

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7th, 2016
CHAIRMAN MARVIN PERRILLOUX
VICE-CHAIR MICHAEL WRIGHT

The Council of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session in the Rudolph Sorapuru Chambers, Edgard, Louisiana on Monday, November 7th, 2016 at 6:30 PM.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ABSENT: Raj Pannu

Councilwoman Remondet led the Prayer. Councilman Becnel led the Pledge.

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

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

There was no public comment at this time.

INTRODUCTION OF BUSINESSES:

There was no introduction of businesses.

CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION: Councilman Sorapuru and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to suspend the rules to add: Permit Approval - St. John Young Marines Veterans Day Parade - Friday - November 11, 2016 beginning at 10:00 AM at the Home Depot in LaPlace and ending at the Southeast LA Veterans Home in Reserve. The motion passed with Councilwoman Pannu absent.

ITEMS: Approval of Minutes - October 25th, 2016, Regular Meeting; Councilwoman Remondet - Appointment of Mr. Norris J. Millet to the Library Board of Control; Permit Approval - St. John Young Marines Veterans Day Parade - Friday - November 11, 2016 beginning at 10:00 AM at the Home Depot in LaPlace and ending at the Southeast LA Veterans Home in Reserve.

MOTION: Councilman Madere and Councilwoman Remondet seconded to the motion to approve the consent agenda items: Approval of Minutes - October 25th, 2016, Regular Meeting; Councilwoman Remondet - Appointment of Mr. Norris J. Millet to the Library Board of Control; Permit Approval - St. John Young Marines Veterans Day Parade - Friday - November 11, 2016 beginning at 10:00 AM. The motion passed Councilwoman Pannu absent.

Councilman Snyder stated, *"This was to inviting I just couldn't pass up the opportunity to say that Mr. Norris Millet I know him personally and he's been*

on that board for how many years 50 years or since they established the library system years ago and he still work just as hard as he ever worked, so I'm glad to see Butch get back on there. Thank you."

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES:

16-43 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance establishing a CMRS Emergency Telephone Service Charge in accordance with ACT 665 (2016) of the Louisiana State Legislature (N. Robottom)

Natalie Robottom stated, "Good afternoon. I'm going to ask the Chief to come up, I think he's made contact with you all but this will affect 911, which is under the Sheriff's reign, obviously the Chief is here representing him. This ordinance is based on the Louisiana State Legislature recently passing ACT 665 (2016) which establishes a 911 emergency telephone service charge on wireless devices. This ordinance sets the fee of \$1.25/month. This will be billed by the phone companies and their just waiting approval of the ordinance to get it to them and they're ready to go. These charges have not increased for wireless service in more than sixteen (16) years. Administration recommends approval."

MOTION: Councilman Wright moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to accept Ordinance 16-43. The motion passed with Councilwoman Pannu absent.

16-44 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance, pursuant to LA R.S. 33:9101 ET Seq. as amended by the Louisiana Legislature, updating the Emergency Telephone Service Charge on fixed location wire line service users to 2016 AT&T Tariff Rates; converting said Tariff Rates to flat rate basis; establishing the rates for residential and business fixed location wire line service users; and otherwise providing with respect thereto (N. Robottom)

Natalie Robottom stated, "This ordinance is also legislatively driven and addresses telephone service charges on landlines (\$1.25/month in residences) and (\$2.50 in businesses). Landline charges have not increased for more than twenty (20) years. The increase will support the 911 Communications District and link public safety dispatchers and first responders with more efficient communication methods. This includes data, videos and voice contact to keep emergency services up to date with changing technologies. This council has supported the upgrades that have been requested previously, we know how quickly technology is changing and to be able to keep up with it, we need periodic changes. Administration recommends approval."

MOTION: Councilwoman Remondet moved and Councilman Becnel seconded the motion to accept Ordinance 16-44. The motion passed with Councilwoman Pannu absent.

16-48 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving a re-subdivision of Lot J-4 of the Joe Thomas Jr. Subdivision into Lots J-4-1 and J-4-2 of the Joe Thomas Jr. Subdivision, formerly part of the Mildred and Alice Thomas Property, located in the area generally bounded by LA Highway 18, the Union Pacific Railway, East 7th Street, Philip Court, and East 9th Street, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana as shown in a survey prepared by Steven M. Runnebaum, P.L.S. on August 12, 2016 (PZS-16-1148) (N. Robottom)

Alexandra Carter stated, "This re-subdivision request was unanimously approved by the Planning Commission at the October 17th meeting; however, approval would authorize the creation of an unusable lot with a permitted buildable depth of nine (9) feet. Administration recommends denial."

MOTION: Councilman Becnel moved and Councilman Sorapura seconded the motion to accept Ordinance 16-48. The motion passed with Councilwoman Pannu absent.

16-49 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the extension of Conditional Subdivision Approval for an additional twelve (12) months for Coles Landing Subdivision, Phase IV, lots 148 through 208, and Parcels D,F,G & H, situated in Section 91, T-11-S, R-7-E, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana; which was originally approved on October 10, 2006, as part of preliminary/conditional approval for Phase III & IV, Lots 121 through 281 and Parcels A through I (N. Robottom)

Alexandra Carter stated, *"This extension permits the developer to adapt the timing of construction to market conditions. Administration recommends approval."*

MOTION: Councilman Snyder moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to accept Ordinance 16-49. The motion passed with Councilwoman Pannu absent.

16-50 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the extension of Conditional Subdivision Approval for an additional twelve (12) months for Praise Place Subdivision, Lots 27 through 83 and parcels V-1, V-2 and V-3, on East 22nd Street, situated in Section 46 and 47, T-11-S, R-7-E, Reserve, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana; which was Originally approved on November 8, 2005 (N. Robottom)

Alexandra Carter stated, *"This extension also permits the developer to adapt the timing of construction to market conditions. Administration recommends approval."*

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilwoman Remondet seconded the motion to accept Ordinance 16-50. The motion passed with Councilwoman Pannu absent.

16-51 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance granting approval to further extend the Conditional Approval of River Oaks Subdivision, Phase V, Lots 205-239, 245-252, 264-282 and Parcels H-11, H-13, C & D for an additional twelve (12) months, located south of 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, in Sections 66 & 67, T-11-S, R-7-E, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana (N. Robottom)

Alexandra Carter stated, *"Conditional subdivision approval was initially granted for this project in August of 2005. Approval to extend will permit the developer to adapt the timing of construction to market conditions. Administration recommends approval."*

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to accept Ordinance 16-51. The motion passed with Councilwoman Pannu absent.

16-52 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the re-establishment of a Regional Planning Commission to include the Parishes of St. Charles and St. John the Baptist jointly with the Parishes of Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Tammany and Tangipahoa, By amending St. John the Baptist Parish Code of Ordinances to Add Article IV - Regional Planning Commission within Subpart B Land Development Regulations, Chapter 101 - General and Administrative Provisions (N. Robottom)

Natalie Robottom stated, *"The Regional Planning Commission (RPC) guides a*

significant portion of development in the area and St. John does not currently participate as a full member. Inclusion would allow St. John to increase its representation and more fully represent the Parish's interests in regional planning and decision-making. Full membership would also afford St. John additional grant opportunities to collaborate with regional partners on planning and development goals. If approved, membership dues will increase from approximately \$28,000 to actually \$40,000 which will be a \$12,000 increase, it's funded through Economic Development and we recoup these dollars on one project. The RPC is actually paying for design work I think on the Westbank Trail Project, they've contributed to all of our intersection improvements, to the Streetscape Project and they are actually working very closely in funding and funded a large portion of the I-10/Reserve interchange, so again we've had one member on the board, we'll get if approved by us, in St. Charles Parish I think it was on their agenda they may have approved it, then we have to bring this before the full commission with them accepting us as full members and then there will be an opportunity for the council to have representation, it's stated in the ordinance who will be there. But again, it provides us more representation, we anticipate getting more dollars which we've been very fortunate to get quite a few, lots of help and as full members we're looking forward to having more assistance from them. Administration recommends approval.

MOTION: Councilman Sorapuru moved and Councilwoman Remondet seconded the motion to accept Ordinance 16-52. The motion passed with Councilwoman Pannu absent.

16-53 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance introducing the annual operating budgets for the St. John the Baptist Parish General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Enterprise Funds and Capital Projects Funds for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2017. (N. Robottom)

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

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I have a comment. Just a comment really quick and I asked the Chairman to do this earlier. When we set up our budget workshop meetings, I'd like to have a couple and I've seen how they handled it in New Orleans and in Jefferson it's very efficient, they'll have several workshops and in each workshop they may have you know, certain budgets whether it's EDC, Utilities you know on this day, instead of having one workshop where we kind of jump all over the place we know on these particular days we're going to discuss these budgets and so those department heads will know that you know, okay on the Tuesday workshop or Wednesday, Thursday I need to come prepared to discuss the budget."

Natalie Robottom stated, "And I think there was a request and we're definitely open to this that we bring in the other entities that are in our budget, to come and defend their budgets. Like you know, there's other people like the District Attorney's Office, the Coroner's Office, Registrar of Voters, Clerk of Court, they all have portions in our budget as well. So is that something you guys would still like?"

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Yes."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Yeah and we can schedule them on days that works better for them. It's just more efficient you know seems like in the past what we've tried to do is jump from here and there and those kinds of things and so some people will get tied up at every workshop we may not ask them a question

and then some people we ask more. So if we you know have more workshops and fewer departments to discuss at each one we could probably cover it all." Natalie Robottom stated, "If you guys can send some dates."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I will."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Actually anticipated at least one on the 29th, obviously the budget needs to be approved by the 2nd meeting in December, for us anyway and if there are any changes or implementation you know we would prefer that it's approved earlier should there be any changes that we can make the changes to the budget which goes into effect on January the 1st. Are yawl thinking maybe 3 workshops? Can we divide it?"

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I thinking about 3 workshops and then probably if we make any changes being a Special Meeting, but we're doing about 3 workshops."

Natalie Robottom stated, "And we can divide it. Obviously some are much like General Fund has a lot more in it than some of the other budgets, so we can divide them on the ones that really aren't that significant. We are going to do like we've done in the past, put together a power point that will highlight for you the major changes in the budget, so you'll have that in advance, but we can definitely divide. Another question; we put this at 4:00, is there a preference?"

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I think between 4 and 5 would be a good time. I don't want to be 7 or 8:00, so it's going to be early. So yes!"

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "And the council members can gage what budgets we'll talk about you know and there may not be question on a you know whatever Civil Defense Budget, so maybe if you think about some of the questions you have, email the Chairman about the specific budgets that you actually want to discuss so we make sure that those people are available."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Because there are going to be some like Airport, which we really don't do anything with, certain ones that we don't have any control over."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "And Ambulance or something."

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "At this time I'd like to ask that the council accept the recommendations of the finance committee."

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to accept the recommendations of the finance committee meeting. The motion passed with Councilwoman Pannu absent.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Natalie Robottom - Resolution - R16-51 - A resolution authorizing St. John the

Baptist Parish Council to adopt the Flood Loss Outreach & Awareness Taskforce (FLOAT) Lake Pontchartrain, Louisiana Area CRS Users Group 2016 Floodplain and Stormwater Management Program for Public Information (PPI)

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes I think you guys are familiar with this we attended some workshops on flood insurance and what could reduce those rates and this CRS program is one that either keeps them stable or only do certain projects or make certain changes, do outreach, then it can go toward reducing our premiums. Adoption of this resolution in support of this program will enhance our standing with the CRS program that reduces flood insurance rates within the parish. Administration recommends approval."

MOTION: Councilman Madere and Councilwoman Remondet seconded the motion to approve Resolution R16-51. A resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish Council to adopt the Flood Loss Outreach & Awareness Taskforce (FLOAT) Lake Pontchartrain, Louisiana Area CRS Users Group 2016 Floodplain and Stormwater Management Program for Public Information (PPI). The motion passed Councilwoman Remondet absent.

Natalie Robottom - Resolution - R16-52 - A resolution supporting the waiver of reduction of cost-share obligation for the construction of the Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS)

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes we're familiar with this in terms of the match that's required when we receive federal dollars, we've had a request from the Governor's Office to support this and Administration recommends approving this resolution which supports that request for a waiver or reduction in the cost share. This will go toward their obligation for the HSDRRS Project. For informational purposes on Wednesday, November 2, 2016, the Parish's Coastal Zone Advisory Committee unanimously approved and support this resolution as well."

MOTION: Councilman Becnel and Councilwoman Remondet seconded the motion to approve Resolution R16-52. A resolution supporting the waiver of reduction of cost-share obligation for the construction of the Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS). The motion passed Councilwoman Pannu absent.

DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:

Lennix Madere - Update on drainage in District III

Councilman Madere stated, "Mr. Nunes is going to tell us about Sweet Lorraine."

Brian Nunes stated, "We had a meeting on Thursday, it was myself the Parish President, Councilman Madere and the Design Engineer of this Reserve Phase III Project. We discussed his concerns about Sweet Lorraine, as well as our remaining budget that we have from the 2014 bond issue. What we decided, is with that money we're going to take East 24th all the way to Sweet Lorraine and we're also going to do all the other crossing under Sweet Lorraine so that you know we don't have a bottle neck right there. We also have the engineer, we've requested a proposal from them to finish the design all the way to River Road, we don't have the funding to build it right now, but we can do it in sections as we go along, and that way even if we just do something simple like replace a driveway culvert, we know what size it's supposed to be, we know where it's supposed to be laid, what slope, what inverts, so we're going to just continue to work and hopefully get the whole thing done."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes we had a meeting that lasted about 45 minutes to an hour and we sort of came to an agreement that we're going to go to Sweet Lorraine and use the remainder of that money to make any necessary improvements going down the street and also the design to finish those streets you know when they become available. And I think we can live with that for now."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Yes you said you got the engineer to complete a design on the rest of the streets? What is that going to cost us?"

Brian Nunes stated, "We've asked for proposals that's what we asked for a proposal to do it. I'm going to have the proposal this week and that's when we'll know how much the design fee will be. I don't have that number yet, he told me I'll have it by Friday."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Se we've got an engineer that we're going to have do this or he's just the engineer that you're talking to?"

Brian Nunes stated, "We're using the same engineer that designed the project already. We're just having them continue, we'll ask for proposal to continue the design all the way to River Road."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Okay he's come back to us with the proposal?"

Brian Nunes stated, "Right."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Alright, thank you."

Larry Snyder - Water billing issues/Online fees for payment of water bills

Curtis Young stated, "The billing cycles are still averaging between 26 to 36 days and the temporary customer service kiosk remains in the Council Chambers. This site was selected because it affords residents a level of privacy and a secure waiting area. Additionally, this site is in close proximity to senior management staff who makes final decisions about payments and payment plans. The online fees for water bill payments by credit card are currently at \$2.00, which is a portion of the total cost to the Parish. Several years ago the Parish entered into a contractual agreement with our online software system Govolution, in which the Parish absorbs the bulk of the online fees. Other payment options remain available at no cost (cash, check, and auto-draft).

Councilman Snyder stated, "I know this was a source bothered me a couple of years ago, same thing this \$2.00 fee. You know, I know I'm kind of laid up here I pay my water bill online and I hate to see the \$2.00 fee pop up there and I got a couple of letters from some constituents, I guess they're having the same type of frustration I'm having with this, and will this ever go away? We always have to pay these people, so how come I pay a lot of other bills online and I don't get charged for that? I don't understand, I pay all my bills online I don't get charged for it, but I'm paying I'm a pay a \$50.00 water bill, I get charged every time? You know I mean there is no other software people that we can use? I mean I don't know I mean you know."

Ross Gonzales stated, "We haven't explored that, but this is through our banking agent Capital One."

Councilman Snyder asked, "So Capital One is charging us \$2.00?"

Ross Gonzales stated, "They're the providers of the Govolution software."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "It's probably the credit card charges, because I know Entergy does it."

Ross Gonzales stated, "Yes."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Credit card, well I mean I can understand it if you're using, what about a draft charge, they charge for that also, same thing?"

Ross Gonzales stated, "No you can set-up automatic payment."

Councilman Snyder asked, "No, how about a debit charge service, it's not necessarily a credit charge?"

Ross Gonzales stated, "There is a \$2.00 fee on the debit card."

Councilman Snyder asked, "It's still a \$2.00 debit on a debit? I'd like to, I'd like for this administration, I'd like to put it in a form of a motion, that we pursue those options and see if there are any other options, you know and some of our staff meetings we can discuss this. I'd like to put that the administration go out and pursue some other options."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you and just to add a little bit of history. I remember at the time we did this, I believe it was in 2008 maybe or nine when we went, you know when we first starting accepting online payments at all. We were accepting online payments."

Natalie Robottom stated, "I think in 2008 and nine there was a proposal but it was tabled it wasn't followed through, so based on recommendations through our PAC Committees, residents wanted to be able to do this, so we did explore it further. And initially, we observed the cost the full cost, for paying for the use of credit cards and we can spread that to all the users, but it's not fair to the users who aren't using credit cards and this is very consistent with convenient fees for the payments. And also I don't know that we can pay this for the residents. What's important here is they have other options, this is a convenience to be able to pay by credit card, but you're not forced to use that option and all of the other options there are no fees attached to that. We did extensive research on it, I think there was a presentation in August of 2012, I think Curtis and Ross are looking through both Vince and Raymond's files to find it, we were concerned I think we came back to the council and saw a surge in payments, so there was a fear that people wouldn't utilize it, but they are utilizing that system. Again, we're only requesting the fee that we're being charged to provide that service. Now we may have some other options when we get into our new finance system and I'm Curtis will explore that, but we also need to pull our contract and see where we are with regard to what we agreed to with Capital One."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you. No and I agree with you, we can't pay the cost for them. I was only thinking back from what we did then because I remember the discussions that there was going to be a fee that would be incurred. And so maybe that's why we didn't actually pursue it, I don't remember. But I just remembered having the discussions and with companies like ATMOS, Entergy and things like that, they're private companies so they can out way you know, we'd rather provide the service for free and get people to pay

their bills on time and you know these kinds of things, but I do remember us having a discussion there would be a charge and, but I think where we are now 2016 there may be some competition in the market place, their maybe vendors who provide it a discount, I know with Entergy if I use my, I put in my checking account number like I do a e-check there's no charge, but if I use the debit card then I go through bill matrix, so maybe that's something you know when we kind of shop it out and see what else we can be offered through another vendor so I think it's a good idea, because people I hear people talk about it and I know I pay it too."

Natalie Robottom stated, "And we do, we do have again those other options and the parish is covering some of those cost. We'll be happy to discuss that with them."

Councilman Snyder asked, "So you said the parish is covering some of the cost because I thought I heard a little while ago that the \$2.00 cover the charges?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "No it does not."

Councilman Snyder asked, "It does not cover the charges?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "It does not. We used to pay it all, okay and the parish had absorbed the total cost to get online and then once we realized what those cost were and it wasn't fair to everybody else who wasn't using it, we did a little research and again that convenience fee is applied to, like ATM machines, I mean it's applied because there's a cost to us to provide that service and that could be because that's not our business, we don't you know we're just doing it for certain items for the water bill collection, but we're going to continue to look, I think they were looking back to find some of the date but we do have a presentation that kind of touched on why we went this way and we'll pull that up and try to find why we actually settled on this. But it wasn't a quick decision from what I can see, at least it started in the summer there was a presentation in August of 2012 and we didn't start until January of 2013. So we spent some time on this item."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well you might want to pursue those accounts over there of who's got accounts with Capital One, why they're charging their customers \$2.00, pursue that yea pursue that."

Natalie Robottom stated, "We'll talk about how much it really is."

MOTION: Councilman Snyder and Councilwoman Hotard seconded the motion to direct administration to pursue other options in relation to the \$2.00 service fee charge of online water bill payments. The motion passed with Councilwoman Pannu absent.

Larry Snyder - Update of canal dredging, permitting and disposing of canal trash

Brian Nunes stated, "The Vicknair Canal dredging is ongoing and should be completed by the end of this year. All the trash that is removed from canals is disposed of by Parish personnel at the KV Landfill at the Parish's expense. As far as the parish's permitting, the Parish Engineer is currently working on obtaining the necessary LADNR/USACE Joint Use Permits for the maintenance of the Parish Canals."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I think at the, honestly I'll be honest with you, I think at the rate we're going right now with dredging this canal, they're probably going to be done somewhere around 2020 or 25. And I promise you that because you know I go on my canals every so often and from what I see, we haven't touched the back yet. You know and I see we have one machine out there, we have grass growing through it, one of our machines and that doesn't look good, we call that marsh buggy, yeah I think that's the marsh buggy. So thing there haven't move in 2 months. So I've been given a few complaints about some trash back there on that thing and they getting trash out the bottom and their putting it on the side and we're not going to move that?"

Brian Nunes stated, "We are going to move it um the problem is..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "Or split it out or something like that?"

Brian Nunes stated, "Well there is a lot of trash in that canal but that a long drive for us to get KV and we've got to pay every time, so I'd rather wait until we have a full truck you know or a couple of full trucks and do it all at one day and that way, if we go every time we pull a piece of trash it's just going to."

Councilman Snyder stated, "No I'm not saying that, but if we're working over there and we had something going on with that, you know with that canal it just seems like we're just not doing enough work over there, we not doing it often enough or we can't get the operators? We have problems getting the operators over there?"

Brian Nunes stated, "It's not problems, it's just you know we have..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "They're taking days off, weeks off and vacation and sick days."

Brian Nunes stated, "Right."

Councilman Snyder stated, "So we can't get them like we're supposed to. I mean I've seen weeks go by where they don't be over there at all you know. And I think the movement of a machine brought it someplace else."

Brian Nunes stated, "I say be the end of the year I actually think that one will be done by the end of the month. I think Vicknair will be done by the end of the month."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Ok! It's on record now right, it'll be done by the end of the month?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "We're sticking with the end of the year."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Thank you Brian."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Brian let me ask you a question. If you would pump these, get the water and pump these canals down and start digging, you don't think you would make more progress faster?"

Brian Nunes stated, "We did actually we talked about that today my Assistant Director and myself, we're going to try a different plan on the next canal we

go to, just kind of damn off sections, pump it out and clean that."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Right I think it'll go quicker."

Brian Nunes stated, "Right we're going to try. We're going to Haydel next and that's what we're going to do and we're going to attempt that."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Ok thank you."

Brian Nunes stated, "You're welcome."

Larry Snyder - Oversized vehicles parked in neighborhoods, destroying public streets, blocking sidewalks and destroying beautification efforts of the parish

Alexandra Carter stated, "Code Enforcement is processing one such case and if found to be unresolved upon final inspection it will be sent to an Administrative Hearing for adjudication."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I realized that a while back you asked us to report things like that. Are the Code Enforcement Officers are instructed to look at things of that nature, obstructing sidewalks, cars parked in one place too long, blocking right-a-ways, you what I mean? Because I sent a work order in to, there were some trailers on a right-a-way you know and they're still on a right-a-way, I thought they had moved them at one time, now they're back on the right-a-way. I mean I don't know, I mean if I was a Code Enforcement that's things I'd be looking for you know instead of waiting on the councilman to call them and ask them to do something."

Alexandra Carter stated, "I think one of the issues with this that, vehicles parked in the right-a-way are different than things that are done on private property and our vehicle for resolution is the administrative hearings. More often in other communities you'll have vehicles on the right-a-way or parked on sidewalks, they get ticketed by like a meter maid and so there is sort of a discussion that's happening and that will be prolonged on how these things should be best addressed. Because I can imagine you get frustrated when we tell someone like this case in particular, you know this is a violation of the code, you have 5 days to move your car. Right, it doesn't take you 5 days to move your car, then we have to provide second notice, we follow the violation procedure that we use for other things that are like buildings, fences. Whether or not that's appropriate, we don't have another option currently and so for that reason I don't think that they've looked for those things proactively because the system that we have in place doesn't deal with it directly. Right and so it's not a really fine tune mechanism to address it, we're using what we have but there may be a better way to do this in the future. (Could not hear Natalie Robottom while speaking to Alexandra) Right exactly and I think the holdover from when the Code Enforcement Officers were originally commissioned they were with the Sheriff's Office and they worked under Traffic and Motor Safety. And so when you have vehicles that are illegally parked in a parking lot or on the street, what Code Enforcement does is we look at the parish assessment rolls and we look at the property owner, we send violation notice to the property owner, which in many cases is the wrong person. Right it's the people who owns the vehicle that are the issue and that's better served with the ticket right that sends you to traffic court. But right now what we're doing and we hesitate to do this because like I said, it's not really a well-tuned mechanism, but when we have a complaint,

we absolutely going to follow up with it as best we can. Right now we have in place is the Administrative Adjudication Procedure, we're pushing one through right now for blocking the sidewalk, it just so happens that the vehicle is parked on the same property owners site, so it makes sense to ticket them, the property owners getting the violation and they should be moving that vehicle. But in other instances that mechanism really doesn't work as efficiently. So to answer your question and I apologize for being so round about, it's not always in the best interest for Code Enforcement to pursue these and I think we need to find a clearer path for it and how to better address them in the future on public right-a-ways and in parking lots."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Ok Mr. Tweet I think I appreciate that. Okay thank you Alex I appreciate that."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes you know Mr. Michael Tregre the Sheriff, if you call them and tell them there's a vehicle parked in the street without a license on it or brake tags, he sends his officers out there and make them move it."

Alexandra Carter stated, "Right and we do. When we get complaints about these things we do reference people to the Sheriff's Office."

Councilman Madere stated, "Right because he just recently sent an Officer down Beach Grove and we do have some vehicles parked back there on parish servitudes. And I know the Code Enforcement Officer went back there and she called me and she said she had called for a police officer and I called Mr. Tregre to make sure that they sent someone out there because they had 2 vehicles that was parked you know on the street and if they park on the street without the proper tags or anything or they're broken down he make them move, so he's very good at that when you call him."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Do we still have a Code Enforcement working on the weekend?"

Alexandra Carter stated, "We do on Saturdays."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Just Saturdays?"

Alexandra Carter stated, "They rotate they rotate."

Councilman Snyder asked, "They rotate? Is it possible you can give us the guys who's working on weekends? Maybe on a Friday or Thursday send us who's going to be working on the weekend and a number we can reach them or cell phone or something?"

Alexandra Carter stated, "Right and I think administration is trying to move towards using the work orders toward the weekends and so what we've done at this point is provide 911 dispatch with a list of the Code Enforcement Officers who are available, so if you do have a Code Enforcement complaint or an issue on a Saturday, what we suggest residents and council members to do is to contact 911 dispatch to make sure you can get looped in to the person who's on duty."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Usually when you call that number they say: What's your emergency, this is not an emergency. I just want to inform if there is one working, I asked her in a letter I sent to you. If there was one working

on the weekend again, could we know who it is? I mean why we can't know? Why the council, just give us the name and number through an email."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I asked that question, but I asked that question a month ago to send an email to the council, what Code Enforcement works on Saturdays. Because 911 is not set up to call a car parked on the street, that's an emergency. So we need to have a, we requested that when we hired Code Enforcements and agreed to have them come on weekends, we agreed to that."

Alexandra Carter stated, "Right and I understand. We have a list and I can provide that to the council of their, for the next, we can do a quarterly list so you know every Saturday who's on duty."

Councilman Snyder asked, "If you guys set it up on a quarterly, that's fine. And we probably not going to call them on a weekend. But there were some things that happened just on the weekends."

Natalie Robottom stated, "And that's a concern for us and obviously Alex is going to provide a list. But we do want and I know what you're saying about emergency but that 911 we pay for somebody to answer our non-emergency calls, which is why they call out Utilities and Public Works and so we have a call out system for them as well. So when things are reported but not just from you but from residents as well that might require that, there's somebody they have that on call list and they know they you know need to get somebody out. Sometimes it's an emergency sometimes it's not, but in that process one of those operators are funded through our office to manage our after hour and weekend calls for things that get reported. We just want to be able to keep a record and that system allows us to have you know when you call this day, this is who reported, this is who I called out. So when we get, well nobody actually went out, well this is who I called and it allows us to be more accountable in making sure that these calls are addressed timely. And so that's our reason for wanting to utilize a system that we're paying for. But Alex can provide those numbers but just know when, it's just like calling our workers, they don't usually put it in a work order system, they just go do it. So then now we're not necessarily tracking in a way that allows to be able to measure is this working on time, are doing, you know is it taking you too long, what's taking so long, when I get calls it's usually I called this in 6 months ago, what took so long? And the first thing I do it's like call the office, when was it called in? Is there a work order system, what's the status and so we can provide accurate information. But again, we encourage you to call, you can have the names, but that's our system for 911 calling out these employees."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Yes I'd like to have the names come to the come to the council because we agreed on that when we asked to work on weekends. And if it's emergency we can still call 911. But I'd still like to know their name in case I have a mechanic shop going on or something like that."

Councilman Madere stated, "You said that's every weekend we have a Code Enforcement Officer working every Saturday?"

Alexandra Carter stated, "We do they rotate."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay when they work on Saturday, do they work just their area or the whole parish or where do they go?"

Alexandra Carter stated, "My understanding is that if they get a call or complaint that's from 911 they would go to that site. But from the most part they're working in their areas and catching up on their work, because it's part of their weekly hourly rate. Like they work one day less, if the work week to work that Saturday, so they would stay in that area unless otherwise, you know called out to some specific area."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay and I think it would be good that we know, especially if they're working if the Code Enforcement Officer in my area, I definitely like to know what weekend that they're working."

Larry Sorapuru/Julia Remonet - Update from Bond attorney on financing for water projects

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

Kurt Becnel/Charlene Johnson/Genice (Cheryl) Stipe - Water bill issues/disconnect

The above item was removed from the agenda.

There was no executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Parish Buildings - Security

Lennix Madere - St. John the Baptist Parish vs. Myrtle F. Victor, Roba Inc. and Adair Asset Management, LLC, 40th JDC, #63827

Any and all pending legal matters

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

16-55 An ordinance amending St. John the Baptist Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2 - Administration and Chapter 14 - Fees and Charges, to account for existing fees associated with outstanding violations; and Chapter 26 - Nuisances, to clarify procedures and treatment of nuisances; specifically trash in public view, high grass, and maintenance of undeveloped property or wooded lots to support more effective code enforcement; and to provide for related matters (Parishwide) (N. Robottom)

PRESIDENT REPORT:

Natalie Robottom stated, "Good evening - We want to thank all who took time to come out and early vote and thank you for your patience. Although construction of the new Administrative building caused some inconveniences, the larger facility will better accommodate large numbers of visitors. For those who did not vote early, don't forget tomorrow is Election Day and polling sites will be open from 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. A sample ballot and list of polling locations can be found on the Louisiana Secretary of State's website. St. John Parish partnered the Sheriff's Office and other local agencies to conduct an emergency training exercise this morning at LaPlace Elementary School. The multi-agency drill simulated an active shooter situation at the LaPlace school. The scenario, recorded on video, will be used by the SJSO, school

system, and other partner agencies to educate students and faculty in a proactive effort addressing the threat of violence in schools. Thank you to the Public Safety, Fire Department and Communications team for representing St. John Parish in the drill and for assisting with its success. Thank you to the surrounding community and local residents for their patience this morning. Congratulations to the five additional small businesses involved in our CDBG Small Business Loan and Grant Program. They received their financial allocations last week and we congratulate each of them and thank them for their persistence. The funding will help them with full recovery from damages and/or losses suffered as a result of Hurricane Isaac. Congratulations to Duck's Ice, Inc; Lefthand Kreationz, Inc.; New Wine Christian Fellowship, Patela Construction, Inc. and Tyrone's Detailing/Towing. We look forward to making the additional four allocations in the upcoming weeks. It was an exciting day last week in Edgard as we held the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Edgard Senior Center at the WB Complex. Thank you to Director Cheryl Parquet, Council Members Kurt Becnel and Larry Saroporu and former Council Member Lucien Gauff for their support. Representatives from LA Contractors, Economic Development Board member Mr. Leroy Mitchell and a host of west bank residents and staff members were also on hand for that special moment. The new building will provide additional space for seniors featuring a state-of-the-art kitchen, large activity room, aesthetic amenities and a large wrap around porch. The project is estimated to be complete within six months and we are excited to see it through to fruition. We'd also like to thank all who attended the town hall meeting at the Garyville Library last week - due to the large number of attendees, we will move to a larger facility for the next one. We made a list of concerns and questions and are systematically addressing them. We will put together a summary of important points from the meeting and make it available on our website. Veterans Day will be celebrated next Friday, November 11 and it is a time to honor all those who have served our great country. Again this year, the St. John Parish Young Marines directed by Lt. Brian Bertrand, St. John Parish, and the Southeast Louisiana War Veterans Home will host the annual Veterans Parade and Celebration. The parade will begin at Home Depot around 10:00 a.m. and travel to the Southeast LA War Veterans Home for a ceremony, food, fun and music. The ceremony is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on the grounds of the War Veterans Home. Our debt to our veterans can never be repaid but our gratitude and respect can be shown every day. The event is open to the public and I encourage our residents to line the roads in front of businesses and on Airline Hwy. if possible. Through your efforts, others can learn what it means to show gratitude and respect for our veterans. On Saturday, November 12th, the Guns & Hoses benefit football game between the Fire Department and the Sheriff's Office is scheduled for 1:00 at the ESJH football field. Please come out and show your support for these outstanding first responders. The state is starting repairs on Hwy. 51 and Airline on Monday, Nov. 14th through Friday, Nov 18th to help alleviate the road from sinking. Residents should be aware that there will be no access on the Hwy 51 entrance to the LaPlace Service Center and should utilize the other entrance. In addition, lane closures should be expected during this time. More information will be sent out and posted by the Communications Department this week. Senior Citizens are invited to a Thanksgiving Luncheon sponsored by the Sheriff's Office. The luncheon is Tuesday, November 22nd at REGALA Gym. There will be lots of food, fun, music and prizes. Bingo will start at 10:00 a.m. with a meal following at 11:30 a.m. St. John will publicly auction surplus vehicles, heavy equipment, office furniture, and other miscellaneous items on Saturday, December 10th, 2016 beginning at 10:00 a.m. The auction will be held at 425 Captain Bourgeois St., LaPlace. The public is invited to attend this free auction. Thank you to the residents near Melius Drive, East 24th and near-by streets in Reserve for your patience during the construction of the Reserve Drainage Project. Due to the ongoing improvements, emergency water

outages and road closures are common. We ask that you continue to cooperate with us during this time. Due to the extremely dry conditions within the state, the State Fire Marshal's Office has issued a cease and desist order for all private burning effective yesterday. This burn ban does NOT apply to agricultural burning such as sugar cane. Reminder: Parish Buildings will be closed tomorrow on Tuesday, November 8th for Election Day and Friday, November 11th for Veterans Day.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:30 PM, Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilwoman Pannu absent.

/s/Marvin Perrilloux
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
Council Secretary