

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO: C-3308

COUNCIL SPONSOR: GOULD/BRISTER

PROVIDED BY: COUNCIL ATTORNEY

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SPECIAL COUNSEL TO REVIEW THE ST. TAMMANY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECOMMENDING COMPREHENSIVE AMENDMENTS THERETO; AND TO REPRESENT THE PARISH IN MATTERS INVOLVING INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS.

WHEREAS, a real necessity exists to update the St. Tammany Parish Code of Ordinances to ensure that all of the provisions are current, consistent with all other provisions within the Code and the Parish's Home Rule Charter form of government, and with any cited statutory authority that may have been amended; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative to have a current Code of Ordinances that allows for efficient enforcement by the various Parish Departments, the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office, the St. Tammany Parish District Attorney's Office and the judiciary; and

WHEREAS, in reviewing the Code of Ordinances, special counsel should consult with the various Parish Departments and agencies to determine if there are needed amendments to improve the capabilities of St. Tammany Parish Government to address the best interests of the public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, a real necessity exists to retain special counsel to represent the Parish's interest with regards to complex legal issues arising from existing and/or maturing intergovernmental agreements; and

WHEREAS, considering the circumstances, the District Attorney of the Twenty-Second Judicial District concurs in the need for the employment of special counsel in this matter and recommends the appointment of attorney Howard Daigle, Jr. and associated attorneys and paralegals. Mr. Daigle is a seasoned trial attorney with the requisite experience to undertake the task of representing the Parish's interests regarding existing and/or maturing intergovernmental agreements and in reviewing the St. Tammany Parish Code of Ordinances for the purposes set forth herein above.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY RESOLVES that a real necessity exists for the employment of special counsel in this matter and, therefore, the St. Tammany Parish Council authorizes, ratifies and approves the employment of attorney Howard Daigle, Jr., and associated attorneys and paralegals, as special counsel for St. Tammany Parish in this matter. The compensation authorized to be paid shall be \$ 220.00 per hour, which shall be applicable to all lawyer time, and \$ 80.00 per hour for paralegal time.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the St. Tammany Parish Council requests that this resolution be approved by the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana, the Honorable James D. "Buddy" Caldwell.

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 12 DAY OF JANUARY , 2012,
AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING
PRESENT AND VOTING.

MARTIN W. GOULD, JR., COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

THERESA L. FORD, COUNCIL CLERK