

2019-0209

INTRODUCED BY: PAUL J. HOGAN, PE, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE, DIVISION B

A resolution requesting that Parish President Larry Cochran address in a written report to the Council the matter which was discussed at the Special Projects/Public Safety, Health and Environmental Committee on June 19, 2019 regarding the apparent Misuse of Public Equipment on Private Property in early 2018 where the Parish performed clearing and ditch work on private property in a subdivision development that was to be done by the developer of River Road Estates Subdivision, in light of neither Parish President Cochran nor Public Works Director Clayton Faucheux attending the meeting to address the matter as was requested of them.

WHEREAS, at the May 20, 2019 parish council meeting, the following Special Matters To Be Considered By Council was read by the Council Chairman; "Misuse of Public Equipment on Private Property in early 2018, when the Parish performed clearing and ditch work that was to be done by the developer of River Road Estates Subdivision shown on the construction plans, done by the Parish under the false pretense that it had a historical servitude in the work area, which documents obtained through normal channels and through public records request confirmed that the Parish has no historical servitude and that the first time the Parish ever performed work in this area was when it performed the illegal work in 2018, which is supported by a conversation had with two of the family members whose family owned the property from 1936 until sold for subdivision development in 2004, who stated that they have no knowledge of the Parish ever having worked on their property"; and,

WHEREAS, at the June 3, 2019 parish council meeting, a proposed resolution calling for the Chairman of the Council to appoint a Special Committee in accordance with Council Rule No. 32 to investigate the matter pertaining to the apparent Misuse of Public Equipment on Private Property in early 2018, when the Parish performed clearing and ditch work that was to be done by the developer of River Road Estates Subdivision, failed to receive the required votes for passage; and,

WHEREAS, at the June 3, 2019 parish council meeting, a proposed resolution calling for the Parish President to conduct a formal investigation pertaining to the apparent Misuse of Public Equipment on Private Property in early 2018, when the Parish performed clearing and ditch work that was to be done by the developer of River Road Estates Subdivision, failed to receive the required votes for passage; and,

WHEREAS, at the June 3, 2019 parish council meeting a suggestion was made to request a committee meeting be scheduled to discuss the matter pertaining to the apparent Misuse of Public Equipment on Private Property; and,

WHEREAS, at the June 19, 2019 Special Projects/Public Safety, Health and Environmental Committee the matter was discussed regarding the apparent Misuse of Public Equipment on Private Property in early 2018, when the Parish performed clearing and ditch work in a subdivision development that was to be done by the developer of River Road Estates Subdivision; and,

WHEREAS, only three councilmembers elected to attend the meeting; and,

WHEREAS, Parish President Larry Cochran and Public Works Director Clayton Faucheux, who were both requested to attend and to provide information on this item, did not attend the meeting; and,

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Parish Council that Parish President Larry Cochran provides the Council with a complete written report pertaining to the matter discussed at the committee meeting regarding apparent misuse of public equipment in early 2018 upon the property of River Road Estates Subdivision that was under construction at the time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT WE THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL, do hereby request that Parish President Larry Cochran address in a written report to the Council the matter which was discussed at the Special Projects/Public Safety, Health and Environmental Committee on June 19, 2019 regarding the apparent Misuse of Public Equipment on Private Property in early 2018 where the Parish performed clearing and ditch work on private property in a subdivision development that was to be done by the developer of River Road Estates Subdivision, in light of neither Parish President Cochran nor Public Works Director Clayton Faucheux attending the meeting to address the matter as was requested of them.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: HOGAN

NAYS: BENEDETTO, WILSON, CLULEE, GIBBS, WOODRUFF, FLETCHER, FISHER-PERRIER

ABSENT: BELLOCK

PROPOSED RESOLUTION FAILED FOR LACK OF A FAVORABLE MAJORITY ON JULY 1, 2019.