

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2017**  
**Chairman Lennix Madere**  
**Vice-Chairman Michael Wright**

Members: Larry Sorapuru, Jr., Kurt Becnel, Julia Remondet, Lennix Madere, Marvin Perrilloux, Larry Snyder, Michael Wright, Thomas Malik, Jaclyn Hotard

**PRESENT:** Kurt Becnel, Julia Remondet, Lennix Madere, Larry Snyder, Thomas Malik, Marvin Perrilloux, Larry Sorapuru, Michael Wright, Jaclyn Hotard

**ABSENT:** None

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

Kevin Belanger, SCPD, stated, "I'm just here to be informative about some items that you have on the agenda. One being the very first item our CEA, I have made six council meetings as of yet and each time it has been tabled so I think there are some things that you may ought to know because it is putting us in a little distress with our commission. Back in April of this year the Code Council, the advisory committee, approved a methodology in which we were going to move forward. We pushed that to all the other parishes and municipalities and to date we have 10 of the 11 parishes that have approved it in municipalities only St. John being the outlier. While I respect the position of this council and the DA certainly it is important to come to fruition because since June of this year we have been technically operating on a verbal continuation of the prior contract. Now it is legit from what I understand but the worry that I have as CEO of this commission is that what if that verbalization agreement is not adhered to. I have five other parishes and other municipalities that will look to me to ask me why did we allow this to continue for 2.5 months I don't have an answer. I respect the position of the DA he has done a great job trying to air out all of the concerns that he had but I think we are down to one which is advanced payments and I have our counsel with our commission with me tonight and I would like to ask him to come up as soon as I am finished and my last comment is that we would suggest if that is the only stickler that maybe we should pass that CEA as a contingency if the DA will approve the fact that the prepayments are not illegal."

There was a lengthy discussion in reference to the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) between St. John the Baptist Parish and South Central Planning and Development Commission (SCPDC).

**BID OPENING REPORT/AWARDS:**

**Jean Stewart - Bid Opening - Lions Water Treatment Plant Pump Station Intake Project**

Jean Stewart stated, "Today bids were opened in reference to the Lions Water Treatment Plant Pump Station Intake Project. There was one bidder - BLD Services, LLC 2424 Tyler Street, Kenner, LA 70068 in the amount of \$1,957,400.00. The administration requests to take this one bid under advisement."

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilman Sorapuru seconded the motion

to take the one bid for the Lions Water Treatment Plant Pump Station Intake Project under advisement. The motion passed unanimously.

**Alexandra Carter - (Tabled 06-27-17) Authorization to amend the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) between St. John the Baptist Parish and South Central Planning and Development Commission (SCPDC)**

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilwoman Remondet seconded the motion to remove the item authorization to amend the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) between St. John the Baptist Parish and South Central Planning and Development Commission (SCPDC) from the table. The motion passed with 8 yeas and 1 against (Snyder).

After a very lengthy discussion the District Attorney's office will be going over some information that was just provided to them by South Central Planning in reference to the CEA. The council decided to table the matter until legal has a chance to review and get back with them on their thoughts on the matter.

**MOTION:** Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Sorapura seconded the motion to put the authorization to amend the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) between St. John the Baptist Parish and South Central Planning and Development Commission (SCPDC) back on the table. The motion passed with 8 yeas and 1 against (Remondet).

**Natalie Robottom/Blake Fogleman - (Tabled 07-11-17) Authorization to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Principal Engineering for the St. John the Baptist Parish - Wastewater Treatment Plant Tank Rehab Project**

The above item remained tabled.

**LaVerne Toombs/Myra Valentine - Authorization to execute a contract extension with Pivotal Engineering, LLC for inspection services for the CDBG Isaac Housing Program**

LaVerne Toombs stated, *"This is a one (1) year extension for construction inspection services for the CDBG Housing Program. The rates will remain the same. The standard contract extension document was reviewed and approved by Legal Counsel and Administration recommends approval."*

**MOTION:** Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to execute a contract extension with Pivotal Engineering, LLC for inspection services for the CDBG Isaac Housing Program. The motion passed with 6 yeas and 3 absent (Hotard, Remondet, Wright).

**Brian Nunes/Henry Picard - Authorization to execute Change Order No. 1 for the LaPlace (Peavine) Boat Launch Project**

Brian Nunes stated, *"This Change Order reflects a decreased amount of \$14,041.58 which is based on actual quantities used during the project. The Change Order was approved by the Project Engineer, Public Works Director and the Office of Community Development. Administration recommends approval."*

**MOTION:** Councilman Becnel moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to execute Change Order No. 1 for the LaPlace (Peavine) Boat Launch Project. The motion passed with 6 yeas and 3 absent (Hotard, Remondet, Wright).

## **Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Councilman Snyder moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the motion to adjourn the finance meeting. The motion passed with 7 yeas and 2 absent (Remondet, Wright).