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DATE: OCTOBER 18, 2017

TO: MR. TERRELL D. WILSON
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

FROM: PAUL J. HOGAN, PE
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RE: PROPOSED SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Out of the abundance of caution, I feel it is warranted that a Special Meeting of the Parish Council be held to remove from the table File No. 2017-0311 so that a vote can be held on the ordinance. This ordinance that was brought forth by the Administration to provide for the cancellation of the lease agreement between St. Charles Parish and Gator Cove Marina II, LLC, This is requested so that there will be no doubt following the vote of the Council as to whether the lease is cancelled or not. This is requested irrespective of the Parish Attorney and District Attorney each providing a letters indicating that the lease has been cancelled by the letter the Parish President sent the Lessor notifying him of the termination since it is not really clear that this suffices to cancel the lease.

Ordinance No. 17-8-14 states that "the Parish desires to enter in a lease agreement with Gator Cove Marina II, LLC in order to provide a location for a boat launch on the Westbank of St. Charles Parish". In the Ordinance, the Council authorized the Parish President to execute the agreement on behalf of St. Charles Parish. In the lease agreement, it states that St. Charles Parish, a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana, is the "lessee" and that Parish President Larry Cochran represents St. Charles Parish in this agreement.

Being that the Ordinance desired for the Parish to enter into the lease agreement, it seems fitting and proper that the Parish would also need to pass an ordinance authorizing its termination should it desire to cancel the lease agreement. A Special Meeting would need to occur prior to 60 days from the date that the Parish President sent the attached letter to Gator Cove Marina notifying them of the cancellation of the lease. This is to ensure proper cancellation without the risk of additional monthly lease payments being owed beyond that associated with the 60 days.

I trust that you concur and that you will schedule a special meeting or meetings as needed to take a vote on this item no later than Friday, November 10th.

PJH/TKC:ag

Attachment