

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO: C-4170

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BUDGET FOR COSTS OF OUTSIDE COUNSEL REGARDING THE PARISH'S ABILITY TO CONTROL HYDRAULIC FRACTURING ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE PARISH AND PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

WHEREAS, Helis Oil & Gas Company, LLC has applied with the Office of Conservation of the State of Louisiana to create a single drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of oil and gas from the Tuscaloosa Marine Shale, Reservoir A in the Lacombe Bayou field, close to the intersection of Highway 1088 and I-12; and

WHEREAS, this will be the first attempt at hydraulic fracturing within the Parish of St. Tammany; and

WHEREAS, there are concerns expressed by the residents of the Parish, and in particular those residents in close proximity to the proposed drilling site, regarding issues about zoning, infrastructure, environmental, health, safety and welfare and the Parish's right to control when and where hydraulic fracturing activities may occur; and

WHEREAS, the Parish and its residents need to fully understand what and if any controls they may have over the process of hydraulic fracturing within the Parish; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. C-4059 AA authorized the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$ 25,000.00 until a scope of work and a budget was prepared for the retention of outside counsel; and

WHEREAS, the Parish has defined a scope of work to discover the area of legal expertise required to protect the Parish from any legal issues which may arise as a result of hydraulic fracturing and has engaged the firm of Blue Williams to represent the Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Parish estimates that the attorneys' fees shall not exceed \$ 125,000. The Parish has utilized the Council Budget to fund the initial cost of outside counsel and is in need of an additional funding source. The Parish General Fund shall provide the remainder of the funds needed to fund the litigation.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY RESOLVES to authorize a budget of \$ 125,000 for the costs of outside counsel and that the additional funds needed for the costs be provided from the Parish General Fund.

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THIS RESOLUTION HAVING BEEN SUBMITTED TO A VOTE, THE VOTE THEREON WAS AS FOLLOWS:

MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY: _____ SECONDED BY: _____

YEAS: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

THIS RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED ON THE 4 DAY OF SEPTEMBER , 2014,
AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING
PRESENT AND VOTING.

R. REID FALCONER, AIA, COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

THERESA L. FORD, COUNCIL CLERK