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## MEMORANDUM

**13<sup>th</sup> Request**  
**10-10-19**

DATE: MARCH 27, 2019

TO: MR. ROBERT RAYMOND  
LEGAL SERVICES DIRECTOR

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

RE: LEGAL OPINION REQUEST  
LO-2019-0002 –PUBLIC COMMENT

Pursuant to R.S. 42:14, "Except school boards, which shall be subject to R.S. 42:15, each public body conducting a meeting which is subject to the notice requirements of R.S. 42:19(A) shall allow a public comment period at any point in the meeting prior to action on an agenda item upon which a vote is to be taken. The governing body may adopt reasonable rules and restrictions regarding such comment period."

Please advise if a public body such as the St. Charles Parish Council, in taking action to table a resolution which requires that a vote be taken in order to table, must first provide a public comment period prior to the vote being taken?

Please advise if a public body such as the St. Charles Parish Council, in taking action to table an ordinance which requires that a vote be taken in order to table, must first provide a public comment period prior to the vote being taken?

In regards to your opinions on these, please advise on the basis upon which each opinion rest.

Thank you.

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