

CITY OF CROWLEY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 14, 2004

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Louisiana, the governing authority of the City of Crowley, met in a regular session at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday the 14th day of September, 2004, at the regular meeting place of said Mayor and Board of Aldermen, the City Hall, 426 North Avenue F, Crowley, Louisiana.

Mayor de la Houssaye presided with the following Aldermen present: James M. Buatt, Tiger Istre, Woody Marceaux, Vernon Martin, Mary T. Melancon, Laurita D. Pete, Steven C. Premeaux, and Ira Thomas. Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero was absent.

Members of the Boy Scout Troop No. 5 led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and Alderman Martin gave the invocation.

APPEARANCES:

Boy Scout Troop No. 5 attended the meeting. Patrol Leader, Erin Williamville, informed the assembly of the troops ambition to earn the "Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge" and listed the requirements needed to obtain the badge. Charles Schlicher, Jr., assistant Patrol Leader, explained that it is a requirement for them to understand their constitutional rights and obligations as a U. S. Citizen to get a "First Class Rank" and they were attending the meeting to see their elected officials in action in order to fulfill that requirement.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Mayor de la Houssaye opened the public hearing to show cause why the property of Marlon Keith Williams and Jennifer Jeanice Morris Williams should not be condemned.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Istre, duly seconded by Alderman Martin, and duly resolved and adopted.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF
ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA
PARISH, LOUISIANA, ORDERING THE
CONDEMNATION OF IMPROVEMENTS ON LOT 8 of
BLOCK 81, ORIGINAL CITY OF CROWLEY, LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, a Condemnation Hearing was held regarding the above described property on the 14th day of September, 2004; and

WHEN AFTER, considering the evidence presented, the testimony of all parties interested, after due consideration of the circumstances and condition of the building, the report of the Building Inspector;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in regular session, duly convened they do hereby Order the buildings and/or structures situated on Lot 8 of Block 81, Original City of Crowley, Louisiana, being the property of Marlon Keith Williams and Jennifer Jeanice Morris Williams, having a municipal address of 411 West Hutchinson Avenue, Crowley, Louisiana, be and the same are hereby condemned; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the said building and/or structure be demolished and/or removed together with all trash and debris within sixty (60) days from the date of receipt of notice.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 14th day of September, 2004.

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

Mayor de la Houssaye called the public hearing to a close.

Mayor de la Houssaye opened the public hearing on proposed ordinance no. 1297, the ordinance to amend the fiscal 2004 and 2005 budget.

Mayor de la Houssaye asked for opponents to the proposed ordinance no. 1297. A third and final call was made with no one coming forward to speak.

Mayor de la Houssaye asked for proponents of the proposed ordinance no. 1297. There were no comments after the third and final call.

Mayor de la Houssaye called the public hearing on ordinance no. 1297 to a close.

READING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES / BILLS:

Alderman Martin moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the August 10, 2004 regular council meeting; and approve them as written and distributed. Seconded by Alderman Thomas and duly adopted.

Alderman Thomas moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the August 20, 2004 special council meeting; and approve them as written and distributed. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Melancon moved to approve all bills presented for payment. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor de la Houssaye presented the Sales Tax Report and User Fee Report that compare current collections to collections from previous years. The Recap of all Funds Report compares actual revenues and expenditures for the twelve months of the fiscal year to the budgeted revenues and expenditures of the same period.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS:

Alderwoman Melancon offered a motion to approve Partial Payment No. 1 to Quality Construction Specialist under Work Order No. 1 for "City Wide Crack Routing, Cleaning, and Sealing" in the amount of \$23,521.77. Seconded by Alderwoman Pete and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Melancon offered a motion to authorize the Public Works Director and the City Attorney to prepare specifications to advertise for bids for a bucket truck. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

UTILITY:

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Martin, duly seconded by Alderwoman Melancon, and duly resolved and adopted.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, INTRODUCING A PROPOSED ORDINANCE AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING SAME.

WHEREAS, an ordinance has been proposed to be adopted by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, the proposed ordinance must be introduced by its title; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing must be held prior to its adoption; and

WHEREAS, the title of the proposed ordinance must be published in the official journal and the notice shall provide the time and place where the Board will consider its adoption.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley that the following ordinance be and it is hereby introduced for consideration at the next regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, to-wit:

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE A SPECIAL EXCEPTION FOR SALE OF FIREWORKS FOR AN ADDITIONAL TWO-YEAR PERIOD TO APPLY TO PROPERTY LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF INTERSTATE 10, LOUISIANA HIGHWAY 13, AND STEWARTVILLE ROAD; AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONTRARY THERETO AND/OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley that the City Clerk shall publish the following notice in the Crowley Post Signal:

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley shall meet on the 12th day of October, 2004, at 6:00 o'clock p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Crowley, Louisiana, to consider the adoption of the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE A SPECIAL EXCEPTION FOR SALE OF FIREWORKS FOR AN ADDITIONAL TWO-YEAR PERIOD TO APPLY TO PROPERTY LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF INTERSTATE 10, LOUISIANA HIGHWAY 13, AND STEWARTVILLE ROAD; AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONTRARY THERETO AND/OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

Copies of the proposed ordinance are available for a nominal fee in the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Crowley, Louisiana.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this the 14th day of September, 2004.

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED on this the 14th day of September, 2004, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

ISABELLA L. de la HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to introduce a resolution presented by Mr. Larry Dubose to amend the ordinance to allow establishments the sale of alcoholic beverages on Sunday after 12:00 a.m. when the following Monday is designated as a legal holiday. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Buatt, duly seconded by Alderman Marceaux, and duly resolved and adopted.

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, ACCEPTING THE LOW BID AND AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 85' MID-MOUNT PLATFORM AERIAL FIRE APPARATUS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley duly advertised for one (1) new 85' mid-mount platform aerial fire apparatus with trade-in of old unit and options for extended warranty and optional inspection trips; and

WHEREAS, sealed bids were received on the 10th day of August, 2004, and were taken under advisement and reviewed to determine the low bidder and for recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the bids were reviewed for compliance with specifications, recommendation on exceptions by bidders and the options requested; and

WHEREAS, upon recommendation by the Fire Chief that the optional warranty and inspection trips were not necessary, a motion to accept the low bid without options was adopted; and

WHEREAS, after deduction for the trade-in value, the bid submitted by Bonaventure Co., Inc. on behalf of Central States Fire Apparatus, L.L.C. was the determined low bid in the amount of \$581,702.00; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in regular session duly convened, that the low bid of Central States Fire Apparatus, L.L.C. for one (1) new 85' mid-mount platform aerial fire apparatus in the amount of \$581,702.00, to be delivered in accordance with the specifications attached to the bid proposal form dated the 10th day of August, 2004, is hereby accepted and awarded the contract therefore; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that they do hereby authorize, empower and direct the Honorable Isabella L. delaHoussaye, Mayor of the City of Crowley, to execute a contract for the purchase and delivery of one (1) new 85' mid-mount platform aerial fire apparatus in the amount of \$581,702.00, and to execute any and all other documents in connection therewith that may be meet and proper in the premises.

THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 14th day of September, 2004, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

ISABELLA L. de la HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

ZONING & ANNEXATION:

Alderman Marceaux offered a motion to take under advisement the proposed comprehensive list of procedures and checklist for the administration of the subdivision regulations. Seconded by Alderman Thomas and duly adopted.

PUBLIC BUILDING:

Alderman Thomas offered a motion to approve Payment No. 10 to E. L. Habetz Builders, Inc. for Restoration to the Ford Building in the amount of \$98,317. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

Alderman Thomas offered a motion to approve Partial Payment No. 7 to E. L. Habetz Builders, Inc. for the Recreation Baseball Park Concession Complex in the amount of \$49,979. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted with Alderman Istre and Marceaux voting nay.

Alderman Thomas offered a motion to appropriate funds for furnishings & renovations to the Motor Vehicle building not to exceed \$25,000 and to refer to Revenue and Finance. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderman Thomas offered a motion to approve Partial Payment No. 5 to Bessette Development Company for LaPac Plant addition in the amount of \$236,965.15. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

INSURANCE & PERSONNEL:

Alderwoman Pete offered a motion to accept resignation of Corporal. Kurt Trahan effective September 5, 2004. Seconded by Alderman Istre and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Pete offered a motion to confirm Scott Mouton from Firefighter Recruit to Probational Firefighter effective July 14, 2004. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Pete offered a motion to promote Patrolman Richard Meaux to Probational Corporal effective September 15, 2004. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Pete offered a motion to hire Kim Castille as Recruit Police Officer effective September 15, 2004 pending employment screening. Seconded by Alderman Istre and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Pete offered a motion to suspend James Burnett without pay for 3 consecutive days beginning September 15, 2004 for conduct unbecoming an officer (PD 19-8 "Professional Conduct and Responsibilities) and refer to letter of intent. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Pete offered a motion to suspend Michael Breaux without pay for 3 consecutive days beginning September 15, 2004 for Conduct Unbecoming an Officer (PD 19-8 "Professional Conduct and Responsibilities & 33:2500 (a) & (5). Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Pete offered a motion to promote David Morgan from Recruit Police Officer to Probational Police Officer effective August 12, 2004. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Pete offered a motion to promote Clifton Anderson from Recruit Police Officer to Probational Police Officer effective August 12, 2004. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderman Istre offered a motion to immediately terminate the employment of Officer Luke Leblanc as a Police Officer, upon the recommendation of Chief Gibson. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Alderman Istre offered a motion to enter into a contract with Acadiana Regional Development District, Inc to retain a consultant for the purpose of constructing a GIS program and addendums to be negotiated by the Mayor. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

RECREATION:

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Premeaux, duly seconded by Alderman Thomas, and duly resolved and adopted.

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR A RURAL ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005 FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT TO BEGIN PHASE II OF THE CROWLEY RECREATIONAL TRAIL AT THE EXISTING CROWLEY RECREATIONAL CENTER COMPLEX; AND TO AUTHORIZE MATCHING FUNDS FOR SAID GRANT; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley has been previously awarded grants for the construction of Phase I of the Recreational Trail Project from the Governor's Office of Rural Development; and

WHEREAS, the City has completed Phase I of the hard surface Recreation Trail; and

WHEREAS, the improved pathways greatly improved the accessibility to the facilities and the numerous fields in the Crowley Recreational Center Complex; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to continue the improved recreational trail in accordance with the master plan in and around the existing Crowley Recreational Center Complex by beginning Phase II;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in regular session duly convened that they do hereby authorize, empower and direct the Honorable Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor of the City of Crowley, to submit an application to the Governor's Office of Rural Development, Rural Assistance Grants, for Fiscal Year 2004-2005, for Phase II to extend the hard surface recreational trail and drainage improvements therefor in and around the Crowley Recreational Center Complex in the amount of FORTY THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTY & NO/100 (\$40,350.00) DOLLARS, which shall be matched with a contribution from the City of Crowley in the amount of FIFTY-SIX THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-TWO & NO/100 (\$56,492.00) DOLLARS for a total estimated project cost of NINETY-SIX THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY-TWO & NO/100 (\$96,842.00) DOLLARS, which funds shall be dedicated and committed to the construction and extension of the hard surface recreational trail and drainage improvements at the Crowley Recreational Center Complex in accordance with the master plan previously adopted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that the said Honorable Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor of the City of Crowley, be and she is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute any and all documents as may be meet and proper in the premises necessary

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session on this the 14th day of September, 2004, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was acting throughout.

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

Alderman Premeaux offered a motion to approve Partial Payment No. 2 to release the retainage to E. B. Feucht for the completion of the Hensgens Park Parking Area Phase I in the amount of \$6,599.94. Seconded by Alderwoman Pete and duly adopted.

REVENUES:

Alderwoman Valdetero offered a motion to appropriate funds from Fund Balance for furnishings & renovations to the Motor Vehicle building not to exceed \$25,000. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Buatt, duly seconded by Alderwoman Pete, and duly resolved and adopted.

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF
ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA
PARISH, LOUISIANA, AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION
OF THE LOUISIANA COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE
FOR AUDIT ENGAGEMENTS OF GOVERNMENTAL
ENTITIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2004

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley having received notice from the Legislative Auditor of the State of Louisiana, that the Compliance Questionnaire must be completed; and

WHEREAS, the Compliance Questionnaire is a required part of a financial audit of Louisiana governmental units and quasi-public; and

WHEREAS, the legal matters contained in the questionnaire parallel those matters contained in the *Laws Affecting Louisiana Government*; and

WHEREAS, the completed Compliance Questionnaire must be given to the auditors at the beginning of the audit and tested for accuracy of the responses in the questionnaire during the course of the audit;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, in regular session, duly convened, that they do hereby adopt the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire, dated September 14, 2004 to Broussard, Poche, Lewis & Breaux, in connection with the audit of the financial statements for the year ending August 31, 2004, which questionnaire is attached to this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that they do hereby authorize the execution thereof by the Honorable Judy Istre, City Clerk, Margaret Young, Administrative Assistant and the Honorable Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor of the City of Crowley.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on this the 14th of September, 2004 at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Buatt, duly seconded by Alderman Martin, and duly resolved and adopted.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF
ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH,

LA. INTRODUCING A PROPOSED ORDINANCE AND
CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING SAME.

WHEREAS, an ordinance has been proposed to be adopted by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, the proposed ordinance must be introduced by its title; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing must be held prior to its adoption; and

WHEREAS, the title of the proposed ordinance must be published in the official journal and the notice shall provide for the time and place where the Board will consider its adoption.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, that the following ordinance be and it is hereby introduced for consideration at the next regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, to-wit:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGETS FOR THE CITY OF CROWLEY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2004 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2005; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO; AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, that the City Clerk shall publish the following notice in the Crowley Post Signal:

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, shall meet on the 12th day of October, 2004 at 6:00 o'clock p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Crowley, LA, to consider the adoption of the following ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGETS FOR THE CITY OF CROWLEY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2004 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2005; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO; AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH

Copies of the proposed Ordinance are available for a nominal fee in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Crowley, LA.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this the 14th day of September, 2004.

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

RESOLUTIONS:

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Thomas, duly seconded by Alderwoman Melancon, and duly resolved and adopted.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, TO ADOPT THE WEST

CROWLEY REVITALIZATION MASTER PLAN TO
ESTABLISH THE NEIGHBORHOODS AS
REDEVELOPMENT AREAS; AND TO OTHERWISE
PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, in order to improve the quality of life for its residents, to develop aesthetic improvements and to provide for the future safety of residents of the community, the City of Crowley has undertaken the development of a Comprehensive Revitalization Strategy; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive assessment of the City of Crowley identified West Crowley as First Phase of neighborhoods which were found to be suffering from lack of adequate housing, structures in need of repair, demolition and removal and overgrown undeveloped vacant lots; and

WHEREAS, these conditions impose onerous burdens on the residents of the neighborhood and the City of Crowley's resources, including depreciating property values, decreasing the tax base, reducing tax revenue and thereby continuing the downward spiral; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley deem this a matter of public concern and as a public policy, have ordered a Comprehensive Revitalization Strategy to be developed; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of LA. R.S. 33:4625 ("the Parish Redevelopment Law"), the City of Crowley does hereby establish a plan for stabilization, enhancement, renovation, reinvestment and redevelopment for the community; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was duly held on the 10th day of August, 2004, after public notice thereof was duly published in the official journal of the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, the comprehensive study submitted for review has recommended that the West Crowley Neighborhood Revitalization Master Plan be adopted for the future development of the City of Crowley and should be approved;

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in regular session duly convened, that the West Crowley Neighborhood Revitalization Master Plan prepared for the City of Crowley by Patrick C. Moore & Associates dated August, 2004, be and it is hereby adopted as the general redevelopment plan of the City of Crowley as contemplated by LA. R.S. 33:4625 ("the parish redevelopment law") to guide the revitalization efforts and actions in the West Crowley neighborhoods designated as the redevelopment areas herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that the City of Crowley finds that the comprehensive study identified and defined herein as West Crowley is found to be an area of slum and blight and/or likely to become such areas in the future without concerted action and is hereby declared to be redevelopment areas in need of the resources and assistance of federal and state agencies which provide funding through loans, grants, tax credits and other incentives to prevent and eliminate these conditions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in accordance with LA. R.S. 33:4625(G)(2), the Mayor and Board of Aldermen are satisfied that adequate provisions will be made to re-house displaced families, if any, without undue hardship; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the offices of the City Inspector, the Zoning Administrator, the Planning and Zoning Commission and other administrative offices be and they are hereby authorized, empowered and charged with carrying out the strategies in the master plan toward the prevention and elimination of slum and blight within the affected areas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or

applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED on this the 14th day of September, 2004 in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

ORDINANCES:

The following Ordinance was offered by Alderwoman Melancon, duly seconded by Alderman Martin, and duly ordained and adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 1297

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGETS FOR THE CITY OF CROWLEY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2004 AND 2005, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1 AND ENDING AUGUST 31; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO; AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the proposed Amended Operating Budgets and the accompanying budget ordinance have been submitted to this Board of Aldermen for review and consideration; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance has been duly introduced and notice of this ordinance and notice of public hearing having been published; and

WHEREAS, notice of a public hearing by the City of Crowley on the proposed Amended Operating Budgets and notice of the availability of the proposed amended budgets for review have been timely published in the official journal, the Crowley Post Signal; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing been held in accordance with the law on the 14th day of September, 2004 at 6:00 o'clock p.m. at City Hall on the proposed Amended Operating Budgets have now been reviewed and considered; now

THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in Regular Session, duly convened on the 14th day of September, 2004 that the following 2004 and 2005 Amended Operating Budgets are hereby approved, adopted and finalized.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, the amounts shall be available for expenditures only to the extent and only as included within the amended 2004 and 2005 fiscal budgets, however nothing shall be construed to prohibit the Governing Authority from making amendments to the budget.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, the Mayor of the City of Crowley, Isabella L. de la Houssaye, is hereby authorized and in her sole discretion, to make such changes within the various budget classifications as she may deem necessary.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, if any provision, part, word, section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance and do hereby declare the provisions hereof, to be severable, then in that event, only that particular provision, part, word, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase shall be deemed unconstitutional or invalid and the remaining provisions, parts, words, sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases will not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with or in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

THUS AMENDED, APPROVED, ADOPTED AND FINALIZED on this the 14th day of September, 2004 at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, after a roll call vote as follows:

YEAS: James M. Buatt, Tiger Istre, Woody Marceaux, Vernon Martin, Mary T. Melancon, Laurita D. Pete, Steven C. Premeaux, and Ira Thomas

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Kitty Valdetero

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

Account Name	2003-2004 Budget	Amendment	2003-2004 Amended Budget
Revenue- General Fund			
Grants & Loans	1,634,300	(582,775)	1,051,525
Expenditure - Street Department			
Capital Outlays	526,800	(364,626)	162,174
Expenditure – Pub. Bldg. & Drainage			
Capital Outlays	1,406,500	(305,400)	1,101,100
Expenditure - Non Departmental			
Other Expense	198,700	(18,475)	180,225
Revenue - Youth Recreation Operation			
Rentals	34,800	(6,000)	28,800
Other Revenues	150,165	(12,500)	137,665
Revenue - Utility Fund - Sewage			
Grants & Loans	500,000	(296,600)	203,400
Other Revenues	1,334,000	(78,000)	1,256,000
Expenditure - Utility Administrative			
Operational Expense	796,995	(130,000)	666,995
Other Expense	273,025	(30,700)	242,325
Expenditure - Sewer			
Capital Outlays	522,000	(336,000)	186,000
Expenditure - Employee Benefit			
Operational Expense	250,700	(20,000)	230,700
Other Expense	370,820	(40,000)	330,820

Account Name	Approved 2004-2005	Amendment	Amended 2004-2005
Revenue - General Fund			
Grants & Loans	4,193,045	135,000	4,328,045
Police Expenditure			
Capital Outlays	0	100,000	100,000
Fire Expenditure			
Capital Outlays	65,000	42,325	107,325
Street Expenditure			
Capital Outlays	2,570,000	756,799	3,326,799
Public Works Expenditure			
Capital Outlays	1,525,000	32,500	1,557,500
Operating Transfers In			
Transfers & Appropriations	3,774,375	476,230	4,250,605
½ Cent Sales Tax – Street Improvement			
Capital Outlays	300,000	(300,000)	0
Operating Transfers Out			
Transfers & Appropriations	481,550	361,839	843,389
Youth Rec Operation			
Capital Outlays	0	236,600	236,600
Youth Rec Building Maint.			
Capital Outlays	230,000	(230,000)	0
Utility Fund			
Sewage Expenditure			
Capital Outlays	1,150,000	119,625	1,269,625
Inflow / Infiltration Expenditure			
Capital Outlays	0	133,375	133,375
Other Financing Uses			
Operating Transfers Out			
Transfers & Appropriations	0	114,391	114,391
Motor Vehicle Facility Expenditure			
Capital Outlay	0	25,000	25,000

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made by Alderman Istre and seconded by Alderwoman Melancon the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

Presented rough draft to Mayor on September 15, 2004 at 3:30 p.m.
Presented for Mayor's signature on September , 2004 .m.
Mayor Signed & returned to City Clerk on September , 2004 at m.