OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11TH, 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 Government Complex Chambers, LaPlace, Louisiana on Tuesday, August 11th, 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, Tyra Duhe-Griffin, Councilwoman District IV, Robert Arcuri, Councilman District V, Vernon Bailey, Sr., Councilman District VI, Dixie Ramirez, Councilwoman District VII

ABSENT: None

Councilman Wright led the Prayer and Councilwoman Houston led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

There was no public comment at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA: Approval of Minutes – July 28th, 2026, Council Meeting; Permit Approval – Destiny Christian Church "Christmas on Main Street Festival" – Saturday, December 12th, 2026, 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM – From the intersection of West 5th and Main to the railroad track on Main Street in LaPlace

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Bailey seconded the motion to approve consent agenda items consisting of Approval of Minutes – July 28th, 2026, Council Meeting; Permit Approval – Destiny Christian Church "Christmas on Main Street Festival" – Saturday, December 12th, 2026, 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM – From the intersection of West 5th and Main to the railroad track on Main Street in LaPlace. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS:

President's Report

PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE(S)

26-52 (Public Hearing Held) A millage ordinance – an ordinance providing for the levy and collection of ad valorem taxes in the Parish of St. John the Baptist, to be spread upon the 2026 Assessment Roll (J. Hotard)

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 26-52. The motion passed with 8 yeas and 1 abstaining (Torres).

26-53 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the resubdivision of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and an undesigned lot of the Aline Plantation Subdivision, located on Willow Street, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (PZS-1478) (J. Hotard/R. Rome)

MOTION: Councilman Bailey moved and Councilwoman Houston seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 26-53. The motion passed unanimously.

26-54 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance adopting the St. John the Baptist Parish Community Center Rental and Use Policy (J. Hotard)

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Bailey seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 26-54. The motion passed with 8 yeas and 1 against (Torres).

26-55 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving excavation within Parish Rights of-way for the installation of gas lines for Phase 3 throughout Live Oak Subdivision, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (Permit No. 19800) (J. Hotard/R. Rome)

And approving excavation within Parish Rights-of-way for the installation of gas lines for Phase 4 throughout Live Oak Subdivision, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (Permit No. 19831) (J. Hotard/R. Rome)

And approving excavation within Parish Rights-of-way for the installation of gas lines for Phase 5 throughout Live Oak Subdivision, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (Permit No. 19832) (J. Hotard/R. Rome)

And approving excavation within Parish Rights-of-way for the installation of gas lines for Phase 6 throughout Live Oak Subdivision, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (Permit No. 19833) (J. Hotard/R. Rome)

MOTION: Councilwoman Ramirez moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 26-55. The motion passed unanimously.

26-56 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving excavation within Parish Rights-of-way for the installation of fiber optics along Canal Court by municipal address 105 Canal Court, Garyville, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (Permit No. 19829) (J. Hotard/R. Rome)

And approving excavation within Parish Rights-of-way for the installation of fiber optics along Carmel Valley Drive by municipal address 385 Carmel Valley Drive, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (Permit No. 19829) (J. Hotard/R. Rome)

And approving excavation within Parish Rights-of-way for the installation of fiber optics along English Colony Drive by municipal address 1508 English Colony Drive, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (Permit No. 19747) (J. Hotard/R. Rome)

And approving excavation within Parish Rights-of-way for the installation of fiber optics along Carrollwood Drive by municipal address 920 Carrollwood Drive, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (Permit No. 19827) (J. Hotard/R. Rome)

MOTION: Councilman Bailey moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 26-56. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz – Resolution – R26-105 – A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to renew the Parish's Retiree Health Insurance for Medicare Parts A&B - Eligible Retirees with Humana

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin seconded the motion to approve Resolution R26-105. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to renew the Parish's Retiree Health Insurance for Medicare Parts A&B – Eligible Retirees with Humana. 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, this Renewal with Humana through Tatje Insurance and Financial Products reflects a decrease over the expiring premium of $36.91 per month; and, WHEREAS, premiums are funded from various Funds. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that St. John the Baptist Parish is hereby authorized to renew the Parish's Retiree Health Insurance for Medicare Parts A&B-Eligible Retirees with Humana. The motion passed unanimously.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz – Resolution – R26-106 – A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to amend the Professional Services Agreement with Digital Engineering and Imaging, Inc. for the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Program Management

MOTION: Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Bailey seconded the motion to approve Resolution R26-106. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to amend the Professional Services Agreement with Digital Engineering and Imaging, Inc. for the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Program Management. 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, St. John the Baptist Parish was approved for $10,000,000.00 in 2nd round of funding from the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality for a Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan for much needed wastewater improvements, and, WHEREAS, Amendment No. 3 includes additional Program Management services which are required to administer these funds and to manage additional Wastewater Improvement Projects, and, WHEREAS, the cost of Amendment No. 3 is approximately $300,000 and will be funded through the Wastewater Fund with Reimbursement by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality Clean Water State Revolving Loan upon closing the loan. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that St. John the Baptist Parish is hereby authorized to amend the Professional Services Agreement between St. John the Baptist Parish and Digital Engineering and Imaging, Inc. The motion passed unanimously.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz – Resolution – R26-107 – A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to enter into a Construction Manager at Risk agreement for Construction Phase Services with BLD Services, LLC for the Water Treatment at Reverse Osmosis Unit Site on Woodland Drive (Ground Improvements Work) Project

MOTION: Councilwoman Johnson moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Resolution R26-107. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to enter into a Construction Manage at Risk agreement for Construction Phase

Services with BLD Services, LLA for the Water Treatment at Reverse Osmosis Unit Site on Woodland Drive (Ground Improvements Work) 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, BLD Services, LLC of Kenner, LA has been selected as the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) for the Reverse Osmosis Unit Site on Woodland Drive (Ground Improvements Work) Project; and, WHEREAS, this project is one of three components in the transition of the source of raw water for LaPlace from the Ruddock wells to the Mississippi River which will complete the groundwork improvements to prepare the site for construction of the overall expansion of the Woodland Drive Reverse Osmosis Membrane Treatment Facility to 5.3 million gallons per day; and, WHEREAS, these services are necessary due to the complexity and importance of this project to provide reliable drinking water and increase capacity of water treatment; and, WHEREAS, the estimated cost of these services is $4,590,690 and will be funded through the St. John the Baptist Parish Water Bonds. 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 Agreement between St. John the Baptist Parish and BLD Services, LLC. The motion passed unanimously.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz – Resolution – R26-108 – A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute Change Order 1 for the Interstate Lighting LED Retrofit (I-10/I-55 Exit) Project

MOTION: Councilman Wright moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Resolution R26-108. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute Change Order 1 for the Interstate Lighting LED Retrofit (I-10/I-55 Exit) 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, this is a no cost change order which adds forty-five days to the original Agreement with Preferred Electric, Inc; and, WHEREAS, additional days are due to delays in obtaining approval from DOTD on the Traffic Control Plan; and, WHEREAS, the project is funded through the Streetlights Budget. 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 Council to execute Change Order No. 1 between St. John the Baptist Parish and Preferred Electric, Inc. The motion passed unanimously.

Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz – Resolution – R26-109 – A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to amend the Professionals Services Agreement with Infinity Engineering Consultants, LLC for the River Forest Lift Station #1 Rehabilitation Project

MOTION: Councilman Wright moved and Councilman Bailey seconded the motion to approve Resolution R26-109. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to amend the Professionals Services Agreement with Infinity Engineering Consultants, LLA for the River Forest Lift Station #1 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, Amendment No. 2 includes a fee adjustment in accordance with Ordinance 05-16 based on the actual construction bid received; and, WHEREAS, the River Forest Lift Station #1 needs to be rehabilitated to continue to provide reliable wastewater collection in River Forest Service area; and, WHEREAS, the estimated cost of Amendment No. 2 is $116,639.05 and is funded through 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 St. John the Baptist Parish is hereby authorized to amend the Professional Services Agreement between St. John the Baptist Parish and Infinity Engineering Consultants, LLC. The motion passed unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

26-57 An ordinance amending Chapter 28, Section 28.2 – Fireworks Sales, Discharge, Safety, and Penalties, to add Labor Day and Memorial Day as allowed discharge dates, while retaining the existing seven-day retail sales window, and replacing subjective "dusk" times with specific start times (see Exhibit 1) (J. Hotard/R. Rome)

26-58 An ordinance for acceptance of a dedication of a 40' x 20' sewer servitude located on Parcel M-2-B-1 of Riverwood Business Park in Riverwood Subdivision, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (J. Hotard/R. Rome)

26-59 An ordinance approving the resubdivision of two unassigned tracts of land, located at 5817 Highway 18, Edgard, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA (PZS-1480) (J. Hotard/R. Rome)

26-60 An ordinance to provide an official name, "St. John the Baptist Parish Arcuri Center," for the parish-owned building that bears municipal address 1020 Cambridge Drive, Laplace, Louisiana 70068. (V. Johnson/V. Bailey)

ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:24 PM, Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

/s/Robert Arcuri
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Donna Barber
LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT