

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12th, 2017
CHAIRMAN LARRY SNYDER
VICE-CHAIR JACLYN HOTARD

The Council of the Parish of St. John the Baptist Parish, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session in the Joel McTopy Chambers, LaPlace, Louisiana on Tuesday, December 12th, 2017, at 6:00 PM.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ABSENT: None

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

Legal Counsel Keith Green, Jr., Geoffrey Michel and Law Clerk Kennilyn Schmill

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

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

Good Evening Council. My name is Chance White and I just wanted to speak in regards to the third item that's on the agenda tonight. And it's in regards to the Garyville Housing Authority, the project. I guess what I'm requesting or what I'm asking in regards to this, is if we could have a public hearing that would be noticed for the residents in Garyville prior to this vote, because the last the last detailed notice that went out to Garyville in regards to this project was in October 2015. And it stated that there was going to be a demolition of the units that's currently at the Garyville Housing Authority projects there. And then, we've just been informed that that's not actually what's going to happen. It's our understanding now that there will be some demolition, but then the majority of the units the older units will stay up. So we'll have, the way that it's proposed now, is we'll have new housing and then the majority of the housing is still there which poses many of issues and potentially many of problems. What we'd like to do is to have this passed or tabled just so we can have some input from the residents. Because the residents aren't aware of what's going on, you know and the residents are still under the assumption that it'll be demolished, it will have 22 units, but actually it's not going happen and there's many a reasons why you know the additional 73 units, is much more significant than 22, you know infrastructure reasoning, and also we're going to be having low income people moving in into the units, and the concern is that...

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "You're 2 minutes is up sir, I'm sorry to stop you here but you're 2 minutes is up and it's going to come up on our agenda later."

Chance White stated, "Thank you Mr. Snyder."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yes sir you're welcome. Would anyone else would like to speak on anything else on the agenda?"

How you're doing today? My name is Blake Moss, I'm a resident of Garyville from Timbermill. What I'd like to speak about tonight is the same thing he had just brought up. My thing is, I understand they want to rebuild the projects and all which is great, why would we rebuild the projects before we do something with the drainage? I live in back of Timbermill, it floods I know that back there it floods also. Before we go put all of this money into this, are we going to do something about the drainages, they had plans to do something about it before we spend a whole lot of money. The second thing is, once this is built, I know there's a lot of Code Enforcement and everything that's got to make sure we keep the right tenants, everything stays right, is that going to require more Code Enforcement Officers, which is going to have to raise taxes? Thank you."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Thank you Mr. Moss appreciate you."

"My name is Rick Oubre, I live on Anthony F. Monica Street in Garyville. I don't mind the housing projects, but the new housing project being built with 22 units, but I definitely want the old units being torn down. They're eye site, New Orleans already proved that the Track Housing doesn't work over there, the new type units are very nice, it makes people proud to live there, so I'd like to see that done before, I'd like to see all this torn down before new ones are built."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Thank you sir. Appreciate you you've been pleasant."

Jeremy Wess, resident of Garyville, Anthony F. Monica as well. I guess the couple of questions we have as residents is, this is Phase I. Nobody's been able to tell us what Phase II, III, and IV are. So Phase I is just showing one partial piece of back there okay, so that's one. Second question is 5.5 Million Dollars, 22 units that's two hundred and fifty thousand (250,000) roughly per unit, is all 5.5 Million going to just the 22 units? Nobody has been able to answer that question neither. And like they said the drainage, it floods back there so do they have a drainage plan before they build these or they're just going to just build it and then find out, oh it floods back here! Well we know that, that's why they're tearing them down. And then like they said, they're leaving the row house back there, the row house is the nastiest one. I have a business there, I've been there 17 years I've employed probably half the people that live back there and it's just, it's terrible. Another thing okay, low income families do not have vehicles, a lot of them. How they're going to get back and forth to work? It be more economical to put them in LaPlace around where they can get a job. You know, you're putting them in the country you're setting them up for failure. I come from the inner city of Detroit, I had free lunch growing up I know low income you know so. Thank you."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Thank you sir appreciate you."

Norman Volion from Garyville. Lived there all my life minus 20 years in the Marine Corps and all that kind of crazy stuff going on in Iraq. I really would like to see this built, but you know I already know some people back there. Good people, they don't have a vehicle with all due respect, they have to go to the front store cash a check I think they charge them like five dollars (\$5) on a hundred (\$100), and the store back there are outrageous. I think we should Table this out of humanity for the people that's going to live there and not get into a tit for a tat and let's all get together and do the best for the people who's going live there. And then from my understanding now it's three (3) or more

Phases is going to go on. The Governor is not being honest and this lady back here with all due respect, she lives in Georgia she's a nice person and she's doing her job and I respect that. But when moves back to Georgia, we're going to have to suffer for that and it's just not good okay. So if you love your brother and sister, let's Table this and just do something right for the people and not just throw it out there cause it's government money cause we all got people, are at economic associate disadvantage okay? It's not about the issues we want the right, that's our tax dollars. If you went back there in Garyville right now, you can make a horror movie out of that with all due respect okay? Let's take our time let's Table it, and the lady told me that her company is not making no money on it, come on man. What company is not making money on this? She said that not me. And she come up here address this and I rebut her to, okay? They're making money on this, let's not put our people out there. I want it to be built, I want people to have a good place to live. I'm okay, I don't have issue with it okay? Let's just take our time slow, table it cause they're not being honest with us cause I had a friend of mine an acquaintance not a friend, he tried talking to the lady with HUD, Oh I can't talk to you about nothing, they want to be secretive ok! So let's Table this, have a round tree and say hey; that's for the people, right Ms. Robottom? Right, amen?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Sure."

Norman Volion said, "Ok so let's do the best for the people just don't throw it out there and make a decision tonight, I appreciate that okay?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "Mr. Volion, thank you very much sir."

Norman Volion said, "Appreciate you thank you."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yes sir."

INTRODUCTION OF BUSINESSES

Natalie Robottom - New Business - United Front Transportation

Natalie Robottom introduced the owners of United Front Transportation Services. On 02/17/2018 everyone is able to come and celebrate the Grand Opening at one of the plantations (Whitney Plantation, Laura Plantation, Oak Alley Plantation, or Soul River African American History). Ticket price includes admission, lunch, and transportation. Pick up and drop offs will be at Clay's Café. Time of tours will be given when ticket is purchased. Ticket prices are: Adults \$35.00, Children 6-13 \$10.00 and Children under 5 FREE. For more information call (877)275-2989 or visit our website at: UnitedFrontTransportationServices.com

Natalie Robottom - Presidential Appointment - Chief Financial Officer

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes as many of you are aware about eight (8) weeks ago I think Mr. Ross Gonzales who was our CFO, accepted a position in St. Bernard Parish which is where he's from, so he's no longer with us. Since then Ms. Julie Songy who's our Finance Manager has been doing the bulk of the work in Accounting and Ms. Jean Stewart has been assisting with our new Financial System, but we're very fortunate to have Mr. Robert Figuero, Jr. to be appointed as our CFO. He's a former United States Marine with an extensive background as a Chief Financial Officer. He is an expert in Budget, Project, and Vender Relationship Management, Revenue Optimization, and Policy Development and Implementation. As a resident of St. John the Baptist Parish, I'm confident that Mr. Figuero will bring a wealth of knowledge to the Finance Department that will greatly benefit the residents

and business owners of St. John the Baptist Parish. I'll present to you Mr. Robert Figuero."

Robert Figuero stated, "Thank you very much I appreciate it. I look forward to getting to work. Thank you."

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEMS: Approval of Minutes - November 28th, 2017, Regular Meeting; Permit Approval - Bethlehem Missionary & New Pilgrim Baptist Church March and Rally - Monday, January 15th, 2018 - 8:00 AM

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilwoman Hotard seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda items consisting of Approval of Minutes - November 28th, 2017, Regular Meeting; Permit Approval - Bethlehem Missionary & New Pilgrim Baptist Church March and Rally - Monday, January 15th, 2018 - 8:00 AM. The motion passed unanimously.

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 Ordinance 17-50 will remain on the Table.

17-54 (Public Hearing Held) 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)

Natalie Robottom stated, "We were actually a little bit surprised to see this Ordinance introduced without actually having any discussion with regard to how that would work, how it would be paid for. So we're requesting this item be Tabled, until we can have a meeting to discuss some alternative solutions. I did attend a meeting and at that meeting the Sheriff's Office agreed to provide two (2) deputies, and the District Attorney's Office agreed to allow the Clerical person who manages the community service to continue doing that. And it was my understanding that that was how it would be done. There was a second meeting that I wasn't able to attend and Mr. Gonzales did attend, where it's my understanding that he did express our concerns. We've done a little research and in the meeting with the District Attorney's Office, she explained to us that there's a law that requires Liter Abatement Program, and it can either be implemented by the Governing Authority or the Sheriff's Office, so we did a little research and many of them compliant to our size, it is managed through the Sheriff's Department and in Jefferson Parish, which is a little bit different they have a complete agency. However, the reason for our concern and I know many of you are aware, capacity wise, the community service employees/workers had been assigned to Public Works where one of our Inspectors was responsible for monitoring them. Since that time, both of our inspectors are no longer employed, most recently one of them announced their retirement in January, our Public Works Director will no longer be here, and our staffing and funding does not allow for us to invest our time in this. And in my conversation with the District Attorney and the Chief, I felt that there was a solution and the people who could do it agreed to do it,

and yet there's an Ordinance being introduced for the one person who said they couldn't do it without input. So I would like to have this item Tabled, so we can get together with the Sheriff and the District Attorney's Office, and the Judges again. What we agreed to do was provide assignments, so it is a joint, it would be a joint effort with the Sheriff's Office providing two (2) deputies. The District Attorney's Office continuing to make the assignments and as the Parish Administration we would schedule work assignments for them at our different departments. We've done this before, and I know that's not the intent of the Court, when we were assigned community service workers and were had no one to supervise them, they sat in the back with Ms. Rose who handles disposal. That is not litter abatement and I don't think that meets the requirement of the court, however; without being able to provide the necessary supervision, the transportation, and the monitoring, I think that is what will happen again. So you know I would like to participate in terms of assignments, but I do think we need to get together with the folks who said they could actually do it, and would provide people to do it, both clerically as well as officers. We've also done a little research in other parishes to see how their programs were set up, again Lafayette, St. Tammany, St. Charles are all managed by the Sheriff's Office, Jafferson has a separate agency. However, it's typically within the Law Enforcement Judicial System and we would like to work with all of them to get us to a point where all of this can be done, I just know that we can't do it."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you. I will say this before we proceed. I know you asked to Table it, we do have our Judges here so I would definitely want to hear from them. I'm sure this is the item if they wanted to speak on this item before we move forward. I also received a text message just now from our Sheriff that did also say he'd like a meeting to verify the responsibilities. So I just wanted share that with the Council and the members here just for their benefit that he did ask that. Councilman Snyder this is your Ordinance, so as the author of the Ordinance I'll allow you to speak first if you like or I'll go ahead and open up the floor to discussion for other members."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yes I'd like thank you very much."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "You're welcome."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I'm sure we can come up with a hundred reasons (100) why we should do this we can come up with a hundred reasons why we should do this. We had this program working in this parish for a very long time and for some reason it just stopped, and every Saturday or once a month on Saturday or Sunday we'd see them out there cleaning up or doing something, they did it around churches and other places like that. Now, and that is where we are right now. I'm not quite sure how often this, I read the state law on this and how often that the court assign people to do service. I'm sure one of the Judges can help us with that, and that can be I'm sure that can negotiated to and we should be able to, one person along with cooperation from the Sheriff Department and do this thing once a month. I don't see where we should have a big issue with that. We got, if we can run this parish with eighteen (18) Public Works people, seventeen (17) Public Works people going on vacation in one week you know or one day, we should be able to find one person a month to supervise these people. Now, and until we can finance this, I don't have a problem I don't have a problem with Tabling this thing this time, but is going to be moving forward as far as I am concerned. Okay, because this is this this is actually this is a State Law. Now however we handle this it's a difference but it's a State Law and we're going to adhere to the law as long as I'm on this board I'm going to try, we're adhere to the laws you know. And I would rather see a person who make a mistake one time, I

know we you know we're looking at financial part of this thing, but you're looking at someone who going to make one mistake, and have too many beers and get stopped and lose a job if they have to put time in jail, and maybe didn't cause anybody any harm. So you know this is one of the benefits of this program is that; we can counter act that with having to do some/this kind of work. Nobody want to go out there and walk in the cold weather or any other day in hot weather you know picking up trash and that might make them think twice, or painting a house or painting a church or something like that you see. So you know to me that's for our way for the few dollars it's going cost if it cost us any, because if we got people that we can put on this job and watch these people, we had it we had it, we just they quit, they got fired or something like that and they just stopped the program. Okay so, I don't have a problem delaying it, but I'm adamant about this I will fight for this. Because we got to comply."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "We'll allow President Robottom to respond to his comments."

Councilman Madere stated, "No she might be responding to mine..."

Natalie Robottom stated, "We're going to be respectful about it though."

Councilman Madere stated, "No, no, no, I'm going to speak."

Natalie Robottom asked, "You wanted to speak first?"

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes, yes, yes. I agree with Mr. Snyder, I also had a meeting. This service been going on in St. John the Baptist Parish for many, many years, there was never a formal agreement between the two Okay, it was just understood that this program it was going to be taking place. And just out of the blue, Administration decided to stop the program. We were sent an email notifying us that the program was going to stop. A couple of the reasons was; they didn't have anyone to do it. And one other was concerning overtime, ok? Overtime in this parish is not going to break us doing this, overtime problems in the parish is everybody else all the big overtime money we're paying. So this one person that was getting a little overtime twice a month, and this program beneficial to the individuals that's in this program and it was beneficial to us because they went out and did some of the work that we wasn't getting done. In fact, I called on that program to go down East 13th Street and clean that street they did a wonderful job, 65 bags of trash. Okay and wherever they went they did a good job. And it was never any concerns about you know control, or they never had any problem with the individuals, they didn't have any problems with the guy that in charge. I thought the program worked very smooth and I think it's something that we have to do and it's legal. Okay and for it to be stopped, no discussion was given to this Council other than we received an email that it was just being cut off. Okay and so I don't think we should beat this down, it's something by law we have to do, it's something that we've done for years, and if this parish can't handle it now, how did we handle it years ago when we were much smaller, and we handled it. I think we can handle this, okay it's beneficial to the parish it's beneficial to the individual that's involved in it."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes I just like to comment that there's no question that the program is needed and it's beneficial. That is not in question and has never been. The reason it was stopped was due to capacity. As Mr. Snyder just said, in our Public Works department which I'm sure we'll get to drainage and some other public works issues later that will take up the rest of the night, which suggest that the department is fulfilling its primary responsibility in

Public Works. And so the Public Works Director requested that he could no longer manage that. And again, as the person responsible for the individuals and employees who have watched this, not just this President but CAO, there was a program in place. And many times the individuals were seated in the rear of the building, they were not doing litter abatement, they were there because there wasn't anyone to supervise or take them out to do their litter abatement. Typically to, because you cannot count on them necessarily coming, they may be assigned but they don't always show up. You can't schedule or assign them to do something that actually has to be done that day because you can't count on the fact that they're coming. Just like we can't unfortunately count on the fact that the supervisor will be present on the day of the work. As I said, we have assignments that we can assist with, we are not breaking the law. According to the District Attorney's Office there is an option, the Sheriff's Office or the Governing Authority, the Sheriff's Office has already committed to wanting to do this just like the neighboring parishes and I had spoken to the Sheriff who said look, I want to check with my neighboring parishes to see how they're doing it, we've checked and obviously he's open to the meeting, I think the District Attorney referenced Mel as the person who does her clerical work and assignments and tracking, and she agreed that she could do that, so I think it shouldn't just be the parish, and as the person who's overseeing the individuals who work here and know first-hand the capacity or lack-there-of, to manage some of our basic requirements let alone taking on something else, I just think Tabling it so the individuals involved can get together and come up with a plan. The way this was done, I don't think it's right, an Ordinance showed up, introduced assigning or adding something to our responsibility, there was question as to whether or not it's going to be a department, if it's a department, are you creating a department which is two-thirds vote, now we're talking a Director, so there really wasn't a clear picture on how this was going to be done because it was done without speaking to the people who would be responsible for doing it. So I'm asking again that you table it, to give us the opportunity to come up with a plan that's consistent with other litter abatement plan and allow us some time to provide some input into a program that is being assigned to us."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you, I have myself down for a quick comment. And Councilman Snyder, I want to applaud you for bringing this Ordinance forward, I think just to touch really quickly on what you said about the Ordinance maybe coming out of nowhere and not having the conversation, but Councilman Snyder and Madere touched on it. When the program was cancelled it was done without any conversations. We received an email I believe it was in January/February most of us were out of town saying that the program was discontinued. And just for the public's knowledge we're talking about community service. When someone goes into a court room and maybe it's a small type misdemeanor or something and the judges assign you know so many hours of community service and you see people you know picking up trash and things like that on the side of the road, that's what we're talking about. And so when we all received the email at the same time saying that the program was discontinued, it came to us without any other information, and so then St. John, we don't have a community service program at this time. So again it's gone on for so long, so I do appreciate Councilman Snyder finally bringing the Ordinance to the table, because we do need to get this program back on track, we do need to have a program here where the judges do assign community service like Councilman Snyder said, even if serving as a deterrent you know no one wants to go out there and pick up you know trash in the hot or the cold or anything like that or as a mechanism to not have to assign or you know jail time to someone that they have a community service program. So it was cancelled abruptly, I think that's why the response has happened the same way, I do agree we need to get all parties to understand what their rolls are actually going to be but like

Councilman Snyder said, it needs to happen sooner than later because we do need an active working community service program. It benefits not only those people who not only finds themselves in the criminal justice system, but I think it's it benefits even the public to know that we do you know have that option and that people who have committed maybe minor offenses or you know paying their debt if you will for that offense, so it's serves many it serves many purposes."

Natalie Robottom stated, "To add to what you said there were some meetings. They were rescheduled because of you know difficulty getting everyone together. But there were some meetings with discussions on how to move forward this. What came out of the blue was an ordinance without any discussion. But we knew it was a problem, we knew that all of us were meeting to try and come up with a solution to the problem. What we didn't know was that somebody else and I don't even know if they were in the meeting drafted an ordinance without the knowledge of the people who they're assigning to do the work."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "And I think again the reason why that happened is when the Council, and I want the public to understand that; is when we received the notice that the program was cancelled, it did not come with any warning, there was never a chain of emails that there were meetings taking place, there was no invitation to a meeting..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "It was after that that's why, it was after it was cancelled."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Right, well that's what I'm saying. So we just got an email stating the program has been cancelled. That's it! And we have an obligation to the public as the Governing Authority to make sure that we're doing things that are beneficial to the public. It's taken since, I believe that was in February, I remember like I said the majority of us were out of town, to this time to say we need to get this program going again. If there have been subsequent meetings, I'm not I don't have that information, I don't believe anybody here has that information. And that's where I've said, you know sometimes the problem with communication is that we assume it's taken place, but again we'll have more comments. I have Councilman Wright here and Councilman Madere down as well."

Councilman Wright stated, "Thank you. I will just say to, to Administration if the Council does set up an obligation like the Ordinance does is to create policies, procedures adopted by the council and create departments and this ordinance doesn't specify nuts and bolts of how the program should be run, but it more so establishes the program. So I think maybe having a meeting to decide how the program will be run can still happen after the vote of the ordinance, because the ordinance doesn't specify how its run. I do support the Ordinance Mr. Snyder, I want to thank you for bringing this forth especially with and we started last night with the budget shortfalls, I think a small investment of this program will create a much larger savings than parish over the long Gevity of it, so I'm in full support on it and I'm going to yield to you if you want to vote on it tonight or table."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Ok."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes once again I echo everything everyone said. But I'd just like to make a couple of statements. Like I said, Ms. Hotard touched on it and I mentioned it, that we received a notice, no communication no explanation other than what was in the letter. And when I read the email and three

explanations I didn't agree with them at the time and I still don't agree with them and Public Works does not work on the weekend. Okay, we don't work on the weekend. If our employees are working on the weekend, its overtime or some big project is going on or emergency, but Public Work does not work schedule on Saturdays. No work ok? So it would be maybe one individual and not every week, because not every week will you have community service. So I disagree with the fact one of the excuse is that it's taking away somebody from Public Work. We have many departments, when we have a flood or something going on we pull people from everywhere. So somewhere with all the employees we have would be more than willing on a Saturday to make a little extra money, okay to benefit the court, the individuals and everybody living here. So my thing is if administration wants us to be upfront with everything and get involved, the same should go when you talking about taking away a program that has been in effect for years. We had no input on nothing just blindsided by it, and this is something that needs to be in place and like Mr. Wright said; we can pass this ordinance and they can work out everything else they want. But this ordinance needs to be in place and it needs to be implemented. Thank you!"

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you. I'll also offer comment you know from the public if there is anyone from the public who wishes to comment on this item that is open as well."

Judge Madeline Jasmine stated, "Good Evening everybody. First of all, thank you for taking this up, thank you Mr. Snyder and everybody here. Everything that I've heard we appreciate, but one thing I want to clear because I keep hearing the word ALTERNATIVE and DISCRETIONARY. In a lot of cases it is DISCRETIONARY, but in some cases it is mandatory, and without a program we cannot do what we are assigned to do. We can order a community service but without program to have it actually done, and that is our concern. I hear you say TABLING it and I'm so glad you're adamant about it, because these meetings started in the late spring, and now we're in December. We haven't heard anything about it for months, so we thought it was a dead issue. So I am very excited, and I think my fellow judges agree that you all are taking this up and realize the importance of having a program because we also did some research and we found that in neighboring parishes, like Ascension it is a joint effort and it always include administration. The Governing Authority of the parish should be a part of this, there's no way. And my recollection of the Sheriff was that he was willing to assist with the program, but he did not want to take it on himself. Now he's not here and I'm not attempting to speak for him, but that's my understanding. That's all I have."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you Judge Jasmine."

Judge Snowdy stated, "We're here just answer questions. We certainly thank you for your assistance in this and the fact that we're all going to be on one page together, thank you Mr. Snyder especially. Any other questions maybe do you have?"

Councilman Malik asked, "Judge roughly how many people are we're talking about weekly that would go through this program?"

Judge Snowdy stated, "It varies. On a given DWI plea day, I could sentence as few as two or as many as sixteen, and usually I'm sentencing them from an average of 16 hours or up to 30 or 40 hours, so it does have that variable quality. I'm not going to speak for my other judges, but it does have that variable quality. But the need is definitely necessary."

Councilman Malik stated, "That answers my question it's just looking for an average. Thank you sir."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes I'd like to make a motion that we accept this ordinance."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I will yield, it is Councilman Snyder's ordinance, if you'd like to offer the motion and Councilman Madere you can second but as the author of your motion..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Go head let him go first. He can go first put him first."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Point of order. I have a motion to adopt Ordinance 17-54 by Councilman Madere and Councilman Snyder, any further discussions at this time?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yes I got just one discussion I just got one thing to say. Ms. Robottom you know I heard the narratives you just put down in there and all that was great, but you never called me one time about this ordinance. And if you really wanted to discuss this ordinance and to see what my thinking was on this ordinance you could have did that you or your CAO. But now since I wrote it it's not the first time you've seen it, you have never just called me not one time with it and I'm finished with that."

Natalie Robottom stated, "And you're correct. Actually I wasn't aware I came up with the District Attorney who brought it up and provided us some additional information and I did share with her my concerns at that time, and she did suggest that we meet. But I was out of the office all last week which I did tell her that I would be, so we didn't have that opportunity to meet. But it was brought to me by her, in a budget meeting and I did express my concerns about our ability to do it, and she suggested that possibly we should get together."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you, and I'll recognize really quickly also the District Attorney, Bridget Dinvaut is also here tonight."

Bridget Dinvaut, District Attorney stated, "Thank you very much for your time and attention. I echo all the sentiments of the Judges, we have been having meetings these meetings took place as Judge Jasmine said in early spring. I did bring to the attention and I asked Ms. Robottom at the budget meeting had she seen the ordinance and if she had any concerns. She expressed her objection to it and that was it. We could have I agree with Mr. Wright, the ordinance is absolutely necessary. At this time my office is doing the best that they can to accommodate the Criminal Justice System and the courts. Miss Melanie Stein is assigned to Community Service, however, it is not court approved community service, it is not litter abatement. I will attempt to speak on behalf of the Sheriff, we've all met and he has been extremely cooperative and said that he would assign someone to monitor, should the Parish require that. So everyone is on board we are ready, it's essential to the Criminal Justice System and for us to have a community service program, as well as to this community and parish. Thank you very much for your consideration, I support this ordinance."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you, any further discussion from the council?"

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to Table Ordinance 17-54. The motion passed unanimously.

17-55 (Public Hearing Held) 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)

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "I'd like to discuss this. I'd like to make a motion to discuss."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I'll get you with that."

Good Evening, "My name is Christina Davis, I work for Columbia Residential."

Trina Henderson stated, "Executive Director for the Housing Authority, St. John the Baptist Parish."

Christina Davis stated, "And I just wanted to take a moment or to remind or explain to some of the folks here in the room the work that we've been trying to pursue for several years now. Columbia Residential specializes in affordable housing. We've been, this, the company has been doing this for over 25 years. We were selected as the development partner by the Housing Authority in 2015, we looked long and hard at the variety of housing sites that the Housing Authority had, and really the goal here is to provide safe, decent and affordable housing for the residents of the Parish. And so, in identifying Garyville, and there's some questions earlier so I'll attempt to address a few of them. We identified the Garyville site due to the dilapidated structures that are there and the low occupancy as being a very high need for redevelopment early on and it also happen to score fairly well with some of the financing metrics, meaning it was walkable to things like a library, and so there's kind of a matrix there that all pointed towards Garyville. Within that, the scope of what we're attempting to do is to demolish all of the existing structures, except for one structure, the Row Building referred to as the Row Building, and the intention of the Housing Authority is to renovate that Row Building. We've been waiting to do that in lock step with this development, so that as we specify finishes and fixtures they may mirror that to the extent that they can within that renovation so that it ties together as a development, it's more of a compressive development to fix at that extent. So the first phase of development is to do 22 units on the demolished regraded and all new site improvements on the site. So there was a question about drainage, I just want to make sure that everybody is aware that all of the site infrastructure on the parcel will be upgraded. All the structures will be elevated; in addition to providing the housing the entire project is going to be a certified drain project, and I'm happy to talk to anybody you know any questions related to that. So where we are now is trying to close the transaction the financial transaction in late January, and we've been working at this again for years with HUD to get the necessary approvals to do the demolition work, to get the financing in line with the Office of Community Development at the state level and right now we're working on getting the Housing Authority, what's called the RAD (Rental Assistance Demonstration) Program, so they're ongoing operating funding will be higher. When this project is in place, they will have a better benefit coming into the Housing Authority to do higher quality management on this project."

Trina Henderson stated, "And I heard a lot of the commenters speak to is the Port of Services for the residents. This is a rural community supported services are in need parish wide. One of the things that the Housing Authority did in trying to meet the needs of our residents, we went out for a grant in anticipation of trying to work with our residents. Right now we have a 3 year grant, with it brought on a Service Coordinator to work with those residents basically trying to identify what their needs are. So basically right now we're working with those residents trying to find out job wise, skills, education, and what not. We understand that you know there's some needs out there so the agency is trying to work with our residents holistically to address all our needs. Not only do we want to provide them with housing, but we want to provide them with those supportive services as well. So I just wanted everyone to know that, we are trying to look at basically not just the housing issue, but also look at the family, the needs of the children and look at just the holistic approach."

Christina Davis stated, "And I just want to make a note that we've been meeting with residents since 2015, I think it's the gentleman that mentioned that has not been the only meeting that's been I would say there's several, four to five meetings and Ms. Henderson has been meeting with the residents for ongoing input throughout this process. It's been a long road."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Good, thank you ladies for that report any questions here Ms. Remondet?"

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "I know in 2015 I wasn't in office at that time, I did attend a meeting at the Public Library and that's the type of public meeting they were asking about. I know Ms. Henderson did meet with a group of us about a week ago which we truly appreciate, but from that, more questions came about on the project but they were looking for more public meetings for more people to hear more of the concerns of the area, but all that there was more than on in 2015 done like that?"

Christina Davis stated, "I believe that there were several public meetings done not just residents only, and then this gone before Planning Commission..."

Councilwoman Remondet interrupting stated, "When we say, what I meant is for the open public, those..."

Alex Carter stated, "Approval of this item would authorize construction of Phase 1 improvements at the Housing Authority site in Garyville, including: 4 new buildings (22 total housing units). This request is consistent with the existing neighborhood character, the surrounding land uses, and the intent of the Land Development Code. On November 20, 2017, this item received the Planning Commission's approval via failure of a motion to deny with a vote of 2 yeas, 4 nays, and 3 absent. Administration recommends approval."

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Sorapuru seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 17-55. The motion passed with Councilwoman Remondet against, Councilwoman Hotard and Councilman Wright abstaining.

17-56 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the rezoning of Lots 3 and 4, Chateau Acadiene Subdivision, located in the area generally bounded by Parish Rd. /West Airline Hwy., West 5th St., Hemlock St., and Pierre Alley, containing municipal address 500 Hemlock St., 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. Robotom)

Alex Carter stated, "On November 20, 2017, the Planning Commission recommended approval with a vote of 6 yeas, 1 nay, and 2 absent. In consideration of the future land use map, surrounding land use and intended character of the area, Administration recommends denial as the proposed business is located immediately adjacent to established residential neighborhoods that may create long term land use conflicts."

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Sorapuru seconded the motion for discussion on Ordinance 17-56. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I made a motion to discuss it because I represent that area and I know that's for the public, it's the old part place which is now a car dealership with cars buy expensive or exotic cars, and they park it inside the building and they may park some outside. But I just want to clarify that, and I was at the Planning & Zoning meeting where they voted to approve that. I didn't get not one call, in opposition of this unit not one! I know me and Ms. Carter talked about it today, what else they had in the area, well we sell cars down by Destiny Church by the Florist right across the street still by West 5th, nobody saying anything about that. But I just want to clarify, not one person called me in opposition of this place that want's to open. We used to have a Suzuki place on Hemlock before they sold motorcycles, we got the car places and I didn't see nothing wrong, as far as I know it so clean out there it's nice and clean, however it is keeping the building up keeping the grounds up, it's not trashed, they had more trash when it was a parts place they had all out there. But I don't see anything out there he's keeping the property up so, I'm in support of it because I didn't get an opposition concerning a particular business."

Councilman Becnel stated, "Yeah I agree with what you said because when I was a member for Planning and Zoning for 8 years, my rule was; if the resident doesn't complain we move forward with it and I'm, I respect what you said and I think we should you know approve this, cause if they didn't want it they would have been here."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I wanted to touch on that. I have received emails about the location, I know Alex is going to touch on a little bit more, and I think not I think, the concern from the emails was more about when you re-zone something not what's existing there, but if the business closes and moves to something else, now you have a more intensive I guess zoning that something else can come behind it. It was similar Butch if you remember what we had in LaPlace Park and the concern was; ok we know what this established business is, we know this person, they've been here 30 years but if they close the door and move, now we have this zoning that has all of these other things beneath it somebody could move in something else. So I did receive emails about it, but if you can..."

Alex Carter interrupting stated, "And I would just advise, right. We had to make this point to at the Planning Commission that, you know we haven't received any complaints, you have to look at it not just in terms of the existing business owner making the application that the C-3 allows all farm equipment sales, RV sales, mobile home sales, motels, restaurants, bars, mini storage, warehouses, we did talk today about the bars and it is close to a school and a church that would exempt that. So we're not dealing with a potential bar here but you do need to think about that whole list of uses and task with evaluating this, the code specifically says that Planning and Zoning has to evaluate the street, the existing lane uses in the surrounding area, it has to be on a major transportation corridor and Hemlock just isn't. It's a local collector's street, it's not intended for 18 wheelers and the types of things that are typically on a

C-3 wide they're typically on Airline, right. Airline, Belle Terre, 51, that's where we see our C-3 Zoning. We do have a history of a rest for rezoning but those are typically C-1. Right! They're the neighborhood commercial district and the comprehensive plan specifically ask in task Planning and Zoning with making sure that we do not have new land use conflicts where none currently exist. And I think with the usage you've mentioned with the auto sales lots that are currently on West 5th and in that area all of those are long term non-conforming uses. Right, so they're zoned for C-1, if they ever were to stop operating they would have to go back to C-1 uses and that's essentially what happened with this. Right is that you know actually this one was a retail use before, it just sold auto parts but it wasn't selling big heavy equipment, so it met the requirements of the zoning district. The new use is more intent even though you're right, he is proposing to put the cars inside the building and then the outside, it may not have the impact that we're thinking about that may create land use conflicts today, but long term it could. Very well and our hands are tied in that situation if it were renovated to a motel or some other land use that would have more conflicts, I can't come in and say no! I have to follow the Code, this is something that is permitted by rights."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I have a question. It's, the business is established right now, right?"

Alex Carter stated, "They started without an Occupational License."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Ok."

Alex Carter stated, "So it was a matter of starting and there were channels that they need to go through and then when it came through Planning and Zoning, we did have someone tell us that it, like there was a complaint. So that should be on record that we did, it wasn't something that we caught, someone reported it. And so yes, it needed an Occupational License and that it didn't clear the zoning and so this whole process started where the only option was to come in for a request for a rezoning if they wanted to open a used car lot or an auto sales lot on that site."

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "And so haven't we in the past and it seems like we had one recently when had a conditional type, we had a conditional permit or..."

Alex Carter interrupting stated, "So there is a, I think what you're thinking about is the 25% expansion of an existing legally nonconforming use, right."

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "It seems like we authorized at some point a permit for a business maybe that was there and it was just for that, kind of like a spot zone if you will."

Alex Carter stated, "Right, you can do that in the rural zoning district. So in the rural zoning district it says you can do all these uses and then also things that we don't list you can get a Conditional Use Permit for, but that's not in the commercial district. This doesn't fall under this, these perimeters."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "And that's what make it tough for the Council perspective because right, I know this guy her I know what he's going to do on Hemlock, I have no doubt in my mind that there will be untorn and the fairest is going on, on that corner but 20 years from now when we're all gone and there's a motel, they're going to say you know what! This was the Council. And it's always a tough, it's always tough."

Alex Carter stated, "This one is tough."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "This is tough. And I don't know I don't know what the answer is because right when we rezone its permit for anybody that comes in behind, unfortunately we can't zone for an individual we know is running a reputable business. I don't know."

Alex Carter stated, "And we do look at trends, right! So if there's one rezoning that's approved for C-3 that would necessitate or legitimate other people coming in later and saying I also want C-3o you know keep that in mind as well, that this decision will affect potentially the whole roadway."

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "And what do we already have on Hemlock, like Ace Hardware is all C-2?"

Alex Carter stated, "C-2 yeah. C-2 and then the street behind it is C-1. And then the areas that have been rezoned behind that street have been C-1, mostly offices"

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "So this would be the only C-3?"

Alex Carter stated, "Yeah. I have a zoning map if you all or anyone wants to look at. I have a couple of them."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Just a quick comment. We do have a motel on Hemlock part of the motel is on Hemlock."

Alex Carter stated, "There is like you said, there's some uses that have been long term been there."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "That's what I'm saying, so it's a seesaw in there. Because we then had motorcycles, we got a hotel/motel on Hemlock, well you got the fire station park trucks there all the time, so I don't see the difference."

Alex Carter stated, "And I think, you and I talked about this today and when I look at these things and you know we have to look at the comprehensive plan when citizens came out to talk about this and evaluate these areas, they put those opinions in the future lanius map. Like what do you want to see this area in the future? And this was actually like down zoned in the future. It was..."

Councilman Perrilloux interrupting stated, "Because we also, and nothing taking away from we got the big propane tank there to."

Alex Carter stated, "Right, and I talked to..."

Councilman Perrilloux interrupting stated, "So I mean."

Alex Carter stated, "That's an existing condition as well. Right, it's difficult because you having zoning coming in after the fact and we're..."

Councilman Perrilloux interrupting stated, "I don't see the objection for like I said, I didn't get an opposition, so I can't sit here and say I'm going to deny this person and I haven't met that person yet that what he's doing, cause I've seen the person the place that it's nice and clean I watch it every day. I haven't seen nothing to object about and I got no objections about it."

Councilman Malik stated, "I've spoken with a gentleman that is moving. If one of

the things about is that he's not purchasing the property...

Alex Carter stated, *"It's a lease."*

Councilman Malik stated, *"It's leased and the owners are objectionable to any of these other businesses moving in. Kind of like..."*

Alex Carter stated, *"I can't speak on behalf of the owner."*

Councilman Malik stated, *"Oh yeah, so anyway and I don't see an objection against it. It's a, the place looks better, he has more plans to renovate the building, he's parking a couple of cars outside he's moving them in. And with the leased building which is owned by a long time LaPlace resident..."*

Councilwoman Hotard interrupting asked, *"Who owns the building?"*

Councilman Malik stated, *"It's owned by Tina Gassen and her husband."*

Councilman Madere stated, *"Yes I can't see not supporting this I've been to that location. I've visited that place, it's well kept, the guy is doing some renovation in there and the vehicles that he's selling are you know imports you know expensive cars. So like I said and like Mr. Perrilloux said, no one called him and complained about it, so I definitely going to support this. Like I said, I spoke to the guy and I've seen the vehicles and everything is moving forward."*

Natalie Robottom stated, *"Yes, I appreciate all the comments and Alex as you guys know will follow the letter to the law. The Planning Commission approved this, you guys are supportive of it Vote! Okay we know the owner, he is committed to what he's doing you've discussed what your concerns are she generally makes a recommendation based on the letter of the law. However, you have the ability to vote, the Planning Commission heard all of these concerns, I received an email from some of the neighbors who kind of support it, again, we don't have to make this bigger than it is. You all have done your homework, she's done what she's obligated to do as the Planning Director, I think we're all comfortable with this move and I would recommend that yawl move forward."*

Councilman Wright stated, *"Thank you Ms. Robottom. The Council will vote when they're ready to vote. Ms. Carter you know, my concerns to you know of course were not with the current use and the owner like Ms. Hotard said, the calls that I did get from the residents that I represent and Ms. Robottom who need to hear me voice those concerns, is the future use as well. So as just I guess to repeat what you said to Ms. Hotard, there is no way to improve conditionally as it is now and have it revert back to its original."*

Alex Carter stated, *"Right, right."*

Councilman Wright stated, *"Ok."*

Councilwoman Hotard stated, *"Let me ask this. Is there a way (I don't know this might be a legal question) but is there a way to even approve the rezoning and have the owners commit that if you know this person, you know if he leaves that they'll rezone it back, so that we don't have an unintended use?"*

Alex Carter stated, *"Well the intend behind the zoning districts is that it's supposed to regulate the long term uses of the land. So if it's just a temporary thing I think it would be under mind by it."*

Councilman Snyder stated, "And I got one question. Mr. Malik brought something interesting up and that who's getting this rezoned? The owner or the... Alex Carter stated, "The applicant is requesting it and the owner has to authorize the request for the application."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Cause that makes sense. It's the owner that should be doing this it's his property?"

Alex Carter stated, "Nothing can be done with zoning without the owner authorizing and notarizing that authorization and submitting that as part of the application."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Oh yes?"

Alex Carter stated, "Yes."

Councilman Snyder asked, "So I can lease a piece of property somewhere and they can change the zoning on it?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "With your permission."

Alex Carter stated, "If you're leasing a piece of property."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I'm leasing it to someone."

Alex Carter stated, "No they cannot change it without you authorizing that and signing and notarizing that authorization."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay so the two groups here the groups here, they're in agreement together?"

Alex Carter stated, "Yes, they have to be in agreement for this to move forward."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay."

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Sorapuru seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 17-56. The motion passed unanimously.

17-57 (Public Hearing Held) 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 Dr., 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)

Alex Carter stated, "This request involves the re-subdivision of 15 lots into 17 to facilitate development, including patio-style or "zero lot line" homes. On November 20, 2017, the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of the request with the stipulation that only one dwelling unit be developed on each 25-foot lot within lots 1B-8B. The motion passed with a vote of 7 yeas and 2 absent. The ordinance up for consideration tonight contains this stipulation. This request is consistent with the existing neighborhood character, the surrounding land uses and the intended character of the area. Administration recommends approval."

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 17-57. The motion passed with Councilman Perrilloux absent.

17-58 (Public Hearing Held) 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)

Alex Carter stated, *"This request involves combining 4 lots and 1 portion into a single lot in order to facilitate an addition to the home at 298 West 3rd Street. On November 20, 2017, the Planning Commission recommended approval with a vote of 6 yeas and 3 absent. This request is consistent with the existing neighborhood character, the surrounding land uses and the intended character of the area. Administration recommends approval."*

MOTION: Councilwoman Remondet moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 17-58. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard absent.

17-59 (Public Hearing Held) 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 Ln./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)

Alex Carter stated, *"This request involves reconfiguring 4 lots in order to complete a shed on proposed lot 2A. On November 20, 2017, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the request with a vote of 6 yeas and 3 absent. This request is consistent with the existing neighborhood character, the surrounding land uses, and intended character of the area. Administration recommends approval."*

MOTION: Councilman Becnel moved and Councilman Sorapuru seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 17-59. The motion passed with 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 minutes from the Finance Committee meeting. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard absent.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Larry Snyder - December 26th, 2017 Council meeting date change

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay so we have to make this official. Now we're going to change this date to which date, December the 27th, that's a Wednesday. And we're also looking at changing the time to Noon, ok!"

Jackie Landeche stated, "Ok I have a question. Would Finance start at Noon, is that how yawl want to do it?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yes."

MOTION: Councilwoman Remondet moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to move the Council Meeting date from Tuesday, December 26th, 2017 to Wednesday, December 27th, 2017 with the Finance Meeting beginning at Noon. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard absent.

DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:

Larry Snyder - Update on current bonding capacity

Councilman Snyder request the above item be carried over.

Marvin Perrilloux - Discussion delineation study concerning the LaPlace Park Levee

Kylund Edwards stated, "Good Evening Council, I'm the new Public Works Manager. A proposal was received from ELOS Environmental, L.L.C. to perform a wetlands delineation along the west side of Haydel Canal. The Public Works Department submitted a requisition for this work but it was delayed because the company was not a registered vendor with the Parish. Therefore, the required documentation was requested and the company is now an authorized vendor with the Parish. We anticipate to receive the delineation study report in early January 2018."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Thank you Mr. Edwards and Mr. Nunes. I put that on there because I needed the public to understand what's going on back there with that Haydel Canal crossing the LaPlace Park Levee, because this been a 6 year project and before my time Ms. Hotard how many years she worked on it because it's taking too long. And the option the delineation studies something I suggested from day one, and now we're going to proceed if we can go head and move that levee further up cross instead of doing the original crossing, move it up and see where the wetland start correct? But I'm just wondering why January, what's the date you have on here? January 2018, is it early January because I know it's just a two week study."

Brian Nunes stated, "I don't have a hard date on that sir, I think it's just because with the holidays for the firm, they might just be taking some time. They said January is a, it's probably going to be early January, I don't want to speak for them but that's what I'm anticipating."

Marvin Perrilloux - Report on the collapsed sewerage at N. Sugar Ridge and Airline Hwy. LaPlace

Blake Fogelman stated, "A sink hole occurred in the roadway because of a sewer force main issue. All repairs have been made and the force main is back in operation. The concrete contractor will complete the repair this week."

Marvin Perrilloux - Report on completion of Belle Terre Boulevard ramps going onto and exiting I-10 East and West - Discussion on possible ramps at 51 and I-10

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I put that on there because residents are calling me about the completion. We've had several dates last time we're told and Ms. Robottom was present at the EDC meeting when they asked that questions, I said the end of December. Now I see we have something else there because there are residents stop in Walmart asking the same question; when will this be complete? So could you read what you have written down here?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "But just for informational purposes I think we have two separate projects. The drainage work on Belle Terre was supposed to be completed in December. But the interchange work is what she's..."

Councilman Perrilloux interrupting stated, "Correct, well I had drainage plus interchange."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Ok."

Baileigh Rebowe stated, "According to the DOTD representative, the project is scheduled for completion in March 2018. The planned construction activities are weather dependent and may be delayed in the event of inclement weather. Due to the height of the overpass at Exit 209, the roadway cannot be elevated any higher."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Let's talk about 209 we're talking about at 51. That's what I'm asking I'm not talking asking to lift up 51 underneath the I-10. If you get on Belle Terre here and head to New Orleans and get off on 209, when you Exit off on 209 that stays full of water all the time. That's the one I am talking about. That exiting of the 209 to get on 51, the water that's coming from the canals, Vicknair Canal over by Belle Terre stops right there. The water crosses over and sometime you can't get off on the exit. That's the Exit we need to elevate. Now let's take a turn..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "No, no stay there. That one has been elevated twice that 209 those ramps specifically, and they still flood. However, because they can't elevate the roadway, that also floods the rest of that. We're going to continue to work with them, they can't elevate the roadway because of the overpass, so all of that floods so that water goes to your ramps as well. So they have elevated it twice, and you know it's an ongoing issue but even if they got pass the ramp when they get to the road, they're going to be in water. Ok so we'll continue to work with them but that's their design, I want to think somebody told us long time ago they dug out the road instead of the..."

Councilman Perrilloux interrupting stated, "Okay and the second one was, it's the opposite side coming back West, so the same thing?"

Baileigh Rebowe stated, "He did tell me that they recently looked at it again, and it wasn't able to be elevated because of those reasons. They actually went out there and accessed it during the last rain event which was probably a few months ago. As far as the project with the ramps, I am heavily involved in all the construction projects and the actual ramp paving, the repair work is going to be done in March the lighting probably won't be complete until May. However, he did say the majority of the work will be complete in the beginning of March depending on what type of cold weather season we had, and that they will be opening the road, the ramps a little bit more so they won't have as many closures as we get into the new year because they'll be getting along to complete that work. So the majority of it is done, as we get into the new year they still have to finish those ramps but he said it won't be closed both nights it might be

closed one night instead of two, it's going to get less. The lighting that was actually taken out because of the project, is going to be put back in and that may not be completed until May. So I don't everybody to think they will have road, they'll have those ramp closures until May, that's just when it'll all be said and done probably with the lights and everything back to how it was."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "And one more question or comment you could make to DOTD. When they did close 208, instead of putting a road closure..."

Baileigh Rebowe interrupting stated, "206."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "206. Instead of they putting a road closure before you get off the bridge I-10, when they get to the weigh station they saw it, well they had to go all the way to Gramercy."

Baileigh Rebowe stated, "I did get those same complaints, I did."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "So now they can't turn around got to go all the way to Gramercy and come back. So we have to put that on the bridge letting people know early, get off on this Exit."

Baileigh Rebowe stated, "I think it's before the bridge. But again, I think it's far because the one coming from the West is by Tanger Mall. So they get them way too far."

Baileigh Rebowe stated, "I actually sent that to them this week, I definitely received complaints myself and then one of the nights I was coming back from somewhere, actually didn't see the sign and didn't remember and went around, and I'm the PIO so. You would think I would know."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Ok well, thank you..."

Baileigh Rebowe interrupting stated, "But I'm definitely in communication so anything else just send an email and I'll take care of it."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Sure, I just wanted the public to be aware."

Councilman Perrilloux excused himself from the meeting at 9:00 PM.

Kurt Becnel - Lift station issues on Castle Drive, Edgard

Blake Fogleman stated, "As discussed with Councilman Becnel on Thursday, December 7, 2017, Utilities is aware of the concerns listed in his constituent report that he submitted to us. All items listed were last brought to our attention in 2015 and addressed either by our Department or Legal. With our work order system record of calls about this lift station since late 2015."

Councilman Becnel stated, "Basically the Harper Family explained to me, they contacted me on November 21st as you can see on the report that they were having some issues with the lift station and my predecessor Art Smith, I think he was trying to get them on the agenda and I think he became or it kept going back and forth. So all these folks want to do is you know address their concerns and I guess based on how whatever you say tonight, they can determine their coast of action what they want to do, I mean cause we need to hear them out they asked me to give them that opportunity, so I invite Devrin and his wife up here."

Blake Fogleman stated, "And I've also met Devrin and his wife as well on site."

Marvin Perrilloux/Julia Remondet - Proposed Audit - Utility Billing Department Operations/Procedures

The above item will be removed from the agenda.

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

Kylund Edwards stated, "Based on a meeting at the project site last week, all issues were resolved and will be addressed as discussed at the meeting. The 2018 asphalt program is still being finalized and bids were opened today. A list of potential road repairs in all Districts are based on severity and funding."

Lennix Madere - Update on enforcement of Ordinance 17-13 junked or derelict vehicles

Alex Carter stated, "Code Enforcement completed its junked vehicle sweep of select areas in District II and III on November 30th. Seventeen (17) vehicles were ticketed and the office is presently processing these cases. Administration aims to conduct a sweep on the West Bank in early 2018 and continues to enforce nuisance violations Parish-wide (i.e. trash and debris, junked vehicles, high grass, unsafe buildings)."

Larry Sorapuru - Discussion possible re-instatement of Medical Board

MOTION: Councilman Wright moved and Councilman Becnel seconded the motion to Table the item Discussion possible re-instatement of Medical Board. The motion passed with Councilman Madere, Perrilloux and Councilwoman Remondet absent.

Larry Snyder - Millage optimization and disbursement study

MOTION: Councilman Wright moved and Councilman Becnel seconded the motion to Table the item Millage optimization and disbursement study. The motion passed with Councilman Madere, Perrilloux and Councilwoman Remondet absent.

Larry Snyder - Report from Parish Engineering and Utility Director in reference to Ruddock Well Study

Blake Fogleman stated, "A preliminary cost estimate of \$3.03 Million with an 18 month timeline was delivered by the Parish Engineer for a new well. After careful review of the information, a follow up meeting was requested to discuss additional costs and required improvements to the system not included in the estimate and timeline. Additionally, alternative options for the LaPlace water system backup will be discussed as requested by the Council."

Larry Sorapuru - Financial Report and findings on 2017 Andouille Festival

MOTION: Councilman Wright moved and Councilman Becnel seconded the motion to Table the item Financial Report and findings on 2017 Andouille Festival. The motion passed with Councilman Madere, Perrilloux and Councilwoman Remondet absent.

There was no executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

John Barrett vs. St. John the Baptist Parish, Docket #68043 (Graffiti issue)

Parish Buildings - Security

Any and all pending legal matters

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

17-60 An ordinance authorizing the issuance of not exceeding Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000) of Taxable Sales Tax Bonds (DEQ) Series ST-2018 of St. John the Baptist Parish Sales Tax District; prescribing the form, terms and conditions of said Bonds; providing for the payment thereof; awarding said Bonds to the purchaser thereof; authorizing the execution of a Loan and Pledge Agreement and other loan documents with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (the "Department"); providing for the delivery of the Bonds to the Department; and providing for other matters in connection therewith (N. Robottom)

17-61 An ordinance amending ordinance 17-35 relative to 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)

PRESIDENT REPORT:

There was no comment.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 10:00 PM, Councilman Wright moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilman Perrilloux absent.

/s/Larry Snyder
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
Council Secretary