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

A resolution requesting that the St. Charles Parish President direct the Public Works Department to remove or cut to a height of four feet or less, the three northern most azalea bushes from within the Parish's Wisner Street Right-of-way, located near 171 Wisner Street in Paradis, which are obstructing vehicular line of sight causing a hazardous condition.

WHEREAS, Wisner Street is located within a Parish dedicated servitude; and,
WHEREAS, St. Charles Parish has complete authority over the dedicated servitude; and,
WHEREAS, a resident living on Cadow Street owns the property directly to its rear whereby his rear yard has frontage on Wisner Street; and,
WHEREAS, the resident had erected a 6 foot tall fence within the front yard setback to the lot abutting Wisner Street; and,
WHEREAS, the resident was directed by the parish that the 6 foot tall fence had to be no taller than 4 feet; and,
WHEREAS, the resident reluctantly cut the 6 foot tall fence down so that it is now 4 foot tall; and,
WHEREAS, resident decided that if he could not have a 6 foot tall fence, that he would plant azalea bushes in the Parishes right-of-way, so that over time, he would end up having the bushes serving the purpose of the 6 foot tall fence he could not have; and,
WHEREAS, over time, the bushes grew such that they pose a safety hazard to the traveling public; and,
WHEREAS, after numerous requests for the Parish to address the issue, the parish finally cut the bushes to 4 feet tall and advised the resident that he must maintain the bushes at a height no taller than 4 feet; and,
WHEREAS, the resident failed to have the bushes maintained and the parish ended up trimming them at least twice since then; and,
WHEREAS, the bushes are now well over 4 feet tall again and are posing a problem once again; and,
WHEREAS, the ultimate solution is the total and complete removal of the bushes and its roots from the Parish's right-of-way; and,
WHEREAS, it is the request of the Parish Council that the Public Works Department be directed by the Parish Administration to remove completely from within the Parish's Wisner Street Right-of-way the azalea bushes described above including all of its roots.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT WE THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL, do hereby request that the St. Charles Parish President direct the Public Works Department to remove or cut to a height of four feet or less, the three northern most azalea bushes from within the Parish's Wisner Street Right-of-way, located near 171 Wisner Street in Paradis, which are obstructing vehicular line of sight causing a hazardous condition.

The foregoing proposed resolution was postponed indefinitely on January 9, 2017, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE