



St. Bernard Parish Council

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EXTRACT OF THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE PARISH OF ST. BERNARD, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE ST. BERNARD PARISH GOVERNMENT COMPLEX, 8201 WEST JUDGE PEREZ DRIVE, CHALMETTE, LOUISIANA ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 AT THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

On motion of Mr. McCloskey, seconded by Ms. Callais, it was moved to **adopt** the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE SBPC #2524-09-23

Summary No. 4120

Introduced by: Administration on 9/5/23
Public Hearing held on 9/19/23

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE RETENTION OF GUICE A. GIAMBRONE, III OF BLUE WILLIAMS, L.L.P., TO PROVIDE LEGAL REPRESENTATION FOR ST. BERNARD PARISH GOVERNMENT IN THE CASE OF TABALIKA FORBES, ET AL. VS. ST. BERNARD PARISH GOVERNMENT, ET AL., CASE NO. 23-CV-02905, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA.

WHEREAS, St. Bernard Parish Government believes it to be in the best interest of the citizens of St. Bernard Parish and St. Bernard Parish Government to retain Guice A. Giambro, III of Blue Williams, L.L.P. to represent their interests in the above matters.

ST. BERNARD PARISH COUNCIL DOES HEREBY ORDAIN:

SECTION 1. The St. Bernard Parish Council, the Governing Authority, does hereby approve and authorize the hiring of private counsel to represent St. Bernard Parish Government solely in the case Tabalika Forbes, et al. vs. St. Bernard Parish Government, et al., No. 23-CV-02905 (E.D.La.), and any matters related thereto.

SECTION 2. Compensation. The compensation shall be pursuant to the retention letter attached as Exhibit A.

SECTION 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon authorizing signature by the Parish President. In the event of a presidential veto this ordinance shall become effective upon a two-thirds favorable vote of the total membership of the Council pursuant to Sections 2-11 and 2-13 of the St. Bernard Parish Home Rule Charter.

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SECTION 4. Severability. If any section, clause, paragraph, provision or portion of this ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect any other section, clause, paragraph, provision or portion of this ordinance, the St. Bernard Parish Council hereby expresses and declares that it would have adopted the remaining portion of this Ordinance with the invalid portions omitted.

SECTION 5. The Parish President is hereby authorized to enter into a contract for legal services as provided in the attached retention letter and in accordance with section 4-02 (b) of the Home Rule Charter.

The above and foregoing having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereupon resulted as follows:

YEAS: McCloskey, Moran, Luna, Alcon, Everhardt, Callais

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The Council Chair, Mr. Lewis, cast his vote as **YEA**.

And the motion was declared **adopted** on the 19th day of September, 2023.

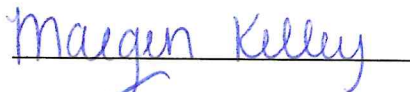

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RICHARD "RICHIE" LEWIS
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August 29, 2023

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RE: Tabalika Forbes, et. al. v. St. Bernard Parish Government, et. al.
USDC EDLA Docket No. 2:23-cv-02905
Our File No.: 5253-23-1205

Dear Justin:

Please allow this letter to acknowledge receipt of the above referenced claim. This letter will also confirm that Blue Williams will represent St. Bernard Parish Government, Waldreka Johnson and Ronda Perkins in the above-referenced matter for the rates set forth in the most recent Attorney General Hourly Fee Schedule.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,



GUICE A. GIAMBRONE, III
CRAIG R. WATSON
AMANDA M. PLAISCIA

GAG/tc

cc: Craig R. Watson (via email)
Amanda M. Plaiscia (via email)