

**MINUTES OF ST. TAMMANY PARISH SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 2017 AT 7:45 P.M.**

**ST. TAMMANY GOVERNMENT COMPLEX**

**21490 KOOP DRIVE, MANDEVILLE, LA.**

**Call to Order by Honorable Steve Stefancik, Chairman**

**Invocation by**

**Pledge of Allegiance by**

**Roll Call:** Marty Dean  
Dennis Sharp ABSENT  
James A. (Red) Thompson  
Michael R. Lorino, Jr.  
Rykert O. Toledano, Jr.  
S. Michele Blanchard  
Steve Stefancik  
Richard E. Tanner  
Jacob (Jake) Groby  
Chris Canulette  
E. L. Gene Bellisario  
Maureen "MO" O'Brien  
Jerry Binder ABSENT  
Thomas (T.J.) Smith, Jr.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Stefancik - 1. Resolution C.S. No. C- 4817 - Resolution to authorize the Retention of Special Council for a lawsuit filed by Terri Lewis Stevens and Jennifer Fruchtnicht wife of /and Craig Rivera. (Blanchard/Brister)**

**Charles Goodwin - this suit started because of a Parish error in drainage of storm water, which is causing issues of hardship on the petitioners. The Council Attorney and two Council Members all said it would have been settled long ago if not for Ms. Brister's animosity toward Ms. Stevens. They are asking for a reward of costs and hope it comes from Ms. Brister's salary because she should have been doing company business. They expect settlement by next Friday at 3 p.m., or they will file suit.**

**Brian Rhinehart - he is in agreement with Mr. Goodwin and has nothing to add.**

**Joycelyn Lowe - she wants to know why the Council needs to hire outside counsel when they already have in-house counsel?**

**Groby - he would also like to know why? They were advised by e-mail at 1:45 pm that there was no Off-the-Floor Agenda. Court documents indicate that the Council attorney, Mr. Bradford has issues, and he wants to know if this is to replace Mr. Bradford?**

**Stefancik - he was advised at 3 p.m. yesterday by Mr. Hand and other counsel that the Council needed to hire outside counsel.**

**Canulette - moved to adopt, second by Dean. Motion passes with 9 yeas, 1 nay (Groby), 2 recusals (Lorino, Toledano), and 2 absent (Sharp, Binder).**

**There being no further business, meeting adjourned at the call of the Chairman.**

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**STEVE STEFANCIK, COUNCIL CHAIRMAN**

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**THERESA L. FORD, COUNCIL CLERK**