

**2018-0208**

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

A resolution requesting that Council Chairman Dick Gibbs, the District III Council representative currently serving as Council Chairman, respond to all requests for communications made to him as Chairman by any and all Councilmembers serving in their elected position doing the people's business, and should Council Chairman Gibbs continue to choose or to find that he is unable to communicate with any councilmembers due to personal issues, personal feelings, or whatever the case may be, that he step down from serving as Council Chairman due to the fact that his lack of or unwillingness to communicate as Council Chairman is detrimental to the Council as a whole and ultimately to the residents of St. Charles Parish which the Council represents.

- WHEREAS,** Councilman Dick Gibbs represents District III of St. Charles Parish; and,  
**WHEREAS,** Councilman Gibbs currently serves as Chairman of the St. Charles Parish Council; and,  
**WHEREAS,** good two-way communication results in a more productive council; and,  
**WHEREAS,** it takes good two-way communication in order to work as a team and to be productive; and,  
**WHEREAS,** the failure to communicate can result in unnecessary conflicts; and,  
**WHEREAS,** failure to communicate can bring added stress to the Council which in turn makes it difficult for the Council to be as productive as it could be; and,  
**WHEREAS,** when the lack of communication by the Chairman becomes a personal decision and habitual, it can lead to a drop in confidence in the Chairman by the Council; and,  
**WHEREAS,** there is an apparent inability or unwillingness to communicate with all councilmembers by Chairman Gibbs; and,  
**WHEREAS,** there are instances of numerous requests for communication that have been made to Chairman Gibbs, repeatedly by phone, text messages, e-mails, and even by placement of an ad in the official parish journal requesting communication; and,  
**WHEREAS,** the requests for communication have been met with absolute silence from Chairman Gibbs; and,  
**WHEREAS,** unless Chairman Gibbs elects to communicate with all Councilmembers when requests for communications are made, it is the opinion of the Council that Chairman Gibbs should step down from serving as Council Chairman for the benefit of the Council as a whole and for the people of the Parish; and,  
**WHEREAS,** should future requests for communication not result in communication in a timely manner, the Council shall take the appropriate steps needed to remove Councilman Gibbs from serving as Council Chairman and shall put in place a councilmember who has the ability to communicate as needed with all councilmembers.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT WE THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL** do hereby request that Council Chairman Dick Gibbs, the District III Council representative currently serving as Council Chairman, respond to all requests for communications made to him as Chairman by any and all Councilmembers serving in their elected position doing the people's business, and should Council Chairman Gibbs continue to choose or to find that he is unable to communicate with any councilmembers due to personal issues, personal feelings, or whatever the case may be, that he step down from serving as Council Chairman due to the fact that his lack of or unwillingness to communicate as Council Chairman is detrimental to the Council as a whole and ultimately to the residents of St. Charles Parish which the Council represents.

The foregoing proposed resolution was postponed indefinitely on August 6, 2018, by the following vote:

**YEAS:** BENEDETTO, WILSON, CLULEE, GIBBS, WOODRUFF, BELLOCK, FISHER-PERRIER

**NAYS:** HOGAN

**ABSENT:** FLETCHER