

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MAY 12TH, 2026
CHAIRMAN ROBERT ARCURI
VICE-CHAIRWOMAN TAMMY HOUSTON

The Council of the Parish of St. John the Baptist Parish, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session in the St. John the Baptist Parish Courthouse, Rudolph Sorapuru Chambers, Edgard, Louisiana on Tuesday, May 12th, 2026, at 6:00 PM.

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL: Lennix Madere, Jr., Councilman-at-Large, Div. A, Michael Wright, Councilman-at-Large, Div. B, Virgie Johnson, Councilwoman District I, Warren Torres, Jr., Councilman District II, Tammy Houston, Councilwoman District III, Robert Arcuri, Councilman District V, Vernon Bailey, Sr., Councilman District VI, Dixie Ramirez, Councilwoman District VII

ABSENT: Tyra Duhe-Griffin

Warren Torres led the Prayer and Michael Wright led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Legal Counsel Keith Green, Jr. and Kennilyn Schmill were present.

PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY (3 minutes per citizen)

There were no public comments at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA: Approval of Minutes - April 28th, 2026, Council Meeting

MOTION: Councilman Bailey moved and Councilwoman Ramirez seconded the motion to approve consent agenda consisting of Approval of Minutes - April 28th, 2026, Council Meeting. The motion passed with Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin absent.

REPORTS:

President's Report

PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE(S) :

26-25 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving excavation within Parish Right-of-way for the installation of fiber optics along Lafreniere Drive by municipal address 1525 Lafreniere Drive, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (Permit No. 19479) (J. Hotard/C. Powell)

And approving excavation within Parish Rights-of-way for the installation of fiber optics along Moss Drive by municipal address 44 Moss Drive, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (Permit No. 19480) (J. Hotard/C. Powell)

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 26-25. The motion passed with Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin absent.

26-26 - An ordinance approving the resubdivision of the remainder of Parcel B-2 of the Bienvenu Estates Subdivision, located at 3299 West Airline Highway, Reserve, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (PZS-1467) (J. Hotard/C. Powell)

Roderick Aguiard commented on Ordinance 26-26.

Tyra Duhe-Griffin arrived in the meeting at 6:07 PM.

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 26-26. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R26-62 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to award the bid for Membrane Filters for the Reserve Osmosis Unit to Veolia WTS Solutions USA, Inc.

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Bailey seconded the motion to approve Resolution R26-62. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to award the bid for Membrane Filters for the Reserve Osmosis Unit to Veolia WTS Solutions USA, Inc. WHEREAS, Article IV, Section H (2) and (5) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter permits the Parish Council to adopt a resolution when authorizing a designated person(s) to execute a previously approved contract on its behalf and/or to perform a ministerial act related to the administrative business of the Parish; and WHEREAS, Veolia WTS Solutions, USA, Inc. of Trevoise, PA submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid in the amount of \$630.00; and, WHEREAS, this is an annual bid for replacement membranes for the LaPlace Water System and orders will be placed on an as-needed basis; and, WHEREAS, orders will be funded through the Utilities Budget. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that St. John the Baptist Parish is hereby authorized to award the bid for Membrane Filters for the Reverse Osmosis Unit to Veolia WTS Solutions, USA, Inc. The motion passed unanimously.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R26-63 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to advertise and solicit bids for the Wastewater Collection and Treatment Maintenance/Emergency Repairs

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilwoman Ramirez seconded the motion to approve Resolution R26-63. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to advertise and solicit bids for the Wastewater Collection and Treatment Maintenance/Emergency Repairs. WHEREAS, Article IV, Section H (2) and (5) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter permits the Parish Council to adopt a resolution when authorizing a designated person(s) to execute a previously approved contract on its behalf and/or to perform a ministerial act related to the administrative business of the Parish; and WHEREAS, a Contractor is needed to provide maintenance and emergency repairs on the Wastewater Collection and Treatment System on an as-needed basis as directed by the Utilities Department; and, WHEREAS, the estimated cost of this project is \$1,000,000 and will be funded through the Wastewater Fund. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that St. John the Baptist Parish is hereby authorized to advertise and solicit bids for the Wastewater Collection and Treatment Maintenance/Emergency Repairs. The motion passed unanimously.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R26-64 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to advertise and solicit bids for the Reserve Homewood Pump Station Replacement and Drainage Improvement Project

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Resolution R26-64. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish

to advertise and solicit bids for the Reserve Homewood Pump Station Replacement and Drainage Improvement Project. WHEREAS, Article IV, Section H (2) and (5) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter permits the Parish Council to adopt a resolution when authorizing a designated person(s) to execute a previously approved contract on its behalf and/or to perform a ministerial act related to the administrative business of the Parish; and WHEREAS, a Contractor is needed for labor, materials and equipment necessary to complete the replacement and improvement project; and, WHEREAS, the estimated cost of the project is \$16,336,848 and will be funded through the Louisiana Watershed Initiative Grant and the Drainage Fund. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that St. John the Baptist Parish is hereby authorized to advertise and solicit bids for the LWI Reserve Relief Homewood Pump Station Replacement and Drainage Improvement Project. The motion passed unanimously.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R26-65 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Shread-Kuyrkendall & Associates, Inc. for the West 13th Street, East 13th Street and West 8th Street Lift Stations Rehabilitation Project

MOTION: Councilwoman Johnson moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Resolution R26-65. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Shread-Kuyrkendall & Associates, Inc. for the West 13th Street, East 13th Street and West 8th Street Lift Stations Rehabilitation Project. WHEREAS, Article IV, Section H (2) and (5) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter permits the Parish Council to adopt a resolution when authorizing a designated person(s) to execute a previously approved contract on its behalf and/or to perform a ministerial act related to the administrative business of the Parish; and WHEREAS, Shread-Kuyrkendall & Associates, Inc. of Baton Rouge, LA has been selected as the Engineer for the West 13th, East 13th and West 8th Street Lift Stations Rehabilitation Project; and, WHEREAS, Agreement includes the electrical design services, materials testing services and resident inspector services; and, WHEREAS, the rehabilitation of the Lift Stations will provide reliable wastewater collection in their service areas on the West Bank; and, WHEREAS, the estimated cost of the Agreement is \$116,833.39 and will be funded the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality Clean Water State Revolving Loan. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that Parish President, Jaclyn Hotard is hereby duly authorized and empowered on behalf of the St. John the Baptist Parish Council to sign and execute the Professional Services Agreement between St. John the Baptist Parish and Shread-Kuyrkendall & Associates, Inc. The motion passed unanimously.

Warren Torres left the meeting at 6:16 PM.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R26-66 - A Resolution indicating the intention of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, to approve the two (2) year appointment of Parish President Jaclyn Hotard as a Director of the Board of Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority (The "Authority") as provided by Chapter 10-D of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended

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Authority (The "Authority") as provided by Chapter 10-D of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended. WHEREAS, Article IV, Section H (2) and (5) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter permits the Parish Council to adopt a resolution when authorizing a designated person(s) to execute a previously approved contract on its behalf and/or to perform a ministerial act related to the administrative business of the Parish; and, WHEREAS, Chapter 10-D of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, comprised of R.S. 33:4548.1 through 4548.16 is known as the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority Act (the "Act"); and, WHEREAS, the Act creates the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority (the "Authority") for the purpose of assisting political subdivisions, as defined in the Act, and other designated entities in acquiring, financing and constructing certain facilities, including environmental, public infrastructure, community and economic development purposes and to otherwise establish programs to aid in the financing of local government and economic development projects; and, WHEREAS, the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, previously passed a Resolution to become a participating political subdivision of the Authority in accordance with the Act; and, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing authority of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, acting in such capacity: SECTION 1. Approve the appointment of Parish President Jaclyn Hotard to serve as a Director of the Authority for a term of two (2) years from the date hereof. SECTION 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately and a certified copy hereof shall be forwarded to the Office of the Authority. The motion passed with Councilman Torres absent.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

26-27 An ordinance approving excavation within Parish Rights-of-way for the installation of gas lines along Buster Street and St. Pierre Lane, by municipal address 111 Buster Street, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (Permit No. 19636) (J. Hotard/R. Rome)

26-28 An ordinance approving excavation within Parish Rights-of-way for the installation of fiber optics along Main Street, Major Drive, Jordan Court, Jennifer Lane, Ingleside Drive, Cambon Court, Idaho Court, Union Court, Ricker Court, Oakridge Drive, Remy Drive, Farm Road, and Belle Grove Drive, by municipal address 1606 Main Street, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (Permit No. 19637) (J. Hotard/R. Rome)

26-29 An ordinance approving excavation within Parish Rights-of-way for the installation of fiber optics along Verdun Street by municipal address 1809 Verdun Street, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (Permit No. 19653) (J. Hotard/R. Rome)

And approving excavation within Parish Rights-of-way for the installation of fiber optics along Iberville Street by municipal address 717 Iberville Street, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (Permit No. 19654) (J. Hotard/R. Rome)

26-30 An ordinance amending St. John the Baptist Code of Ordinances, Sec. 14-36(6) - Excavation on Parish Property or within Parish Rights-of-way and Sec. 36-11(2). (J. Hotard/R. Rome)

ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:20 PM, Councilman Bailey moved and Councilwoman Ramirez seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilman Torres absent.

/s/Robert Arcuri
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Ranshawa Sylvain
COUNCIL CLERK