

**2009-0440**

**INTRODUCED BY: PAUL J. HOGAN, PE, COUNCILMAN, DISTRICT IV**

A resolution requesting that the St. Charles Parish Council conduct a comprehensive investigation to learn how the new East Regional Library project increased from a 26,000 square foot project to a 39,655 square foot project at a cost of over \$3,000,000 to the taxpayers since there are no public records indicating how the increase came into being.

**WHEREAS,** the new East Regional Library project increased from a 26,000 square foot project to a 39,655 square foot project by the time the project went out for bid; and,

**WHEREAS,** the size increase resulted in a cost increase of over \$3,000,000 to the tax payers of the Parish; and,

**WHEREAS,** the St. Charles Parish Library Board of Control has the ultimate authority for keeping a true and accurate account of all proceedings of the meetings and the records of the Board; and,

**WHEREAS,** there is no apparent documentation in the Public Record explaining and/or documenting the increase; and,

**WHEREAS,** the size of the project contained in the construction documents that was sent out for bid was approximately 6,000 square feet larger than the size contained in the Final Schematic Design approved by the St. Charles Parish Library Board of Control which set the final size of the building; and,

**WHEREAS,** the St. Charles Parish Council and the tax payers of the Parish are concerned with waste and abuse regarding the spending of their tax dollars; and,

**WHEREAS,** the St. Charles Parish Library Board of Control was created by the Governing Authority of St. Charles Parish; and,

**WHEREAS,** the St. Charles Parish Council is the current Governing Authority; and,

**WHEREAS,** the St. Charles Parish Library Board of Control is accountable to the Governing Authority since the Board was created by and its members were appointed by the Governing Authority; and,

**WHEREAS,** the St. Charles Parish Council has concerns with the project increasing from 26,000 square feet to 39,655 square feet with there being no evidence in the Public Record showing that the St. Charles Parish Library Board of Control authorized the increase; and,

**WHEREAS,** the St. Charles Parish Council has concerns with a project being sent to it for approval which was significantly larger in size than the size project authorized by the St. Charles Parish Library Board of Control; and,

**WHEREAS,** the St. Charles Parish Home Rule Charter, Article III, Section A. 7. C. iv. provides for the St. Charles Parish Council to conduct investigations; and,

**WHEREAS,** the St. Charles Parish Council as Governing Authority has the duty and obligation to conduct an investigation with regards to the increase on behalf of the citizens of St. Charles Parish.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL,** do hereby request that the St. Charles Parish Council conduct a comprehensive investigation to learn how the new East Regional Library project increased from a 26,000 square foot project to a 39,655 square foot project at a cost of over \$3,000,000 to the taxpayers since there are no public records indicating how the increase came into being.

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

YEAS: SCHEXNAYDRE, HOGAN

NAYS: AUTHEMENT, RAYMOND, TASTET, BENEDETTO, COCHRAN, LAMBERT, NUSS

ABSENT: NONE

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION FAILED FOR LACK OF A FAVORABLE MAJORITY ON NOVEMBER 16, 2009.**

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