

**2018-0261**

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

A resolution requesting the termination of St. Charles Parish Legal Director Robert Raymond by the Parish President due his failure to serve the Council at the level expected of him.

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Article III, Section C., Subsection 3.a. of the St. Charles Parish Home Rule Charter, the Parish Legal Advisor serves as the legal advisor to the Parish Council and the Parish President and all Parish departments, offices, and agencies; and,

**WHEREAS,** it is the duty and obligation of the Parish Legal Director to direct and supervise the legal affairs of the parish, provide legal advice to the Parish Council when requested, and to ensure the highest levels of professionalism and efficiency in legal services to the Parish Council; and,

**WHEREAS,** the responsibility of all elected and appointed parish officials is to serve, and represent the interests of the citizens and meet the needs of the parish; and,

**WHEREAS,** to ensure transparency and good government, sometimes it is necessary to gain knowledge and seek guidance from the Parish Legal Advisor; and,

**WHEREAS,** there is an expectation of acknowledgement of receipt and timely response when a request for information or a legal opinion is submitted to the Parish Legal Director; and,

**WHEREAS,** upon initial submission of a request for information of a legal opinion being made to the Parish Legal Director, it is an average of thirty-five (35) days or longer to receive an acknowledgment of receipt or a response; and,

**WHEREAS,** some responses to questions posed to the Legal Director results in replies which evades answering the questions posed and/or are responses that the questions posed are unclear (when they are not) and therefore cannot be answered; and,

**WHEREAS,** this practice is not a favorable representation of the Legal Director fulfilling the duties and obligations of the Parish Legal Director; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Parish Legal Director has failed to serve the Council at the level expected of him with this appointment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL AND THE PARISH PRESIDENT,** do hereby request the termination of St. Charles Parish Legal Director Robert Raymond by the Parish President due his failure to serve the Council at the level expected of him.

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

YEAS: NONE

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

ABSENT: BENEDETTO

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION FAILED FOR LACK OF A FAVORABLE MAJORITY ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2018.**

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