## ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2016 AT 5:00 P.M. ST. TAMMANY GOVERNMENT COMPLEX 21490 KOOP DRIVE, MANDEVILLE, LA.

Call to Order by Honorable Marty Dean, Chairman

Roll Call:

**Dennis Sharp** 

James A. (Red) Thompson ABSENT

Michael R. Lorino, Jr. Rykert O. Toledano, Jr. Richard E. Tanner Jacob (Jake) Groby

Marty Dean Chris Canulette E. L. Gene Bellisario Maureen "MO" O'Brien Steve Stefancik

Jerry Binder

S. Michele Blanchard Thomas (T.J.) Smith, Jr.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Dean - In Re: Warren Montgomery, in his official capacity as District Attorney for St. Tammany Parish v. St. Tammany Parish Government, by and through the St. Tammany Parish Council; and Patricia "Pat" Brister, in her official capacity as Parish President, 22<sup>nd</sup> JDC, Docket No. 2016-11530.

Damien Roberts - he lives in Bush. He is appalled that the President and Council would use taxpayer money to defend a lawsuit which should not have happened because the taxpayers already voted against allowing the Council to choose its own attorneys. The Parish needs good government, and that is allowing Warren Montgomery to appoint attorneys for the Council.

Canulette - moved to enter Executive Session, second by Stefancik. Unanimous with 1 absent (Thompson).

**Executive Session.** 

Canulette - moved to come out of Executive Session, second by Bellisario. Unanimous with 1 absent (Thompson).

Dean - Resolution to authorize the Parish President to obtain special counsel for lawsuit filed by St. Tammany Parish District Attorney.

Groby - this is because of the proposed change to the Home Rule Charter, which appeared to fail. It is in the Home Rule Charter, which makes it law, and the Oath he took stated that he was to uphold the law. He cannot vote in favor of these Resolutions.

Bellisario - moved to adopt, second by Toledano. Motion passed with 11 yeas, 1 nay (Groby), 1 abstention (O'Brien), 1 absent (Thompson); becomes Resolution C.S. No. C-4571.

Dean - Resolution to authorize the Parish Council to obtain special counsel for lawsuit filed by St. Tammany Parish District Attorney.

Stefancik - moved to adopt, second by Canulette. Motion passed with 11 yeas, 2 abstentions (Groby, O'Brien), 1 absent (Thompson); becomes Resolution C.S. No. C-4572.

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

THERESA L. FORD, COUNCIL CLERK