

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MARCH 12TH, 2013
CHAIR JACLYN HOTARD
VICE CHAIR LENNIX MADERE

The Council of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session in the Rudolph Soraparu Chambers, Edgard, Louisiana on Tuesday, March 12th, 2013, at 6:30 PM.

CALL TO ORDER:

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL: Lucien Gauff, III, Councilman-at-Large, Div. A, Lennix Madere, Councilman District III, Marvin Perrilloux, Councilman District IV, Larry Snyder, Councilman District VI, Michael Wright, Councilman District V, Ranney Wilson, Councilman, District II, Jaclyn Hotard, Councilwoman-at-Large, Div. B, Cheryl Millet, Councilwoman, District VII, Art Smith, Councilman, District I

ABSENT: None

Councilman Gauff led the Prayer. Councilman Madere led the Pledge.

Legal Counsel Billy O'Regan, Jeff Perilloux and Vercell Fiffie were present.

Natalie Robottom - Recognition - "8 days of Hope"

Natalie Robottom recognized the 8 days of Hope group and explained just what they are here and doing in the parish and praised their works and what has been accomplished already.

Natalie Robottom/Cheryl Millet - Proclamation - "REALTOR Appreciation Day"

Natalie Robottom read the proclamation for "REALTOR Appreciation Day".

Natalie Robottom - Proclamation - Gamblers Awareness Week

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Natalie Robottom - Proclamation - Developmental Disability Awareness Month

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Natalie Robottom - Presentation - Cullen Curole, South Central Planning Loan Program

Mr. Cullen Curole couldn't be present so this item will be carried over to the next meeting.

Consent Agenda

Items: Approval of Minutes February 26th, 2013, Regular Meeting; Permit Approval - Run for the Son - 3-23-13; Permit Approval - Stations of the Cross Procession - 3-29-13; Councilwoman Millet - Appointment of Mary Duhe to the Recreation Board

MOTION: Councilman Gauff moved and Councilwoman Millet seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of Approval of Minutes February 26th, 2013, Regular Meeting; Permit Approval - Run for the Son - 3-23-13; Permit Approval - Stations of the Cross Procession - 3-29-13; Councilwoman Millet - Appointment of Mary Duhe to the Recreation Board. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES:

13-02 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance granting approval to further extend the valid period of time of Conditional Subdivision approval for an additional twelve (12) months for Carriage Plantation Subdivision, Lots 1 through 16, located on Main Street, in Section 27, Township 11, Range 7E, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana. (N. Robottom)

MOTION: Councilman Wright moved and Councilwoman Millet seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 13-02. The motion passed unanimously.

13-03 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance granting approval to Re-subdivision Parcel A of Glencoe Plantation into parcels herein designated as Parcel A-1 & Parcel A-2 of Glencoe Plantation situated in Sections 61, 68, 69 & 72, T-11-S, R-6-E, Garyville, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana (N. Robottom)

Angelic Sutherland, Director of Planning & Zoning, stated, "*This re-subdivision was unanimously approved at the February 18th, 2013 Planning Commission meeting and administration recommends approval.*"

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 13-03. The motion passed unanimously.

13-04 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance granting approval to Re-zone Parcel A-2 of Glencoe Plantation to show the change in zoning from the current zone of Zone I-1 to Zone C-2 situated in Section 69, T-11-S, R-6-E, Garyville, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana (N. Robottom)

Angelic Sutherland stated, "*This re-zoning was unanimously approved at the February 18, 2013 Planning Commission meeting and administration recommends approval.*"

MOTION: Councilman Gauff moved and Councilman Smith seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 13-04. The motion passed unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

13-05 An ordinance granting approval for the Parish President to purchase immovable property by Act of Sale, a copy of which is attached hereto, from LAPLACE INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES, LLC, bearing municipal address, 425 Captain Bourgeois Street, LaPlace,

Louisiana, for and in consideration of the amount of \$214,770.68 and to execute the Act of Sale and all other documents necessary for the Parish of St. John the Baptist to acquire title to the property. (N. Robottom)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Millet stated, "At this time I would like to ask that the council accept the recommendation of the finance committee."

MOTION: Councilman Snyder moved and Councilman Gauff seconded the motion to accept the recommendations of the finance committee. The motion passed with 8 yeas and 1 abstaining (Hotard).

DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:

Larry Snyder - (Carry Over 2-26-13) Major Canal Cleaning

Councilman Snyder commented that he received the information he needed and we can remove this item.

Lennix Madere - (Carry Over 2-26-13) Abandoned houses

Councilman Madere asked, "They went out to cut the grass on E. 30th Street and they left everything at the front do I need to call someone to pick that up or are you responsible for that?"

Angelic Sutherland stated, "Normally the grass contractor removes the debris when they cut the grass."

Councilman Madere stated, "I did speak with Mrs. Robottom about that."

Angelic Sutherland stated, "That should be noted because after we do send contractors out to properties the code enforcement officers are to go out and check and take pictures to make sure that the work was done sufficiently. So that is something that would be addressed by code enforcement."

Councilman Madere stated, "It still needs to be boarded."

Angelic Sutherland stated, "Yes it is still going through the process there were two separate violations."

Larry Snyder - Animal Shelter - next phase

Councilman Snyder stated, "I am reading here that we have a phase II and a phase III but we don't have the funds to do anything with it and here again I see where we do studies and do nothing with the studies. There are a lot of people making money off of these studies. I know it wasn't done under this administration but I have been in this parish all of my life and I have seen that before we study this and study that and we don't do anything with the studies. We want to purchase land for \$214,000.00 but we can't do anything about the animal shelter. We need to find some way to get some money to do something. I promise you all they need is a building that can house and separate some of these animals and I promise you that wouldn't cost \$214,000.00. We already got the architect report according to this thing but we don't have the

money to do it. I don't go along with this answer. I am sorry I just cannot accept that. We have a nice facility over there let's continue it and find some money and get us some proposals for something maybe not as lavish as what the architect had drew up but we need to do something. They only have 13 slots over there to house animals, all the animals in the parish. They need at least 13 more maybe twice that much. They are doing some nice work over there. They have it all cleaned up. We have got to help these people. Now we can leave here tonight and say hey they are just dogs and kittens but some people love their animals as much as people. We need to help out some kind of way and put our heads together and the administration needs to find some money to do something with this shelter. It needs to be a little larger, cement floor with drainage and lights that isn't much to ask for. I would like to make a motion that the administration get with the financial officer and all of the people that are involved and let's see if we can find some money to build a phase II of this shelter."

Councilman Madere stated, "I understand what Mr. Snyder is saying and I fully support that but we had a discussion about a month or so ago about several things that need improvement over that that didn't cost a lot of money and I don't think that took place yet. They mentioned putting a fence up that used to be up for the animals to run and exercise I don't think we have done that and that doesn't cost very much. I guess that open lot that we have the land at. We also talked about some of the things in the parking lot that was broken that hasn't been taken care of. So I think we need to at least try to do something. We discussed that over a month ago with Jobe' and nothing has been taken care of as far as the fence just so that the animals can run around that would be a help right there."

Councilman Wright asked, "Do we have any estimates on Phase II on what that would cost?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "We understand what you guys are referencing. I think Phase I was over eight hundred thousand dollars. The design for Phases II and III were substantially more than I think what you guys are looking to spend so we will have to go back and take a look at that. If there is a revision to what was designed then clearly we can take a look at that as well but it was in excess of \$800,000.00 for what is there unfortunately it doesn't house many animals. There are quite a few offices I do know that in 2012 a milage was passed the reason there has been very little with the animal shelter is because there was no funding source for anything and most of the funds came from public works. The building that was built was done with public work funds. Right now we are generating a little revenue to help cover some of the cost but the rest of it is coming from public works to maintain operation. There were some problems I think as a result of the storm one of the vehicles was damaged and one was already on its second leg so we ordered a new vehicle and we have made some changes and we are working towards clearing some of the space there. It will take us some time to look at the existing plans and pull those out and you guys can take a look at them and see if that is what you have in mind or if you are looking for something else and I am sure I don't have it to memory but there was probably an estimate associated with those designs and if that is the direction you guys want to go in that is fine, if you are looking for something other than that than we will have to proceed in that direction."

Councilman Wright stated, "That was my next question if you could just send over those plans please."

Councilman Gauff stated, "It has been a couple of months since we went over there and maybe unfortunately the ball got dropped somewhere but even the building in the back that houses the animals I personally took it upon myself to bring in an expert, which was my dad, just to come in and look over the block work and we got with Rachael and Jobe' just to come up with ideas with people who had more knowledge than I did about renovating that building just so that we can put some proper ventilation in there and save that building because if we don't do anything with it that doesn't help. It seems like the ball got dropped somewhere but we did do a walk through."

Natalie Robottom stated, "And it may not be but we just don't know like they may have pursued something but he isn't here and this wasn't one of the topics that we thought we were addressing and he wasn't able to attend tonight so I will follow up with him."

Councilman Gauff stated, "That was just another one of those buildings that we may be able to do something with to keep it from getting worse."

Natalie Robottom asked, "Are they using it to quarantine animals or nothing at all?"

Councilman Gauff stated, "Yes there are animals stored in there and just some petitions can be done. I think the way the building is it isn't vented properly or enough and then the drainage system the way it is it just needs to be re-concreted so that they can just wash and hose things down. The way things are now the concrete is starting to crack so the odor stays in there instead of being coated where it would just run out and they are able to hose down. So there were issues that we talked about and discussed with them and I guess thought there was a plan being acted on and undoubtedly it hasn't been so hopefully we can revisit this."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I just want to say I talked to Mr. Boucvalt and he was supposed to be putting a packet together to present to the council and evidently the ball got dropped somewhere but he was putting something together and I don't know where it is but we will wait and see if something happens."

MOTION: Councilman Snyder moved and Councilwoman Millet seconded the motion to instruct the administration to identify a funding source for Phase II of the Animal Shelter. The motion passed unanimously.

Lennix Madere - Update on State Project for River Road

Councilman Madere stated, "We talked about this several meetings ago and at that time Mrs. Robottom said she was going to contact another parish and have them get the equipment needed what is the update on that have we made any contact?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "We did. We actually met with them twice. DOTD is responsible for River Road and it is my understanding that they

actually started grating the shoulder from St. James to W. 10th, they have also done from the DuPont curve, at least the levee side, to McReine they are supposed to carry on to the St. Charles Parish line and then come back and do the larger space in between W. 10th and DuPont. We actually had a meeting last week in addition to the grating that we discussed previously that was our second meeting with DOTD and our response from them was whether they have a grater in their department or not they need to get one to do the work. So it is my understanding wherever they got it from they started some work there and we are continuing to work with them. We also had discussions about everything the maintenance of Airline Hwy., the grass cutting schedule, their drainage responsibilities and what our expectation was and what we were willing to do. I know we have talked about the drainage problem or flooding problem on Belle Terre they did start designing a project for that it has been held up because of DOTD on the federal level of if they can do drainage or just overlays but they are working on that as a project and they are going to continue to work with us on finishing not just on the East Bank but on the West Bank I think it was after one of our meetings here when the rain was so heavy that the puddles were on both sides of the River on the sides of the roads. So we are continuing to work with Mr. Phillip Graves through DOTD to make sure that they manage their responsibilities and if it is getting equipment from other districts then that is what they will do."

Councilman Madere stated, "I spoke to Snake that is located in our parish and he said he has trouble getting the equipment in fact he asked that if we can get that equipment then they would want to use it."

Natalie Robottom stated, "We actually had that discussion as well because we feel we are cutting some of the grass on state highways and in the past there was a policy where if you did some of their work they would reimburse you however the state situation with finances is such that they cannot enter into any additional contracts above what their funds have already been committed for. So they are not able to reimburse us for the current work that we are doing let alone some additional ones. We have had this conversation before that has been a reference for us from Snake however his district or regional manager said it is their responsibility to get the equipment and do the work and not to have us do their work for them and we will continue I think we have another meeting scheduled but it is their responsibility and we have indicated that we are going to hold them to it."

Councilman Madere asked, "So is there a specific time frame for this?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "I think it says within the next two months they are going to be finishing the East Bank and they are also going to do some on LA 18 and we will continue to monitor that."

Councilman Wilson stated, "I saw where it looked like somebody did some scraping and I am really not impressed because I have been watching this for years. I ask that the next time we have a good rain I would like Public Works or somebody to go and take pictures of the highway because what they have done that I have seen so far is nothing. All of my life I have been seeing them do this they have to scrape it down so the water can get down and I only saw a little area that they did that was not good. I'm not impressed at all."

Natalie Robottom stated, "It is from the ramps you are saying? We will follow up with Phillip Graves but they also indicated to us that they will be requiring the ramp owners to asphalt them because it is problematic for River Road and the sand, dirt and gravel that is coming onto the road is a hazard."

Councilman Gauff asked, "Is that DOTD because I know the levee board also had something to do with it at one time and governed what we could and couldn't do but that is good to know."

Natalie Robottom stated, "We will follow up with the levee board as well because it was my understanding that the levee board handles the levee side of the road and then DOTD is responsible for across the street but we will have them in the same meeting to make sure that they are working together on both grating on both sides as well as maintaining the drainage that is affected by the grating on the side of the road."

Councilman Gauff stated, "I guess I was just concerned about the ramps now that you brought it up because I know they are pretty strict and they get even stricter during hurricane season they won't allow any action on the levees they are very protective. So it is good to hear that they will be doing some upgrading."

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "We have a grater but are we liable if we grate that shoulder and something happens?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "If it isn't done properly obviously there is a method and we have no problem partnering with DOTD if that is their direction we will be happy to work with them on that. We were told that it is their responsibility to get what is needed to take care of that road and that was from the regional administrator that represents the entire district with the engineer, actually it was Allison Schilling, Phillip Graves is the engineer responsible for our area so there are different levels of administration involved in that and from the person in charge she said it was their responsibility."

Councilman Wilson stated, "I think that the operator that is doing this job right now doesn't know what he is doing because it hasn't been done in so long the people that did it last time have retired because it has been at least 20 years."

Natalie Robottom stated, "We will share that with their bosses."

Marvin Perrilloux - Update on the line under the River and the water filters at the Lion's Plant

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I just wanted to find out when the line under the river was going to start and when the Lion's filters would be installed."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Actually all three of them are what Mr. Hugh was talking about with the loan. Obviously there was bond funds initiated for the water line under the river and we thought we would need some more. That project is in design. They have met with the Corp of Engineers. They have requested some additional detailed drawings for

how the line is going to go over the levee so that is one of the projects that were included. I think the one that we are trying to expedite is the valve project so that we can get the loan moving. The RFQ for the filters is being drafted and again that is all part of this 6 million dollar package and they have been working very well with us and have bi-weekly meetings to make sure that all of these projects are included and I think they felt that the easiest one for the loan approval was the valve project because it does have to be completed and contracted out so that is the one that is moving forward quickly but they have drafted the RFQ for the water filters and obviously the project for the water line has already be signed."

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Hugh Martin - Public Hearing - to hear any objections to the proposed issuance of not exceeding \$6,000,000 of Water Revenue Bonds of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, to pay costs of acquiring and constructing improvements, extensions and replacements to the waterworks system of the Parish

Hugh Martin, Bond Attorney, stated, "We can now open the public hearing to see if anyone has any objections to the proposed issuance of not exceeding \$6,000,000 of Water Revenue Bonds. For the record there is no objection so we need to close the public hearing."

There were no objections at this time.

MOTION: Councilman Wright moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to close the public hearing for the Water Revenue Bonds after hearing NO OBJECTIONS from the public. The motion passed unanimously.

Hugh Martin - Resolution - R13-05 - A resolution to consider and take action with respect to adopting a resolution finding and determining that no petition has been filed objecting to the proposed issuance of Water Revenue Bonds of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), in an amount not to exceed Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000) (the "Bonds"), authorizing the officials of the Parish to proceed with the preparation of the documents required for the issuance of the Bonds, and to obtain the approval of the Louisiana State Bond Commission for the issuance of the Bonds, and providing for other matters in connection therewith

Hugh Martin stated, "The resolution is to find and determine that no petition was filed and that it is the intention of this council to go forward with the issuance of not exceeding \$6,000,000 of revenue bonds to pay for the improvements to the waterworks system, also improvements to the Lion's plant, the elevated valve and also the under the river water line construction. These bonds are proposed to be sold to DHH at very low interest rates in addition to that if we can get the project going soon enough 30% of the loan will actually be forgiven on the day that you borrow the money they forgive 30% of the loan so those projects which are ready to go are the ones that are going to be started first so that you can qualify for the 30% forgiveness. The

resolution authorizes signing an application with the state bond commission for authority to issue the bonds which is necessary and it authorizes to take any other action necessary to complete the loan. Once the bond commission grants its approval then it will be up to DHH to schedule the delivery of the bonds and that doesn't occur until after the plans and the specs are actually done for the construction of whatever projects you have ready first and a contract is awarded and the exact amount of the improvements is known then at that point they will authorize the delivery of bonds for that amount. The 6 million dollars should cover everything you probably will never get to that great an amount."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "My only question is and you kind of caught me off guard with it Mr. Hugh when you said that the projects that are timely put in will receive up to 30%. My question I guess is more towards administration. Are we going to be timely or are we going to lose the 30%?"

Hugh Martin stated, "We think we are on schedule and are definitely on time."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "I don't want to move forward if we don't get the 30% is my concern."

Rob Delaun, Digital Engineering program manager for the loan program, stated, "We are on schedule to close the loan in mid-June. What they require is one of the projects the plans and specs have to be complete regarding let that job for design, EDS was given the altitude valve project and it is under design right now and along with that the bond commission approval and the system improvement plan then we can close the loan so those are all simultaneously going on right now and the schedule is for June to get the loan closed and get the forgiveness."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Mr. Martin you said 30% will be forgiven as soon as the loan is approved?"

Hugh Martin stated, "In other words when we go to close the loan the parish will get a check or a credit for that amount of money and that portion will be forgiven that day. So as of that day you get about a good a deal as you can get."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Is there any way that we can do something with that 2 million dollars or 1.8?"

Hugh Martin stated, "Unfortunately this is a federal program that is a revolving fund for this type of project. I guess the question you are asking is can you borrow any additional money? It may very well be that you might be able to. We will have to take a look at the end of this project to make a calculation on the revenues that the system is providing. These bonds, the ones that are not forgiven, are going to be paid for by the monthly service charge that is paid for by the users of the water system. That monthly service charge provides money to operate and maintain the system as well as to pay debt. They do have a provision in these documents that if the revenues are sufficient that you can issue additional bonds on equal comparative with these bonds whether or not you can get the 30% or not which I think would be doubtful."

MOTION: Councilwoman Millet moved and Councilman Gauff seconded the motion to approve Resolution - R13-05 - A resolution to consider and take action with respect to adopting a resolution finding and determining that no petition has been filed objecting to the proposed issuance of Water Revenue Bonds of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), in an amount not to exceed Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000) (the "Bonds"), authorizing the officials of the Parish to proceed with the preparation of the documents required for the issuance of the Bonds, and to obtain the approval of the Louisiana State Bond Commission for the issuance of the Bonds, and providing for other matters in connection therewith. The motion passed unanimously.

Torri Buckles - Resolution - R13-06 - A resolution of the St. John the Baptist Parish Council endorsing Greenscape Holdings, LLC, Enterprise Zone Project #20121296, to participate in the benefits of the Louisiana Enterprise Zone and Quality Jobs Program

The administration asked that this item be removed from the agenda until further notice.

Lucien Gauff/Kevin Belanger - Resolution - R13-07 - A resolution for Professional Services between St. John the Baptist Parish Council and South Central Planning and Development Commission

Kevin Belanger, SCPDC, stated, "We are here tonight to ask for your consideration to be able to begin the process of merging precincts. As you know when we go through re-districting it is a process that we create precincts to be able to achieve geographically the desired council districts that the council that was elected prior had wanted thus at the time we were unable to be able to merge there is always a precinct freeze for a period of two years however this year state act 726 does allow for early mergers and thus why we are here tonight anticipating that the school board is going to be pre-cleared very shortly. We are anticipating that will occur and when it does we can begin immediately by meeting with those council members whose districts would be effected not all council members will have affected precincts. There are approximately 10 precincts that need to be merged. There is a possibility of maybe 4 to 5 more that could be merged. It is going to be the preference of this council to consider the inconvenience possibly of those voters but that is part of the process and we will help guide that process with you. We presented a proposal to you tonight. I will avoid going through the exact proposal and just ask for your consideration."

Councilman Gauff stated, "I just wanted to make it clear that this is a cost cutting measure. It would help eliminate some of the costs that are incurred when we have the voter precincts some are smaller and would be merged in with others and this would be a cost cutting measure to not have so many people working the elections."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "We had spoken at the Police Jury Convention, is the advantage only the merging of the precincts?"

Kevin Belanger stated, "Well it is a cost saving not just to the parish but also to the state of Louisiana, last year there was a real concern

that there wasn't going to be enough voting machines around the state and that is a real possibility however these precincts being merged allows for the savings of the need of not having them. If you have a precinct with less than 300 voters you are required locally to pay for these elections and if you have higher than 300 the state picks up the cost of the voting machine. I believe still locally it is paid for the commissioners and the venue by which it is held but the cost of the machine is by the state. When we go through the process we will be meeting with the individual council members and then come back to the council for consideration."

Councilwoman Millet asked "This contract does have a do not exceed amount am I correct?"

Kevin Belanger stated, "Yes it is a lump sum."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I would just like to thank you I know a while back we consolidated a couple of precincts and even in four at the time we had some that maybe even had 20 voters in them so it makes good sense and I appreciate you continuing on that path and I would like to say for the record the do not exceed amount is \$18,000.00."

MOTION: Councilwoman Millet moved and Councilman Gauff seconded the motion to approve Resolution R13-07. A resolution for Professional Services between St. John the Baptist Parish Council and South Central Planning and Development Commission with a do not exceed amount of \$18,000.00. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Natalie Robottom stated, "Good Afternoon - I had the opportunity to ride to quite a few homes that are being repaired through the St. John the Baptist Parish Long Term Recovery Group. The work being done in these homes is remarkable and we are so grateful for all the volunteers who have come into St. John and spent months and weeks working in our community. It is truly amazing and a blessing to have people give-up their time to help our residents build back. I would like to again welcome Eight Days of Hope and the 2400 volunteers from four countries to St. John the Baptist Parish. The volunteer organization began moving into St. John the Baptist Parish last week and began repairing homes on Saturday. Through March 16, volunteers will be working on repairing over 300 homes throughout the parish. We extend our greatest thanks to all the volunteers in the area including all those that have come into St. John the Baptist Parish since the storm. The Aggie Greek Service Group of Texas A&M is also in town volunteering their time to rebuild homes in St. John Parish. The group partnered with Citi Impact Ministries to aid in Hurricane Isaac relief during their Spring Break. Sponsored by the Office of Greek Life, Aggie Greeks participate an alternative spring break program, a five-day service opportunity aimed at providing selfless service to those in need outside of the College

Station community. This is their fifth year participating in an alternative spring break. Thank you for choosing St. John the Baptist Parish for your 2013 Alternative Spring Break. Congratulations to St. John Theatre on the success of their latest production The Marvelous Wonderettes. The production crew was very pleased with the ticket sales for a Spring production. Upcoming events are posted on St. John Theatre's website at stjohntheatre.org. Congratulations to Breanna Steer on her American Idol success. Breanna was a top 20 finalist on Season 12 of American Idol. We wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors and encourage her to continue working on reaching her goals in the music industry. Although West St. John Girls Basketball Team was defeated by Vermillion Catholic in the Class 1A State Championship game in Monroe, we would like to congratulate them on a phenomenal season with a record of 30 wins and 1 loss. The girls played hard through the entire game and lost in the 4 seconds of the game. We are very proud of their teamwork and dedication. Good luck with the rest of the school year and we look forward to you coming back next year. Congratulations to the Riverside Boys Basketball Team who defeated St. Thomas Aquinas 60 to 49 on Saturday in the Class 2A State Championship game held in Monroe. Congratulations to the 8 year old Bidy Basketball All Star Team on their successful season. The 8 year old Bidy Basketball All Star team recently completed their season at the National Championship held in Thibodaux. Although they were defeated by Slidell, the Warriors kept them to only a 3 point win. The 11 year old warriors competed in the State Championship in Terrytown this past weekend. Congratulations on a well-played season and we look forward to next year's. Registration for St. John the Baptist Parish 2013 Youth Baseball Season is now open for boys and girls ages 5 to 14 years old. Interested participants can complete the registration form online at sjbparish.com and submit it to the Parks and Recreation Department, or contact Debra Poche in the Parks and Recreation Department at 985-652-9569 extension 1168 or at d.poche@sjbparish.com. The deadline to register for Baseball is Friday, April 5, 2013. The Parks and Recreation Department is also seeking coaches for this 2013 Youth Baseball season. Anyone interested in coaching is asked to contact the Parks and Recreation Department. This year's baseball season kicks off in late April and runs through June. This weekend the St. John Recreation Dept. will be hosting the 9 year old bidy Basketball State Championship. Games will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, March 15. We would like to wish the 11, 12 and 14 year old Bidy Basketball teams the best of luck in the upcoming State and International tournaments. The Bidy Basketball tournament Schedule can be viewed at www.sjbparish.com The Citizens Advisory Committee has been working to

develop projects that meet the suggestions and ideas of residents. Another round of open houses is being held to receive the resident's vote on proposed projects. All open houses will be held from 5:30-8:00 p.m. on: **Monday, March 18** at Westbank Community Center in Edgard, **Tuesday, March 19** at St. John Civic Center in LaPlace **Wednesday, March 20** at REGALA Gym in Reserve. Household Hazardous Materials Collection Day will also take place on March 16, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Plaza LaPlace Shopping Center located at 1921 W. Airline Hwy. in LaPlace (New Wine Parking Lot) Residents can drop off paint, solvents, auto batteries, used oil, and computers for proper disposal. Visit www.hhmed.com for a complete list of acceptable materials or call the HHMCD hotline 504-465-7444 and leave a message. The Cambridge Homeowners Association meeting will be held on Saturday, March 16 at 9:00 a.m. at the Arcuri Center. All residents are invited to attend to received updated information on the neighborhood. The St. John Clean Sweep will be held on April 13, 2013. Anyone interested in participating are asked to sign-up online at All participants will meet at Highway 51 Park in LaPlace at 8:30 a.m. that day to pick up supplies and then dispatch throughout St. John to clean. Volunteers will meet back at the park at 11:30 a.m. for music, food and refreshments. Anyone interested in volunteering for clean sweep can contact Dana Milioto at 985-652-9569 or register at sjbparish.com. A reminder to residents: When concerns arise after business hours in reference to water, wastewater, roads, or drainage please contact 9-1-1 who will then report it to the appropriate departments. This allows for correct documentation and reporting. This is also the most efficient way to handle concerns."

COUNCIL BRIEFS

Councilman Gauff stated, "Thanks to 8 days of Hope we really appreciate the effort. Congratulations to St. John girls I know they expected to win and should've won but great effort. Congratulations to Riverside for winning the 2A State Championship in the boys division and to my little brother who played a great game."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "I want to thank Mr. Nunes and Mr. Verdell for getting the Ridgefield Canal finally started. I know we still have some issues with that and Mr. Nunes is going to check that out tomorrow. Also today is Mr. Gauff's 12th anniversary of being a Rotarian."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I would like to thank Mr. Snake Tregre and the DOTD for taking care of that little problem for me on Airline Hwy and Cambridge and 8 days of Hope we just love you and thank God for you and continue to do God's work. We do have our meeting this Saturday at 9:00 AM in the Arcuri Center and I think they may be electing some committee members. I went last week to see the biddy basketball players

in Thibodaux I would like to congratulate Trey Snyder he played with that team, keep it up Trey. They have a redhead in Reserve who is 86 years old and I would like to wish her Happy Birthday, Mrs. Rita Dents and congratulations to Riverside and Timmy Byrd I have a nephew that plays on that team congratulations Maleake you did a great job this year son, he is in 9th grade so he will be back next year and West St. John girls they played their hearts out but they will be back."

Councilman Wright stated, "I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank not only 8 days of Hope but all of the volunteers that have pitched in to help and again administration and the long-term recovery group for coordinating those efforts. I also want to welcome back Councilman Smith we have you back and we had our shortest meeting in a long time so welcome back glad to have you here."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I would like to say Art welcome back, glad to have you. Again thanks to 8 days of Hope glad to have you. Congratulations to West St. John girls again for making it to the finals you did a great job. Congratulations to Riverside for winning the championship and Happy Birthday to my son."

Councilman Madere stated, "I would like to welcome back Mr. Art I have been calling him and checking on him and am so glad to see him back on the council with us. I would also like to congratulate the WSJ girls I know it was disappointing because it was the 2nd time in 2 years that they fell a little short but like I always said even though I know it is hard for them to understand, if that is the biggest problem that they are going to have in life, they are going to have a great life so suck that up and get ready for next year. Congratulations to Riverside for their championship and Brianna Steel on American Idol she is a very beautiful and talented young lady and I think that her future is very bright. I would also like to thank 8 days of Hope for them coming down here and helping us and Mrs. Fudge gave me a card and it says, 'today let there be peace within me, trust that God has placed me right where I am meant to be' and at 87 years old that should make everyone want to get out and help."

Councilman Wilson stated, "I would like to thank 8 days of Hope also I did meet two gentlemen in Garyville and I have never seen anything like this before it is amazing what these people are doing and what they are giving up to do it and I hope they have a good trip home without any injuries and a safe journey. Also Historic Main Street in Garyville, I don't know where we stand on this because this is a nightmare. I know you said it is on the list but when is it going to be done?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "We just signed the concrete contract. We can take a look at some of the roads that were under water and we did get help from GOSHEP, they sent in a consultant to make sure that we access properly for the base and do soil samples to qualify our roads that were under water for eligibility through FEMA because their initial response was no that it wasn't eligible but we know that there are ways to get some of the roads that were damaged repaired so we are working on those right now that may have been on the list but could be eligible for FEMA now. We will look at your additional streets. Our pricing this year was less than what it was so Mr. Savoie is going to actually redo his estimate based on that so we should be able to do a little bit more than we anticipated."

Councilman Smith stated, "First I want to say it is great to be back and I missed you guys. I want to thank everyone for their well wishes and thoughts. To my wife I want to say she is the greatest for taking care of me in this time and to my friends and family they all had a part in my recovery and I want to say thank you and it is great to be back and among the living. Congratulations to WSJ girls' team and again thanks to everyone for their thoughts and prayers. I appreciate it all it makes everything worth it."

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Personnel Matters

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

Cable Franchise Agreement

LaPlace Industrial Properties, LLC versus The Parish of St. John the Baptist - 40th JDC, Docket No. 61301

St. John the Baptist Parish vs. Roussel Welding and Metal Works, Inc., et al. Case No. 64187 Div. B

Any and all pending legal matters

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:05 PM, Councilwoman Millet moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

/s/Jaclyn Hotard
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
Council Secretary