

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 10TH, 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)

Warren Torres, Mt. Airy, stated, "I spoke at the last meeting about this Pleasure Bend water treatment system. From what I understand we are getting water from St. James Parish, they are charging 12,000.00 a month and we are collecting 4,000.00 so St. John tax payers have been subsidizing the water for Pleasure Bend for over 20 years. Ms. Hotard and Mr. Becnel talk about stealing if that isn't stealing I don't know what is. The well that we are going back in the state made them get out of that well twenty years ago because the water back there is bad, real bad and if you had a private well you still had to get out. I have been talking to people who had camps back there. Did anyone of you see anything that the water was that contaminated or what it is?"

Councilman Madere stated, "I can't speak for the entire council."

Warren Torres stated, "So if you go with this deal the line from St. James Parish to Pleasure Bend is about two miles. Do you think St. James is going to leave that line in the ground to supply Pleasure Bend when we have problems and you are doing a Ruddock #2 is what is going to happen and the first bids that went out was over 1.5 now we are coming back at 700,000.00 because we said they had an electrical glitch or whatever but if you believe that I am standing up here wasting my time. So if we put a storage tank back there and we are going to make 55 gallons of GPM water. The next thing you know you are going to need a water tower. The next thing all these little streets back there are dead end they are not a closed loop system you are going to have to have a dump valve on the end of it to keep the water just like we got on the River Road in Mt. Airy and the Magnet School in Garyville and wherever else in the parish when you got to get in line you are going to have to do something with it because the water is going to be contaminated and if the water is that contaminated all the people in the back of Vacherie, the schools, churches and residents are all drinking contaminated water too because it is the same line. Now at the parish line at St. John and St. James there is a chlorination system and I was told that it is run by St. John Parish a while back they had a high chlorine in the water so either you had a mechanical failure or an operator failure that caused that water."

Councilman Madere stated, "Thank you for your comments."

BID OPENING REPORT/AWARDS:

There were no bids at this time.

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

MOTION: Councilman Snyder moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to remove the authorization to enter into a Servitude Agreement with Delta Land Services, L.L.C. from the TABLE. The motion passed unanimously.

Brian Nunes stated, "This agreement allows for construction and maintenance of a berm and screw gate culvert near Belle Point Park to address drainage improvements. The agreement was reviewed and approved by Legal Counsel, the Public Works Director and the Parish Engineer and Administration recommends approval."

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to enter into a Servitude Agreement with Delta Land Services, L.L.C. The motion passed unanimously.

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

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to remove the authorization to execute an agreement with Sizeler Thompson Brown Architects Regional Design Group, LLC for the Westbank Public Safety Complex from the TABLE. The motion passed unanimously.

Cain Dufrene stated, "Administration recommends addressing item VIII (CEA) prior to this item."

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Sorapuru seconded the motion to suspend the rules to move up the item Cain Dufrene - Authorization to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with the St. John Parish Sheriff's Office for the construction and the on-going operations of a new Westbank Public Safety Complex. The motion passed unanimously.

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Cain Dufrene stated, "This CEA is to construct and operate a shared facility to provide public safety to the citizens and visitors of the West Bank. The CEA was reviewed by Legal Counsel for both entities and Administration recommends approval."

MOTION: Councilman Sorapuru moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with the St. John Parish Sheriff's Office for the construction and the on-going operations of a new Westbank Public Safety Complex. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Madere commented that now we will take up the initial item.

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

Cain Dufrene stated, "This agreement includes design, project management and

inspection services for the WB facility to house firefighters and Sheriff's Office Personnel in Wallace. The contract amount of \$135,936 is based on the projected construction cost of the project and is funded by the Office of Fire Services and the Sheriff's Office at 50/50 cost-share. The contract document was sent to Legal Counsel for review and Administration recommends approval contingent upon their final review."

MOTION: Councilman Sorapuru moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to execute an agreement with Sizeler Thompson Brown Architects Regional Design Group, LLC for the Westbank Public Safety Complex. The motion passed unanimously.

Jean Stewart - Authorization to award the bid for the Pleasure Bend Water Treatment Facility Project to Volute Inc.

Jean Stewart stated, "Volute, Inc. of Houma, LA submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid for this project in the amount of \$773,000. It will be partially funded through the 2015 Bond Issue and a 2016 Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) grant in the amount of \$125,240. The well will replace the current system of purchasing water from St. James Parish and will address cost and compliance issues. Administration recommends approval."

MOTION: Councilman Becnel moved and Councilman Sorapuru seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to award the bid for the Pleasure Bend Water Treatment Facility Project to Volute Inc. The motion passed unanimously.

Daron Cooper/Michael Tabb - Authorization to execute the Certificate of Substantial Completion with Family Homes by Tommy and Sheila, Inc. for the Animal Shelter Addition

Daron Cooper stated, "This project, specifically the outer building, has been deemed substantially complete by the Project Engineer and the Capital Projects Administrator. Administration recommends execution of the Certificate of Substantial completion to begin the 45 day lien period. The interior building, including kennels, should be completed by the end of the month."

MOTION: Councilman Sorapuru moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to execute the Certificate of Substantial Completion with Family Homes by Tommy and Sheila, Inc. for the Animal Shelter Addition. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I would like to ask at this time that we suspend the rules. We do have a time sensitive item our Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with the District Attorney's office has expired so I would like to offer a motion to suspend the rules to add this item and then we can discuss the item. The motion would be to approve the amendment to the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the St. John the Baptist Parish District Attorney's office and St. John the Baptist Parish Government to provide four months extension of the original term; that would be the motion."

Councilman Madere stated, "You have heard the motion. Is there a second; seconded by Mr. Malik. Are there any questions?"

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "We vote to add it."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay this is a vote just to add the item."

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to suspend the rules to add the item: approval of the amendment to the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) between the St. John the Baptist Parish District Attorney's office and St. John the Baptist Parish Government to provide four months extension of the original term to the finance agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Hotard stated, *"And I will offer a motion to approve the agreement."*

Councilman Perrilloux stated, *"Second."*

Councilman Madere stated, *"Okay we have a motion and a second, any questions?"*

There being no questions the motion was voted on.

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the motion to approve the amendment to the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) between the St. John the Baptist Parish District Attorney's Office and St. John the Baptist Parish Government to provide four months extension of the original term. The motion passed unanimously.

Please Note: a copy of the Amended CEA for Administration of the Adjudicated Properties Program is attached hereto for reference.

Adjournment

MOTION: Councilman Wright moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to adjourn the finance meeting. The motion passed unanimously.