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President's Report Council Meeting of Tuesday, October 18, 2016

Good Afternoon Councilmembers, Ladies and Gentlemen:

On October 27th, from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, St. Bernard Parish Government will be hosting a Records Retention Training Seminar in the Council Chambers. Ms. Carrie Martin of the Secretary of State's Office of Records Management, Archives and Records Services will be conducting the four part on-site training seminar. All directors and managers plus one designee from each department will be attending the seminar. We have also reached out to other local governmental agencies and invited them to this local, on-site training seminar for classes are typically held in Baton Rouge. State agencies are required to develop and submit a record retention schedule which is a listing of Parish records with retention requirements that meet administrative, legal and financial needs. Once St. Bernard Parish Government's Records Retention Policy is approved by the State; we can proceed with properly organizing and disposing of records that are no longer needed. Having a Records Retention Policy is vital to current and future administrations of St. Bernard Parish Government.

St. Bernard Parish Government has organized employees to volunteers for the October 22nd "Give Back to St. Bernard Day" for several projects. Employees will meet at the Southlake Food Store in Violet for 7:00 am and will pick up trash along the highway past the Violet Bridge. Employees are also doing projects in Delacroix and at the Parish Government Complex. The St. Bernard Chamber's Emerging Professional Council is seeking local non-profits, businesses, governmental agencies, schools, neighborhood associations, and volunteer organizations to participate in "Give Back to St. Bernard Day". This inaugural day of service is in conjunction with "Make a Difference Day", a national initiative held annually on the fourth Saturday in October.

The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is now open for business at their new location, 3870 East Judge Perez Drive, in Meraux in the LaBella Vita strip mall. The Office of Motor Vehicles not only administers personal driver's license, reinstatements, vehicle registrations and license plates but they also

recently began processing commercial driver's licenses, (CDL's). The field office is funded by a fee for each service or transaction carried out and the fees are used towards the facility rental, utilities and maintenance of the local DMV office. I would like to thank Mike Devenport and his IT staff and Henry Maitre and his facilities maintenance crew for their help with this project. Their team effort helped complete this move on time without any major issues or interruptions of the DMV office.

Administration has been working on updating the Personnel Plan. Within the next few weeks, we will be finalizing the plan and presenting it to the Personnel Board and the Council for review. Personnel management and job analysis are essential elements of this administration. We look forward to working together to finalize the new Personnel Plan.

Recreation Department – The Recreation Department hosted their 2016 Homecoming Festivities and Parade this past Saturday. There were football games, volleyball games and presentation of the Homecoming Court that included a half-time performance by the cheerleaders. This time-honored event is full of tradition and spirit.

The Recreation Department Leisure Program is hosting a Costumes and Cocktail Adult Dance on Friday, October 21st. The event will be held at the Val Riess Sports Complex from 9:00 pm – 12:00 am and tickets are \$15 per person. There will be a best dressed costume contest; everyone is encouraged to "Dress to kill". The event proceeds will benefit the upcoming Trunk or Treat and Breakfast with Santa events.

For the first time since 2004, Carolyn Park, Zone "A" will be hosting Home games this Saturday, October 22nd. Zone "A" serves the Arabi neighborhood area and is supported by the hard work of parents, volunteers and Councilman McCloskey who is organizing the revitalization of the Carolyn Park Hornets community playground. Everyone is invited to come out and support this family-friendly community event.

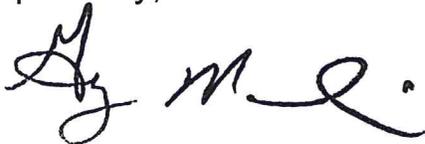
Department of Tourism – The IFA Redfish Series Tour is being held on October 21st – 22nd. The event is sponsored by the St. Bernard Parish Government Office of Tourism, St. Bernard Tourist Commission, the Meraux Foundation, St. Bernard Sheriff's Department's, Marine Division and is presented by Cabela's. The Captain's Meeting will be held at Docville Farm on Thursday, October 20th 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm. The weigh in is at Breton Sound Marina for 3:00 pm on Friday, October 21st and Saturday, October 22nd. Approximately 260 professional inshore anglers will be fishing the waterways of Historic St. Bernard Parish.

The St. Bernard Office of Tourism is currently working on the 2016/2017 Cooperative Marketing Program (CMP) along with the Louisiana Office of Tourism. All advertising is to promote St. Bernard as a unique tourist destination and the fall/winter events.

The next St. Bernard Seafood and Farmers' Market will be on Saturday, November 12th, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at the Aycock Barn. To be a vendor in the market, please call the St. Bernard Parish Office of Tourism at 504-278-4242.

The Los Islenos Heritage and Cultural Society will celebrate its 40th Anniversary on Friday, October 21st at the historic St. Bernard Parish Courthouse at 7:00 pm. The historic second floor courtroom will be the setting for the 40th Anniversary Banquet. The society ranks as the oldest, active historic/cultural preservation group in St. Bernard Parish. The activities will conclude Saturday, November 5th, with an open house at the museum complex, concluding the 2016 museum days.

Respectfully,

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