

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26TH, 2018
CHAIRMAN LENNIX MADERE
VICE-CHAIR LARRY SNYDER

The Council of the Parish of St. John the Baptist Parish, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session in the Joel McTopy Chambers, LaPlace, Louisiana on Wednesday, December 26th, 2018, at 12:00 PM.

CALL TO ORDER:

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL: Larry Sorapuru, Jr., Councilman-at-Large, Div. A, Kurt Becnel, Councilman District I, 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

ABSENT: Julia Remondet, Jaclyn Hotard

Councilman Wright led the Prayer. Councilman Becnel led the Pledge.

Legal Counsel present was Keith Green, Jr., Bridget Dinvaut, District Attorney and Law Clerk, Kennilyn Schmill.

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to in to regular session. The motion passed with Councilmen Becnel, Snyder and Councilwomen Remondet and Hotard absent.

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

There was no public comment at this time.

INTRODUCTION OF BUSINESSES:

Natalie Robottom - Presentation - 2017 Miss Andouille Queen Leah Alexander and 2017 Teen Andouille Queen Patience Pray - Keys to the Parish

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes Good Afternoon. What we have with us today, our 2017 Miss Andouille, Miss Leah Alexander and our 2017 Teen Miss Andouille, Patience Pray. Both of these I know you're familiar with, these young ladies they actually spent an entire year attending events with all of you, presenting the Parish through many, many festivals and actually in DC. They were excellent Queens for us, we continue to get great representation, they're families were instrumental and supporting them and bringing them around the state as well as the country, and allowing them to serve us in a capacity that they have. They've both moved on, we have two (2) new Queens, but at a 'Thank You' to them. We have a tradition of providing both of them with a key to our Parish, and thanking them for their entire year of service, which again I'm sure you all recognize and know them, because they were at all of our events and we can't thank them enough for their commitment to the Parish, their representation of St. John and the Andouille Festival and we look forward to continuing to have you all to represent us and other opportunities and which I think they will be attempting to do. So Miss Leah, thanks again, and Patience - thank you. The Council also thanked the Queens for their commitment, representation and wishing them luck in the future."

Larry Sorapuru - Presentation - Kevin Belanger, South Central Planning & Development Commission - Re-visit the Water Meter Rectification Study

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Yes I just want to say thank Kevin for coming in, Kevin didn't hustle me to get him on the agenda guys. Kevin's no stranger to this Council and after having the conversation with him about a year ago, he did make a presentation to us on some things that's definitely going to affect our Utility Department and I think we need to take a strong look at going back and review and see what low hanging fruit we can grab to get our Utility Department in line financially. Thank you Kevin."

Kevin Belanger, South Central Planning Development Commission stated, "Thank you Mr. Sorapuru. Chairman, other Members of the Council, Happy Holidays to you all. I want to start off by saying I'm not here asking for any contract, I just want to show you and talk to you a little bit about what we've done in the past and how we think that there could be a possibility to help you guys. In 2004, one of the Parish's that we serve (Terrebonne) had a problem with the solid waste account. They had problems because the solid waste people were saying that they had thirty-eight thousand five hundred (38,500) residences that they were serving, but he count that the parish had was only thirty-four thousand (34,000), a huge discrepancy. So they really didn't have any other means other than going to door-to-door to count. But as you know, your assessments are given on water meters. And we there are water meters that are used by multiple structures in every parish. It's a matter of where do you find them, how do you find them, it's very difficult. So we devised a way and we contracted with Terrebonne Parish in '04, to go through what we call, and this is called the Solid Waste Housing Count, but we could change that to say, Water Meter Housing Count, but basically it's utilizing private data bases that typically are not given to public entities. And also using Public Data Bases and compiling them into a process through algorithms that we've created to be able to find the abnormalities, and then to go out and find the people who are getting by without paying their fair share to this parish. Now, every water meter that is not accounted for, you're losing according to Mr. Fogleman today about fifty-two dollars (\$52.00) a month, at a minimum. You have garbage collection, you have sewage you have ambulance, mosquito abatement, and also the uses of water. So what we did in Terrebonne, we uncovered approximately a thousand (1,000) water meters that were not being registered out of approximately thirty-eight thousand (38,000). Now if you do the math it's about it's a little over two percent (2%), but if we use St. John and I figure that's there more compliance in St. John than there would be in Terrebonne, right! So if we did that, we use one and a half percent (1½%), one and a half houses per hundred houses that may not be using the proper water meter. If you applied that to the total that you have you're going to come out to approximately two hundred and fifty (250) water meters. That's almost thirteen thousand dollars (\$13,000) a month that yawl are losing. So we've proposed to be a facilitator for you to be able to go and try to obtain these private data bases and if we're able to get them, which we're pretty sure we could, but again we have to ask, and if we can and get them and run these comparisons, we can pin point exactly where the problems are occurring and that way you would save when you labor in the field from having to go out and literally uncover water lines, because we all know that everybody needs electricity. We all know that everybody needs water, we all know that they need cable or not need cable, but the asset essentials are water and electricity. So with that being said, we'd just like this proposal to you, it worked very well it worked flawlessly, in retrospect what we did for the Public Utilities-we had the electric companies: Entergy, Cleco and the City of Houma, all gave us their data bases, we had to sign Affidavits of disposing that data as soon as that project was over, we were not able to give that data to any other entity other than the person or entity where it came from, we uncovered many people in Terrebonne that we're stealing power,

we uncovered a lot of people that were stealing water, and so forth with sewage and garbage collection. So we just wanted to come today to be able to come and talk to yawl, Mr. Sorapuru remembered us having this discussion sometime back, I brought with me Mr. Ryan Hutchinson, who is our CTO (Chief Technology Officer), he is the one the devise the algorithms to be able to make this work, we know of no other entity literally in Louisiana that's actually accomplished this, and we'd love to be able to offer that to you if you so choose to move forward with. I'll answer any questions if there are any."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Of course. Yeah Mr. Sorapuru, this for the group or anyone else, and we talked about this cuz we were talking about the water meter system. And if I remember Mr. Belanger, you a/we discussed this at one of our meetings about a year or a year and a half ago maybe two years ago. And I was at that time I was that when you told us about that, that idea came and a light went off you know I said, this is where we need to start at you know. And I'm thinking now that Larry and I talked about this last week or week before last I think. And I said that's probably a good idea we start there, cuz we can identify where our meters are or not where they should be at and that we can start from there. Because whoever coming in with this contract, they're going to have to do the same thing. And I'm wondering their job is going to be so large, their job going to be so large that they may miss some things. But if we got someone just to come in and focus on just that aspect of it, finding our water meters and finding where they are and where they're out and where they should be. And I think their process is, and I think I remember a few little things about the process but I'm not going to say right here, but it's a good process on the way they do their business and I and really I'm going to support this, and I told Larry for sure that if you guys make out the proposal or something like that, let's see what it looks like because I was impressed with it and I think that's where we need to start at. Thank you!"

Kevin Belanger stated, "Thank you."

Councilman Malik asked, "With the process you're using more than one private source?"

Kevin Belanger stated, "Well it depends if we can obtain, we only really need the Utility company, the Entergy."

Councilman Malik stated, "Ok."

Kevin Belanger stated, "That's really the one we're after. And we have not called them, but I mean obviously you wouldn't pay anything to the process if we can't get it. But I feel very positive that they would want to know where there's impropriety as well. And one of the ways that they can obtain it is by allowing us to do that for them, basically at no charge to them. The way we did it in Terrebonne is the Solid Waste Company and the Parish split the eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000), that we billed Terrebonne. Now we're not suggesting that's the cost, I think we can do it for around forty (40), but I mean again, let's put it in contract have legal review it, come back to you all and debate it, but if you work out the numbers, it's about of three (3) months of lack of billing that you're missing. You're going collect about a hundred fifty grand (\$150,000), if my numbers are right (which I'm pretty sure they are), you going to collect about a hundred fifty thousand (\$150,000) annually more you are today."

Councilman Malik stated, "A what it's 1.5% of what's, something like seventeen thousand five hundred (\$17,500), I think that's our meter?"

Kevin Belanger stated, "You have roughly about sixteen thousand (16,000) residential customers, probably a little over seventeen and a half (17½) with commercial."

Councilman Malik stated, "Two hundred/two fifty or something like that."

Kevin Belanger stated, "Right, and there may be a few commercial that are not doing business the way they should either. So..."

Councilman Malik stated, "Oh thanks."

Kevin Belanger stated, "Thank you all."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well one other question Mr. Chairman. This thing would be just the location of the meters? Now whether or not they're operable or not?"

Kevin Belanger stated, "This would determine what residences do not have a proper meter installed. This will tell you if you have multiple homes on one (1) meter, which is from what I gather in St. John not applicable to the laws that yawl have."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Got you! Yes sir thank you."

Kevin Belanger stated, "Thank you."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "So I know this was a presentation, I know there's a lot of moving parts that Kevin's talking about. Can we give Administration an order to go on and look at his contract and probably come back to us and see what's feasible to do? Can we make a motion on that right now?"

Councilman Madere stated, "Hold on Mr. Figuero!"

Robert Figuero stated, "Councilman I don't have a problem with that, but there are several moving parts, we have several projects going on and we need to access all the projects and along with this one as well, to even see if, one we've already out sourced that, if we're paying for it if it's included in that loan. We just need a little bit of time to get everybody on the same page especially with some of the other news that's coming out, but you all will hear here soon I'm assuming. But again, there's several other projects the utility billing installation, the software, the meter project, we have StanTech on board, so again, there's several projects that we have going right now that we need to access them all before we jump into something too, too quick."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "And I don't elude to say we need to jump into it, but we've been jumping into this for three (3) years right now and these water bills and water meters. We've got to get a handle on where we at, I'm asking the Council to/I want to present a motion that we sit down with Mr. Belanger and Administration, and at least 2-3 members of this Council and see what's feasible to do to move forward to get a handle on things. Because it's not going to get any better, I've been hearing for over a year right now we couldn't find meters, we're finding five thousand (5,000), we got some we don't know where they at, so I'm sick of all this guessing game and I just want to be able to rest at night knowing that we did the best thing we can do for this community when it comes down to Public Safety, and having water and making sure we're holding people and industrial sectors responsible for what's going on. So I'm asking for a motion to

meet with Mr. Belanger and his team, Administration include a couple of Council people on this particular meeting."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay have a couple of comments from a Council member, Mr. Perrilloux."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Mr. Sorapuru I don't think we need a motion to do that, and I'm agreeing with Robert. We need to see what's going on first, cuz we got too many hands in the fire with water meters to get in another contract with somebody about water meters. Let's find out where we at as he said, and then we could proceed farther and I mean he's got a good idea. But we get too many hands in the fire of touching is touching, that money going here that money going there. Let's see where we at, come back and revisit this in January and see where we at with this and/but we don't need a motion to sit down and talk to Mr. Belanger, if he already on contract with us the Parish, so we could just call him and say hey, look we're having a meeting we'll sit down and talk, get you Parish Engineer involved cuz Mr. Fogleman may not be here any longer, get some people involved. We don't need a motion to do that!"

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "And I understand clearly Mr. Perrilloux, it's just that a - we want to make sure that we move forward that we're doing something and not just waiting for some miracle to happen because we can't do it on hope! We've got to put some meat some fuel to the fire and solve this problem."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Everybody want to see these meters come to past the problems with them. But we don't want to put too many hands in the fire and nobody know what the other hand is doing. And then we're just spending bad money. So we don't want to get into that, we can revisit as Robert said, come back and we look at it again. Call, hey let's set-up a meeting and we discuss this. I don't need a motion to do that!"

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Okay, that's fine."

Councilman Wright stated, "Thank you and just too piggyback on what Mr. Perrilloux said. I think the proper format would be to put it on another agenda as a proper item rather than just a presentation. You know but I do right, I don't think we need a motion. However, if you do run into any roadblocks then you probably would take that route but to make a motion as it's presented, I wouldn't think that would be proper."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yes. Well this might be a question that I'd wait till later on till we get this item on the agenda. But I was just wondering, where are we as far as that is concerned or what our plans are as far as that is concerned? If you remember back about a month ago a month and a half ago I think I asked for some plans, it's supposed to be in January on how we move forward with this project. You know and that's, that's one issue that I got a problem with, you know like I said before I like this thought here. One other issue I got a problem with is with the consent and knowing what's going on with this water meter system. I think we passed on that the last time and we signed a contract and how many of you people know how we're planning on going forward with these water meters? How many of you know and what kind of water meters we're getting? I really don't know and I'm going to be honest with you, I know we're getting new water meters. I got some idea I've heard talk, but how many of you know going forward exactly what kind of water meters we're getting? Have they've been designed yet? Mr. Belanger I know you don't have - this not your business..."

Kevin Belanger interrupting stated, "This is not in my wheelhouse right here!" Councilman Snyder stated, "Right, I understand that and I'm sorry for bringing this up now, but you sparked something in my head with some of these questions."

Kevin Belanger stated, "That's ok."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Mr. Blake can, and that paper we're supposed to sign that we didn't let, we didn't worry about the District Attorney sign, that was supposed to be a paper letting us know a lot of stuff, that we don't know already. You know, and we let someone else sign the papers so we could go forward with our water meter problems. But how many of us really know what's going on with the meters? They on contract, who got the contract? What kind of meters are we getting? What are we going to do as far as going out and finding out where we need meters at? You know that's the kind of thing I'm concerned about right now, and as I look back I'm disappointed with myself for making some of those decisions. Now, I thank Mr. Belanger for coming forward, I like this Larry it's a good idea bringing him in. I don't think we need to go further with this further today anyhow. You know, but it's a good idea, it's a very good idea and I think we're going try and bring some of that in to creation."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "And if that's that the Council feels that way, I don't have a problem withdrawing the motion, I'll withdraw my motion that way the Council can be observant to what's going to take place, but I would ask Administration to set this meeting up as soon as possible with Mr. Belanger and include at least 2 or 3 Council members at whatever meeting it's going to have for the first time from the draw. Thank you Kevin, appreciate you!"

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay thank you."

Kevin Belanger stated, "Thank you all again, and again Happy Holidays to you all."

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEMS: Approval of Minutes - December 11th, 2018, Regular Meeting; Permit Approval - WSJ Civic Association Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. March & Memorial Program - Monday, January 21, 2019 beginning at Noon; Robert Figuero - Monthly Financial Report (November)

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda items consisting of Approval of Minutes - December 11th, 2018, Regular Meeting; Permit Approval - WSJ Civic Association Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. March & Memorial Program - Monday, January 21, 2019 beginning at Noon; Robert Figuero - Monthly Financial Report (November). The motion passed with Councilwomen Hotard and Remondet absent.

Councilman Madere stated, "Next on the agenda I would like to move up the last item I have on the agenda, my last item under Departmental Reports. I'd like to move that item up before we do (the last item) Update on status of contract negotiations with Star Maintenance Janitorial Services, LLC before we get to the Ordinance.

Lennix Madere - Update on status of contract negotiations with Star Maintenance Janitorial Services, LLC

MOTION: Councilman Sorapuru moved and Councilman Becnel seconded the motion to suspend the rules to move Lennix Madere - Update on status of contract

negotiations with Star Maintenance Janitorial Services, LLC, up on the agenda. The motion passed with Councilwomen Hotard and Remondet.

Robert Figuero stated, "Administration received the revised quote and is in the process of re-evaluating the company's proposal."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay I just want to ask the Council members. I received an email that I think was sent to Administration, and to Robert, as far as the new suggested price by Star Maintenance. All the Council members receive that email? I don't know if you looked/checked your email or text message."

Councilman Sorapururu stated, "I did receive the email."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Did you receive the email Mr. I got the email. Get you get the email Mr. Madere?"

Councilman Madere stated, "I got it."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Mr. Wright, did you get the email?"

Councilman Wright stated, "I'm double checking."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Did you get the email Mr. Malik?"

Councilman Malik stated, "Yes."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay and the reason why I asked those questions earlier about how we scored these contracts, okay and then this is a Professional Service Contract, so really the answers that they gave was concerning the rankings okay, and they really rank them basically, mainly because of the pricing. Because as I added the scores up and take the pricing out, okay then the thing shifts a whole lot as far as who's first, who's second, who third, who fourth on down the line, okay and once you take the pricing out. Okay what we have to do a better job is, we can't put out items (I feel) and just base it on price, because price swing the whole thing just one way okay! Whoever had the lowest price, the pricing is the biggest thing on it, that's what you say; the biggest consideration and that's what you use a formula on. Okay, now everything else you say was scored individually like performance or experience or whatever you had listed okay, so those numbers were different on every individual thing. What I noticed in some of the scoring, that some people have very different views on those item, on those things. Okay and one other thing I think the Council or the Parish should do, is when you send out for these types of contracts that we have some type of idea ourselves; what is a fair price, what is too high what is too low to be considered. Okay that's I think some of the problems that we have, cuz I did some research on my own and I talked to several different companies that I know do this type of work, okay one of them was JaniKing (not the one that's working with us now), and two other companies. Okay and the information that I got from them was basically what I think is happening. Okay I just mentioned the total scope of the building and the individuals who I talked to, three separate occasions, they all said the same thing. That, and I gave them the pricing of the highest and the lowest okay, and the remarks to me was; the lowest is not feasible to make any money for the company, the highest they say was too high, too high. So I just asked they're professional opinion - what would be a proper range or would be considered for that type of building? And some of the things he told me that should have been taken into consideration is also usage of the building, how much individual people going to pass through that building

during the year. You see you're not going to really know that until after the first six (6) months to a year of how many people are actually going to be going in and out of that building, and that should be considered. He also mentioned the fact that you have to take into consideration that you have to buy everything for it, and then supplies go up and down. So I just asked those three individuals to give me what was considered to be a fair price. Okay and not exactly to the number, but everything came in; the lowest in was about - fourteen five; fourteen two, was something in that area, and the highest they told me is was in the sixteen hundred range, okay so they said somewhere between fourteen or sixteen, you know thousand dollars a month would be a fair equitable price for those types of buildings. And that way they're not taking advantage of the Parish as far as money, and that the company themselves would see some type of profit. They said too low now profit, too high was out of the question to! So that's what I did and I think Administration should look into those types of things themselves to, so have a range and a understanding of what price is either ridiculously low or ridiculous too high. Have some type of understanding and to box that in as to what we're doing. Okay and I don't think pricing should be the real tipping point, performance to me should be the tipping point, okay how well the job is going to be done. And whoever, okay if we work out this deal with this company, okay we should make sure that we have people in place that's going to make sure and check that they're doing the work. Because what I heard a couple of weeks ago that we have a company that's working for us and not performance not performing well, and it's not it wasn't brought to our attention. They said they had many complaints, they even point out the fact that they said our Secretary complained about them. Well if we're getting that type of complaints from a particular business that we gave a contract to, we do have clauses in that contract where we can eliminate them and get rid of them, that don't mean we have to stick with them. And that's why it's important that the people that go out there supervising, are doing their job to make sure that they're doing their job. And that's what we have to do, make sure that when we give a contract out, we hold these people accountable to these contracts, and don't just let them slip and slide and then when we talk about at them later on. Okay if they're not doing the job we get rid of them, cuz it's in the contract that you can get rid of them. I think it's what a 30 day notice, I'm not sure. Okay so we should exercise those rights in those contracts, okay those contracts are not given to anyone to keep! Okay, you keep it if you perform, you lose it if you don't! So I think that those are the things that we need to consider when we looking at contracts and giving out contracts, is the price ridiculously too low, ridiculous too high in a fair margin, and I don't think we had an idea going in to it what was fair on either end. And I think that's what we have to make sure that we do this when we go out and look for these type of contracts. I heard Administration, is there any plan with Administration to...

Councilman Snyder stated, "With this contract, I mean we heard earlier it's all about something that the state does I think, the state does this you know as far as this formula is concerned, my understanding that was a voluntary thing. We used that because we wanted to use that, using the formula. Could of been a good way to do your business though but, it doesn't necessarily have to come through, we don't necessarily have to do that that's my understanding, if I'm wrong tell me I'm wrong here, show me where I'm wrong at. I realize that when the state does its work it's does that. So we follow that so we follow that line of thought I guess. But I think that, you know I respect Mr. Madere's resolved and all the work he put into this thing and finding out and I was instrumental in getting these people to renegotiate this price and that was good you know work on your part and I think that we need to look at that and if we can get that price down to a you know like he said a medium there, whereas it's in the middle somewhere

that's all we can hope for. You know I applaud him for that, sticking to his guns."

Councilman Madere stated, "And I think what Ms. Robottom said, it wasn't necessary a state formula, she said well, I think she said it was recommended by the audit!"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes, actually it is something that was recommended for our grant funding. However regardless of whether it's a formula or not, pricing is important. And it is not the sole determinant, which is why we use our RFP's, because we do account for other items as you said, past performance, past history, personnel available, all those things are accounted for as well. However, as a governing body using tax payable dollars, it was recommended by a former DA that pricing has to weigh more than some of the other items. It doesn't have to be the sole determinant, but because you are spending taxpayer dollars you need to look at it. The reason for the formula was just to be equitable. Probably they would've been ranked in the same order, the number of points received would have been different but the bottom line is the pricing ranged from ten to twenty-one thousand, so there was going to be some variation in the points, just because the variation in the pricing. But the formula allowed them to take the objectivity out of it, but it's not the sole determinate, the other four (4) categories were evaluated as well, but pricing was a component to the evaluation as it should be with taxpayer dollars."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay I understand what you say but, the way it worked out with that formula, okay if you look at the ranking according to pricing it went from the lowest to the highest. So the formula had no effect on the ranking, you could of ranked that just by looking at the price [CROSSTALK], the way the formula work out it's still ranked them according to..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "That's what I said."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yeah!"

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "It would have been that anyway..."

Councilman Madere stated, "It would have been that anyway. Okay but what I'm saying is we who have to know our self what is a fair price and what's not a fair price. Okay that's what I'm saying. We should have a ballpark figure ourselves, as to what is fair and what is not fair, and do we or are we or is someone pricing just to get in? Or is someone giving you a fair equitable price? Okay cuz it's just like salesman, they come to your house and everybody selling the same product when somebody going say well, I'm going to let you have it a whole lot cheaper, just to get the contract. Okay or somebody come in a say I can't let you have it this price okay! That's what I'm saying, we need to know our self, okay and I don't think we had any idea what was a fair price for that building. I don't think we did, okay. And like I said, I didn't know until I went out and conducted this survey. Independently I just, I didn't name the building I didn't name the location, I just reached out to these companies and asked them what would a fair price would be for that building, and it came like I said between fourteen thousand to sixteen thousand dollars a month and that's what I got. Okay now like I say, those quotes I got for those people, you probably can ask three more people and getting something different, something maybe lower something maybe higher. Okay but them three (3) I talked to that's what I got about. So that's all I'm saying that we have some type of idea when we go out for these proposals, what's its going to take to do those buildings ourselves."

Natalie Robottom stated, "We agree with you Mr. Madere, which is why we kind of looked back at our previous janitorial contracts. But again, the pricing is based on what the market will bear, and if you look at the proposals there was a range that several we're in the same area, there was really only one that was out of like significantly or at least double the others, but there was a range where they were all in the same area. But the bottom line is, our job is to get the best deal for the parish not the company. And if there's a company that submits that is their proposal, then they're going to be held to that as their proposal. And I want to think at one of the meetings I think the owner of the company committed to his proposal and as being a fair price. But we do have some other variables now that we're going to take a look at based on recommendations from some of the Council members and some of the staff, whether or not we need to full-time people there during the day, so there may be some variation in that which would help with the cost, originally again every company was taken through the building and explained the people that were going to be there, the two (2) people initially was because of all the other entities being in the building at the same time which we're not there yet. The Clerk of Court's not there, the Registrar and the Assessor, and the Court System. So right now we're not experience what we put out a spec for, but if we don't need it now then we shouldn't have to pay for it. But we did consider the number of people and the uses of the building when we put out the RFP. However at this point, everybody is not in the building, so we I think have all agreed that we probably don't need two (2) people there all day right now, because the capacity is not there it's not necessary so that is something we want to take a look at as well."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Yes and I just want to inject this into the conversation right now. On that particular RFP it does say that the contract is to be negotiated once it's accepted? Correct?"

Councilman Madere stated, "It's in the contract I think."

Natalie Robottom stated, "It could be it could be."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "It could be negotiated. But here it is we're changed the scope we put proposals out, we change the scope of what we want the work to do from five to three. I mean I think that's very unfair to a proposal you put out requiring them to give you a price for five (5) people, now you're saying three (3), but anyhow I just want to bring it to the table..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "I don't think we said that!"

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "You just said three (3)."

Natalie Robottom stated, "No that's not what I said."

Councilman Snyder stated, "She's saying it right now..."

Councilman Sorapuru interrupting stated, "Yes!"

Councilman Snyder stated, "That we may not need it but we, you're weren't thinking that way when you put the proposal out."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Correct, correct, correct! And all I'm saying..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "Right. And of course the proposal was for everybody being in the building..."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yes exactly."

Natalie Robottom stated, "As of right now, everybody's not in the building."

Councilman Sorapura asked, "Well when will everybody be in the building?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "That's, well some of them are coming in January. However it's all negotiable okay, not just the price, you know when it says the contract can be negotiated all of it can be negotiated. Whether it's the people, the money, the hours are whatever, you know it allows for negotiation. Now for a negotiation to be successful, both parties have to agree. Okay so, we're not saying we're changing it but it's come up from many of you, that yawl want us to look at whether or not two (2) people need to be in the building all day during the day. So we've actually already started making some changes there under our PO and having conversations with the current contractor who pretty much agrees, for what they're dealing with right now. So those are things that could come up in discussion during negotiation."

Councilman Madere stated, "I just want to make another comment about this pricing item, not only did I talk to those three (3) individual independent company. I also threw out the lowest score and I threw out the highest score and added, 1, 2, 3, 4, the other five (5) scores together and divided it, and that came out to around about sixteen thousand dollars (\$16,000) a month. I fall right in that ballpark where those other guys told me, somewhere between sixteen and fourteen (16&14). So what I did I throw out the lowest bid and throw in the lowest bid and I add everything else together and divided it and it fell right in that range between sixteen, you know sixteen something. So in other words, anything sixteen (16) going down is a good price range, okay, and that's what I did. Okay so, to me of just my opinion a fair price for that building is located somewhere between sixteen and fourteen."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I think that we all have the just of that Mr. Madere, you did a lot of work in that and the average price somewhere around sixteen thousand (\$16,000). And some of the bids we had were low and some were high, but that's the average and I think we got a re-proposal or something, another proposal that was sent to all of us supposing..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Administration."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I think the Administration got the same proposal, let them work with that, but we need to do something today because of if we need to do something today, we need to do it today, we need to do it now."

Councilman Madere stated, "Well that's my question to Administration. Okay, do you have a time schedule as far as when you're going to make a decision or meet with these individuals? I know they already sent a proposal out to you, okay it's come down to you if you're going to accept or you're going to try to renegotiate that some more?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "As I think Mr. Figuero indicated, we want to look at the whole proposal and I think what you had requested was for us to meet with them. Now it was short notice before the holidays and we weren't able to do that so I think our intent would be to sit down with the company and not just take a

number as a proposal cuz what did you change in proposal. If your original proposal was \$21,000 and now its \$14,000, what did you alter in your proposal to get it down to \$14,000? Some of those things may be acceptable to us, like you knocked off one of the people and that might be good. But some of the other things you changed to get your proposal down to \$14,000, may not be acceptable. So we can't just look at the number, we got to look at what did you change in your proposal to get your number to 21 to 14, and again it could be workable, some things may be important to us than others, and as we said the number of people I would think required all day. We still need the cleanings in the evenings and quarterly, but do you need to have somebody in our building, two (2) people? We think you need to have at least one, but do you need two (2)? So those might be areas we can look at with them that could account for the reduction in their price. But just to get a number doesn't really tell us what they changed in their proposal to get to that fourteen (14)."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well I think I think I'm not quite sure, that makes sense to me we just need to look at the total proposal. I mean other than that we can't make a decision today until that get looked at. Cuz like she said you know they might not a floor, that's just one floor or it might be a person they knockout on nights or on days. I think that makes sense its good business then."

Councilman Madere stated, "I would agree, but then I say they still have to explain to me how could they change they proposal as terms of what they have to do. Because they have a size building that they have to clean, there's space that they have to clean. So there's not much you that you can change other than pricing. Okay, other way you change pricing if you eliminate an employee or something like that, but you can't eliminate the cleaning of the building. You can't eliminate I'm not doing to dump the trash can that's why my price came down. You can't eliminate I'm not going to clean it every day that's why my price came down. So pricing, it has nothing negotiable as to what you're going to do in the building. Okay the only thing that was in there negotiable is your price, okay what I'm asking you to do I am asking you to wash my car and wax my car, give me a price. Okay, now you say \$20, I say that's too high you say well, wash and wax my car, well I'm going to do it for \$10. You still got to wash and wax my car, the only thing change is the pricing. So I don't see where changing of the price is going to determine or do with anything they have to do inside the building..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "It shouldn't Mr..."

Councilman Madere stated, "I shouldn't at all."

Natalie Robottom stated, "It shouldn't. But the bottom line is, business people create a price based on..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Profit."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Based on what they're supposed to be doing and what it cost them okay, to do business and to drop your price by \$7,000, we just want the opportunity to see what changed. What changed in what you are proposing that is going to be \$7,000 less (a month) \$7,000 less a month then what you initially proposed? So again, that's business!"

Councilman Snyder stated, "I think that is good business and I think we need to move on because that's the way to do it and that's the only way to do it. And the minute things can change as far as that's concerned. You can use a rough toilet

paper to a smooth toilet paper...

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, *"You better use smooth you better use smooth..."*

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, *"So let's move on..."*

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, *"Just one more comment and we'll move on..."*

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, *"No let's move on."*

Councilman Madere stated, *"Nah one more comment and I'll be able to move on."*

Councilman Snyder stated, *"I got the floor over here now!"*

Councilman Madere stated, *"But I can make comment when I get it back."*

Councilman Snyder stated, *"When then discussed this thing and I think its good business sense to move, let them go talk to the people - what then changed? Anything changed in this contract let them discuss that, and then we look at the price that they got. Okay?"*

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES:

18-36 (Carry Over 11-13-18) An ordinance naming the Baseball Complex located in the Juan Anthony Park in Edgard - the "DeVante Smith Baseball Complex" (K. Becnel)

The above item will remain a carry over.

18-37 (Carry Over 11-13-18) An ordinance naming the Airnasium located in the Juan Anthony Park in Edgard - the "Raeaneka Small Airnasium" (K. Becnel)

The above item will remain a carry over.

18-43 (Public Hearing Held) (Tabled 11-13-18) An ordinance introducing the annual operating budgets for the St. John the Baptist Parish General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Enterprise Funds and Capital Projects Funds for the fiscal year Beginning January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2019 (N. Robottom)

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to remove Ordinance 18-43 from the TABLE. The motion passed with Councilwomen Hotard and Remondet absent.

Robert Figuero stated, *"Budget workshops and individual budget meetings were held to address questions and concerns about the proposed budget. Proposed amendments were submitted to the Council on December 7th and December 20th, and subsequent questions addressed. Administration recommends approval of the budget with the amendments."*

Councilman Snyder stated, *"I read the amendments and they all, you know did we do anything with that Community Service thing?"*

Robert Figuero stated, *"We moved it from the General Fund to Public Works. We put \$5,000 in there, we assumed, we estimated is going to cost about \$5,000 for an overtime employee or for an employee doing overtime working from Public Works. We*

believe that'll be enough to cover it. If it falls short as you discussed, then we'll come back to you on that. But we think twice a month, what we factored in that should cover it."

Councilman Snyder asked, "How did we get to that number?"

Robert Figuero stated, "We discussed it with the Sheriff's Office, and the CAO had multiple discussions with the Sheriff's Office and it looks like we're going to provide an employee for a couple of overtime twice a month if I'm mistaken, in order to cover the cost. And then Sheriff's Office is going to cover the other remainder of the cost associated with that program."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Otherwise they're going to provide a Deputy two (2) Saturdays out of month, that's what our plans are. And also meeting with the Judges tomorrow to over the overview to overview the plan of action and hopefully we can begin implementing this early January."

Councilman Snyder asked, "We got to pay the Deputy?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "No we do not. The Sheriff's Office is..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting asked, "So the only thing we got to for pay is the overtime?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "That's right! With the Public Works one employee. Two (2) Saturdays which is eight (8) hours. Eight (8) hours per so sixteen (16) hours a month."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay, we voted, I think we voted for this change, what are we going to do with that? We looked at that where we can get some money from to pay for that building out there that, maintenance on that building? I mean we passed we passed we got a contract that we, RFP that we that we okayed and it's going to cost us a little bit more money. Have we figured out where we going to get the money from? Cuz I mean we can't go forward and let, what are we going to do if we go forward? We got to do something. I know we got to re-negotiate, but I'm talking about whatever they sent in cuz you're saying that if you don't like what the when you sit down and talk to these people and what they have to, how they got to this \$14,600, their contract is null and void, I mean I'll repeat it's null and void. Is that what we're saying?"

Natalie Robottom stated "I don't think so."

Councilman Snyder asked, "You're not saying that? I just want to be sure because we got to pay for this."

Robert Figuero stated, "Currently the 2019 Budget has \$120,000, for 2019 for Janitorial Services."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Right I know that. Right, so we need \$170,000. You know we need another \$50,000 from somewhere if I'm not mistaken. Or \$53,000."

Robert Figuero stated, "Fifty-five to be exact."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Fifty-five too the! Do we have some idea where we can get that from? Or we need to give yawl some idea?"

Robert Figuero stated, "It would have to come from the fund balance."

Councilman Snyder asked, "That fund balance from where?"

Robert Figuero stated, "From the General Fund."

Councilman Snyder stated, "From the General Fund. Okay."

Robert Figuero stated, "Which is currently in the negative."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Alright so cuz that was my thoughts on it to cuz I looked at this is the only place we can find some change for them, the General Fund because it's been passed now and we got to work with it and we got to do what we got to do because the majority of the people voted..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "I don't think they voted."

Councilman Madere asked, "Voted what?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yeah that thing was passed. It was passed [CROSSTALK]"

Robert Figuero stated, "You just passed to UNTABLE it."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I'm talking about Janitorial Contract."

Robert Figuero stated, "I'm sorry, I'm sorry."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Oh okay I'm sorry, I thought you were talking about the budget."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Right over your head. I see that! The budget this got something to do with the budget of course."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Right! It hasn't passed, right!"

Councilman Snyder stated, "No the budget hasn't passed, well that's why I'm asking this question now."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Currently the fund balance is in the negative, so..."

Councilman Snyder asked, "In the General Fund?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "In the General Fund, yes sir."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Okay. And what's the approximate funds in the General Fund?"

Robert Figuero stated, "There's multiple sources of revenues, most of it is ad valorem and then there's fees and so forth for occupational licenses and so there's several different revenues, one of them is ad valorem and again the other one are the fees, the permits..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "And we do transfers from other departments to cover admin fees and..."

Robert Figuero interrupting stated, "That's correct."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay. So what about the sales tax, can we find some change there some place?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "I think that's the fund Mr. Snyder that we are struggling with now, that's supporting Public Works, Utilities and Waste Water, that we're trying to maintain, because the fund balance is dwindling because we're spending more than we're collecting so, again that was one of the funds when we talked about problem funds that we need to address. Unfortunately, those dollars are being used for operations, as was approved by the proposition to you know to be allowed to use in those departments, but that's the fund that each year I think we're seeing dwindle to the point where it's not sustainable. So I think we made some changes and not using all the transferred dollars in those departments so we can start shirring it up and taking less out of that, so you know yea that's one as well."

Councilman Snyder stated, "And I agree with all of that, but we got to find the money though. We got something that this Council voted on. We got to find the money. So you're telling me that you going find the fifty-three thousand dollars (\$15,000)?"

Robert Figuero stated, "If that's what you're instructing me to do, we'll have to."

Councilman Snyder stated, "That's we had a proposal, we voted on it, so that's what it is. We got to get the building, unless ya'll know somebody that can clean the building, don't cost us anything."

Councilman Madere stated, "Fifty-five thousand, two hundred dollars \$55,200) to be exact."

Councilman Snyder stated, "If not then we going to have, we go to determine other than that we're going to have to come back with an Ordinance to change this budget."

Councilman Sorapururu stated, "I'd like to offer a motion that we..."

Jackie Landeche interrupting stated, "We have a motion on the floor."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "The motion was to negotiate the contract with the janitorial service. We adopt this budget tonight, you all still have to go sit down and negotiate, and then come back to the Council to amend the budget and then find out where you going to get the money from, amend it at that time. Correct?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "We could once we determine..."

Councilman Perrilloux interrupting stated, "Once you determine a price, cause we don't know if it's going to be fifty-five, it could be thirty!"

Robert Figuero stated, "Correct!"

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "You haven't sat down negotiate with them. But we adopt the budget, you all come back after you make the negotiations to amend the budget to transfer money here to put into the Janitorial Professional Services right? That's what we do?"

Robert Figuero stated, "Yeah."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "That's what we normally do."

Robert Figuero stated, "Yes."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "We do it every year. So I'm trying to find what is, why we can't we just adopt the budget, cuz we do this every year."

Councilman Snyder stated, "We do this every year we needed \$10,000 for the Boogie Center, who found the money? Mike had to go in there and find the money! Mike had to go in the budget and find the money, and that's \$10,000 to redo that building. Because we didn't have the money, but I think Mike went in there and looked at the budget, talked with us and we found money."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "But again that's why I say..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "We/they didn't do it we did it."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "But that's why I say, every year we wait until the eleventh hour to go approve the budget, we just sat down had special meetings and budget meetings and do whatever we got to do so when we get here we can adopt. We wait till the last day of the year to try to pass through a budget we had all this opportunity to do this before. I've been saying this year after year, it's not up to Administration to tell us when they want to have budget meetings, it's up to the Council to say we need a budget meeting and we need special meetings to move stuff. That's how this process supposed to work, but we wait till the eleventh hour to find out what we want to move into the budget. It's late!"

Councilman Snyder stated, "Mr. Perrilloux this just came up to vote at our last meeting that we was going to do this. Now, that proposal was passed by this Council at a hundred and twenty-one thousand dollars. That proposal, so that was passed then that's telling this administration we got to find the money from somewhere. But even since that had happen, this thing has dropped that was at the last meeting. So what other time we had, I went to the budget meeting I went discuss it with the Chief Financial Officer on things that I want to change in the budget. You know, we spent hours together looking at this thing, but I'm saying is that, this isn't the last minute I'm doing this I'm just trying to get some commitments here. Because if this thing goes further, if we don't get any commitments, watch what's going to happen! They're only going to say we don't have the money."

Councilman Madere stated, "I agree with Mr. Snyder because first of all, once the DA gave her legal opinion on those two (2) motions okay, in fact I think she sent an email out to everybody the Friday before she gave the written statement out to give Robert a heads-up to start looking for additional money because on negotiation. Okay and I made [INAUDIBLE] today and no one had reached out to him cause I checked to see. They reached out to administration and gave a proposal, okay which is over \$7,000 cheaper than the original proposal they sent to us. Okay, so at that time okay, you had an idea as to what type of money you'd probably be dealing with. Okay so, what have administration done in the meantime to get this price or look for the money. Because you know it's going to be somewhere between the high thirteen or you know, well I'm just saying you probably want try to get to the high thirteen but they made a proposal of four/six okay, so the ball is in home court to find the money. Okay and I think what Mr. Snyder is trying to say, we control the budget..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "Right!"

Councilman Madere stated, "We can say find fifty thousand two hundred dollars (\$55,200) okay with a motion..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "Well actually you can find it."

Councilman Madere stated, "Huh!"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Or ya'll can find it."

Councilman Madere stated, "Or we can direct them to find it. Okay..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "Not really."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes we could. Just like we can look in the budget, they can also look in the budget, okay to find fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), we can say you know the Council make a motion to administration or to that department to find the additional money. You know let's just say we put in seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) cause you may negotiate down or you may stay at it is. But you still have to have money in the budget to cover what you know is a first offer by them. So you need to find fifty-four thousand dollars (\$54,000) for sure okay. Nah, you may negotiate a lil more down, or you may stay the same. But you know got to find fifty-four (54), I mean a fifty-six (56) I think it is. Yeah fifty-five two something, okay but I think what Mr. Snyder is trying to say to make sure we don't have to come back and revisit that we make a motion tonight that you find at least that amount of money."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Just to clarify, I think most of this discussion and emails and phone calls took place Thursday and Friday of last week before the holiday. The prior week I think I spoke to your wife who answered your phone and asked for a call back and I think Jackie ended up sending an email saying you wanted to meet the following week. And it's my understanding that based on your call and speaking with Robert, Megan sent out an email saying that it was the end of the week, due the holidays that we weren't going to be able to do that before Friday. So that's why there wasn't a meeting then. In the interim we did receive the fourteen thousand dollar (\$14,000) proposal, right before the holiday all of us were not even at work, so we haven't looked at it. With regard to the budget - the Parish President submits a budget, we've had discussions with all of you, some of the amendments that's being recommended were amendments we discussed, some Robert found needed to be made and we presented the amendments we recommended. As a Council, you are able to do the same. However, if you amend the budget - we have to submit and you have to pass a balanced budget. So it can't be just add fifty-five thousand (\$55,000) to the janitorial cause if we add it we have to take it from somewhere. And if you take it from the fund balance then you drop an already negative fund balance that must remain within a certain percentage in order to pass. So it's not as simple as just move money from here, because whatever we do affects another line item. But as a Council, you have the authority to make those amendments as you've done in the past and put it on a spreadsheet and made sure that everything was balanced, but I didn't make that recommendation."

Bridget Dinvaut stated, "Just for clarity President Robottom is correct. It's totally up to this Council to make appropriations to particular line items that this Council has approved. It is very, very, important when you award contracts that you have money in that particular line item because we don't want to have

legal issues, so it is up to you as the Parish Council to take money from a line item and put it into another line item. It is your responsibility, and it's your responsibility by the end of the fiscal year. Thank you."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yes ma'am thank you very much. I guess what got to adjust to that."

Councilman Madere stated, "I just want to correct Ms. Robottom on a couple of issues she just said. The phone call-the meeting that was supposed to be set up that I asked the secretary to set-up, that was concerning the Veto-what I asked her to have that meeting cuz you were questioning whether we had the authority to remove your Veto off the list, so that's what that meeting was about."

Natalie Robottom stated, "That's what you wanted to meet about!"

Councilman Madere stated, "Right!"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Okay, because I called you..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Wait, wait a minute cuz no. You had some concern, I didn't get a phone call from you, see you talked to my wife, well I don't know..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "But, she said you were there..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Yeah okay, let me finish. So what I'm saying is I reached out to our secretary and asked her set-up a meeting so we can discuss that about the Veto. Okay, and that's when you replied that you had a, you would not be available till after the holidays because of some prior meeting that you had. Okay I looked at that email again this morning before I came here. Okay now, concerning a negotiation with the contract, I made three (3) phone calls to you about that, and did not get a return call. I left a message on your phone, on each of your numbers and never got a return response back from you. That's when I came over and went see Robert, you was not there that day I was coming to your office to see if negotiations had start moving forward, and that's when I came to Robert. But I never got a return phone call back from you from those three (3) calls I made to you. That's what I want to make sure that you understand..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "Wait let me address that. You actually called me and Robert..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "Hold up, hold up, hold up, hold up! Let's do this thing. Ms. Robottom, Ms. Robottom, [KNOCKING OF GAVEL] Hold up Ms. Robottom! You got right to speak and you will speak. Okay? Nah, you had talked about meetings to address the fund balance, you want to answer that Ms. Robottom? You may."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Okay."

Councilman Snyder stated, "The fund balances. I mean the, when you met with Robert."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes, actually you called in the middle of our staff meeting, Robert (and I shared with him I had just received a call), he said 'Oh he's calling me now'. He stepped out and took your call, because he was able to

address your concern or he at least knew what you were asking, I assumed you were good. Okay he relayed what your conversation was about and I shared with him you know that I would not be there during the holidays, and I was in and out, but that we would look at it. When you guys sent the revised number, he met with me as well, and said look did you get this? We have a revised scope. Again, Ms. Saulny was out of the office, most of our staff was out of the office and it was the day before the holiday. So I shared with him yes we can take a look at this but it won't be before the holiday. So I asked my assistant to email you, to say that yes we received the quotes but we weren't available last week before the Christmas holiday. Today is our first day back, and we had a meeting at 12 o'clock. So no we haven't scheduled any, well actually it started at 11:30. So as of today we didn't schedule anything, we worked on preparing for this meeting this morning."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Look! Again we got to pass this budget today. There's no doubt about that. That's the law, so we got to pass this budget today. We also agreed that we need to get the Administration to look at look at that proposal see what changed in it, okay? Now we got to up we got to do some extra work at the beginning of next year to get this, to find the money, I know that the administration is going to be looking for it, then we just got to do what we got to do. I think we ought to get this budget passed and let's move on and Mr. Madere you made some good points, administration made some good points, and we know what's going on now..."

Jackie Landeche stated, "I don't think we can do that though cause the DA is saying no."

Councilman Snyder stated, "No what? We can't pass the budget? It's a balanced budget now, as far as we're concerned."

Jackie Landeche asked, "Did you need to speak again?"

Bridget Dinvaut stated, "No I didn't."

Jackie Landeche stated, "Oh okay, I apologize my mistake."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Right, as far as I'm concerned it's a balanced budget right now."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes it is."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Right, okay!"

Councilman Madere stated, "I have a question. Okay, it's a balanced budget right now okay, and you're going to negotiate with these individuals. Okay and let's just say their price the same, or if go down another thousand or two or it go down a few hundreds, you still going in the same place that you are right now. Cuz you have to find the money okay, you know it's not going to be, if it's going to be more than what you have allocated already. You have a hundred and twenty thousand (\$120,000) allocated to it. Okay so you know it's going to be more, so what I'm saying we should have been looking for x-number of dollars before. Okay, so you're still going to know you still know it's going to be more than what you have, so you have to find some money. And my whole comment is, will administration come back to us and find money. Cuz, if you don't come back and keep it at a hundred and twenty (120), then who's going to clean the room?"

Robert Figuero stated, "Mr. Madere just for the record you know, you say about going out and finding the money. Again, our staff cut almost a million dollars of expenses this year. So I am very happy with the way where the budget's at right now, so to find another \$55,000, it is what it is, but my point is, we've cut almost a million dollars in expenses from this year's budget from last year. So we've made a lot of cuts, so we don't have a lot fluff for say, throughout this budget to move money around. So my recommendation at this point and time was if we would need that money it would have to come from the fund balance. Cause I'm confident where our budget was at when we submitted it back in October, I'm very comfortable where it's at, at this point and time so..."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay I have a question and then I'm going to let yawl handle yawl business. Okay, how did we come up with a hundred and twenty thousand dollars (\$120,000) for that building since we had no prior knowledge as how much that building would cost? How did we come up with \$120,000? Why didn't we allocate say not knowing what the prices were going to be, we never went out and find out for ourselves like I did, what would be a good ballpark figure for that building, how did we come up with \$120,000? Where do you get that figure from and how do you come up with that?"

Robert Figuero stated, "When we create a budget, it's about [INAUDIBLE] and being conservative as possible. At the time we've had, we've had the RFP opening prior to the budget being submitted to you all. So we went through and we looked at all our prices and we scored them, they were ranked #1, we trusted our process. I was a part of that scoring committee, I trusted the process, so therefore I had that firm ranked #1, so therefore I took their price and I put their price into the budget. I'm not in the business of trying to guess, and even again I understand we make educated guesses all the time when it comes to the budget. But when we do have a baseline, we want to use that number you know. So again, same concept with the grass cutting, when we have a baseline we want to use those numbers cuz that's what gives us a firm budget. Otherwise, again the budget's a guess and we try to eliminate as much guessing as possible. So at that point and time, I made the decision I had their number, they were ranked #1 in our process so therefore I utilized that number and that's the number that we put into the budget."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay and my suggestion, okay and I'm not an Accountant but my suggestion would have been I would have not knowing what this Council was going to do in terms of who they was going to select, okay so what you basically did was select the company based on the price and that's what you put in the budget..."

Robert Figuero interrupting stated, "That's incorrect."

Councilman Madere stated, "Well they total price come up to about \$120..."

Robert Figuero interrupting stated, "I selected the company that was ranked #1 on our scoring criteria..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "That's what I'm saying, yeah that's what I'm saying ..."

Robert Figuero interrupting stated, "I didn't just go off a price. Again..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "No, no, no..."

Councilman Snyder [KNOCKING OF GAVEL] stated, "Let him finish, let him finish Mr."

Madere."

Councilman Madere stated, "I got you go head."

Robert Figuero stated, "And as we're trying to balance our budget, again we have to have a balanced budget. So therefore, sometimes you have to make concessions from certain locations and not just put an extra 15, 30, 40, you know \$60,000 because again, that inflates the budget. So when we're trying to create that balanced budget, we need to go with as much quantitative information that we have. So again, they were ranked #1 in our process so that's why we utilized that number."

Councilman Madere stated, "I understand that I understand that. But what I'm saying, the better process should have been to just look at these numbers like I did and divide it and say, let's just go on sixteen (16), because we don't know who they're going to pick, that's what you have to know because this is not a process where the lowest bid automatically get it, okay."

Robert Figuero asked, "You do realize how many line items in this budget?"

Councilman Madere stated, "Yeah I know."

Robert Figuero stated, "To take that process and apply it to every single one of these line items, I would need a staff of 30 additional accountants."

Councilman Madere stated, "No, no, I didn't say for every line item I said for this particular thing when you have a contract being given out. Understand what I'm saying don't look confused, okay. What I'm saying is with this particular item right here, okay this particular item right here. What we should've done, was you had the pricing of all these things here, or if someone had went out and did just what I did as far as what would be a range we would of probably put in the budget \$175 or \$180, and then the Council would make a selection and if it was the lowest bid, you would have a surplus of money. But if it wasn't them you wouldn't you a shortfall either."

Robert Figuero stated, "But trying to create a balance budget, again you can't just put a surplus of money in every line item, then you'll have an inflated budget. And we give..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "I didn't say every line item..."

Councilman Snyder [KNOCKING OF GAVEL] stated, "Look guys we've been back and forward with this, it's hindsight you're right, that's hindsight, hindsight is a 20/20. Okay, so let's move on let's go and do with our budget and negotiate this thing and after that they can't find the money, we know where to find the money at, we got places we can find the money, you know they got fund balances down there that we can use. Cause we found money for everything else..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Yeah if I get [CROSSTALK] change orders."

Councilman Snyder stated, "[CROSSTALK] \$150,000 coming with this bridge back there, you know and change orders and things like that. So we can find the money, let's just trust the Administration going to do the right thing with this. Let's move on."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay, we had a motion on the floor didn't we?"

Jackie Landeche stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Snyder asked, "To accept this budget?"

Jackie Landeche stated, "With the amendments."

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Becnel seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 18-43 with the amendments. The motion passed with Councilwomen Hotard and Remondet absent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "I ask that you accept the minutes from the Finance Meeting."

MOTION: Councilman Sorapuru moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the Finance Meeting. The motion passed with Councilwomen Hotard and Remondet absent.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Natalie Robottom - Request adoption of the following policies: Amended Financial Management Policy; Amended Purchasing and Procurement Policy; Amended Travel Policy; Ethics Policy and Credit Card Policy

Robert Figuero stated, "Updated policies for Financial Management, Purchasing and Procurement and Travel were revised to include new language required by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor (LLA) to comply with the new Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUP). The Ethics and Credit Card policies were created to comply with the new SAUP as required by the LLA. All policies were sent to the Council for review with changes highlighted. Administration recommends approval."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I think we discussed this policy and that's the last line at the bottom. Did we leave it in there?"

Robert Figuero stated, "Yes sir. Again that was my recommendation. Again talking with Administrators throughout the State and so forth and looking at some other policies, they put languages in there which allows us to go in and format it and correct formats. For example: like I said in the email, I know the Purchasing and Procurement Policy needs some format corrections, some minor changes and that allows us to actually go and change those little minor make those minor changes without have to come back to the Council every single time and update it. The Financial Management Policy for example: you now currently it says AS400, well we use Munis now. So to go and just change the name of the Financial System, technically I would put five words I would have to come back to the Council and request that change. Again the spirit here is not to change the policy, it's just to make minor changes you know giving us the authorization to make minor formatting changes, maybe we want to add a logo you know to the policy cause the policy didn't have a logo or we want to change the view to look at it to read easier, things of that nature. Again with that said, I don't have..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "That was my recommendation Mr. Snyder, based on reading somebody else's policy, because that is typical. Because

sometimes you will find misspelled words, you know the grammar is incorrect. You look at Purchasing and Procurement, I think we have 16 different fonts, well that bothers me it don't always bother anybody but it bothers me. So you know I asked them to go back and look at it and reformat that, not changing the format I think we provided you guys with the highlighted changes to the content. It's just you know spelling, grammar, and those kinds of changes, formatting, you know it's not indented properly and you know and all of those things but, we fully understand that policies are adopted by the Council, which is why we send them to you with the highlighted changes but that's not this intent in this case. But I already know we ran out of time, that Purchasing and Procurement Policy is bothering me! And I would for them to change the font, and make all you know similar and not have to come back to you."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Discuss with Robert, one word can change the whole meaning of a paragraph so, and he saw what I was talking about. And I was wondering I don't think we have anything in, but you said the word a little while ago (the spirit of this is to clean it up) you know, not to change a word and change the whole meaning. So you know in the spirit of things I think it's good we're doing this, but we can't just change one word and we just can't do that..."

Robert Figuero interrupting stated, "Completely do that and change the whole policy. I completely agree with you."

Councilman Snyder stated, "And change the whole meaning you know cuz that's important."

Robert Figuero interrupting stated, "Completely agree with you there."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Yeah I just want to make a comment. Robert I didn't read any of that email you sent out through the holidays on that policy. I think that if we're serious about making some changes, I think there are a number of things that we should have this whole Council just sit down and have some dialogue, have some input into the policy you're trying to implement and put in place. Cuz there are lot of creative ways and some things we could go with."

Robert Figuero stated, "All these are policies that are in place already, with the exception of the Credit Card and the Ethics, we removed that language from other policies basically to comply with the LLA, with the Legislative Auditors. In the last audit that we received that you all received the corrections, a lot of knocks that we received or a few of the knocks that we received were policy driven. Meaning: Ethics, we were doing things correctly, you know throughout our ethics what we have in place. However, it wasn't physically written in the policy the way they wanted it. So these changes incorporating all those changes straight from the Legislative Auditors website, straight from our auditor's emails they said hey; this is the language we want to input into your policies. So when they come back next year they can check off the marks saying okay our policies meet the requirements from the Legislative Auditors. But again, all of these policies have been in place, a lot of it is just language as is Councilman Snyder was talking about, it's just certain language that they're requiring. Again, we required all of our staff members to go through Ethics training once a year, you all know that, you've seen the emails, you've heard it, but it was never actually physically written down in the policy. So okay so we had to update the policy to say hey; annually you're required to do this even though we were following those rules. So that's the spirit here with these policies here. It's specifically to meet the requirements of the Legislative Auditor and our auditors. But I agree with you, I mean anytime we're changing policies you're right, everyone should

have input here."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "And, and I'm not going to vote on this today, I'm not going to support because I have not read one single email you sent me pertaining to this Procurement and Policy change that's taking place. But don't take no offense to that, but I cannot support it at this time. Thank you."

Robert Figuero stated, "I'm good thank you."

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to approve the adoption of the following policies: Amended Financial Management Policy; Amended Purchasing and Procurement Policy; Amended Travel Policy; Ethics Policy and Credit Card Policy. The motion passed with Councilman Sorapuru (against), and Councilwomen Hotard and Remondet absent.

Natalie Robottom - Resolution - R18-31 - A Resolution to adopt the CDBG-DR LASAFE Program Policies and Procedures

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes, we came before the Council I think a month or so ago, once we were awarded the funding for this project, and as part of the requirement, it's necessary to adopt LASAFE Program Policies and Procedures, which are very similar to the ones that we used with our CDBG dollars but there are some specific guidelines associated with these dollars through the LASAFE Program, and so they wanted a separate set of policies. Although some of it is the same as our others, there is specific language to LASAFE money, there's some very specific guidelines for challenges and appeals, and we had to insert our personnel versus generic personnel that they referenced in their policies. So the policy has been approved by the State which is a funding entity and it was sent to the Council, it is very similar to some of the previous policies but it this funding entity requires a separate set of policies for LASAFE. You know it has all the 504 modifications, it has you know the appeal process for that it has procurement exactly how funds/services are to be procured. There is some specific language Mr. Snyder, relative to a local preference for bidding, and all things considered they are specific about utilizing local vendors, if all things are equal and that we have to be able to show attempts to secure local participation in all of our procurements. So there's some language specific to that in this document that isn't necessarily you know in all of our policies. But this one you have to be able to show that you, you know we have to put together a list, which we have, a list of local contractors, we send to our Chamber, we send to the Business Association, and you know we have to be able to show that we've done that for all the procurement in this process."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Do we have anything in there with DBA's also?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay thank you."

Councilman Sorapuru asked, "The RFP's out for design right now [INAUDIBLE]."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Sorapuru asked, "So the policies were put in before the RFP was put out?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "They approved it, they approved the RFP before we put it out. There was I think one change that we need to make I think the proposals

are due on MLK Day, so we're going to have to make an amendment on the due date, and our offices will be closed. So we are going to have to probably put out an addendum to extend the timeframe because you know it was a date picked, but the office will be closed. And I think there's a request for some you know additional time to complete that process. But overall the RFP was reviewed as well by the funding entity."

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to approve Resolution - R18-31. The motion passed with Councilman Madere, Councilwomen Hotard and Remondet absent.

Pamela Lewis stated, "I'm here on behalf of my mother Ms. Bertha Lewis. On May... Councilman Wright interrupting asked, "Which item are you speaking on?"

Pamela Lewis stated, "On the (that's the next one) that's the CBG. I'm sorry."

Larry Snyder - Direct the administration to make contact with those persons still in the CDBG program and resolve all issues

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yes, You know this this...I've been getting calls, I see people in the stores, people will stop by the house, nobody seems to know what's going on with the program. We don't know what's going on with the program. I mean we/I really don't I know I don't, I could tell you what's the last thing I heard, it was that you know we don't have enough money for this and we're waiting on another funding source you know and that's about it, that's about the just of things there. And we got people hanging out there hanging out there don't know what's going on and people come to me, well how come this one house was raised and that one house and I had all my papers in way before them you know. And I don't I really don't know. So my thoughts were, I think we got 55 people left, I don't know how many there is I don't know. We shouldn't have that many left then if we got the last time I heard, the last meeting we had we invited so many people, those were the only people we had money for and that had to do with raising, that had to do with rehab and small repair work. Now, we need to contact these people and give these people something solid. Now I don't know if we need to do it as a group, a group pf people coming in sitting down or a meeting over there under the tree in Reserve, or we need to get one on one and explain and tell people what's going on. And if we got our Grant Department over there, is Royal still in this country? You now I'm saying we need to let people know what's going on and this Council needs to know what's going on with this program. I called the CDBG Program and look I was told that's not the CDBG, well hold up, it was the CDBG Program you know, but now it's another program. See we don't know what's going, maybe some of you might be a lot more informed than I am. But what can we do to get these people in here and sit in front of them and tell them; we don't have your money we got \$75,000 that's all we got. Now if you can come up with 25 or 30 thousand dollars, we'll lift your house tomorrow."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Just for clarification..."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Please!"

Natalie Robottom stated, "For the question. There are different programs..."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Huh?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "There are different programs, the CDBG Program was what we started out with and then there were about 22 homeowners that wanted elevation

that there wasn't funding and we applied for a FEMA Grant, and I think that might be the two funds we're dealing with. We received the FEMA Grant, but that one requires a 25% match. We've since contacted or had a meeting with Representatives from GOHSEP to find the 25% match possibly in another funding source. However it is my understanding that there are people who are willing to put up the 25% match, so the grant funding is there, however, we just need to make it clear that if we get the 25% match we're not going to be able to reimburse them. You know if we're able you know there are some people who don't have the money, and we're trying to come up with the 25% match through other funding sources through the State that are allowed to match FEMA dollars. But I am aware of at least one or two people who said they have their match, so I've spoken with Ms. Toombs about moving forward with those, but we're not going to stop trying to get additional funds to help the people who don't have the match. That's very different from the Home Repair Program which I think there are ten (10) homes that are moving to construction, the list of people that I think you're talking about are the ones who wanted elevation and we applied. The Grant was very specific to those 22 homeowners, because they were the ones that wanted elevation and those funds weren't available. So we did get that award, however there's a 25% match."

Councilman Snyder stated, "So you're telling me that those 22 people that wanted the elevation, could get it? They have the money?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "If they have the money."

Councilman Snyder asked, "If they have the match?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "If they have the match."

Councilman Snyder asked, "And the match is 25% of what it cost?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "25%."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay, do we know how much the match is?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Yes there is a calculation on each one, I can get that list to you. Royal has calculated the cost on each homeowner who has, that we wrote the grant for. Cuz I think if the grant itself was like two a lil bit over two million dollars."

Councilman Snyder stated, "This is my thoughts. Have we considered putting out a proposal on those, raising those houses where we can get one company raising those houses and get the best price?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "There has been some conversation, but again as the Parish President stated, we've been in communication with the State in trying to figure out how or where we're going to get the other 25%. Once that has been determined, then we can have a discussion on how this will go about. I know that one of the conversations that we had is to look at our contractors list that we presently have to those that do elevations, and have that procurement process. There is a procurement process in that selection, however, we can visit on your recommendation."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Please visit it, visit that and talk about it and then see if we can do something like that. Cuz to me if they if one company, it's a good company..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "That's what we thought too Mr. Snyder. If we can get, you know if you guarantee 22 the ops you might be able to give us a better price, you know to do these. However, that was our original thought and then we had to go up on the budget cuz they wouldn't come down on their price. Okay now keep in mind, each home the cost to elevate it is you know is based on the size of the home and the work that's required so there is a different calculation per homeowner. You know so where as your house might cost 150 to elevate, yours may be 125 therefore your match is less. So that's why there's individual calculations, but we were hoping (I was hoping) cuz I didn't think elevation should cost \$150,000 or \$100,000 home. So we put in an amount that we thought was reasonable, and thinking well somebody's going to bid on this to get all these jobs, well they didn't. They didn't reduce their price which is why we had to come back, amend the policy and raise the cap to \$150,000 cuz you know they wouldn't bite, and it was more elevations at that time. But that's not to say they're not interested now, if you have someone that's ready to move forward, we definitely want to move them forward. But we did have a visit from the Governor's office to look at other sources of funding so we can help these people with that 25% match. Because for some people they're not going to be able to come up with that."

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Larry Snyder - Voodoo Boat Club Contract - discussion and action needed

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well I put this on here because, I see they have a comment on here from Administration, so it's my understanding that Voodoo is no longer a 501C, is that right? If not it's closed C3, and we got a contract with them since 2016 I think or 2015 our last contract and we're trying to extend it. And I asked that is it legal for us to do this contract with these people, cuz you know how I feel about this Voodoo Club having exclusive use with that pond back there in Reserve by the Airport. I think everybody should be able to use it and I start looking into a lil bit more, and find out they're not a Cooperation anymore, am I right? Administration!"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "They're not a business cooperation and they're a non-profit organization."

Councilman Snyder asked, "They're a non-profit organization?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Yes."

Bridget Dinvaut stated, "Thank you Honorable Council Members. Just to keep some order of structure, at the last Council meeting you approved the CEA between Voodoo and St. John the Baptist Parish. And so when you do that, you basically give instruction to Administration to execute that agreement. That agreement is for a lease, when you have a lease with somebody a person is entitled to a piece of possession. So you are already in an agreement with these people through the CEA, for them to lease that property. Now there's a public purpose and that state of public purpose is that they perform certain grass cutting, pond cleaning for drainage, and as a result you allow them to use that land. But they do have a right to that land and they have a right to peaceful possession. We bring up some very valid points but we bring them up after the fact. Because we're already in the agreement. We are still willing to look at it just to see if Administration would like to submit something to us, if you guys direct them to do that. Of course we will look at it to see if there are any concerns going forward without any comprehensive legal review without the submission of documentation, we had

initial concerns. So I don't, I'm going to strongly advise you not to interrupt peaceful possession if that CEA has already been approved and executed at this time, because we don't want to get into a legal situation with that particular club, because we as a Council, as a Parish we did enter into the CEA that was approved. And so that CEA may have already been executed, based upon Council approval of the CEA and lease of that property. And they are entitled to peaceful possession of it. So to interrupt it, we may expose ourselves to some liabilities. Now they're, (Mr. Green, is there a termination clause?) Okay, there's a termination clause, so we would ask the Council to pass a directive saying that; to allow the DA's office to look at the paperwork to make sure that we are on a very firm and stable legal ground in the event that something happened, and then and if not we'll submit a legal report to you guys and then at that time we may have to fall back on the provisions of the termination clause."

Councilman Snyder asked, "As far as paperwork is concerned, we're talking about the CEA, we're talking about the papers with the state, a registered agent, insurance papers, anything else?"

Bridget Dinvaut stated, "Yes we'd like to see their Federal status as a non-profit, I think I heard Ms. Toombs say that they're in a process of trying to get into Active/Good Standing with the Secretary of State's office. That's correct?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Yes."

Bridget Dinvaut stated, "That's correct. So yes we would like to see all that paperwork. Thank you."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well good, thank you! And I'd like to make that motion that all those papers we just mentioned, I would go back there with the CEA, the insurance papers, the State Registration and the Federal Registration, all of that sent to the District Attorney office..."

LaVerne Toombs interrupting stated, "For purpose of correction, are you referencing the 501c3?"

Councilman Madere stated, "Yeah all that."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Okay."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Whatever they say they are, is what we want."

LaVerne Toombs interrupting stated, "You said Federal Registration. I just wanted purpose for clarity."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay, and any other paperwork that we might need to protect this Parish from liabilities. And send this to our District Attorney to let them look at them to make sure they're all in order. That's my motion."

MOTION: Councilman Snyder moved and Councilman Sorapuru seconded the motion to direct Administration to compile necessary paperwork in reference to the Voodoo Boat Club and send all to the District Attorney for final approval to make sure everything is in order. The motion passed Councilwomen Hotard and Remondet absent.

DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:

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

Verdell Kindrick stated, "Public Works is continuing to assess and prioritize the road list for submittal to the Parish Engineer to complete estimates and specifications. Based on those assessments a finalized list will be presented for the 2019 Road Improvement Program."

Larry Snyder - Discussion relative to the appointment of a committee of three to four Council Members to visit plans for use of the Civic Center

Councilman Snyder stated, "That's right I talked with a couple of people, Mr. Malik for one for sure. Cuz he kind of feel the way I feel about it, he passionate about that get the use of that thing Mr. Malik. So we decide to put this down there and I don't know why I didn't put his name by there too. But anyhow, I was asking the Chairman to appoint two, three or four people from the Council. So we can look at it and come back with some ideas and bring back to the Council. But I think somewhere in the, here we go again back to Robert's Rule of Order, I thought that Mr. Madere should be on there but I don't think he can be on there if I'm mistaken, I'm not quite sure, because if he got to appoint the committee, he can't an active member and voting and all that stuff on things we determine. I'm not sure, I was looking for it again this morning I couldn't find it. But anyhow if he could be on it I wanted him to be on there also because he and I had our discussion on that. But I'm just asking that the Chairman appoint a group of a three or four people to look at it and see some of the ideas we can come up with to get a little bit more use for the people in the Parish. And not to go and spend a million dollars or two, three, four million dollars retrofitting it, but what can we do in a short term with the funds we have to make it more useful for the people of the Parish."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I saw that item but we already have a committee for that."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Okay where they at?"

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "You was on it. I appointed a committee. I appointed a committee I think Ms. Hotard, Julia..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting asked, "To do what?"

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "To just what you got on this agenda. We already have a committee on that."

Councilman Snyder asked, "How come we never had a...who's the Chairman? I'm the Chairman?"

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "We had a committee. I was the Chairman at the time and I appointed a committee. We have to go back and look at the email. There is a committee."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well if we got a committee then that's even, you don't have to do this. We just need to activate it."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I have to go back and research the email, but we do have one."

Councilman Snyder stated, "That be great then if we could do that. But I'd like to see Mr. Malik on the committee."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I mean we could revise and amend it but we do have one. I'll have to go back and look at the email and bring it to the next meeting."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Did we ever do any work on it? I'm asking."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Yes yawl had a meeting once before on that."

Councilman Snyder asked, "So did we bring anything back?"

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "You brought up about the bleachers."

Councilman Snyder asked, "So did we, it was an ad hoc committee or was it a permanent committee?"

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "It was supposed to be a permanent committee. We can revise it and amend it and put new members on it if you want. But there is one."

Councilman Snyder stated, "But I'm just wondering what kind of committee it was. It could have been a committee that was an ad hoc committee that was just there for to take care of that business."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Well I have to go back and look at the email. I'll have to research the email and have it for the next Council meeting and Jackie, I might have put her on it too."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay, I thought it was just for that particular..."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Yes I'm glad that you put it on the agenda to Mr. Snyder and I think Mr. Malik brought it up at the meeting before last and I get calls constantly that look like we're having trouble getting engagement to have access to the building. And it looks like the public perception is that the building is always tied up with the movie company. So what's the status of the movie company using the building right now? What's the status? Shooting movies?"

LaVerne Toombs stated, "There's no one, we have no production in there as of yet. I'm not aware unless you received something in the last week or so, but we haven't received anything. I'm not Communications Director may be more knowledgeable on that than I am."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "So are we under a binding contract with the movie company to have them to use it at their leisure?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Actually each contract is individual, it's vacant I think there were a couple of companies that utilized it over the Christmas holidays for parties, there's not a movie there and it's varying production companies that have agreements. So at this point it's vacant."

Councilman Madere asked, "Rebowe you made a comment?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "There's one event scheduled."

Baileigh Rebowe-Helm stated, "National Guard Graduation on the 13th of January..."

Councilman Madere stated, "You need to come up to the mic and say that."
Baileigh Rebowe-Helm stated, "Currently I've been in contact with the Tourist Commission just on what's being rented there and there's only one thing on the 13th of January. A National Guard Ceremony, I'm not sure what it's for but it's about 100 people that'll be in there. That's the only thing that was sent to us that's on the schedule. Somebody did use it for Christmas Eve for a family party, a resident did use it on Christmas Eve for 70 people for a family's parties. Though there is no movie in there. It's being utilized."

Councilman Madere asked, "So a resident rented the Civic Center for a Christmas Party?"

Baileigh Rebowe-Helm stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Madere asked, "At our high price?"

Baileigh Rebowe-Helm stated, "Ah the price isn't on the email. But she needed a larger facility than her house so she was able to use it."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Yeah I guess my main concern is what I've been hearing from the public, this is just what I've been hearing from the public. The people that talk to you in the street and everybody is a Monday morning quarterback so we have to give them an answer even though they don't like to hear the answer you give them. When the movie company comes in, it takes this center off of the market for maybe 2 or 3 months at a time and that's the problem we're having. And I know the numbers got to come in and we're making money and all that, but that's a complaint that I'm hearing from the people that live within this parish..."

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Larry Sorapuru - Discussion relative to scheduling a Council Retreat

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Councilman Perrilloux excused himself from the meeting at 3:41 PM.

There was no executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

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

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

Parish Buildings - Security

Any and all pending legal matters

There was no executive session.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

- 18-48** An ordinance amending St. John the Baptist Parish Code of Ordinances, specifically Chapter 20. - Health and Sanitation, to reaffirm the prohibition on smoking in Parish-owned buildings and to include a restriction on smoking nearby certain Parish-owned buildings (N. Robottom)
- 18-49** An ordinance approving the re-subdivision of Lot 2-RM of Farm Lot 18 and Farm Lot 19 of Hope Plantation into Lots 2-RM-1 and 2-RM-2 of Farm Lot 18 and Farm Lot 19 of Hope Plantation, located in the area generally bound by Esperance Street, Miano Street, and South Church Street, containing municipal address 125 Miano Street, Garyville, LA, as shown in a survey prepared by Stephen P. Flynn, P.L.S. on October 23, 2018 (N. Robottom)
- 18-50** An ordinance approving the re-zoning of Lot 52, Cornland Plantation Subdivision, located in the area generally bounded by Northwest 2nd Street, Jackie Street, Keating Drive, and Northwest 3rd Street from the Industrial District One (I-1) to the Residential District Three (R-3) zoning district, as shown in Exhibit 1 attached. (N. Robottom) (PZR-18-1121)
- 18-51** An ordinance approving the re-subdivision of Lot 4A, Lot 5, the Bill Klopff Reclaimed Lot, and the Joey Keller Reclaimed Lot of the P.G. Keating Tract into Lots 5A and 5B situated in Section 8, T-11-S, R-8-E, Frenier, located in the area generally bounded by municipal addresses 125 Dottie Lane, Frenier, LA, as shown in a survey prepared by Stephen P. Flynn, P.L.S. on May 31, 2018, last revised on November 27, 2018. (N. Robottom) (PZS-18-1205)

PRESIDENT REPORT

Natalie Robottom stated, "Good afternoon, I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and enjoyed their time with family and friends as we approach the New Year. Thanks to our Department of Public Safety and the Fire Department for managing and monitoring the Christmas Eve bonfires, which went off without a hitch. The creativity of our residents seems to expand each year and and this year was no different. They were almost too beautiful to burn, but the tradition goes on. I'd also like to thank my Administrative staff and employees, the Council and the Assessor's Office for their generosity in donating food items for 30 food boxes and baskets for families in need this holiday season. The baskets of non-perishable food items, gift certificates, and holiday fixings were distributed last Wednesday morning just in time for Christmas. I want to especially thank my staff, Communications Department and Health and Human Services staff for spearheading the initiative, identifying needed families and coordinating pickup and distribution. I want to acknowledge that the food items and gift cards were made with personal donations from employees. No parish funds were used. We hope you enjoyed participating in our Shop Local Trivia game this month and shopped locally. The deadline to turn in shop local cards is Friday, December 28th. Participants with correct answers can win gift cards and other prizes from local retailers. Winners will be announced after New Year Holiday. Congratulations again to one of our own - Kita Harry, owner of Top Notch Essentials & Beauty Boutique, on her recent grand opening and ribbon cutting. Kita was born and raised in Wallace, is a graduate of West St. John High School, and her makeup and beauty boutique recently opened in LaPlace at 1317 W. Airline Hwy., Suite G, in the Triche Building. She is currently taking appointments for services which include microblading, makeup and massage services and can be reached at 504-655-1072. I would like to continue to thank residents for their patience as we work

through the transition into the new government complex. Just as a reminder, the new address is 1811 West Airline Highway in LaPlace, on the front lawn of the Percy Hebert Building and the phone number remains the same at 985-652-9569. The public entrance to the building is parallel to Airline Highway. The back entrance of the building is for the Council, employees, and includes parking for the Mental Health Building. Please use the parking lot and entrance near Airline Hwy. where there is ample parking, including parking for those with disabilities. Installation of additional signage is forthcoming. We anticipate installing a drop off box for water bill payments at the new complex, but until then, payments can be dropped off at the old site. Payments can also be made by the following methods: online at sjbparish.com, by calling 1-877-884-4009, or in person at the Garyville Service Center, Greg's Supermarket, Capital One Bank Edgard and Club Grocery Edgard. REMINDER: Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, December 31, 2018 and Tuesday, January 1, 2019 in observance of the New Year's Holiday. Garbage pickup will take place on Wednesday, January 2, 2019 for Monday and Tuesday routes. Residents are encouraged to put carts to the curb the night before pickup as trucks may run earlier than usual. While we hope that you have an enjoyable holiday, we ask that you be mindful of the firework regulations to ensure your safety: Fireworks can lawfully be discharged in St. John on New Year's Eve from dusk until 1:00 a.m. and New Year's Day from dusk until 10:00 p.m. No fireworks should be discharged closer than 500 feet from any hospital, church, nursing home or school and should always be discharged with proper supervision from an adult. More information can be found on the government access channel and website. The beginning of a new year is a great time to reflect, while continuing to move forward. I'd like to wish all of you a Happy New Year - may God Bless you and your families and keep you safe. Please visit the updated parish website at sjbparish.com to view our latest news and upcoming events in the upcoming year and sign up for emergency alerts if you have not done so already.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3:57 PM, Councilman Malik moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilwomen Hotard, Remondet and Councilman Perrilloux absent.

/s/Lennix Madere
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
Council Secretary