

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 26TH, 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

ABSENT: Jaclyn Hotard

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

Randy Noel stated, "I am a custom home builder in St. John Parish and I have been following the discussions about the.."

Councilman Madere stated, "This is a tabled item so we cannot speak about it until it is removed from the table. Thank you."

Warren Torres stated, "We are getting ready to go out for bids this is going to be the second time because the bids came in over budget or whatever. We have water back there already. We are all looking to put a Rudock #2 back there where all you have to do is go and talk to St. James Parish and make a deal that has been going on for over 20 years and this is being sold to you all that the water is contaminated and we are going to increase the quality of life back there. Well if the water is contaminated half the people in the back of Vacherie has been drinking contaminated water because it is the same water that goes to Pleasure Bend. Now the pipe at the parish line is 2 miles before it gets to Pleasure Bend. There is a chlorine injection system right there and the only complaint I heard that they had was high chlorine levels in the water which that is maintained by St. John Parish so it was a mechanical failure or operator error that caused the water to be bad and the difference between 20 years and now you have water dumping we have one on the River Road by the parish line because you have a dead leg. So if each one of these runs have a dead leg you should be dumping water. So if St. James Parish went up on the price of the water that has got to be contributing to it so this is insane that 1.5 million dollars is just a drop in the bucket to what you are fixing to open back there and Mr. Sorapuru there are 120 registered voters so you assume you have 60 families that are permanently living back there that we are doing this for."

BID OPENING REPORT/AWARDS:

Jean Stewart - Bid Opening - Pleasure Bend Water Treatment Facility Project

Jean Stewart stated, "Today we opened bids for the Pleasure Bend Water Treatment Facility Project. There were 6 bids received. The Lemoine Company, LLC of Lafayette, LA in the amount of 788,800.00, Gottfried Contracting, LLC of Covington, LA in the amount of 845,800.00, Mitchell Contracting, Inc. of Madisonville, LA in the amount of 795,000.00, National Construction Management Consultants, LLC (NCCMC) of Baton Rouge, LA in the amount of 909,000.00, Volute, Inc. of Houma, LA in the amount of 773,000.00 and Fleming Construction Company, LLC of Kenner, LA in the amount of 860,555.00. The administration

requests that we take these bids under advisement."

MOTION: Councilman Sorapuru moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to take the bids for the Pleasure Bend Water Treatment Facility Project under advisement. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard absent.

Alexandra Carter - (Tabled 09-12-17) Authorization to amend the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) between St. John the Baptist Parish and South Central Planning and Development Commission (SCPDC)

MOTION: Councilman Wright moved and Councilman Becnel seconded the motion to remove the 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 for discussion. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard absent.

LaVerne Toombs stated, "In support of the CEA with SCPDC, the Home Builder's Association of Greater New Orleans submitted a letter to the Council recommending approval of the agreement. Their recommendation is based on professional knowledge and experience in the building industry and their desire to continue a proven program to comply with Act 12 of the Louisiana Legislature (See attached letter). Mr. Randy Noel, currently serving as the First Vice-Chairman of the National Home Builder's Association and former Chairman of the Louisiana Uniform Construction Code Council was instrumental in creating the initial program with SCPDC and subsequently served on the advisory board for several years. Mr. Noel also recommends approval of the CEA. Administration concurs and submits that the estimated budget to implement a code compliance program was not a copy of SCPDC's budget. The budget was based on historical budgetary data and budgeting practices reflecting local resources, government constraints, anticipated expenses, salaries and benefits. Some of the estimates were derived from data collected from six parishes (Lafourche, St. Bernard, Tangipahoa, Orleans, East Baton Rouge and Jefferson). Using the estimates, the Parish confirms that the value of the proposed payment agreement with SCPDC exceeds the cost paid by the parish and only reflects the cost to provide the service."

Councilman Madere stated, "I have several problems with this tonight. The first one is I received a letter and I think most of the council members received a letter from the Home Builders Association of Greater New Orleans. As of my recollection, I don't remember us asking for any outside parishes to give us their recommendation. This process is done completely by the Council of SJBP so we don't need recommendations from someone who isn't even paying the bills. This isn't going to affect them. We didn't ask for letters of recommendation. When this was tabled at the last meeting it was tabled for SCP to get with the DA and give information that could explain why we have to pay this money up front and what are we getting for it and the DA already explained to us on several occasions that it is illegal for us to give them 27,000.00 before they do anything and I don't know how the Home Builders Association got in it or any other parish got in it...."

LaVerne Toombs interrupted saying, "I can answer that question."

Councilman Madere stated, "I don't want an answer because the answer would not satisfy me. As far as I know it is not their business. You can explain it to the rest of them but I don't want an explanation from them and then also it says as you are unlikely aware like we don't know what the code is. Katrina didn't happen just in a small spot, it happened in the state of Louisiana so everybody knows

what Act 12 is all about and what the building code is and what people have to do okay to me that letter was an insult to the council like if we don't know what is going on. I didn't like the letter and I didn't like a lot of the different things that were in it. I don't ever remember any other parish calling me to get advice as to what to do at their council meeting and I don't think anyone should be interfering with the decision that is given to us by the individuals who put us in office and not from someone else that is our job and that is the way I feel about that and no explanation given by you or them is going to satisfy me as far as the way I feel about this...

LaVerne Toombs interrupted, "Councilman you have a right to your opinion..."

Councilman Madere stated, "And I know I have a right to my opinion and you have a right to yours. I am not going to change yours don't try to change mine. Like I said I don't want to hear anything because nothing is going to change my opinion unless the home builders association is willing to contribute to the 27,000.00 then you can have an opinion. If you aren't going to contribute to the amount of money that we are going to have to pay from this parish your opinion doesn't matter because you aren't putting one nickel in here. This is what we have to decide here what is good and right for the people in our community. Also in that letter they claim that we have a building boom so I wanted to find out if we are having a building boom so I did some research and we have permits for 52 houses for the year that doesn't sound like a boom to me and then I did some more research to find out how many homes were sold this year in SJBP and that was 412 that sounds like a boom in house sales but 52 new construction of houses doesn't sound like a boom that doesn't even sound like a firecracker to me and I was trying to find out how much is the average permit per house so I just threw a figure in my head of 500.00 multiplied by 52 that comes out to about 26,000.00 that is a thousand dollars less than what they want per month just based on those 52 homes. I do a little research before I come here and start talking. Now I don't know what the average permit is but I just threw a figure of 500.00 all aren't that amount some may be more but it is 26,000.00 and they are asking for 27,000.00 plus a 4,000.00 membership. So I would like to make a motion..."

Councilman Wright stated, "Mr. Madere if you don't mind I haven't opened up the floor for public hearing and I will get back to you if you would like to make a motion. At this time I will open up the public hearing on this item I know there are members of the public that would like to speak there will be a two minute limit per citizen and just please identify yourself."

Randy Noel, LaPlace, stated, "I'm a property tax payer and I also pay for building permits which are much more than 500.00 I'm afraid they are more like 1,000.00 and St. John Parish since Isaac has seen a tremendous drop off in the homes that were being built before Isaac because there was a big concern about the flooding. There has been an up in housing here. I was there when we formed the building code counsel, the statewide building code council I was chairman as you said but before I was there we were trying to figure out how to do a statewide uniformed building code with jurisdictions like St. John, St. James and St. Charles that had no building code and no inspectors what so ever because the standup code office was extremely expensive. We got grants from the federal government, FEMA and HUD that helped us standup the offices but we had to have enough permits to maintain that office. So I had a meeting with Dale Hymel and Tim Vial from St. Charles Parish and we said how are we going to put a building code office together in our three parishes when we don't have enough permits to stand it up like Jefferson and Orleans Parish. Tim Vial made the suggestion that we use the regional planning commission because it was difficult to do a public

entity with a private system. We did research on that and found out it was completely legal to do that, it is in Act 12 that the regional planning commission can run building code departments and in fact the years I was on the state code council I went all over the state promoting that because there were so many that we had to get covered with qualified, certified inspectors as quickly as possible. We did that. We got it done and because we got that done my 6,000.00 policy that I have on Main Street went down to 3,000.00, now it is about 2,800.00. The insurance companies when we passed the building code, Act 12 had promised us they were leaving the state unless we had done that, we didn't. We wanted to make sure that we had qualified inspectors that were certified and knew what they were looking at the homes being built so that the insurance companies had some confidence in insuring the houses. We did that. Today the law requires that you be registered with the state if you are an inspector and that you have the certification for the international code council to know what you are inspecting. SCP got a grant that they used to help form a software program that made the transition from going from no codes to codes much easier for the public particularly and I can speak to this because I am a home builder and I pull a permit in SJP on a regular basis it makes it very much easier to do work which encourages home builders to build here versus Jefferson Parish. In Jefferson Parish we have to have four different inspections at every phase because SCP has qualified people we have one guy come out and make all the inspections because he has a certified building official certification and he has a multi-discipline certification. We can get our building permits and schedule inspections online. We can get reports on inspections on our phones. We can submit our plans through the internet. It is a state of the art process that Orleans and Jefferson saw and then adopted something similar to it. SCP managed to get out in front of it. I would encourage you to continue to do this because it will cost you a lot more money to try to stand up a code office with the number of permits that we have in St. John."

Phillip Hoffman, LaPlace, stated, "I have lived here 30 years and have operated my home building business here for that length of time and I am also a past member of the Louisiana State Unified control council and I am a proud member of the Greater New Orleans Home Builders Association which there jurisdiction as an association is seven parishes and St. John is one of them and there are many of our home builder members that reside here in the parish. Serving on the code council I have come to be able to work with many building officials throughout the state including the officials at SCP. The inspection process is effortless for us. It also says that our homes and buildings are being inspected by ICC certified building inspectors in every specification. So the public's safety is well taken care of because the homes that are being built here are up to the latest adopted codes by the State of Louisiana. I encourage the council and support the CEA because I know the work that SCP does and I know that at the end of the day I am concerned that economic development here at the time when it looks like things are picking up here in the parish that it could hurt that and companies that are in the building business do not want uncertainty about being able to get their projects off of the ground. The most important thing for contractors is to be able to get those jobs inspected and get them off of the ground so that they can go effortlessly until the finish of the job. My name is Phillip Hoffman, 80 Country Club Drive and I appreciate your support for this CEA."

Michael Witch, Chief building official for SCP, stated, "I just want to state a couple of facts real quick. Never in our 10 ½ year history of this program has there ever been a month without any permits issued. When a permit is issued the work has just begun it is not unusual for inspections to continue for 12 to 18

months after issuance. So there has been a lot of talk about what happens in a month where there are no permits. If that would ever happen there is still work going on and there has been no talk about months where permits may be issued at an unusually high volume where the fee would still remain the same. Due to our work owners and occupants of buildings can be confident that the building is structurally sound and the mechanical systems are sized and installed correctly ensuring a healthy interior environment. The plumbing is safe and sanitary. The electrical is to code eliminating any risk of injury and the building is energy efficient. We supply the parish with software that was mentioned earlier at no cost. This software is extremely powerful and helpful to the public as well as the parish. We remove a lot of liability from the parish because we carry our own insurance including errors and emissions. Our credentials of our inspectors and our plan reviewers are unmatched by any jurisdiction or entity around. We have six CBO's on staff and three master code professionals. You do not get a higher certification than master code professional. We provide advocacy on the state and national level to keep codes reasonable. St. John's voice would be extremely limited doing it on their own our voice is very strong because of the regional program. We did not lose a grant. We had two grants early on in the process that were required to be expended in a year of obtaining those grants. What we did do was build reserves because we had those grants and those reserves have been depleted over the years because the regional code council altered fees after receiving those grants. SCP doesn't profit from this program. It is an enterprise fund. There is no one else out there that will do it for no profit and our CEA is not a six year agreement as was stated in a previous meeting. It is a three year agreement. There is no automatic renewal it would come before you for renewal just like it has every other time in our history of doing this program and in fact it is really a 30 day contract because all it takes is for you guys to notify us 30 days in advance that you want to get out. So the fact that it was said that it is a six year contract is completely false. Thank you."

Kevin Belanger, CEO of SCP, stated, "I just want to make clear that it was mentioned tonight that we were supposed to get with the DA. I believe the issue was with the DA and the administration of which the administration was to provide to you a proposed budget. We are not saying tonight that we want to put a gun to your head per say and ask you to vote up or down. You guys have told us after ten jurisdictions have signed our CEA and have had their legal advisors look at it now you have asked us to reconsider that. So I went to our board and have asked them look although we have 11 jurisdictions, one says it is illegal and we have to respect them and do the due diligence to see if it is correct or not. We are in the process of evaluating that we would like to at the very minimum if you don't wish to renew the CEA as it is tonight that you would at least allow us to continue to do the work on your behalf with the old CEA as it still is to be enforced until next year until we are able to either get the other 10 parishes to redo what they have done which may be the case but we want to vet that out. I highly believe that might not happen but I am only the CEO. The other thing is we don't want to see St. John go down. You are our parish. You created our commission and we want to stand by you all along the way. I don't know how it has gotten to this position to where it is us against you. It is not us. We are you. You are us and we are one in the same. We represent you. You own us and we are not asking for anything. What we have done is figured out my last wrap up is we figured out what it was going to cost us to operate in a year and it is because of the entire region based on historical trends and we have taken that and said okay we need this amount of money to operate. As Mike said we don't make a penny with this. It is revenue neutral. All the money that is used goes for those purposes and I think that with the budget that you have been given tonight with the administration clearly shows that it is well below what you would have to pay

on your own not to mention the relenting of the regional advancements that we have made in the program. I ask for you to consider a favorable approval if that is what you want to do but at a minimum let's continue on the path that we are right now until our full board can communicate back to you."

Warren Torres, Garyville, stated, "I guess I will throw my 2 cents in. You have been arguing about this and Mr. Madere I have to admire you, you are sticking to your guns, you are backing the people that elected you. This has been going on and we have heard all kind of stories and the bottom line is why did they wait until the last minute to do this and put themselves in the situation that they are in and that is all that I have to say."

Councilman Madere stated, "Now I sat here and have heard individuals come up who have some type of connection with building and everything else and there has never been if this company was qualified. It has never been about their qualifications or what it is that they do or if it is necessary. It is about the payment. The upfront money is what this is about. So you can talk all day long about this and that requirement we already know that. It is about I have never seen a guy go and apply for a job, he brings his resume and people speak for him as a reference but he never sits there and tells the boss if you hire me this is what I want. I want you to pay me this amount of money. That is what is happening. You are telling us you want us to give you 27,000.00 upfront. It is not about your qualifications, you are truly qualified, you have been working for us. It is all about how you want to be paid and you have not backed off one iota as to how you want to be paid and the DA has told us as our legal representation that that is not how it works and they have councilmen that sit up here and rely on the information from the DA's office for any of us to go against the individual who is supposed to protect us doesn't make any sense. At the last council meeting I thought Ms. Hotard explained it good when she said that this has been going on for a very long time about the same situation about the money and I think I am quoting her right that she couldn't understand why you never came back with another proposal. That is what was said. Now if someone told me that what I had isn't acceptable by law if I want to do business with these individuals I am going to come back with a new proposal that doesn't include that type of payment and like I said at the previous meeting I am going to follow the legal advice of our attorney not the legal advice of someone else's attorney, not the legal advice of another parish, not some legal advice or what the opinion is from another group. I am going to do what I was put in this position to do and that is to listen to the people in this community and to listen to the people that gives us legal advice and that is the only individual I will listen to as far as legal advice goes by and nowhere have I seen someone who is trying to get a contract demand without backing off all these months that they want 27,000.00. It isn't about your qualification. This has never been about your qualifications. It has been about how you demand to get paid and that is what this is all about. No one questioned your accountability and no questioned that you do a great job. It is about and has always been about the money and this council and I have said this before and I will say it again I will never ever vote for 27,000.00 upfront."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Just quickly, Mr. Madere touched on everything there is no need for me to rehash that but there are a couple of items. Administration for the last three months that I know of have never gotten back with the DA to talk about any of this. They put stuff in the L'Observatuer but they never did have a meeting with the DA to discuss this. Now I am looking at I heard it said that we use the software but I am thinking that I am paying you 4,000.00 a month and that includes using the software that is a membership so

what am I paying the 4,000.00 for just to say I belong to something? There is not a membership and I am using your software for 4,000.00 I don't understand that and again three months and I know Mr. Belanger you may have gone to the DA's office one time to discuss it with her but the administration hasn't and to me this CEA as written is dead. I mean you had enough time to come back and renegotiate it and say let's start over again and see how we can make this feasible for St. John and the tax payers now our contract with you is good until 2020 and I am sure in that time you can come back and say let's look at this and do something different because paying the 27,000.00 a month was never about your job or anybody in your department's job, it was about me paying you 27,000.00 a month with no service done yet and we had that discussion on the phone you and I a few times. I can't pay you 27,000.00 if you haven't done anything yet. If you do no permits and I asked you will I get it back and you said no I will get a credit the following year. No, no you didn't do work so you should give me my money back. So we need to renegotiate that CEA because this one is dead. I cannot go along with that."

Kevin Belanger stated, "The reason why you haven't seen me come to you with another proposal is because I don't have that authority to come to you and decide what the other parishes are going to pay that is why we have a regional code council made up of the highest elected officials of every parish. I listen to them. They got together and determined what the fees were going to be eleven years ago. They didn't listen to me. We told them we needed 1.8 million dollars to operate and you know what they told me we are not going to give you that we are going to keep 20%. They knew 11 years ago that they were going to need more money in the 10th and 11th year we are at that point that is where we are right now. I can't come to you unless the other parishes vote which they are deliberating to do. You have asked me to do that. I was holding out hope that we could have gotten to utopia and we could have gotten to a point where the DA would have been easy and feeling good about the CEA. She contends that the illegality of the contract is because we are getting paid in advance. I am told that we can be paid in advance by ten other legal advisors and I am not trying to discredit what the DA has said. She has her opinion and so do the other ten but I have to listen to six other parishes that are going to tell me that they want to go with a different model and I am at that point where we are debating that as we speak it doesn't happen overnight. We meet once a quarter. We called an emergency meeting on behalf of you to discuss it and they have asked me to seek other legal advice and try to come back and see if we are wrong and that is what we are doing. She may be absolutely correct and we respect her and her decision but like you will not take advice from any other attorney how do you think if I go to Terrebonne that what you have been doing for 11 years is wrong, it is illegal I am telling their legal advisor that he has been wrong for 12 years not to mention the legal advisor that you had for 10 years who okayed this contract prior to Mrs. Dinvaut. Now I am not here to discredit that but what you guys are not understanding is that I cannot make a contract up for you that everybody else is going to comply with. It is because we have a regional process that we take the regions consistence and then we move forward with that and all I am asking for you to do tonight obviously you don't like the CEA don't vote on it that is all I am asking. Don't kill the program and Mr. Madere I do respect and appreciate your comments relative to the professionalism of our commission because we do take that very seriously and it is on your behalf and on the people's behalf that you all represent. We are going to do a bang up job for you guys. I didn't decide to come here tonight at the last minute. We had decided this in May of this year. We gave it to the administration they gave it to the DA to review timely. The DA has had it. We have been in consultation. We have been in debate and discussions. That is the due diligence. I am just asking let's not do anything rash for the

goodness of this people let's try to have cooler heads and make this thing work. I am going to work on my side to make sure that we adhere to what Mrs. Dinvaut is requesting and we are going to play it out and do our due diligence. I am asking you to give us that time to do it."

Councilman Becnel stated, "Let me just say something, I have been running a business for almost 30 years and I have never seen an issue just going back and forth. You are never going to move forward. The DA gave us their opinion and I know from a business man point of view I have been on boards and I have done it all and I always follow the advice of our legal department and sir you with the 27,000.00 if you knew that was a sticking point like Mr. Madere said you never came back and tried to say well maybe we can negotiate this or that. So I am just saying from a businessman point of view this is disgusting. We are stuck in the mud and are not going anywhere. I am not saying they don't do a good job and don't threaten us and say we are not ready for this. We will never know unless we try. So we may take that chance and I feel like that was a threat. We will cross that hurdle when we get to it but I am letting you know now I will and always will follow the legal advice of our attorney and that is the way it is going to be and I am just so sick and tired of this we need to move forward tonight."

Kevin Belanger stated, "I spoke just a minute ago for 10 minutes and I told you very clearly that I cannot make the contract for you. You have asked me to go to my board and that is what I am doing. If you want to get a law in the state of Louisiana you don't make a law you have to go to the legislature that is kind of what we are doing and I am asking you for the levity to make it happen. I am not threatening. If you cannot tell by the tone of my voice that I am pleading with you then I am sorry. I am desperately asking for you guys to give us the due diligence to make this work. I am not putting you in any kind of situation. I have no cards to play. I take my orders from the parishes that I represent and in May of this year they told us this is how we are doing it. It wasn't Kevin Belanger's decision. I was at the meeting and had input but at the end I have zero vote. They vote for it and my job is to come before you and get my you know what chewed out because you don't like the agreement that all the others have concluded. Please don't kill the player or the game and let's try to make it work. I am not asking for a rash decision just give us time to make this work on the people's behalf. Do I think you can do this? Absolutely I think you can do this. You are going to stumble but you will force it to work and you will pay to make it work and we know that but guess what SCP will still be surviving. I can't understand how we can't explain this. You created us for this purpose and we are here to help you not hurt you. Now maybe we didn't get communications well with the DA. All I do is see emails, I have never had one letter sent to me. I don't work on hypotheticals. I have called the DA and asked to meet and it has gone for not. I know the administration has done the same thing because I have been in communications with them. So what I am trying to ask is maybe there is a lack of communication and it could be seen on our part and I am not going to sit here and discredit anybody whether it is the administration or the DA all I am trying to say is give us time to work on it. Don't vote us out tonight."

Bridget Dinvaut, DA, stated, "Good evening. There have been some mendacities said at this podium. Mr. Madere you are absolutely correct. As legal advisor to this council as CEA was submitted to my office it is the clear plain language of the CEA that a comprehensive legal analysis was conducted on. You are absolutely right no one has ever tried to disparage SCP and their qualifications or abilities however the amendment to an advance payment fee schedule when a legal analysis was done based upon the law under carpella and the attorney generals test did not flush out as legal. It is not the DA that is saying anything. The DA

does not make the laws. The DA upholds the laws. So if anyone is upset be upset with the Louisiana Supreme Court and their rulings. Be upset with the AG and their tests. As legal advisor to this parish I have said to all of you my obligation and responsibility is to this council and the people of this parish. Now Mr. Belanger made a statement that he thought that the DA would be easy. I have never been easy in my life and you can take that in whatever context you would like to but what I will do is I will stand for the people of SJPB without all of the confusion the test is simple. The test is simple under carpella or the AG opinion provide demonstrative objective evidence to support the justification for the payment. When I first came here to give the legal opinion I said that I would be waiting for work from the parish government. It is not SCP. It is the parish administration that has to say this is the justification. From the day that I came here and gave that legal opinion and you have my legal report there has not been one word or one scheduled meeting not one document even though there was this lengthy production of said services in the newspaper but I have never seen any of that. None of that has been communicated to our office in order for us to do another analysis based upon what the Louisianan Supreme Court says and what the AG tests. Mr. Belanger said that he tried to meet with me. Mr. Belanger called me after I called his attorney that this was about the C&S consulting contract and the letter that was submitted to the EPA and he came down to my office and I was in Metairie at lunch and I could not make it back but there has been no other meeting that was requested that I did not attend. At the meeting that I attended with Mr. Belanger we had a very informative meeting when I asked about the payment structure he said it was a wager and I said to him I don't gamble with public monies. He said we need the money to fill the gap to the budget. I said sir I understand that but that isn't St. John's problem, it is your problem and nothing has changed from that day. We have gotten nothing different. The CEA that is currently on the table is the same CEA that is subject to my legal opinion and we have not received any other documents. So I leave you with that and I thank you for your time and attention."

Councilwoman Hotard arrived to the finance meeting.

There was a lengthy discussion that continued in reference to this subject.

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to deny authorization to amend the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) between St. John the Baptist Parish and South Central Planning and Development Commission (SCPDC). The motion passed with 8 yeas and 1 against (Malik).

LaVerne Toombs - (Tabled 08-22-17) Authorization to enter into a Servitude Agreement with Delta Land Services, L.L.C.

The above item remained on the table at the request of the administration.

Cain Dufrene - (Tabled 09-12-17) Authorization to execute an agreement with Sizeler Thompson Brown Architects Regional Design Group, LLC for the Westbank Public Safety Complex

The above item remained on the table at the request of the administration.

Jean Stewart - Authorization to advertise for annual bids for Fuel Requirements for Parish Vehicles & Equipment

Jean Stewart stated, "Administration recommends approval."

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to

grant administration authorization to advertise for annual bids for Fuel Requirements for Parish Vehicles & Equipment. The motion passed unanimously.

Stacey Cador - Authorization to advertise a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Parish's Group Life Insurance

LaVerne Toombs stated, *"This request is to solicit proposals for life insurance coverage. The current contract with Sun Life expires December 31, 2017. Administration recommends approval."*

MOTION: Councilman Sorapuru moved and Councilman Becnel seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to advertise a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Parish's Group Life Insurance. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilwoman Remondet seconded the motion to adjourn the finance meeting. The motion passed unanimously.