

**2016-0414**

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

A resolution requesting that Parish President Larry Cochran have the Parish's Legal Counsel provide a written response to the memorandum that was forwarded to his office on February 9, 2017, regarding the expenditure of budgeted funds within seven (7) business days following the consideration of this resolution.

- WHEREAS,** communication is key to any successful endeavor; and,  
**WHEREAS,** communication is a 2-way street that requires the interaction between two willing parties; and,  
**WHEREAS,** communication is vital to the open, transparent, and successful operation of and well-being of our Parish; and,  
**WHEREAS,** sometimes communication can be difficult when the subject matter may be complicated or involves a subject that is or may be uncomfortable to one party or the other; and,  
**WHEREAS,** failure to communicate in a timely manner more often than not leads to further deterioration of communication, especially when repeated requests for communication is ignored; and,  
**WHEREAS,** following up on requests or repeated requests for communication impacts the relationship between the parties; and,  
**WHEREAS,** following up on requests or repeated requests for communication causes an extreme amount of wasted time of the party asking for the communication and that of Parish employees following up on these requests; and,  
**WHEREAS,** open communication is essential to good government and must always occur despite any reluctance to do so no matter how uncomfortable it may be to communicate; and,  
**WHEREAS,** the Council deserves and must be afforded open communication.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL,** do hereby request that Parish President Larry Cochran have the Parish's Legal Counsel provide a written response to the memorandum that was forwarded to his office on February 9, 2017, regarding the expenditure of budgeted funds within seven (7) business days following the consideration of this resolution.

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

YEAS: HOGAN

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

ABSENT: NONE

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION FAILED FOR LACK OF A FAVORABLE MAJORITY ON MARCH 6, 2017.**