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Subject: Proposed Resolution on 1/7/25 agenda

Good afternoon all,

After reviewing the agenda for tomorrow's meeting, I wanted to raise one potential issue of concern related to the resolution proposing an investigation into "the actions of Parish Government and the related conduct of any Parish Official, Officer, Department, Office, Agency, or Contractor with regard to the proposed development of the Louisiana International Terminal."

Section 2-08 of the Home Rule Charter provides that the council may conduct an investigation into the affairs of the parish government and the related conduct of any parish official, officer, employee, department, office, or agency and for this purpose may subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, take testimony, and require the production of evidence. Investigations shall all be for a specified purpose and may be undertaken only after the affirmative vote of a majority of the total membership of the council.

Section 2-08 goes on to provide that "[n]o council member shall vote on any matter under investigation in which said council member has a conflict of interest. If three (3) or more council members must disqualify themselves, an investigation must be conducted by the parish ethics board."

Initially, the resolution does not actually state the specific purpose of the investigation as required by the home rule charter, only the subject matter.