



AGENDA

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2024 AT 5:00 PM  
ST. TAMMANY GOVERNMENT COMPLEX  
21490 KOOP DRIVE, MANDEVILLE, LA.

CALL TO ORDER BY THE HONORABLE ARTHUR A. LAUGHLIN

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY \_\_\_\_\_

INVOCATION BY \_\_\_\_\_

ROLL CALL:

Rick Smith  
Larry Rolling  
Martha Cazaubon  
Kathy Seiden  
Pat Phillips  
Cheryl Tanner  
Joseph Impastato  
Patrick Burke, III  
David Cogle  
Maureen O'Brien  
Arthur Laughlin  
Jerry Binder  
Jeffrey Corbin  
Jimmy Strickland, III

**PUBLIC COMMENT: A three (3) minute time limit is established for each member of the public wishing to speak (for or against) an item on the agenda.**

**To ensure that all speakers are heard please hold cheers and applause. Anyone who wishes to place a comment in the record but who does not wish to speak at the podium may fill out a speaker card and check the box indicating they do not wish to speak.**

**RESOLUTIONS**

- 1. Resolution Council Series No. C-6890** - Resolution supporting and authorizing St. Tammany Parish Government to execute a contract for legal services related to the case entitled Military Road Revitalization Company, LLC and BCP Northshore Properties, LLC Vs. St. Tammany Parish Government, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, Civil Action No. 2:24-CV-00055 I(2). (Laughlin/Cooper)
- 2. Resolution Council Series No. C-6891** - Resolution in support of proposed La R.S. 13:5726.1 which makes provisions relative to the coroner of St. Tammany Parish. (Laughlin)

**ADJOURN**

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO.: C-6890

COUNCIL SPONSOR: LAUGHLIN/COOPER

PROVIDED BY: CAO

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AND AUTHORIZING ST. TAMMANY PARISH GOVERNMENT TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR LEGAL SERVICES RELATED TO THE CASE ENTITLED MILITARY ROAD REVITALIZATION COMPANY, LLC AND BCP NORTSHORE PROPERTIES, LLC VS. ST. TAMMANY PARISH GOVERNMENT, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA, CIVIL ACTION NO. 2:24-CV-00055 I (2).

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish Government is the defendant in the above referenced federal case; and

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish Government is committed to ensuring proper representation in a matter which requires a special level of legal expertise in a specific area of law; and

WHEREAS, the Civil Division of the District Attorney's Office for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District has acknowledged that said specialized legal expertise is required in this matter; and

WHEREAS, Brooks, Gelpi Haase', LLC has a team of uniquely qualified and experienced attorneys (the "Firm") who have decades of specialized legal expertise in the field of real estate, planning, zoning, etc.; and

WHEREAS, the St. Tammany Parish Government has determined it to be in its best interest to enter into the Agreement with the Firm to defend St. Tammany Parish Government; and

WHEREAS, the St. Tammany Parish Government desires to authorize the execution of the Contract for Legal Services Agreement (the "Agreement") attached and identified as Exhibit "A"; and

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY RESOLVES that Parish President Michael B. Cooper is authorized to execute the Contract for Legal Services Agreement with the Firm based upon the terms and conditions set forth herein and, in a manner, substantially similar to the Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY: \_\_\_\_\_

SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

THIS RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED ON THE 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2024 AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING PRESENT AND VOTING.

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ARTHUR LAUGHLIN, COUNCIL CHAIR

ATTEST:

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KATRINA L. BUCKLEY, COUNCIL CLERK

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO: C-6891

COUNCIL SPONSOR: MR. LAUGHLIN

PROVIDED BY: CAO

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED LA R.S. 13:5726.1 WHICH  
MAKES PROVISIONS RELATIVE TO THE CORONER OF ST. TAMMANY  
PARISH.

WHEREAS, in the 2013 Regular Session, the Louisiana Legislature enacted La. R.S. 13:5725, which repealed La. R.S. 13:5724 and transferred financial control of the Coroner’s office to the St. Tammany Parish governing authority; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislature enacted La. R.S. 13:5726 which returned fiscal controls to the St. Tammany Parish Coroner’s office; and

WHEREAS, the Parish President and members of the St. Tammany Parish delegation seek to enact La. R.S. 13:5726.1 and repeal La. R.S. 13:5726 to return all financial control of the Coroner’s office to the St. Tammany Parish governing authority, as described in the attachment.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Tammany Parish Council supports the enactment La. R.S. 13:5726.1 which makes provisions relative to the Coroner of St. Tammany Parish

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

MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY: \_\_\_\_\_ SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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ARTHUR A. LAUGHLIN, COUNCIL CHAIR

ATTEST:

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KATRINA L. BUCKLEY, COUNCIL CLERK

1 To enact R.S. 13:2726.1 and to repeal R.S. 13:5726 relative to the  
2 coroner of St. Tammany Parish; to require the governing authority of St. Tammany  
3 Parish to collect certain tax revenues levied for purposes of the St. Tammany Parish  
4 coroner's office; to require all collected revenues to be deposited into a special account  
5 for designated use; to require the governing authority to establish an annual salary for the  
6 St. Tammany Parish coroner; ~~to require the governing authority to establish the salaries~~  
7 ~~of employees of the coroner's office~~; to provide for certain responsibilities of the  
8 governing authority relative to the use of the tax proceeds; to provide for an effective  
9 date; and to provide for related matters.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 13:2726.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

12 §5727. St. Tammany Parish; coroner; powers and duties; compensation of coroner  
13 and employees

14 A. The governing authority of St. Tammany Parish shall receive all tax revenues  
15 collected from the ad valorem tax levied by St. Tammany Parish for coroner purposes  
16 and approved by a majority of the electors of the parish at an election held for that  
17 purpose on November 2, 2004, including any extensions or renewals thereof. The St.  
18 Tammany Parish coroner's office shall transfer any and all funds on hand received from  
19 the ad valorem tax to the governing authority of St. Tammany Parish, less and except  
20 amounts needed for operation for the remainder of calendar year 2024, with the amount  
21 being determined by the St. Tammany Parish Department of Finance. ~~Any contracts or~~  
22 ~~purchase agreements entered into by the St. Tammany Parish coroner's office shall~~  
23 ~~require approval or ratification by the governing authority of St. Tammany Parish.~~

24 B. The revenues collected by the governing authority pursuant to Subsection A of this  
25 Section shall be deposited into a special account and expended solely for the purposes set  
26 forth in the ad valorem tax proposition approved by the voters on November 2, 2004, less  
27 and except St. Tammany Parish's administrative fees, costs associated with  
28 administration of the ad valorem tax levied, St Tammany Parish's costs associated with  
29 oversight of the St. Tammany Parish coroner's office, and amounts necessary to service

1 bonds or other debt obligations secured by the ad valorem tax. St. Tammany Parish shall  
2 be deemed to have fully and completely met its obligations to fund the St. Tammany  
3 Parish coroner's office as set forth in R.S. 13:5706 and 5710 for the life of the ad valorem  
4 tax. Until the expiration of the ad valorem tax, and notwithstanding any provisions of  
5 law to the contrary, St. Tammany Parish shall not be obligated to pay any  
6 other fee or cost and all obligations to the coroner are limited as provided for in this  
7 Subsection.

8 C.(1) All salaries or fees associated with the operation of the coroner's office shall be  
9 funded and paid from revenues collected pursuant to Subsection A of this Section.

10 (2) An annual salary shall be established by the governing authority of the parish of St.  
11 Tammany to be paid to the coroner in lieu of all fees for his services as parish coroner, ex  
12 officio parish physician, or health officer. The salary shall be the average of the salaries  
13 of the St. Tammany Parish sheriff, assessor, and clerk.

14 (3) ~~The governing authority~~ coroner shall ~~also~~ establish an annual salary for the deputy or  
15 assistant coroners, secretaries, stenographers, clerks, technicians, investigators, official  
16 photographers, or other employees.

17 D. Within six months of the effective date of this Section, the governing authority of St.  
18 Tammany Parish and the St. Tammany Parish coroner's office shall enter into a restated  
19 cooperative endeavor agreement, including but not limited to the following provisions:

20 (1) Requiring use of all tax revenues in strict conformity with the tax proposition  
21 approved by the voters.

22 (2) Requiring compliance with public bid and procurement laws.

23 Section 2. R.S.13:5726 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

24 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
25 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without  
26 signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of  
27 Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this  
28 Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: