusual project in that the lighting had to be fabricated and the assembly time allowed was 120 calendar days. It is my understanding that fabrication has been completed. They didn't want to start in the short week of Thanksgiving however there are plans to begin the project this Monday, November 28th and they anticipate completion time by 150 days."

Councilwoman Millet asked, "The fabrication has been completed?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "Thank you Mrs. Robottom. Thank you very much."

#### **Jamaan Kenner arrived at the meeting**

Natalie Robottom stated, "Whereas, it is an honor and privilege to give special recognition to Jamaan Kenner for his excellent academic record and exceptional accomplishments as a young athlete; and whereas, participation in organized athletics helps to build character and teaches a wholesome sense of fair play and good sportsmanship among our young people; and whereas, to really excel in any one sport a young person must demonstrate, in addition to a great deal of natural ability, an outstanding spirit of dedication, enthusiasm, and hard work; and whereas, a striking example of this has been brought to our attention in the achievement of Jamaan Kenner, a senior at Xavier University majoring in Biology with a minor in chemistry; he currently has a 3.57 gpa and is applying to medical school; Jamaan is a two year starter of the Xavier University Men's Basketball team, team Captain and recipient of the Arthur Ashe Scholar Award and the Daktronics-NAIA

Scholar Athletic Award; further, he is a member of the Chi Alpha Sigma Honor Society and the Alpha Kappa Mu national Honor Society; and whereas, we are incredibly proud of his success on and off the basketball court; Now, therefore, I, Natalie Robottom, Parish President, in conjunction with St. John the Baptist Parish council members extend our sincere congratulations to Jamaan Kenner. We appreciate his athletic powers and wish him the best in his future endeavors."

**Darnel C. Usry - Discussion relative to parking for the Mississippi Bike Path - Phase I**

Councilwoman Usry asked, "I had a phone call asking about we built it and they want to come and there is no place to park. I know there is a problem. I was just wondering if we might be able to talk with the school board and see if we could park in the school parking lot if only on weekends or if we could find a place for them to park."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Mrs. Usry just a follow up on that we had several meetings and thought we had the perfect location for a landing and parking at the base of the levee where the ground breaking was however the land owners were not willing to sell the property. So rather than delaying the bike path we decided to look at alternate sites along the route. There are a couple more in Phase II. There was discussion about the school and being allowed to use their parking lot however DOTD had very specific standards with regards to safety but we are going to pursue every option with regards to that but we didn't want to hold it up any longer. We know that people use the levee without a parking and without a ramp. So we decided to move forward with that. We are looking at some property near DuPont. I think Mr. Gauff has looked at and talked to the school system regarding the Milesville area and of course there is also a site near E. 28th Street as well which would be in Phase II but this was a concern for us. We didn't want to delay the project any further. We are going to continue to look for sites. However if there are any suggestions we would be happy to accept those."

Councilwoman Usry stated, "I just wanted the public to know that we were looking into it. Thank you."

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Kathy Gilmore - LNO - Authorization to execute a Letter of No Objection with Audubon Engineering Company on behalf of Praxair, Inc. for the installation of a 12-inch South LA Hydrogen Pipeline as part of their facility expansion**

Kathy Gilmore, Civil Defense, stated, "Administration requests authorization to execute a Letter of No Objection with Audubon Engineering Company for installation of a 12-inch South LA Hydrogen Pipeline as part of their facility expansion. The request was reviewed by the Department of Public Safety and no complications are anticipated. Administration recommends approval."

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Usry moved and Councilman Millet seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to execute a Letter of No Objection with Audubon Engineering Company on behalf of Praxair, Inc. for the installation of a 12-inch South LA Hydrogen Pipeline as part of their facility expansion. The motion passed with Councilmen Smith & Julien absent.

**Kathy Gilmore - LNO - Authorization to execute a Letter of No Objection with GulfSouth Pipeline Co., LP for the installation of a 4-inch natural gas pipeline**

Kathy Gilmore stated, "Clarification - Administration requests authorization to execute a Letter of No Objection with Gulf South Pipeline Co., LP for the installation of a TEMPORARY 2-inch natural gas pipeline along the side of the existing 4-inch natural gas pipeline to facilitate testing. The request was reviewed by the Departments of Public Safety and Utilities and no complications are anticipated. Administration recommends approval."

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Usry moved and Councilman Millet seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to execute a Letter of No Objection with GulfSouth Pipeline Co., LP for the installation of a TEMPORARY 2-inch natural gas pipeline along the side of the existing 4-inch natural gas pipeline to facilitate testing. The motion passed with Councilmen Smith & Julien absent.

**CORRESPONDANCE/COUNCIL BRIEFS**

Councilman Gauff stated, "I would like to say thank you to all of the voters of Division A that went out and voted and gave me a vote of confidence. So thank you very much. I look forward to working with you and for you for the next four years. I would also like to say let's bring home the victory St. Charles and West St. John this Friday night to the River Parishes. So good luck to you all and finally I would like to say Happy Thanksgiving to all of our families from the council and to the council, the administration, to St. John Parish Happy Thanksgiving let's remember we are very blessed so let's be thankful for our gifts and share with others."

Councilman Lewis stated, "I would like to congratulate on the Councilmen who won the elections and I wish them a lot of luck. Thank you."

Councilman Millet stated, "I would just like to reiterate what Mr. Haston said about all the councilmen that won and also what Mr. Gauff said."

Councilman Julien stated, "On behalf of the people of District III, I want to congratulate Mr. Lennix "Tweet" Madere. We are going to work hard to work with you. Baloney Broussard I want to commend you on the ordinance introduced tonight. Thank you."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I was going to say the same thing, congratulations to Mr. Gauff on being re-elected to a full term. I saw we had some of our newly elected council members here. I see Mr. Madere congratulations to you. Art Smith, Ranney Wilson he will be coming back

to the council I look forward to working with him as well. I won't mention District V because Darnel said she wants to do that. I would also like to send a congratulations to Randall Gaines. He was elected our state representative here and he also represents a portion of St. Charles parish. Also Happy Thanksgiving, we are all truly blessed. So be thankful for what we do have."

Councilwoman Usry stated, "Thank you Ms. Hotard. Michael Wright please stand. Here is our council elect for District V. I wanted everybody to see him. Congratulations I know you will be doing an outstanding job and to all the other council elected members I wish you a successful term and hope you enjoy it in serving the parish just like I have. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone."

Councilman Lee stated, "Ditto. I would like to offer somewhat of a challenge. I have been thinking about this quite a bit. Congratulations to all the newly elected officials. I also want to thank all the others that participated in a process which is still the best process in the world that is the democratic process. It is hard work to give of yourself, to work so hard to show others that you want to give of yourself to serve people but if your heart is in the right place it can be unbelievably gratifying. I say that when I look at Mr. Lewis who has bleed this job for 25+ years and until the day he leaves you can still hear the sincerity in which he is trying to help the people that he represents. The challenge is not to allow your enemies or the poorly intended or the people who just think so little of the political process and those public servants that are out there working and there are plenty of those people. There is a lot of apathy. Don't let these people prevent you from accomplishing what you really want to accomplish and that is to genuinely and sincerely help the people of your community. I mean that from the bottom of my heart. Congratulations to everybody on that."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "Well said Mr. Lee. I do also want to ditto congratulations to all the council elect and to Mr. Gauff thank you for joining us for the next four years. We look forward to working with you and not to be a negative person on this but we do have an ordinance that says the signs have to be removed within 10 days. So we do appreciate the fact that you have let everyone know but let's clean our parish and get the signs picked up within 10 days. I also want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving."

#### **PRESIDENT' S REMARKS**

Natalie Robottom stated, "I would also like to congratulate not only all the candidates who won, but all the candidates who ran. It is a tough position to be in and it isn't like it was before. Public service puts you and your family in the public eye. Everything is a lot quicker and it is a challenge but I do think we have a great group coming in and obviously we want to thank all of our previous council members for all of their service and I look forward to working with all of them to moving St. John forward. We have something's scheduled already. Obviously the inauguration is in January but we would like to hold some orientation meetings to keep everyone up to speed before then so we will be in touch with you. I am not sure of the time span but it was my

understanding it is like December 18th that the signs have to be gone. We will get clarification. Ten days would be great. The election is over and some people have already started to remove their signs. I would like to thank Lt. Brian Bertrand and the St. John Sheriff's Office young marines for their hard work for the Veteran's Day Parade and celebration. It was an actually beautiful day for a first time event it was very attended and we are looking forward to a much bigger and better event. We want to thank all of Veteran's and their families for coming out and enjoying that. We had the honor of hosting Congressman Bill Cassidy, some of our elected officials here and Dr. Courtney Millet in the Parish President's conference room a couple of weeks ago. The discussion was about federal policy and some of the needs of St. John Parish. This was Congressman Cassidy's first visit to St. John Parish and I think he was truly pleased by the discussion and commented that it was one of the few times that he had such a conversation on policy. I think we had enough people therein to express our needs and wishes and we look forward to continuing those discussions. I would also like to thank Mrs. Eliza Eugene and Mrs. Julia Remondet for co hosting an EDC seminar at the Hwy. 51 Community Center. That was the one for local vendors to participate in upcoming events in New Orleans. It is my understanding that about 45 people attended that workshop and that was to certify vendors to be participants in the super bowl, the Final Four and all of the other events that they could be a part of economically. St. John Parish was host to the North American Model Boat association and the Voodoo Gas World Championships this past Friday, Saturday and Sunday for those who didn't have an opportunity to go there our retention pond at the end of Airport Road was actually transformed into a very nice pond and from the visitors they seem to think it is one of the nicest ones that they attend. They travel around the state. We even had people from Puerto Rico here racing these boats. It is an economic impact to our community. Some of them had been here since Monday, they stayed through Sunday great access and opportunity for them to use something that for us was used as a sandbagging location for tropical storm Lee but they really transformed it into something nice and we are grateful to have them partnering with us. I would also like to thank all of our employees, this is the second year we have done this, and we collected food items and toiletries for the St. John Ministry of Care. We were able to deliver 10 boxes of supplies. I would like to thank all of our employees and staff. It was very successful."

There was no executive session.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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

Cable Franchise Agreement

Any and all pending legal matters

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:23 PM, Councilwoman Usry moved and Councilman Julien seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilman Smith absent.

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COUNCIL VICE-CHAIRMAN

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Council Secretary