

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, June 8th, 2010
CHAIR RONNIE SMITH
VICE CHAIR CHERYL MILLET

The Council of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session in the Joel S. McTopy Chambers, LaPlace, Louisiana on Tuesday, June 8th, 2010, at 6:30 PM.

CALL TO ORDER:

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL: Haston Lewis, Councilman District I, Darnel Usry, Councilwoman District V, Charles Julien, Councilman District III, Cheryl Millet, Councilwoman District VII, Jaclyn Hotard, Councilwoman District IV, Danny Millet, Councilman District II, Dale Wolfe, Councilman-at-Large, Div. A, Steve Lee, Councilman-at-Large, Div. B

ABSENT: Ronnie Smith

Councilwoman Hotard led the Prayer. Councilman Julien led the Pledge.

Legal Counsel Jeff Perilloux was present.

Ronnie Smith – Proclamation – 2010 Landreaux Family Reunion

Natalie Robottom, Parish President, presented Mr. Wayne Farlough with a proclamation for the 2010 Landreaux Family Reunion. The proclamation was read out and presented. A plaque will be presented to the family on June 18th, 2010 at the Family Reunion kick off party.

Natalie Robottom – Recognition – St. Charles Catholic High Swim Team State Champs

Natalie Robottom presented Mr. Drew Cupit, Principal of St. Charles Catholic High and Joey Brady, Coach of the SCC swim team and its members with a plaque commemorating their state championship win for St. Charles Catholic High School. Mr. Cupit thanked the Parish President and the Council for this honor.

Cheryl Millet/Cpt. Mike Hoover/Sgt. Brian Bertrand – Update Young Marines

Sgt. Brian Bertrand gave a brief update on the young marines program. They have 21 members, with many more people applying to get into the program. He only has 24 spots to offer. The current young marines have all been CPR certified. They will be taking first aid classes next and would like the use of the parish pool for one day to allow them to become swim safety certified. The young marines will graduate on July 11th at 5:00 PM at Riverside Academy. The council is more than welcome to attend to meet and see just what the kids have accomplished. They will graduate with five ribbons for completing various training classes. Sgt. Bertrand asked if the council or the parish needs assistance or help with anything to please call him. The young marines are ready and eager to help. They want to do for others and they want

to do for their community. The program has been a wonderful success.

Consent Agenda

Items: Approval of Minutes May 25th, 2010, Regular Meeting

MOTION: Councilman Lee moved and Councilwoman Hotard seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda items consisting of Approval of Minutes May 25th, 2010, Regular Meeting. The motion passed with Councilman Smith absent.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES:

10-15 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance granting approval to further extend the valid period of time of Conditional Subdivision approval an additional twenty-four (24) months from the end of the twelve (12) months provided by Parish Code of Ordinance to July, 2012. (S. Lee)

Councilman Lee stated, *"As author of that ordinance, I would like to offer an amendment to that ordinance. The ordinance reads an ordinance granting approval to further extend the valid period of time of Conditional Subdivision approval an additional and it says twenty-four (24) months. The amendment that I would wish to offer would alter that to be twelve (12) months from the end of the twelve (12) months provided by parish code of ordinance to July, 2011. This was my intention. It slipped by. I will say we can have our attorney speak on it if necessary but I did discuss it with him, Mr. Perilloux, and he indicated that because we are actually reducing the time period that it is not a substantial change in the ordinance and this amendment would be acceptable."*

MOTION: Councilman Lee moved and Councilwoman Hotard seconded the motion to approve amended Ordinance 10-15. The motion passed with Councilman Smith absent.

10-16 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance authorizing the Parish President to execute an Act of Sale to sell Lots 18, 19, and 20 on Cardinal Street, Cali Subdivision LaPlace, Louisiana, St. John the Baptist Parish for the price and sum of \$30,000.00 and under such other terms and conditions deemed fit and proper by the Parish President in her discretion, and upon review by legal counsel. (N. Robottom)

Marie Brown-Mercadel, CAO, stated, *"Administration recommends approval."*

MOTION: Councilman Lewis moved and Councilwoman Usry seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 10-16. The motion passed with Councilman Smith absent.

10-17 (Public Hearing Held) That Section 2:5 of Sub-Chapter A, "In General" of Chapter 2 of the St. John the Baptist Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to provide for a change in polling place for Precincts 4-8, 7-2, 7-3, 7-4, 7-5 and 7-7. (N. Robottom)

Councilwoman Millet stated, *"The purpose of this is because there are so many renovations going on at LaPlace Elementary, we will not be able to use it for polling for the next eighteen (18) months. We are asking*

that the precincts be moved to another location."

Marie Brown-Mercadel stated, *"Administration recommends approval."*

Councilwoman Millet asked, *"Have we found a location for the new precincts or voting polls yet?"*

Marie Brown-Mercadel stated, *"At Ascension of Our Lord School."*

MOTION: Councilman Lee moved and Councilwoman Usry seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 10-17. The motion passed with Councilman Smith absent.

10-18 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinances relative to Residential zoning. (C. Millet)

Councilwoman Millet stated, *"This is my ordinance. What I am basically doing is requiring lot sizes for single family dwellings to be the same in all R-1, R-2, R-3 and R-4. I am asking that it just be consistent with single family dwellings."*

Marie Brown-Mercadel stated, *"The administration is allowing for time to review all zoning ordinances relative to residential zoning and the land use plan and a review of all parish ordinances to the comprehensive resiliency program. However if this is approved by the council, we will work with you to make sure that your needs are met."*

Councilman Lee stated, *"As you know Mrs. Millet you and I had a conversation about this. Although I respect your intentions, I think they are honorable and good, this is not an ordinance that I will be able to support at this time for a number of reasons. One is I believe that our residential ordinance, that being R-1, R-2, R-3 is very well written. I believe that it is clearly a stricter and better written ordinance than our surrounding parishes. The issue here with R-2 is an issue of density and I believe that again your intentions are good but I believe that it actually bastardizes this portion of the ordinance and it hinders the intent of the ordinance by changing the lot size it alters the definition or reasoning for a R-2 designation. Also I believe that like in business timing is everything. I believe that this is a very difficult time for us to make such a change to an ordinance. I would ask this council and yourself that we give it some time and honor administration's recommendation that is to reconsider the entire residential ordinance rather than piece meal a portion of it and I do believe that is what this ordinance would do. It is actually altering or piecemeal the residential ordinance. So with that in mind it is something I cannot support at this time. I reiterate that I think your intentions are good and I would love to work with you on it but in its present form I cannot."*

Councilwoman Millet stated, *"My intention of the ordinance is to clarify and I know it is very difficult sometimes when you are dealing with ordinances. There is a fifty foot requirement for an R-2 and a sixty-five foot requirement for an R-1. However an R-1 can be put into an R-2, which allows a fifty foot for an R-1. So if you are going to put it into an R-1, leave the R-1 with the R-1 dimensions don't circumvent it by putting an R-1 with a smaller lot size in an R-2 area. That is the intention of the ordinance and I would ask that my fellow*

council members support me if they so choose."

Councilman Lewis stated, "I would like to see us wait and let administration look at it and see what they come up with before we go ahead and do this. I would hate to give you the authority to change it and then after that we would have to change it again. Let's wait and see what happens and then go at it."

Councilman Julien stated, "I would ask that I can receive something from our attorney so that I can get more clarity on it. I really need some clarity because all the R-1, R-2 and fifty feet I am just really confused."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "There was a lot of confusion that is why I met with the attorney and it was the attorney who drafted the ordinance. It wasn't me who drafted it. It was him."

Councilman Julien stated, "If I could Jeff, if you could just send me something."

Councilman Wolfe stated, "I am not in a good mood tonight. I thought Steve said it all. I think you are in the right church but the wrong pew. We need to consider the people that we are representing. Some people cannot afford large lots. They have what they have and I don't think we should put any restrictions on that. I am for the little bitty people."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "I am for all of the people."

Councilman Wolfe stated, "I need to make a clarification. I made a statement that I am for the little bitty people, in terms of this motion. I am for all the people. I just didn't want you all to take it and run with it."

MOTION: Councilwoman Usry moved and Councilman Millet seconded the motion to table Ordinance 10-18. The motion passed with 5 yeas, 3 against (Hotard, Wolfe, Lee) and 1 absent (Smith).

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

10-14 An ordinance authorizing the issuance of One Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,400,000) of Public Improvement Bonds, Series ST-2010B, of the St. John the Baptist Parish Sales Tax District; prescribing the form, terms and conditions of said Bonds; providing for the payment thereof; awarding said Bonds to the purchaser thereof; authorizing the execution of a Loan and Pledge Agreement and other loan documents with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (the "Department"); providing for the delivery of the Bonds to the Department; and providing for other matters in connection therewith. (P. McTopy)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Lee stated, "At 6:00 PM this evening the finance committee met. We conducted the financial business of St. John the Baptist Parish. At this point I would ask for a motion from one of my fellow council members to ratify the actions taken by the finance committee."

MOTION: Councilwoman Usry moved and Councilman Julien seconded the motion to accept the recommendation of the finance committee. The committee approved to take the bids for the Water Storage Tank Repair & Rehab – Ruddock Station #3 under advisement, approved to award the bid for membranes for Reverse Osmosis Unit to Siemens Water Technology in the amount of \$36,750.00, approved to grant administration authorization to advertise for Sewer & Water Pipe and fittings – Annual Contract, approved to grant administration authorization to extend the following contracts for grass cutting & maintenance through May 31, 2011 – B & D Tractor, Leroy Cox Lawn Care, Cypress Land Contractors, Perez Grass Cutting & St. John Grass Cutting, approved to grant administration authorization to extend the following contracts for Janitorial Services through May 31, 2011 – BB’s Janitorial & One Touch Janitorial, approved to grant administration authorization to exercise the option to extend the agreement with the River Parishes Transit Authority, approved to award the bid for the sewer manhole restoration project to Gulf Coast Underground, LLC in the amount of \$273,173.46, and approved to grant change order #2 for the Edgard Water Plant raw water submersible pump station in the amount of \$8,500.00. The motion passed with Councilman Smith absent.

DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:

Dale Wolfe – Personnel Matters

There were no personnel matters at this time.

Dale Wolfe – Review/Cancellation of Contracts

Councilman Wolfe stated, *“Ever since we got the message and these contracts were vetoed, I haven’t been able to rest. We have a million dollar projects that are coming into St. John. How can we afford to waste our time not honoring the people that have been working for this parish in terms of the contract? If we allow administration every time we make a motion to do something or to override. I think we owe it to the people that, in this case, that have contracts with the parish to allow those contracts to go on, to allow those people to pay for the equipment and the other materials needed to honor these contracts. I think it is a shame. It is a small, small contract. These are local people trying to make it here in St. John. Again we have a hundred million dollar project coming into St. John and in St. John and doing business in St. John. We have an opportunity to help our local contractors by giving them the professional services contract. But no we decide that we are going to put those contracts on hold and make mention that we have to review the contract when in actuality these contracts were ongoing when our parish president was the chief administrative officer under Nickie. Nothing was wrong with those contracts at that time. Nothing is wrong with these contracts at this time. I would hope and pray that we elected officials come to the table and honor these contracts and pat these contractors on the back for doing a good job. Now we can all say we need to look at it, we need to change the format, etc. As far as I am concerned those are excuses and we don’t need to hold up our contractors. We need to take care of the people who take care of us. I am not going to sit here and allow excuses to prevail when we are talking about contracts, when we are*

talking about good contractors. We made fools of ourselves at the last meeting. This proposition passed seven, one and one. Out of the seven people we needed six to override the veto. Out of seven people two changed their mind for whatever reason I don't know. I can guess though. It is a shame. We are supposed to be up here representing the people of St. John. We flip flop. We have these people in limbo they don't know which way to go. Their contracts are in jeopardy. I would like to make a motion at this time to reissue those contracts for two years and make sure that these people are comfortable and that they are ready to go and do our jobs."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Just a point of clarification. Mr. Wolfe at the finance committee meeting those items were actually placed on the agenda and approved by this same council for an extension of a year which was our request at the last meeting. Was that we would revisit them. Work was not interrupted. We allowed the contractors that were working to continue working. We indicated that we would return requesting a motion from this council to extend the contracts for one year and give us the opportunity one to review the RFP process which was the decision of this council in January of 2010 to allow this administration to review them. Mr. Julien at that point made a compromise. My original veto included a recommendation to extend them for six months. It was his recommendation to consider a year which administration did. Those contracts were extended during the finance meeting both janitorial and grass cutting for one year as per our legal counsel with an amendment that was required to make that extension and a requirement for monitoring plan in place. That is what was approved and that is what administration has agreed to and I felt after speaking with everyone that was what this council would agree to."

Councilman Wolfe stated, "First of all this council is in charge of contracts. We approve all contracts. Secondly, I don't need and I am not saying this in an ugly way and don't take it that way, but if you want to take it that way it is up to you. I am not going to sit here and let administration dictate to me. The Home Rule Charter is a proposition that was passed that gave the council and the administration separation of authority. I don't like to use the word power. Administration administers. We legislate. We make laws for administration to follow. Administration really isn't making laws for us to follow. I am doing my job. I am doing my job well. A year will not allow those contractors, if anything happens, won't allow those contractors to pay off their notes on the equipment that they bought to do the job. Now we as a council need to understand that. It looks like some folks don't care about other folks as long as things are going their way. I stand on the motion I made for two years. Those contractors cannot pay off their debt in one year. Where did the one year come from? If you are going to look, seek and try to find whatever you are looking for it doesn't take a year. It doesn't take three months. So what you are looking for, look for it while we do the two year contract. One year is not satisfactory in my opinion to allow those contractors to pay off their debt. Now if you all feel that it is going to justify it, then vote that way, I am here to tell you that I am not going to allow administration, I have never allowed any administration as far as I am concerned. The five parish presidents that we have had, I felt the same way and I said the same thing so don't come here with an excuse that you are doing it because it is this one or that one. I'm doing it because it is the right thing to do. I am

doing it because these contractors need protection. We don't need to be playing games with our contractors. Natalie was here under Nickie's administration. We never heard about any contracts. We never heard about I need to take a look at it. Don't play any games. We aren't going to play games with the people I represent and at this point I represent St. John the Baptist Parish. These contractors have been doing a good job. We don't need to waste our time again. We have a hundred million dollar project coming to St. John and you are going to mess with a little, little, little bitty contract as this. We ought to be ashamed of ourselves wasting our time talking about this. I think we ought to commend our contractors, pat them on the back and give them a two year contract. Don't dictate to me talking about one year. We said two years. We went from three years to two years."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Point of clarification, we did have an opportunity to review the contracts and they have changed significantly over the last six years in terms of what is included in the scope. There was a more recent amendment I think in January of '09 that obviously I was not aware of in addition the reason for the request was the contracts were renewed without proper public notification. There were other local contractors who submitted RFP's for those contracts who were told that they would be reviewed by the next administration. However, they were approved and passed without proper notification for those contractors. It is our request to give us an opportunity to review, as this council indicated the RFP process was not what you intended. It was not fair to our contractors and this administration has requested an opportunity and as I said our request was initially for six months. As a compromise with Mr. Julien we agreed to a year to review that process and to allow all of our local contractors to have a fair opportunity to participate. I don't think anyone is questioning the job that our former contractors have done. What we are questioning is the method in which they were awarded those contracts. We would like to give all of the participants an opportunity to submit proposals on those contracts in a fair manner that we have discussed here with the council and some of the other contractors. This is not an effort to dismay any of the participating ones but there are many local contractors that would like a fair opportunity to participate and work for St. John the Baptist Parish."

Councilman Julien stated, "I will ask our attorney to come up and give me some legal advice on if the motion that Mr. Wolfe made would supersede what we did in the finance committee. The other thing would be I want to work in good faith with the administration. I did support the motion or the contracts when they were brought up. I want to side with the St. John people, the smaller people as Mr. Wolfe says. In this instance, I feel like I am in between a rock and a hard place but I will support Mr. Wolfe with the two years."

Jeff Perilloux, Legal Counsel, stated, "To answer your question earlier in the finance committee you all approved administration's recommendation to award a one year extension for the existing contracts through May 31, 2011. That was what you all approved. You then approved the minutes from the finance committee meeting a short time ago in this particular meeting. You still can vote tonight on Mr. Wolfe's motion if you choose to. You would simply be extending the contracts instead of one year to two years. However, I would point out that the issue that was brought up last time regarding the method in which it was passed at

the meeting four weeks ago there was no actual specific item on the agenda under Mr. Wolfe's name that would have brought this particular item to the public's attention. I am pointing that out for clarification only to you all as you decide how to debate and vote on this particular issue."

Councilman Wolfe asked, "Was it necessary for me to name names?"

Jeff Perilloux stated, "Legally I don't think it is necessary but from the public stand point it certainly puts them on notice that on the agenda you intend to discuss a certain item at a certain point during the council meeting. So for public notice purposes it certainly serves the public I think in an appropriate fashion to have it actually as an agenda item."

Councilman Wolfe stated, "Well when I talked to you earlier there was no problem, now it's a problem. It isn't a problem but it should have come on the agenda and spelled out what I was intending to do. At first you said it was okay, no problem. Anyway we are going to do it right or we are not going to do it at all. Whatever happened in the finance meeting, whatever was adopted in the finance meeting, this meeting supersedes whatever happened there."

Jeff Perilloux stated, "That is correct Mr. Wolfe. I am not debating that. You are accurate."

Councilman Wolfe stated, "I understand. I am tired of playing games though. I am tired of playing games. I am willing to work. I am willing to do what is right but I am not willing to take anything and allow the people I represent to get the shaft. I am not going to be the one to hold the shaft. As far as I am concerned the shaft will leave. If I have to come to every meeting and do the same thing I will do the same thing. We aren't being fair to our local contractors. We can say what we want to. We can listen to what we want to. We aren't being fair. I don't care what nobody says. We aren't being fair and to say that other contractors want an opportunity to apply or to get contracts. We have boo coo business we can give our local contractors that isn't closing the door on anybody. So don't let anybody leave here tonight thinking we are trying to close the door plus when this was brought up under the old administration our intention was to make it and keep it a professional service contract. Whoever did it that is, then they have to live with it but I am here to protect the contractors that we are talking about tonight. If I need to put on the agenda who I am talking about I don't have a problem doing that none what so ever. I don't have anything to hide. As far as I am concerned, these contracts should remain under the professional service contract and we all knew what we intended to do. A professional service contract not bids. We don't bid on these types of projects. It is a professional service contract. The law allows us to do that. The law allows us to take care in this case of our local people. So if you all want to clown I will put my clowning suit on and I will clown for the next eighteen months. I am not saying that to get along with you either. I tried to get along with you. If we are going to close the door on our contractors we will find out tonight."

Councilman Lewis stated, "I would like to see us go two years. The next year is an election year. I don't want to see these contracts become a

political football because I am going to give it to you like this if a contractor votes for me or don't votes for me, I don't ask them for signs, I don't ask them for nothing. All I want them to do is go out there and do a good job. I don't think we should put them at an election year with their contracts where it gets involved with us running for office. I would like to see that go for two years and let the next administration go out then. If there is anything wrong with these contracts we need to let our attorney look at it, straighten it out and let the boys go to work as they did in the past."

MOTION: Councilman Wolfe moved and Councilman Julien seconded the motion to extend the grass cutting and janitorial contracts for two years. The motion passed with 4 yeas, 3 neas (Usry, Danny Millet, Cheryl Millet), 1 abstaining (Lee) and 1 absent (Smith).

Haston Lewis/Dale Wolfe – Edgard Water Plant – Walkway improvements to new pumping station

Councilman Lewis stated, "They need a walkway from the levee to the pumping station out there. I think it is something that has needed to be done before someone drowns out there. I don't want to tell you all how they get to the pumping station when it rains. You can only imagine what they go through. I would like to see that we give administration the authority while we have contractors out there right now to go ahead and build a walkway."

Councilman Wolfe stated, "Second."

Pat McTopy stated, "What I would suggest council is that we are presently under contract with the firm Environmental Engineering to design improvements at that facility. He is in a design phase now. We can ask him to include that walkway as a bid alternate such that if the funds are available in that capital account then we can construct it the same time that we are putting the clarifier in."

Councilman Lewis stated, "Pat I have one problem with that availability of funds. I want to find the funds because after something happens back there then we are going to find it. We don't need something to happen."

Pat McTopy stated, "We have a number of options at this time one of which is the \$800,000.00 CDBG grant for that same project that the council has authorized us to apply for. It is my understanding that we are going to get word this month if it is going to be funded or not and we have a strong chance of being funded. So if we amend the contract with the engineer to design that walkway as part of the overall project and bid it as an alternate but that is the way to get it designed."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "Mr. Haston I have to agree with you. We can find the funds to have this done. It is something that needs to be done. I know that there will be funding somewhere in the budget that we can find but first we have to get a cost estimate."

Councilman Lewis stated, "I think we are looking at about \$100,000.00 ball park figure. The board of health was on our back over here I don't know why they let that slip away over there. Let administration find the money. I want it done now."

Councilman Wolfe stated, "I would like to vote on the motion and at the next meeting have administration come back and bring us up to date on the funds."

MOTION: Councilman Lewis moved and Councilman Wolfe seconded the motion to authorize administration to have Environmental Engineering design a walkway and give a cost estimate for the Edgard Water Plant new pumping station. The motion passed with Councilman Smith absent.

OLD BUSINESS:

Charles Julien – (Carry Over) Update on lights for LA 3179

Marie Brown-Mercadel stated, "We are waiting for a firm price from Entergy in terms of what the cost of installing these lights are. Once we get the estimate on those cost we can come back to you and talk about which fund we could possibly take that out of but once we get that estimate we can come back to you."

Charles Julien – (Carry Over) Override Planning and Zoning trailer placement denial for Mary Palmer – N.W. 2nd Street, Reserve

Councilman Julien stated, "I would like for the purpose of educating my constituents that Mr. Perilloux come for a brief second just to let them know what it takes in terms of legalities. How many feet they are supposed to be away from a house or a trailer if they wanted to stand against it."

Jeff Perilloux stated, "Mr. Julien I don't have all the particulars in front of me in terms of the actual feet involved I would have to look at the code. Mr. Henderson might have some information that would address that specifically but I don't have that in front of me."

Mike Henderson, Planning & Zoning, stated, "It is an R-1 district. Trailers aren't allowed in R-1 districts so you do not have any set back requirements for a trailer from a house in an R-1 district."

Councilman Julien stated, "So if you wanted to oppose it the individual would have to live within 200 feet am I right, as we advertise for trailer placement."

Mike Henderson stated, "I don't know what you are talking about with the 200 feet. Whenever we advertise that someone wants to locate a trailer in an R-1 district we do an analysis that provides the compatibility for the neighborhood and for their houses for the trailer itself. What we do is we take a 400 foot radius and we count the number of trailers and we count the number of houses. Now that is not part of your compatibility ordinance. Your compatibility ordinance deals specifically in nature with the design and type of trailer structure that you have but we do a survey of the number of trailers within a 400 foot radius."

Councilman Julien stated, "The situation I am in here is I am for people having somewhere to live. I have spoken to some of my constituents and I am not asking you all to come and speak not any of you. If you live in District III and you are in support of this trailer placement please stand (almost the entire right side of the audience

stood up). If you live in District III and you are against the trailer placement please stand (one person stood stating she had signatures of people who live down N.W. 2nd that were opposed) if you live in District III the people who live in District III, those individuals. At this point I would like to make a motion to override planning and zoning for the trailer placement."

MOTION: Councilman Julien moved and Councilman Wolfe seconded the motion to override Planning and Zoning and grant a trailer placement for Mary Palmer – N.W. 2nd Street, Reserve. The motion passed with 5 yeas, 2 neas (Danny Millet, Cheryl Millet), 1 abstaining (Usry) and 1 absent (Smith).

Charles Julien – (Carry Over) Override Planning and Zoning trailer placement denial for Shenita Johnson – N.W. 2nd Street, Reserve

Councilman Julien stated, "I would like to make a motion to override planning & zoning."

Pamela Scioneaux Perilloux, LaPlace area, stated, "I am here representing Lolita & Edward Scioneaux which live in District III on N.W. 2nd Street. She wants me to represent her stating that she is totally against trailer placement on N.W. 2nd Street and the reason for that is my mom and dad worked for a very long time. They made a logical decision to purchase the area where they are. It was an R-1 area. The council made a plan. They came up with the Code of Ordinance, rules and regulations that all people should abide by. So now you all are making a decision to override the decision or the plans that you all made to have that area as an R-1 area. What it does is it depreciates the property value, the look of it, it is not lookable. Those individuals that I have signatures for have worked hard to live in that particular area as R-1 and you have taken that away from them. They made a decision to move in that area. Everybody has a decision. Once individuals have decided to purchase a mobile home, their decision has been made. The code of ordinance states that they go to a mobile home park. The thing is her property value will depreciate. There is no telling what else is going to happen if you continue to allow trailers to be placed in that area."

Councilman Julien stated, "I understand your parents concerns. I think that sometimes we find ourselves in tough situations. Sometimes people move up and they move out. We do have people that are from Bootsie. We have people from Cornland. So sometimes when we move away maybe we forget. When it isn't our father, brother, sister or cousin maybe we forget when the shoe is on the other foot. When we see somebody else in a situation maybe we can't empathize or sympathize with them. I think taking all of this into consideration everyone has to have a place to live. Again I stand on my motion to override planning & zoning. I would ask that my council members continue to support me. Thank you."

MOTION: Councilman Julien moved and Councilman Wolfe seconded the motion to override Planning and Zoning and grant a trailer placement for Shenita Johnson – N.W. 2nd Street, Reserve. The motion passed with 5 yeas, 3 neas (Usry, Danny Millet, Cheryl Millet) and 1 absent (Smith).

Stacey Cadour – Update on Employee Handbook

Stacey Cador, Director of Human Resources, stated, "The administration request to remove this item from the agenda until further notice."

Elois Joseph – Update on Fans/Cool Zones for the Elderly

Elois Joseph, Director of Health & Human Services, stated, "The Department of Health & Human Services staff is researching options for working with the community partners for cool zone locations for the elderly. These locations are designed so that the elderly have an air-conditioned location to visit during the hottest hours of the day, thus keeping their A/C bills more affordable. We will have more information as this program evolves. Administration is also working with Entergy to provide window units and with the Council on Aging to determine those most in need of these units. Entergy Louisiana Spokesperson, Sheila Butler, is here to discuss the A/C program."

Sheila Butler, Entergy, stated, "Last year we partnered with Lowe's to purchase forty A/C units across the southeast region and this year we are doing the same. We are working with them to try and purchase A/C units. We purchase them. They deliver and install them and they match the funding that we have. So this is another project that we are working on to do the same this year."

Cheryl Millet – Update on Census numbers

Marie Brown-Mercadel stated, "We spoke with the Public Information Officer for the 2010 Census. He indicated that they won't be releasing any numbers regarding the census until Spring of 2011."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "My concern wasn't with the numbers. My concern was how was our return rate on the census forms."

Marie Brown-Mercadel stated, "To date our return rate is at 65%. That doesn't include residents that receive their mail through P.O. boxes or those that have been displaced from Katrina. They are going to be doing some home to home visits for those who have not returned their census forms to date. So to date we have a 65% return rate. The estimated figures to date for the population of the parish is 47,086."

Councilwoman Millet asked, "What are the plans to go ahead? When are we going to start the door to door or have we initiated any progress or plans in that respect?"

Marie Brown-Mercadel stated, "They are planning to start that within the next two weeks."

Councilwoman Millet asked, "Have we hired our census workers yet?"

Marie Brown-Mercadel stated, "We are in the process of doing that. I can get you some more information as to the specifics as to when they will be hired and the number and which areas they will be looking at."

Councilwoman Millet asked, "Where do they apply? Do they come to administration? Who was in charge of handling the actual employment of the census takers?"

Marie Brown-Mercadel stated, "I will get that additional information

and provide it for you. I don't have it right now."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, *"Just to add something, I know at one time you could go to their website and they have links as to how you work for the census bureau."*

NEW BUSINESS:

Ronnie Smith – Appointment of L'Observateur as the Official Journal for the year July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011

Councilwoman Hotard stated, *"This is something that we do annually to appoint the L'Observateur as our official journal and on Ronnie's behalf I will make the motion."*

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilman Millet seconded the motion to appoint the L'Observateur as the Official Journal for the year July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. The motion passed with Councilman Smith absent.

Ronnie Smith – Acadian Ambulance

Councilman Smith was absent so his item will be carried over to the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE/COUNCIL BRIEFS

Councilman Wolfe stated, *"During our regular meeting we said our prayers and pledge, I forgot to mention that Kerry Brown's father passed, Mr. Alvin Brown. So at this time could we take a moment of silence in remembrance of Mr. Alvin Brown? Thank you."*

Councilman Julien stated, *"As Dale said we lost a great person in Peter Brown, Kerry Brown's father, our attorney. We lost a great man. He was an individual who touched many lives. He turned out many baseball players. He gave his time tirelessly and endlessly. His service will be Saturday at 11:00 AM at the Church of Latter Day Saints at 15 Palmetto Drive. Again our prayers go out to the Brown family. Thank you."*

Councilwoman Hotard stated, *"Just kind of to reiterate what Dale and Charles said, I send my condolences to the family."*

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Natalie Robottom stated, *"From the president's office, obviously our condolences as well go out to the Brown family. It is a difficult time but I know your family is large and have lots of friend and prayers going out to you. We would also like to recognize again the Landrieux family for their reunion this weekend and the St. Charles Catholic men swim team for their championship. Our young marines program is a success. Our office is very eager to support and partner with them moving forward and we will be here to address their needs. Just a reminder, June 1st started our hurricane season. It is important that*

all of our families get a game plan and make sure that they have their emergency preparedness plans and kits together. We have started to run our ads on Channel 15 or commercials reminding our families of what is necessary to prepare for disaster and we are also developing a set of guidelines for all businesses with just some very basic tips on what they should do to prepare in the event of an evacuation or an emergency and what they would need in order to sustain their business in the absence or to return to their businesses. We are also scheduled to have the flood insurance workshops. I think we mentioned it at the last council meeting. We decided that in addition to the workshops we are also going to address hurricane preparedness. Many of you should have received in your water bills or you will be receiving a letter if there is a possibility that your flood insurance rates will change. The meetings are scheduled for June 16th, 23rd & 30th at the St. John Library from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM. As I said the meeting will address hurricane preparedness as well as the flood insurance workshop as well as there will be a meeting on July 1st at the West Bank Community Center at the same time to address possible changes to your flood insurance. Just for information with regards to the oil spill, St. John is a coastal parish. We participate in daily conference calls with other coastal parishes to let us know what changes are occurring and what steps are being taken. Mr. Oncale is the person from our office who sits in on those calls. He may have mentioned it before but our concern is whether or not oil comes into Lake Pontchartrain and there are contingencies in place with St. Tammany Parish to blockade or use boom to protect us from that. Of course if there is a hurricane then that is another ball game. Our staff is involved everyday in those calls in terms of what is being done, what needs to be done and also on Friday's our office is on a conference call with the state agency team and that is to discuss the needs of our residents, business owners with contingencies there in terms of what resources are available through the state, what we can do to help our residents who are commercial fishermen. Obviously we are not in danger of the oil coming into St. John but we do have residents who make their lively hood from that. So again we are on weekly calls to address that. Just a reminder, you can never be too prepared for hurricane season we encourage everyone to make sure their plan is set for either remaining here or if called evacuating with your family."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "I am sorry I do have one comment. The Rotary Club of LaPlace is having a car wash this Saturday in front of the Donut Hole for 8:30 AM until 11:30 AM and it is to support community efforts by the Rotary Club."

There was no executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Dale Wolfe - Personnel Matters

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

Any and all pending legal matters

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:45 PM, Councilman Julien moved and Councilwoman Hotard seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilman Smith absent.

/s/Cheryl Millet
COUNCIL VICE-CHAIR

/s/Jackie Landeche
Council Secretary