

**MINUTES OF ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2015 AT 6:00 P.M.**

**ST. TAMMANY GOVERNMENT COMPLEX**

**21490 KOOP DRIVE, MANDEVILLE, LA.**

**Call to Order by Honorable Richard E. Tanner, Chairman**

**Invocation by Mr. Sharp**

**Pledge of Allegiance by Mr. Thompson**

**Roll Call:**     **Marty Dean**  
                  **Dennis Sharp**  
                  **James A. (Red) Thompson**  
                  **R. Reid Falconer, AIA**  
                  **Martin W. Gould, Jr.            ABSENT**  
                  **Jacob (Jake) Groby**  
                  **Richard E. Tanner**  
                  **Chris Canulette                    ABSENT**  
                  **E. L. Gene Bellisario**  
                  **Maureen O'Brien**  
                  **Steve Stefancik**  
                  **Jerry Binder**  
                  **S. Michele Blanchard**  
                  **Thomas (T.J.) Smith, Jr.**

**SPECIAL ITEMS**

**Tanner - 1. Ord. Cal. No. 5398AA - Ordinance amending and re-enacting the St. Tammany Parish Home Rule Charter, subject to approval by the electorate of St. Tammany Parish; and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (Introduced 9/3/15)**

**Stefancik - this has all been worked on since last year, and we really need to get it on the ballot.**

**Stefancik - moved to adopt, second by Bellisario. Motion passed with 11 yeas, 1 nay (Groby), and 2 absent (Gould, Canulette); becomes Ordinance C.S. No. 15-3397.**

**Tanner - 2. Resolution C.S. No. C-4388 - Resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held on November 21, 2015 Parishwide in the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana, to submit to the electorate of the Parish various propositions for amendments to the St. Tammany Parish Home Rule Charter in accordance with Ordinance No. 5398AA, adopted September 23, 2015; and which authorizes the submission of an application to the Louisiana State Bond Commission for consent and authorization to hold the aforesaid election; and to provide for other related matters. (Tanner)**

**Bellisario - moved to adopt, second by Stefancik. Unanimous with 2 absent (Gould, Canulette).**

**Tanner - 3. Ord. Cal. No. 5430 - Ordinance amending and re-enacting the St. Tammany Parish Home Rule Charter, subject to approval by the electorate of St. Tammany Parish; and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (Introduced 8/6/15) (Postponed 9/3/15)**

**Carlo Hernandez - he is for term limits, but is not in favor of this Ordinance because it does not start counting until January 2020. He wants to know if it is a fair choice for the voters because of that. He thinks it should start within the year.**

**Michael Manint - he is concerned for America because their voices have been taken away. He is opposition to term limits because it takes time for a Council member to learn his District. Public officials do a fair to excellent job, and he fears that term limits will cause more damage. They do not need people who have crazy ideas. He thinks the Council should consider adoption of a Code of Ethics rather than term limits.**

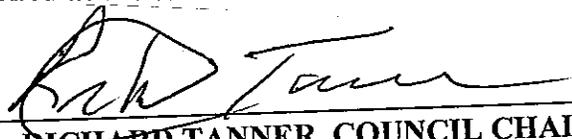
Carlo - said to move the start date, but lawfully, the Council cannot move the date because the officials with no opponents are considered already elected for the 2016 to 2020 term, and the term of Council members who have already been elected cannot be changed.

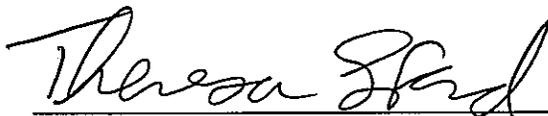
Bellisario - moved to adopt, second by Sharp. Unanimous with 2 absent (Gould, Sharp); becomes Ordinance C.S. No. 15-3398.

Tanner - 4. Resolution C.S. No. 4408 - Resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held March 5, 2016 Parishwide in the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana, to submit to the electorate of the Parish a proposition for amendments to the St. Tammany Parish Home Rule Charter in accordance with Ordinance No. 5430, adopted September 23, 2015; and which authorizes the submission of an application to the Louisiana State Bond Commission for consent and authorization to hold the aforesaid election; and to provide for other related matters. (Dean)

Bellisario - moved to adopt, second by Stefancik. Unanimous with 2 absent (Gould, Canulette).

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at the call of the Chairman.

  
RICHARD TANNER, COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

  
THERESA L. FORD, COUNCIL CLERK