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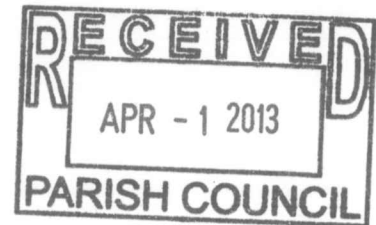
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V.J. ST. PIERRE, JR.
PARISH PRESIDENT

March 28, 2013



Hon. Wendy Benedetto, Chairwoman
St. Charles Parish Council
P. O. Box 302
Hahnville, LA 70057

Re: Veto of Ordinance No. 2013-0086

Dear Mrs. Benedetto:

This is to advise you that as St. Charles Parish President, I have disapproved by veto the actions of the Council in adopting Ordinance No. 2013-0086 on March 25, 2013. The contract by which Tauzin Consultants, LLC, was employed was for twenty-four months with compensation being billed and paid at the rate of \$10,750.00 monthly. The new contract would be at the same monthly rate for thirty-three months, an increase of \$96,750.00 above the prior contract, which expired on March 31, 2013.

Additionally, the Federal and Louisiana State Constitutions have configured our governments to be composed of separate and exclusive branches; legislative, executive and judicial. The legislative branch makes laws; the executive branch executes and enforces the laws; and the judicial branch interprets those laws. The fundamental precept by which these branches function is through the separation of powers which prohibits encroachment on the duties of any other branch. To do so would be invalid as unconstitutional and could cause abuse and corruption. There is to be no infringement by one branch on the office of any other. And so it is with our "Home Rule Charter"—the Council cannot grant contracts nor can it compel the Parish President to grant or sign a contract.

For these reasons, I respectfully veto Ordinance No. 2013-0086.

Yours Truly

V. J. St. Pierre, Jr.

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