

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO.: 6847

COUNCIL SPONSOR: LORINO/COOPER

PROVIDED BY: FINANCE

A RESOLUTION NAMING LAPORTE, APAC AS THE AUDIT FIRM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023

WHEREAS, Section 2-09 of the Home Rule Charter states that the Council shall provide for an annual independent post fiscal year audit; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-09 of the Home Rule Charter states that audits may be by the state or the Council may designate an independent auditor to make such audits; and

WHEREAS, an Auditing Services Request for Proposals was prepared and advertised in the Official Journal, on the Parish Website and by directly soliciting firms known to be interested in providing the services during fiscal year 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Parish evaluated the responses received according to the stated selection criteria, and selected *Laporte, APAC* as the firm most advantageous to the Parish with price and all other stated criteria considered; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the St. Tammany Parish Council to appoint an accounting firm to audit St. Tammany Parish for the 2023 Fiscal Year.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY RESOLVES, through its Parish Council acting as governing authority and with the purposes, reasons and requirements herein above stated, to engage Laporte, APAC as the audit firm for St. Tammany Parish's 2023 Fiscal Year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council Chairman be authorized to engage the selected firm, Laporte, APAC according to the terms specified and negotiated in the Request for Proposal.

THIS RESOLUTION HAVING BEEN SUBMITTED TO A VOTE, THE VOTE THEREON WAS AS FOLLOWS:

MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY: _____ SECONDED BY: _____

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

THIS RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED ON THE 7TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023, AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING PRESENT AND VOTING.

JACOB "JAKE" A. AIREY, COUNCIL CHAIR

ATTEST:

KATRINA L. BUCKLEY, COUNCIL CLERK

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENT

December 7, 2023

Finance Department

This resolution authorizes the engagement with the audit firm Laporte, APAC for the audit of fiscal year 2023, under the terms of the RFP solicited during 2021, which is due to the Louisiana Legislative Auditor 6 months after year end. The RFP requested pricing for 5 one-year terms beginning with the audit of fiscal year 2021. Appointment is subject to the concurrence of the Parish Council by resolution each fiscal year, and annual approval of the terms and conditions of the contract/engagement letter by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor. Annual fee \$66,000 for audit of FY 2021 and FY 2022; Annual fee \$68,000 for audit of FY 2023, 2024 and 2025.