

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28th, 2017
CHAIRMAN LARRY SNYDER
VICE-CHAIR JACLYN HOTARD

The Council of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session in the Joel McTopy Chambers, LaPlace, Louisiana on Tuesday, November 28th, 2017 at 6:30PM.

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, District IV, Larry Snyder, Councilman District VI, Thomas Malik, Councilman District VII

ABSENT: Michael Wright, Jaclyn Hotard

Councilwoman Remonet led the Prayer. Councilman Snyder led the Pledge.

Legal Counsel Keith Green, Jr., Geoffrey Michel were present.

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

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

There was no public comment.

INTRODUCTION OF BUSINESSES:

There was no introduction of businesses.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEMS: Approval of Minutes - November 14th, 2017, Regular Meeting; Natalie Robottom - Appointment of Hilda Johnson as Resident Commissioner to the Housing Authority

MOTION: Councilman Becnel moved and Councilwoman Remonet seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda items consisting of Approval of Minutes - November 14th, 2017, Regular Meeting; Natalie Robottom - Appointment of Hilda Johnson as Resident Commissioner to the Housing Authority. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard and Councilman Wright.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES:

17-50 (Public Hearing Held) (Tabled 11-14-17) An ordinance introducing the annual operating budgets for the 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)

The above item is to remain tabled until a workshop can be scheduled.

17-52 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance granting approval to further extend the

valid period of time of Conditional Subdivision Approval for an additional twelve (12) months for River Oaks Subdivision, Phase V, Lots 205-239, 245-252, 264-282, and Parcels H-11, H-13, C, and D, located south of the proposed Woodland Drive right-of-way, west of the Vicknair Canal, east of St. Andrews Boulevard, and north of River Oaks Subdivision, Phases II and III; situated in Sections 66 and 67, T-11-S, R-7-E, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana; which were granted preliminary/conditional approval on August 9, 2005 (Ord. No. 05-46) (N. Robottom)

Alex Carter stated, *"This extension would permit the developer time to adjust construction to market conditions. Administration recommends approval."*

MOTION: Councilman Becnel moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 17-52. The motion passed with Councilman Wright and Councilwoman Hotard absent.

17-53 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance granting approval to further extend the valid period of time of Conditional Subdivision Approval for an additional twelve (12) months for Belle Terre Commercial Subdivision, Phase I, Parcel B, Lots 4-22; Parcel C, Lots 2,3 & 6-9; and Parcel DS-4; Phase 2, Parcel B, Lots 23-49; and Parcel C, Lots 10-44; and Phase 3, Parcel D, Lots 1-39; Parcel E, Lots 1-42; Parcel DS-2; and Parcel DS-3; all situated in Sections 69 and 70, T-11-S, R-7-E, Southeast District of Louisiana, east of the Mississippi River, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana; which were granted conditional approval on June 12, 2007 (Ord. No. 07-33) and October 9, 2007 (Ord. No. 07-65) (N. Robottom)

Alex Carter stated, *"This extension would permit the developer time to adjust construction to market conditions. Administration recommends approval."*

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilwoman Remondet seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 17-53. The motion passed with Councilman Wright and Councilwoman Hotard absent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Madere stated, *"I'd like to make a motion that the council accept the minutes from the finance committee meeting."*

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the motion to accept the minutes from the finance committee meeting. The motion passed with Councilman Wright and Councilwoman Hotard absent.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jerry Jones - (Tabled 10-24-17) Approval of the amended by-laws for the Economic Development Advisory Committee

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Becnel seconded the motion to remove Jerry Jones - Approval of the amended by-laws for the Economic Development Advisory Committee from the table. The motion passed with Councilman Wright and Councilwoman Hotard absent.

Jerry Jones stated, *"The by-laws were amended to reflect changes in law at the local and state levels and current department processes. The changes were discussed with and approved by the Economic Development Committee and Administration recommends approval."*

Councilman Snyder asked, "Did we get an updated copy, I think I remember reading an older copy? Do we have an updated copy of the changes?"

Jerry Jones stated, "Yeah."

Councilman Snyder stated, "A yeah."

Jerry Jones stated, "It's been so many different versions."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yeah, yes I know! I know!"

Jerry Jones stated, "But yes, you've received them even the ones highlighted. Even the ones highlighted."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well I'm just asking if someone have any questions, the questions that I had were they updated?"

Jerry Jones stated, "Correct."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Ok, that's all I needed to know. I don't need to know anymore. I had some questions they were updated I just don't remember."

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to approve Approval of the amended by-laws for the Economic Development Advisory Board. The motion passed with Councilman Wright and Councilwoman Hotard absent.

NEW BUSINESS:

There is no new business.

DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:

Marvin Perrilloux - (Tabled 11-14-17) Discussion in reference to 2018 budgeting for the Airline Hwy. Streetscape Project

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to remove Discussion in reference to 2018 budgeting for the Airline Hwy from the Table. Streetscape Project. The motion passed Councilman Wright and Councilwoman Hotard absent.

Natalie Robottom stated, "I think the item was Mr. Perrilloux's regarding funding?"

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Yes."

Natalie Robottom stated, "This project has no parish funding in the 2018 proposed budget; however, we are working with representatives from DOTD, we actually have some road swap credits and we're looking at some additional ones to apply toward this, it's also included in the LA Safe projects that are going to be up for discussion for funding on December the 11th, and we're hoping to finalize moving forward on this with some of those dollars. This is a very large project, what we actually did budget was some of the other projects that have been ongoing like the Lucy, Lucy Edgard, some of the other recreation projects so, we couldn't afford to take any more money out of recreation for this right now, which is why we're going through DOT. Additionally it also funds like the Phase III of the Mississippi of the last Phase of the Mississippi Trail and the budget just wasn't available to fund this. But we do have some alternatives, they feel that it's a

very good project, they're actually looking at some storm management being added to this project through LA SAFE, so we'll have more discussion on that on the 11th and we'll continue to work with DOT on use of the credits towards this project."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Yes and that's why I want to see where we at, because I think this project involves from 51 to Belle Terre."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Actually it goes all the way to Tiffany now."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "On Tiffany now? Oh we're good that's even better."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yeah we descended it, and everybody I mean we have a grant, RPC is funding a lot of it but we have a match. It's just a large project so the match is large."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I think our match was almost like three or four hundred thousand, something like that?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "That's to get the Engineer, like they would still have construction."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "So we're going to sit down with the 11th and discuss this more?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "I think there's six projects they're going to propose for discussion this is one of them, and also we're working with DOT."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Ok then I'll just wait for the 11th and give me a follow-up on it and see where we're at, because this really is a good project for improvements which is very much needed along that Airline Highway. So, just keep me posted on the 11th, we'll see what we can do for some funding for this."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yeah and they actually have some safety components to. And you know the issue with people crossing Airline in that 5th lane with no safety there, so it's a good project."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Correct, correct, ok."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I have a question. For the people that's listening, what is the Streetscape Project? Streetscape!"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Streetscape! It's like landscaping, streetscaping, beautifying Airline Highway from Tiffany to Main Street. It's very similar to was done in Metairie along Veterans Blvd. But they do account for sidewalks, curb cuts, again through LA SAFE which is a Resiliency Program, better ways to manage water possibly stored water holding it until you know for a while before it gets North of Airline. So they're looking at this whole thing you know crosswalks and I think what they found is that 5th Lane is really not the states, this way they'll sometimes have J-turns and they're designing you know they'll have landscape and trees and just a beautification project, but it's also a safety project which is how we're getting some of the dollars from other sources."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Good."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Just one comment. I was really concerned to,

because one of my questions was when we was talking this, especially we used to have a lot of people crossing that Airline in wheelchairs, and we're looking for the safety of the residents who need to make grocery at Walmart or either at Matherne's crossing on these motorized wheelchairs and there's no safety barrier for protection. So I'm looking forward to try and fund this project and improve that area because really that's the heart of the busiest area of St. John Parish, and we need to do some safety there."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Well I'll give you a call."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Ok, thank you."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Mr. Madere you understand now?"

Councilman Malik asked, "With this project we're talking about is including walks?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes."

Councilman Malik stated, "Ok good."

Natalie Robottom stated, "I think we have a conceptual, we'll try to like a join of it just conceptually so we can give you guys something to look at."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Good, thank you very much that'll be nice."

Larry Sorapuru - (Tabled 11-14-17) Update on culvert cleanout at Hands Drive and Airline Hwy.

MOTION: Councilman Sorapuru moved and Councilman Becnel seconded the motion to remove Update on culvert cleanout at Hands Drive and Airline Hwy. from the Table. The motion passed with Councilman Wright and Councilwoman Hotard absent.

"A meeting is scheduled with Councilman Sorapuru, Councilman Madere, the property owner, DOTD representative and Administration tomorrow at 1 p.m. to further discuss this item."

Larry Sorapuru/Kurt Becnel - (Tabled 11-14-17) Update on re-installment of culvert 243 Apricot Street

MOTION: Councilman Sorapuru moved and Councilman Becnel seconded the motion to remove Update on re-installment of culvert 243 Apricot Street. The motion passed with Councilman Wright and Councilwoman Hotard absent.

Natalie Robottom stated, "Installation of new culverts is needed and the ditch needs to be cleaned, however; we are waiting on a Right-of-Way agreement that can be used for not just this property but some of the other properties we have to access. We provided a sample, I know the DA's Office is looking at it and amending it, but we're hoping to get this done soon because we're also going to need a document like this for any water meter project and any of our other projects. So we're looking for a standard document that can be utilized when we have to access private property to do a public good for drainage, but right now the document that we had was legally insufficient."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "I did submit a call to him about once a week Ms. Robottom and he's very concerned."

Natalie Robottom stated, "And my staff's ready. No our staff's ready and they've identified the area that needs to be dug..."

Councilman Sorapuru interrupting stated, "He talked to Brian and Verdell but he's concerned that water came up like 16" from his building and I get a call from him once a week, I want to ensure him that we're moving on it and a..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "And we actually tried I think Rebecca pulled, we tried to determine if there was any type servitude which there's not, so we know it's not our property whether it's the section we need to dig or replace the culverts but we need that section to connect to another section to drain to that area. So that's why we need to take care of that."

Councilman Sorapuru asked, "So any timeframe when we're going to address that?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "As soon as we get a Right-of-Way document."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Ok, alright thank you."

Larry Snyder - Discussion regarding Garbage Collection contract, violations and complaints

NatalieRobottom asked, "Is there something specific or does this address your concerns or should we just read what's here?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yeah I read the answer and I'd like to know exactly how we are policing this garbage pick-up system. You know when you got the fox guarding the chicken coop, you might come up with some chickens missing. Okay, and in the morning. And the only complaints, the only way we can, our contract says that; 24 hours after the complaint 24 hours they have to pick up the garbage. They don't pick it up in 24 hours then they're being fined, on holidays it's 48 hours. Am I right there?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Administration, am I right there?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Ok."

Natalie Robottom stated, "There's a complaint form that goes directly to the company, and then they keep a log of the complaints, the timeframe, the resolution. Now sometimes we get complaints as well, that don't go through the company and the ones in my office are logged, and by my assistant who follows up with the company and make sure that they're done. I'm assuming that's what your office does as well, but we do get calls outside of people going to the company, but the process is dictated in the contract is that they, the contractor responds to the complaints and that they keep a log of them and provide us with a report."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Have we ever brought it to the table yet and say well look; you guys owe us this much money. These are the complaints we got and you didn't do a good job in 24 hours or 48 hours."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Not to my knowledge."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yes, ok and that's the problem. I know of some issues where garbage wasn't picked up for both pick-up dates, that's a Monday and a Thursday. But nothing isn't getting done about, but if these people pick-up more than 3 cubic yards of junk, they charge us. Am I right? And that's in their contract and they do that. If they pick-up more they do that, they charge us or they just pick-up some. So if they can stick to the word of the contract, why can't us? And I think we need another system set-up because this system is definitely not working."

Natalie Robottom stated, "I do think it need to be monitored more closely..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "Oh yeah most definitely."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Somebody is now assigned specifically to that contract, my assistant pretty much follows-up until it's resolved, so I know what takes place in my office. However, when you guys hear things like that you got to let us know. If you're suggesting that possibly the company is not being forth coming, which would result in a fine but if you know of something, well then that needs to come to us so we can follow-up as well. But the complaints that come through my office are dealt with."

Councilman Snyder stated, "But they come from..."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Residents. I get complaints directly..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting asked, "You know when you get them? When nothing happens when they call this another number."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Sometimes, sometimes you just catch me in the store."

Councilman Snyder stated, "That's what I'm talking about, see that's exactly what I'm talking about."

Natalie Robottom stated, "And at the gas station, grocery store..."

Councilman Snyder stated, "And you know we've got that in our contract exactly how this supposed to work. Now, so you're saying that you'll get us someone to monitor that from here forth we know we'll have someone monitoring that."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Right."

Councilman Snyder stated, "But we still got to call Metro to make a complaint on Metro."

Natalie Robottom stated, "No we don't have to. That is the..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "I'm talking about the people in the neighborhood."

Natalie Robottom stated, "That's correct. Like to report for example: you missed my garbage, or I need a new garbage can or you know like those are things that, and I think there was a reason for that, Jackie and Julia probably know. We had to hire one person to try and manage that previously but for what we're paying them, that should be managed within their contract. Now it's on us to monitor and make sure they're following through on what the contract says, and if we get complaints we definitely follow-up with those. But the process as stated in the

contract and what was put out to the residents and our flyers; is that you make complaints directly to them so they can respond in that timeframe that you're suggesting. But when that doesn't occur, we just need you know you guys to let us know cause we're managing, now maybe they just respond when my assistant calls them, but it gets done. So I don't have that issue with having to fine because they follow-up on the request."

Councilman Snyder stated, "And in that is where the problem lies. They call there, pick-up, you missed my garbage, okay we're going to get it tomorrow. Ok or we'll get it on the next day I'm going to get it on the next pick-up date. Even with that sometimes it doesn't happen. Now that's you know that's over 24 hours you know that's over 72 hours. So you know we need to hold their foot fire like they hold our foot to the fire as far as picking up over 3 cubic yards of stuff. And I think that's our responsibility as far as the parish is concerned to make sure that these people do what their supposed to do. Now let me tell you this about those people, they're very responsive. You understand that, they are responsive, they roll if you can get them they will take care of business, especially the Foreman or the Superintendent out there in the streets. You know because you get new people sometimes, they might miss some they might miss a street that people usually get and if you call them, and talk to them but you have to be able to get them to get that done. Now, I'm going to start keeping a logs, if some calling me; they say they miss my garbage I'm going to keep a log and I'm going to make sure I call Metro. Okay, now we have to do our due diligence and make sure these people adhere to their contract."

Councilman Becnel stated, "Listen, I just want to pass my opinion as I was shocked when I saw this, because from my point of view the way I do it, I don't care what missing a trash can or whatever, I have an excellent relationship with Mr. George Carter. I emailed, what I do; I don't care of John Brown call me and say; Kurt my garbage can is damaged I need another one. I'm emailing George Carter immediately, and when I tell you it's done the next day I have tremendous service from them. Even if they miss somebody garbage, so what I do is basically is you know I fill out my little report, email it to him and then I put it on my little spreadsheet. And my spreadsheet will reflect, you'll see many times complete, complete, excellent job! George Carter, reach him I suggest that you all do that even if they miss the garbage. So I, from my point of view on both sides of my, both Districts, District I on the East and West Bank. When people call me I've never seen nothing like this, if I send George a report at 3 o'clock, I guarantee you that next morning or the day after they're going to have they're problem solved. So I have no complaints with them, I just wanted to pass my opinion on it."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes I definitely agree with Mr. Snyder on the comments that he made. But also I just want to reflect what Mr. Becnel just said about Mr. George Carter, you know he does a tremendous job that's all I can say. He's a very good asset to me whenever someone calls he takes care of it immediately, the very next day you know I'll get it for you in the morning, he'll have it done. I just wish everyone that we deal with was responsive and respond the way he does, okay so I can't say anything bad about Mr. Carter, but the other issues Mr. Snyder is talking about well that's out of his control. But whatever he have his authority over he makes sure and handle that. And if someone miss a garbage day miss it, I'll call him he'll send them back to go get it."

Councilman Malik stated, "Yeah I agree with what you said with Mr. George and I've been looking over the text/emails, so the number of complaints I have been receiving are a lot less. However, it's when our residents are calling his

office, that's where the main problem is. Now that being said, let me reiterate the number of complaints that I have been receiving, as a matter of fact; I've only received one for this month, so I think that overall that the their service has improved quite a bit."

Councilman Snyder stated, "You I got and a lot of things Mr. Carter like you guys here don't know, and I think Mr. Malik put it in perspective you know, and I think that's really the issue what you just said, Mr. Malik. And Mr. Carter been very responsive with us with all of us, as you can see. But there's some things that don't get to him you know, unless one of us were able to get in contact with him and he don't know what's going on and that's what I'm talking about see. Cause if he goes on vacation or he's out sick or something like that, then somebody got to be responsible for that. Now whoever got it, if they don't if he don't answer his telephone then you know you don't get anything done."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Well we have a different contact who Mr. Carter I think, deals with a lot of the items out in the field and the personnel. But we have a contact in the office that actually does the logs, does the responding and is responsive to us. But I think what we're saying is we need to make sure that the information is getting to them, because the person we deal with in the office is very responsive to us. The person you deal with in the field, is responsive to you. We just you know again, for our documentation I can tell you from some of my staff, I don't know that Mr. Carter logs everything that he does for yawl, so it's not going to reflect that he had a complaint and he fixed it. But I can tell you when we go through the office, the office staff actually log it and we're logging it. Because I know sometimes, you know my staff does some things that they don't put in the work order system, so it's not going to show that that work was done, but they did it because someone called and asked them to. So maybe you know there's a little break there but I can tell you, office wise and I'm not sure if Jackie has reached out there yet, but we get a response from the office personnel and obviously if we need something, George is out in the field and takes care of it immediately."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well usually our secretary usually send us a copy of what's going on when somebody calls in about issues. You know but if a garbage can is in the ditch, or in the pond, I don't know who would take care of that."

Natalie Robottom stated, "We'll make sure she gets Wanda's number."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Ma'am?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "We'll make sure that she gets our contact's number, so instead of just sending it to yawl, she can just reach out to the office and have them deal with it."

Jackie Landeche stated, "Yeah, Wanda is who I send to!"

Larry Snyder - Discussion regarding bonding for potable water projects

Blake Fogleman stated, "Bond Issues from 2009, 2014 and 2015 included dedications for water system improvements, most of which have been completed, but are still being paid off. An LDH low interest loan is also supporting water projects and is being paid through the Utility Budget. Due to an ongoing shortfall in funding for operations, maintenance and capital improvements for the Parish's water systems, a Utility Level of Service Assessment is being conducted to guide the department over the next ten (10) years. The bond attorneys will be present at the meeting

to address further discussion from a bonding standpoint."

Councilman Snyder stated, "As you know I've been a proponent of a new well back here and I'm still going to be a proponent of it, cause you know I just don't think river water at this time is feasible right now. Not knowing the fact that I rather have well water than river water myself, but we know what river water and what division is of this administration as far as giving us a plant here in LaPlace. You know if we got to put a plant down here, we just must put a plant it should be in Reserve where we already got Right-of-ways and river front area over there where we already got that you know it's just a matter of expanding. But, what I'm after here is, I'm looking for some money to build to build me a well back here and it's going to cost me somewhere between three (3) about \$3 Million, \$3.5 Million Dollars, and like I said before, we got 36,000/35,000 people depending on that well back there, that one well. And if something were to happen we don't have a well, all those people are going to be out of water. We got hotels, hospitals, we got a lot of people depend on that. We can get a little water from St. Charles but they can't do us very much through that 6 inch line they got over there, and that little line we got coming from Reserve. So I want some money to do this, and according to our bonding capacity, all of them, we can come up with that money to do the project that we've been talking about for years and one of them is that well back there and that two (2) filters in Reserve, and that's been on the books for years. But it's all being held up because of a fifty (50) or sixty (60) million dollar plant they want in LaPlace back there. I don't think that's fair to the people we represent and I'd like to make a motion right now that we talk to our bonding people and see how much money we can get, and to do with that one project for sure, I know my well, I don't know what these other guys want to do in Reserve. And looking at how much money we can get from our bonding capacity for wells, our filters in Reserve and whatever other water project we might have. That's it, that's my motion."

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "So you want to make a motion to have a meeting with the Bond Attorney?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "With a Bond Attorney to tell us, I'll make the motion now that the Bonding Attorney do this; give us some official paperwork saying that, this is what you got this is what you can get with your bonding. Now, with that amount of money then we can decide on what we're doing. I know I want a well, I want a well back there. Okay? I want a well so we can have some security here in LaPlace you know, Reserve don't get our water, just LaPlace use our water. Thirty-five thousand (35,000) people, that's what I want."

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "But I'm asking, do we need to have a motion to set-up a meeting with Mr. Ackers and Mr. Hugh or we could just set-up a meeting?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "That's fine. I want a motion I got it in a motion."

Councilman Sorapura asked, "We're talking about the water filters at Lions Plant also, correct?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "Right, right! I'm telling you what I want, what I want, what we need to do."

Councilwoman Remondet asked, "Are we asking to just ask for the information and give it to us for us to decide or we're just deciding right this minute?"

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I think he's asking for the information to make a

decision. Is that what your motion is?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "That's exactly what it is."

MOTION: Councilman Snyder moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to direct our Bond Attorney's to research and report back to us their findings on exactly how much money is in our capacity for bonding. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard and Councilman Wright absent.

Larry Snyder - Discussion regarding ring levee study for Cambridge Subdivision

Natalie Robottom stated, "As previously stated at one of our meetings, LA SAFE is also looking at again an overall water management. Some of the projects that they are recommending at the meeting are you know from public input at the December 11th meeting, we'll address some of the issues with ring levees and water management, but there's also a consultant that's hired by LA SAFE, that once they do this general presentation on the project, they would like to meet with Council Members to discuss overall water management strategies, they're very familiar with our levee projects, they're familiar with the projects that are being funded, they know we have HMGP projects and because they've been working with us for several years they know our historical flooding areas, but there's a little more information that I don't know that we've ever taken into account that really is not in the best interest of what we've been doing. And part of that is, enclosing ourselves into levees and pumping water out, which actually causes more subsidence because there's a certain amount of water that's required to maintain the soil level, and what we're doing is actually deteriorating our inner drainage system, so there are some more progressive ideas on dealing with it not to say we won't have levees. But, there are some plans there is some funding and the firm that's task with water management, would like to make some presentations to the public, as well as to the council to have discussions about water management, whether it's ring levees or some other type of device or storage capacity or retention ponds or you know the landscape that holds water, the different types of pavement that the council can adopt that actually allows it to absorb water rather than just running off or limiting the amount of concrete that you can add to certain spaces without providing another space to retain the water. So if we can kind a have that discussion, if any of you can come on the 11th, we obviously you know want you to be there but the consultant who is being paid for through LA SAFE for water management would like to hear your concerns and discussions and provide some information about water management moving forward."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yeah I think LA SAFE, they're doing a lot of good work but its recommendations."

Natalie Robottom stated, "They have money too!"

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yeah, they got money to do with these recommendations."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes."

Councilman Snyder stated, "They get the other money to give us what we need for sure. That's my understanding of them."

Natalie Robottom asked, "They don't have it or they do?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "They don't."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Okay, it was our understanding that they do."

Councilman Snyder stated, "They do have some money. You're telling me that they got money so we need to say well; ring levees are going to be good they can help us to put a ring levy? That's what you said?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "No I didn't I say that. I said they look at an overall approach to water management and if that includes levees, we obviously have some projects that include pumps and levees, you know we already have some things. They're supplementing that but they're also helping us to look at better ways to manage it that don't just include pumping and ring levees that you know may include some other types of projects that aren't necessarily costly, but can retain some of the water that we're pushing on to North of Airline Highway that really can't get out as quickly as we're trying to get it out. So it's a combination of some of the things that we're doing plus some of the ideas that they are familiar with and making a combination funding to get those projects accomplished."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well Ms. Robottom all that stuff sounds good it really does, sounds good. But you know something, from June 1st to November 1st is Hurricane Season, am I right? Awe I might be off a month, but anyhow; the stress level is so high North of Airline Highway, those people not concerned about rain run-off, that's not the big issue that's not the issue. The issue is, is when New Orleans close their gates, when Jefferson Parish close their gates, St. Charles Parish got levees and where is that water coming? We saw what happened with Isaac. This year, I got so many calls from people when that storm got in that Gulf, because of their stress level, how much it's stressing people out back here. And if happen again, that area back over there that I know that I represent is going to be a ghost town, and that was a small storm we went over this before. Now, I'm looking out for the area I represent and maybe everybody don't think they need levees, they got levees over here in Mr. Perrilloux's district, they got levees over there and they got pumps over there, you understand that? But that's just for river water, that's for flood waters you know. Because they was just flooding over there when it was rain. We have water in our district, but that's not what's stressing people out, what's stressing people out is the flood water coming out of Lake Maurapas back there and Lake Pontchartrain. That's where the stress at and that's what I want to be able to protect our people from. Now, I'm looking at ring levees I'm looking at ring levees. I know between Vicknair Canal and between Lasseigne Canal it got to have 6,000 people live in that area. That's a lot of homes, not 6,000 homes but 6,000 people, cause I represent 6,500 you know and not all of them living in between those two canals. Now those are the people that I'm concerned about right now. There wasn't much I mean over in this area, North over here in Belle Terre and all these places. I don't know if anybody got water in their house over there..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "They did."

Councilman Snyder stated, "But they had a lot of people over here that got water in their house to, that's the people that I'm concerned about. I'm really, because that's people I represent. And that's what I'm looking at and this isn't going to die. We may not do nothing tonight here, but I'm going to ask, pretty soon I'm going to be asking our parish engineer or anyone of them engineers we got on staff have them look into this and see what we can do as far as ring levees and pumps. Now we already got the money for the pumps, we got 4.5 Million Dollars for the pumps, now, what it's going to cost us to put a ring levee and some non-return valves inside that ring levee, that's what I want to know from

and this is as far as I'm going tonight, this is as far as I want it to go tonight, but I know I'm coming back with this I'm not going to let this die. I got two years to get it done. Okay?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Just for our informational purposes obviously we started collecting tax, the West Shore Project is our project. That is the project that doesn't put water on some people by saving others, it protects the entire community. There is an MOU that's been drafted with the Army Corp of Engineers, I did attend an informational meeting with partners in St. Charles, a Representative from the Levee Board, they are pushing that, they had some other ideas, but basically speaking with the Public Works Director who's responsible for levees in St. Charles, who's working on the one on the West Bank, it's more cost efficient and time efficient to follow the plan that's already been established and excepted as the alignment, because if you start going outside of that, then it took us 42 years or however many years to get to this. If you come up with other projects outside of that scope, well then now you have competing projects and permits that there's an impact. So we didn't finalize anything but I can tell you there's been a change in some of the appointments at the Levee Board, there's a new President, Mr. Wilson actually retired after many, many years, there are aggressively pursuing this as the number one project, however the conversation is that you know there's a lot of time and money spent on alignment and protection and our concern is, we want to protect everybody and Cambridge was hit very hard. So was Spring Meadow, so was Live Oak, River Oak, all of these people flooded, but the problem with it is recirculation. So we might save Cambridge from Vicknair but that water, just like you said it had to come from St. Charles and Jefferson, there may be a ring levee protecting Cambridge and those areas, but we're now seeing flooding on Main Street, on 51, in River Forest, we're seeing it more in Belle Terre, so again we protect that area, that water is going to go somewhere and it's going to go on the rest of us. So there's no way to keep it out, there's 33 culverts under the Interstate that the state is actually working on some things for there but there's no way to keep the water out of Lake Pontchartrain and Lake Maurapas unless you have a protective device that covers the whole area, because you're just going to shift it on to somebody else with ring levees."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Right, and I understand that. What I'm saying here today is that; Fight for your Districts. If you want a ring levee behind Belle Terre I'd fight for Belle Terre. You want a ring levee down Riverlands over there fight for Riverlands, I'm fighting for Cambridge and the area between those two (2) big canals. You know I mean I mean, we could sit here and talk and we're trying to do this, we're trying to do this we got this study we got that study, you know but I mean you know we got right-a-ways already around these canals, we already got right-a-ways, we got 20 or 30 foot right-a-ways around these canals. It's a matter of putting a little putting some dirt there. How much dirt we give away in Reserve over there we could have put that there, you know and help that ring levee. You see what I'm saying and we not going put no pump sand in there I guarantee you that! But you know I just don't think that's right, we talking about pushing it on somebody else. We don't push it on nobody else, let's fight for what you want to do, fight for what you want on your area. That's it, think about it. Everybody passed up levee out there in the woods back there, everybody except the Ways and Means Committee in Washington DC. Everybody else says let's go ahead with it, Ways and Means Committee said, Nah we don't have the money for that we're not going to do that project. We were in Lake Charles at a meeting up there people laughed at us, and said yeah watch how long it take for y'all to get that levee. Me and Mr. Madere were together, you remember that guy that told us? He said they got so many projects like that on the book. So we got to look out

for, on the West Bank of St. Charles Parish them people started that themselves toward Willowdale over there. They started that project long time ago with levees back there because they wanted to do something for the people that they represent. Do something, now it's coming along back there pretty good over there. You know, why we can't do something like that? We have too much stress here in hurricane season and when the hurricane get in that coming down going into the gulf there. We were just so fortunate last time. I'm not letting this die, I'm sorry."

Councilman Madere stated, "Ok I agree with some of the things Mr. Snyder said, like number one; Fight for your District, I'm definitely going to do that. But, regarding those ring levee, I don't have a problem with them but I think the parish engineer or whoever is going to put them, need to find out the best to put them to reduce the possibility of flooding somewhere else. Because if we solve one problem and create a new problem okay, we're not really doing anything. You're taking the stress off of one group and putting it on another group and then it's going to just end up being ring levee, ring levee, ring levee, we got to make sure that when we put them we put them in the right place that maybe divert this water to some areas where they don't have any residents or something like that. Because if we know what happened like he said, when St. Charles built their levee and when the Corps of Engineers did what they did in New Orleans and then we got that storm and of course, the Corps of Engineers denied the fact that, that's why the water came here but anyone with common sense know that's why that water came here. So we make sure that we put ring levees, we make sure we do make sure that, I don't want to use the word STUDY cause I hate that word STUDY, okay, I'm tired of STUDIES. Okay we need to make sure we do it in the right location that is going to benefit everyone and not create new problems. Okay, so I think that can happen, that I think we make sure we put them in the right place."

Larry Snyder/Lennix Madere - Report from administration in reference to Water Bill Collections and the path forward

Blake Fogleman stated, "In recent weeks, Curtis and I have been working together and have been up here with you guys and kind of chimed in a few things, we wanted to be here together today and report that the Utility Department is still pursuing what I think what Curtis has reported in our current billing collection system and procedures and subsequent disconnects and reconnects. While working in conjunction and we've talked about it a lot, with the meter project and utility level of service project to actually develop an update and create a more comprehensive plan for a collection mechanism moving forward. Also, and all the while we're actually developing policies and procedures manual for the meter service division while we go you know about these two projects hand in hand. So currently we are continuing the same path forward with the meter collection with the bill collection system, I think Curtis a couple of weeks back maybe reported over the thousand dollars (\$1,000) is what they were disconnecting, they're continuing with that as far as the day to day calls I think Curtis can address that if there's any specific complaints or issues."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well how is the complaints as far as the people coming here? Is that coming down or is it about the same or still going up? What's the..."

Curtis Young interrupting stated, "It actually has been coming down. The complaints is actually kind of shifted over now, as far as from when these people said they were getting spiked bills, now it's more along the estimating side of

things."

Councilman Madere stated, "Average."

Curtis Young stated, "On the averaging side of things."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Mr. Madere don't like estimates I don't know why he likes an average. So we're averaging, we're estimating bills like..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Averaging."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yeah averaging bills more or less, yeah. What are we doing as far as, we're not working out anymore plans with people regardless what the circumstances are? Am I right that, we're not working out anymore plans? If you got a bill, and it's high and you can't prove it's not your fault, will get cut off? Is that true?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes."

Curtis Young stated, "Yes, yes sir."

Blake Fogleman stated, "Mr. Snyder I will say this. In recent weeks we've been working with Curtis, we do our due diligence to make every effort to pull the meter and get the data whether it be hourly data or daily data to try and see if there is a leak, to see if it's registered to see if it is a malfunction. So I believe at least in part in being involved recently, we are doing before it comes to that point, we are doing our due diligence on our end to show that we have data to back-up what we're, to substantiate where we're making a decision."

Councilman Snyder stated, "And we have no way to kick high bills out and we don't kick high bills out, the computer don't just kick something out, you know this is this is not where it usually be at they don't do things like that the computer, alright?"

Curtis Young stated, "Correct, yes sir. After speaking, I did speak with some representatives with AS400 Company and they were just telling me pretty much that their averaging system is based kind of on trends also, so for instance, if you know if the system picks ups that of course if people use more water during the summer maybe, then that also is a factor that will play into that averaging component."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Okay so right now we're still reading some meters manually?"

Curtis Young stated, "Right now for the most part cause we're still, I'd say about a week and a half to two weeks behind, so we're still estimating with a mixture of manual readings, yes sir. And that's to offset, just like I was saying earlier. Most of the complaints that are coming in now are because of the estimating and again like I've mentioned several times before, the pros and cons of the averaging is that it's either going to be over or under. So if we're doing an average on you and you won't actually know until we actually do a manual read. You that it's either over or under, so that's kind of where most of the complaints are."

Councilman Snyder asked, "So that's the way we're handling the new complaints? Now as far as the old complaints, if you didn't pay your bill for two or three

months you're getting cut off?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes."

Curtis Young stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I don't blame you there, I really don't blame you there. That's how it's supposed to be and I know we made a statement to try and help some people out some months ago, and we saw what happened to us you know."

Curtis Young stated, "Yes it came back to bite us."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Right I understand that. And the same thing is happening down there in New Orleans to trust me. Now, the only issue I got with is that is that; if there's someone who have their bill paid directly out their account at the bank, all of a sudden we get one of these spiked bills, fifteen hundred dollar (\$1500.00) bill, does that still come out their account at the bank?"

Curtis Young stated, "Yes it would it would. If they have it set-up like that then it would."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Automatic draft."

Curtis Young stated, "Yes, it's always addressed and there's a way to resolve that."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yeah we reconcile it. If it's our fault we pay the fees, I mean you know if it's here on our part we have to reconcile it for you. Obviously we would prefer that not happen but if it does, you know it's like everything else we'll do the reconciliation. But I think because we've talked about this over and over again, we gave people the impression they didn't have to pay their bill, they come in, a lot of people coming in they're just not paying their bill. So we might have a long list of people, but they've gotten the impression they don't have to pay their water bill. Well it's against the law for us to give away the water, there's this very specific I think you guys came to the Utility Workshop, we're supposed to be collecting for the amount of water we're producing. And even though we made some adjustments through motions, all of that was really not allowed and I think as Curtis said, what we ended up doing was causing people to fall back on paying when they actually could while we were trying to help people who really were at a disadvantage and it put us in a hole. So we are very consciously, I think they interviewed two more Temps to try and keep them on task, some of our initial concerns were you know too many days in the billing cycle, which made their bills go up, which meant they didn't have a minimum, so there were a lot of repercussions for not getting the bills read on time. So that's our focus right now..."

Curtis Young interrupting stated, "Which has which has come tremendously down, I'm sure you're..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "You know people need to get a regular monthly bill, not two (2) months, not skip a month because that affects everything else. But we are also working on specs for a new meter program, we deal with the everyday, okay and I ask every Engineer I can, we have some very unusual things going on that takes a lot of time. We're at people's houses, we're downloading information you know they're verifying to us that nobody's in their

house, they're meters running, there's just things that we cannot figure out, were thinking maybe it's in the electronic data collection which is why we ended up changing the registers and how they're reading, but there's things happening that's just not explainable. That just you know, it just doesn't make sense and we're trying to deal with those as they occur, but I think what we created was people just taking advantage of what is being said at these meetings and they're not paying their bill and obviously once you let it go 5 or 6 months, you're not going to be able to pay your bill because it's outside of what your revenues are. So were trying to get back on track, you know it is a requirement, you have to pay your bill on time or you will be disconnected or you will have penalties."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Okay, did we ever look at that sewage bill and water bill issue? Whereas how could the sewage bill be higher than the water bill? Did you ever, are you looking that actually?"

Curtis Young stated, "Well I mean it's just based on the rates. The rates the fixed rates that we have. It's based on your consumption, those, that consumption number is tied to a fixed rate and that's just how it is. Same with the water, you know once you go over that 4,000 gallon minimum, there's a rate charge, I think I provided you with one, might have been you and Mr. Madere who actually came to my office one day and we talked about that rate chart and I actually provided, and it's based on those rates."

Councilman Snyder stated, "You know and I understand that and there's no problem with that. But how could the water the sewage bill be higher, even with rates?"

Curtis Young stated, "It's because our sewer bill is based off of 85% of your water bill, off the water consumption. So..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting asked, "Okay so if I use the minimum, it should be 85% of the minimum. Am I right?"

Curtis Young stated, "Well if you're using the minimum then you have that rate where it's the 16.72 water and \$10.00 sewer, that's the minimum. But once you go over that minimum, it's when it's actually when actually the rates and percentages take..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "And you know I understand that, I understand it and I thought I understood that, but there is no way that that sewage bill, it's just not logical. You know that missed a spot, it's just not logical that the sewage bill can be higher than the water bill cause the sewage bill is what processing the water I use."

Curtis Young stated, "Okay well in that case I mean I would just have to suggest that we reevaluate I mean the rates of the sewer charges..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "That's what I'm talking/getting to."

Curtis Young stated, "Okay."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Are we doing that because right now I mean you and I talked about this and you showed me and what you showed me on that graph, I mean not on that graph on that chart you had, right my sewage was actually higher than my water bill at one time, at one point. I mean it could be cause I was on a 20 day, 20 day cycle..."

Curtis Young interrupting stated, "Well again I'm only telling you that's something we're going to have to all get our heads together collectively and reevaluate, cause right now all I'm doing is enforcing what wasn't put there for me."

Blake Fogleman stated, "See, so those rates those specific rates and that rate structure is based on what it takes to either treat or whether it's waste water or water. And depending our budgets or depth service and everything at the time of setting those rates, it's going to be if it takes x amount of money to treat one gallon of waste water, might be more than x amount of money to treat one gallon of river water. You might be using more chemicals more mechanical more energy, so that's typically how those rates are kind of set, based on your efficiency of your operations and then how much it cost for me to treat one gallon of that water. That is part that will be part of the utility assessment..."

Curtis Young interrupting stated, "The assessment right. That is things that is going to be evaluated in the upcoming assessment."

Councilman Snyder asked, "So 85 going out the window? 85% going out the window?"

Curtis Young stated, "I'm not saying that, I'm saying it's going to be evaluated in the assessment."

Councilman Snyder stated, "It's got to be, if you can use that analogy that you just said, then 85% going out the window."

Blake Fogleman stated, "It doesn't necessarily mean that mean that that might be the way you break it down by the percent and you might have the same flat rate and it just be a percent of your consumption that means a dollar value. So it might not change that specific rate, it might just be a rate across the board it might just be a rate for waste water, it is 85% of your water usage or, you know so that's all going to be vetted with our current status of our infrastructure of our facilities of the operating budget, what it takes to actually treat it. We hope to continue to become more efficient with these capital improvements that we're making, so that would benefit in the long run with those rates. And not have to raise them or raise anything to some different number that that..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "Well I'm going to be honest with you. I've never seen anybody water bill, I've seen a few water bills, but if anybody had a, they had a sewage bill higher than a water bill, except on mine one time."

Curtis Young stated, "And it still happens in different circumstances I have seen yes."

Larry Snyder - Update on \$6 million Sales Tax Bonds from DEQ

Blake Fogleman stated, "The state bond commission approved issuance of the \$6 million Sales Tax Bonds (DEQ) on November 16th. The bond ordinance will be introduced at the December 12th Council Meeting, two readings will be required and it will be published in the L'Observateur following the introduction. Delivery of bonds and closing of the loan is planned for March 2018. Digital Engineering is currently working on the specifications for the project which will be submitted to LDEQ on February 5, 2018 for review and approval before advertising the project in March of 2018. Construction and Installation is planned to begin in June of 2018 and that Bond is for Six Million, we would have to see what through the process of specifications and that's the cost estimates

to see where that project fully comes in at."

Councilman Snyder asked, "And what's that project again?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "The Water Meter Project."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Water Meter Project."

Blake Fogleman stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Water Meter Project, and we're looking at buying all new water meters? Am I right?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "That's on the table. That's that new system, new software, new guarantee, new warranty. If you mix and match any of those pieces together it null and voids some of the warranties that we have, or all of them I should say. So that's still the specifications is being put together, they haven't presented anything to us as far as to what they propose as a pass forward, but yeah we are looking at a new system to intergrade with a new software, to intergrade with the new billing, you know the whole nine yards."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Not the 400 is it though?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "Not the AS400. I'll be honest with you, I have not learned how to use that system yet. So that is."

Lennix Madere - Update on drainage in District III

Councilman Snyder stated, "I think we discussed that already right?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yeah, skip it."

Councilman Madere stated, "No we didn't."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I thought we had discussed that already right?"

Councilman Madere stated, "No you're not getting off easy. Like whoever discussing it."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Okay Mr. Madere what you got?"

Councilman Madere stated, "Well I need them to come back up. I was going to save all this information I gave you earlier, but since it was on the Finance Committee we got most of it out. Okay, I just want to clarify and straighten out a couple of comments that was made in the Finance Meeting concerning issues. Okay the individual that was here from the contractor, he's the owner of that company?"

Brian Nunes stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Madere stated, "He's the owner. Okay but he shows up tonight for a Substantial Completion but he couldn't return six phone calls that was made to his company concerning an issue. And then he offered to fire an individual that I asked him to suspend, I never ever advocate to fire anyone. Ah let me handle this Mr. Snyder..."

Councilman Snyder stated, "No I'm not going to let you handle this..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Cause this is the issue..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "I am not going to let you handle this okay?"

Councilman Madere asked, "What you got?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "Because I got this hammer. It's an update on drainage in District III. Not we're not talking about this guy he had to fire and all, what he brought up that's in the Finance Committee. You got an update to present here?"

Councilman Madere stated, "Hold on, hold on."

Councilman Snyder stated, "You asked for an update."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes hold on. Let me clarify something when they have Drainage Issue. That is drainage issue."

Councilman Snyder stated, "But it is an Update of Drainage Issue in District III."

Councilman Madere stated, "Listen, we can go to the Attorney and ask him. It's a drainage discussion in my district."

Geoffrey Michel, Legal Counsel stated, "This has nothing to do with the drainage issue though, this is a personnel issue, so I think we need to focus on whatever drainage issue questions you have for the evening."

Councilman Madere stated, "I think we can put on the agenda for that one then."

Councilman Snyder asked, "So you got an update for him on drainage in District III?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "No."

Brian Nunes stated, "No sir, it was a vague item so..."

Lennix Madere - Update on abandoned houses in Homewood and E. 30th Street, Reserve

Alex Carter stated, "As previously stated at the October 24th Council Meeting, individual violations will not be addressed or discussed publicly; however, an update on the properties in question has been provided to Councilman Madere."

Julia Remondet - Update on the Drainage Project Phase II in Reserve

Brian Nunes stated, "This project has been designed and approved by GOHSEP for construction. However, during the delay in approval, the CN Railroad changed their permit standards for crossings requiring re-application for the jack and bore permits. New standards are much more stringent and require geotechnical borings, settlement monitoring, and additional topographic survey. The estimated cost from the engineer and sub-consultant to conduct this work is approximately \$90,000. A project amendment is being prepared and will be submitted to GOHSEP

for approval. Additional contact will be made with representatives of CN to explore an alternative solution."

There is no executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Parish Buildings - Security

Any and all pending legal matters

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

- 17-54** An ordinance to amend St. John the Baptist Parish Code of Ordinances to create Chapter - Court-Approved Community Service Program - to provide for a community service program in St. John the Baptist Parish that complies with state law for proper penalties of alternative discretionary sentencing in lieu of incarceration imposed by the Fortieth Judicial District Court, to read as follows. (L. Snyder)
- 17-55** An ordinance granting Conditional Planned Unit Development (PUD) approval, as per SJB Code Sec. 113-289 to begin construction of Phase 1 of a PUD, including the re-subdivision of an undesignated portion of Glencoe Plantation into Lots D-1 and D-2, Glencoe Plantation and 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)
- 17-56** An ordinance approving the rezoning of Lots 3 and 4, Chateau Acadiene Subdivision, located in the area generally bounded by Parish Road/West Airline Hwy., West 5th St., Hemlock St., and Pierre Alley, containing municipal address 500 Hemlock Street LaPlace, LA from the Commercial District Two (C-2) to the Commercial District Three (C-3) zoning district, as shown in Exhibit 1 attached (PZR-17-1082) (N. Robottom)
- 17-57** An ordinance approving the re-subdivision of Lots 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 6A, 7A, 8A, 9A, 10A, 11A, 12A, 13A, 14A, 15A, and Parcel B, Cole's Landing Subdivision Phase 1 into Lots 1B, 2B, 3B, 4B, 5B, 6B, 7B, 8B, 9B, 10B, 11B, 12B, 13B, 14B, 15B, 16B, and 17B, Coles Landing Subdivision Phase 1, located in the area generally bounded by West Airline Hwy., Ory Drive, Belle Pointe Blvd., and River Pointe, containing odd-numbered municipal addresses 715-739 Belle Pointe Blvd., LaPlace, LA as shown in a survey prepared by Stephen P. Flynn, P.L.S. on August 28, 2017, subject to the Stipulation that only one (1) dwelling unit may be developed on Each 25-foot wide lot (PZS-17-1173) (N. Robottom)
- 17-58** An ordinance approving the re-subdivision of the north four (4) feet of Lot 40, Lot 41, Lot 42, Lot 43, and Lot 44 of Tract Number Two Subdivision, being Tract Number Two of Cornland Plantation into Lot 40A of Tract Number Two Subdivision, being

Tract Number Two of Cornland Plantation, located in the area generally bounded by the Illinois Central railroad, Parker Ln., West 3rd St., and Leblanc Dr., and containing municipal addresses 298 and 292 West 3rd St., Reserve, LA as shown in a survey prepared by Stephen P. Flynn, P.L.S. on September 21, 2017 (PZS-17-1175) (N. Robottom)

17-59 An ordinance approving the re-subdivision of the Paul Barre, the Lemar Bailey lots of the Louis Bailey tract, and Victoria Coleman Lot of the Joseph Bailey Tract owned by Raymond Bailey, Sr. (as Occupied) into Lots 1A, 2A, 3A, and 4A of the Raymond Bailey, Sr. Property, located in the area generally bounded by LA Hwy. 18, Ebony Lane/T&P Railroad, East 6th St., and East 5th St., and containing municipal addresses 234, 246, 262, and 268 East 6th St., Edgard, LA as shown in a survey prepared by Stephen P. Flynn P.L.S. on September 7, 2017 (PZS-17-1177) (N. Robottom)

PRESIDENT REPORT:

Natalie Robottom stated, "Good evening. I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with their family and continuing to enjoy the beautiful weather we have been experiencing. Special Thanks to Sheriff Tregre and his office for hosting the Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon for seniors at REGALA Gym. Thanks to our Recreation Department and other staff for all of their assistance with the luncheon. Everyone really seemed to enjoy the food, music and prizes. I would like to congratulate the West St. John Rams for advancing to the semi-finals with a big win over Jonesboro-Hodge Friday night. Good luck this week! I'd also like to commend St. Charles Catholic and Riverside Academy on a great and hard fought football season. Congratulations to Nalco Champion in Garyville for being recognized by the Louisiana Chemical Association for Best in Louisiana SAFE Awards. Nalco is one of six Chemical Plants in the state that have earned the association's highest honor. Congratulations to their leaders, staff and employees for a job well done. It's Christmas time which means it's time to begin building bonfires. Bonfire permits are being issued through the Department of Public Safety through December 8th. Applications are available at the EOC Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Department of Economic Development will hold its Fall FastTrac graduation this Thursday at 6:00 p.m. at the Reserve Technical College. Graduates have finished 10 training sessions and completed a business plan to assist them in starting or growing their business. Please join us in congratulating them on their accomplishments. The 5th and final LA Safe Community Meeting will take place Monday, December 11th from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at LaPlace Elementary School. The team has worked with residents, parish officials, partners and other supporters in the past year to narrow down a list of potential projects in our area and this is the time for residents to review these projects and provide input for finalization. Team members will also be on hand to answer questions. Everyone is invited to attend and we hope to see you there. Thank you to Trinity Jacobs, the 2017 Very Special Miss Louisiana Queen and family, for distributing cookies at the Parish building last week. Sponsored by Winn Dixie, Trinity passed out homemade cookies to the Sheriff's Office, Fire, and Assessor's office and to our Office. Your act of kindness did not go unnoticed during this holiday season and we thank you Queen Trinity and wish you the best of luck with your reign. Congratulations again to Shannon Guillory on the opening of her new day care center, Divine Hands Pre-School. The business caters to children ages 6 weeks to 4 years old. For more information or a tour of the facility, call (985)359-0101. Yesterday, I had the honor of joining Governor John Bel Edwards, Joey Strickland, Secretary of the LA Veterans Department and officials from the Southeast LA War Veterans Home for a ribbon cutting to

commemorate the new recreational/activity center at the home in Reserve. Funded by the Office of Veterans Affairs, veterans and their families are now able to utilize the spacious center for a variety of activities, entertainment and merriment. It was a well-attended ceremony and we look forward to continuing to support the Veterans home and all of our Veterans. We will be hosting a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Council on Aging Building in Edgard tomorrow morning, Wednesday, November 29th, at 10:00 a.m. The public is invited to attend this ceremony and commemorate the opening of this new building. Thank you to everyone who came to the Shop Local kickoff at Dunkin Donuts last week and all who took advantage of Black Friday and Small Business Saturday in St. John Parish. The campaign, Shop Local this Holiday Season, is an effort to encourage residents to shop locally and to highlight our local small businesses. Residents should have received their Shop Local trivia games in the mail and are asked to complete the questions and return them no later than December 28th. Entries with correct answers will be entered into a drawing to win gift cards and other prizes from local retailers. Completed trivia cards can be dropped off at Shop Local Collection Boxes located at the Percy Hebert Building or the St. John Courthouse in Edgard or mailed to 1801 W. Airline Hwy. in LaPlace. We want to remind residents to ensure they are staying safe this holiday season as we always see an increase in house fires during this time. Please remember to water real Christmas trees, unplug space heaters and other heating equipment when finished and keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn. Additional safety tips can be found online at nfpa.org or by contacting the Fire Department at (985)359-0440. Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT :

At 9:12 PM, Councilman Malik moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard, Councilman Wright and Perrilloux absent.

/s/Larry Snyder
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
Council Secretary