

CITY OF CROWLEY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2003

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 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2003, 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, Ira Thomas and Kitty Valdetero. Alderman Steven C. Premeaux was absent.

Alderman Istre led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and Reverend Proctor gave the invocation.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

Mayor de la Houssaye opened the public hearing to show cause why the property of Debra M. Cormier should not be condemned.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Istre, 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, ORDERING THE  
CONDEMNATION OF LOT 3, BLOCK 149,  
ORIGINAL CITY OF CROWLEY.

WHEREAS, a Condemnation Hearing was held regarding the above described property on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2003; 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 3 of Block 149 of Original City of Crowley, Louisiana, the property of Debra M. Cormier, having a municipal address of 912 North Avenue G, 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 ninety (90) days from the date hereof.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2003.

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ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

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

Mayor de la Houssaye opened the public hearing to show cause why the property of Kenneth R. Clement should not be condemned.

The following resolution was offered by Alderwoman Melancon, duly seconded by Alderman Istre, 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 LOT 7, BLOCK 83, ORIGINAL CITY OF CROWLEY.

WHEREAS, a Condemnation Hearing was held regarding the above described property on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2003; 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 7 of Block 83 of Original City of Crowley, Louisiana, the property of Kenneth R. Clement, having a municipal address of 617 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 ninety (90) days from the date hereof.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2003.

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ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

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

Mayor de la Houssaye opened the public hearing to show cause why the property of Edna Ethridge should not be condemned.

Alderman Marceaux offered a motion to table the public hearing on the property of Edna Ethridge until proper notification is complete. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, ORDERING AND ISSUING A RULE TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CONDEMNATION OF PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the City Inspector has notified the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of a violation of the Building and Safety Codes of the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, notice has been issued to the property owner, Edna Ethridge, by the City Inspector's office for repairs and/or demolition to be made of the improvements on Lot 4 of Block 142 of Original City of Crowley, having a municipal address of 910 North Avenue A, Crowley, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, no action has been taken and that the City Inspector has requested a public hearing on the condemnation of the said property;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, in regular session duly convened, that Notice of Rule to Show Cause should be issued to Edna Ethridge, for a public hearing to be held by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2003, at 6:00 p.m. and that said notice be properly recorded and served upon the property owner pursuant to law.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 2003, in regular session duly convened, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, LA.

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ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

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

Mayor de la Houssaye opened the public hearing to show cause why the property of Wade Herman Morgan, Margie Morgan Floyd and Timothy Paul Hoffpauir should not be condemned.

Alderman Istre offered a motion to table the public hearing on the property of Wade Herman Morgan, Margie Morgan Floyd and Timothy Paul Hoffpauir until proper notification is complete. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD  
OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY,  
ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, ORDERING  
AND ISSUING A RULE TO SHOW CAUSE FOR  
CONDEMNATION OF PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the City Inspector has notified the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of a violation of the Building and Safety Codes of the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, notice has been issued to the property owner, Wade Herman Morgan, Margie Morgan Floyd and Timothy Paul Hoffpauir by the City Inspector's office for repairs and/or demolition to be made of the improvements on Lot measuring 40 feet by 132 feet in Section 3, T-10-S, R-1-E, Acadia Parish, bounded on the north by Francis H. Morgan; south by Rose W. Spell; east by Wilson J. Trahan; west by Eastern Avenue, the eastern 80.72 feet and the northern 12 feet of the western 128 feet of a parcel beginning at the northwest corner of the parcel sold to Oran Linscombe measuring 52.8 feet on Eastern Avenue by depth parallel with the northern line of the property purchased by Oran Linscombe of 208.72 feet situated in the NW/4 of the SW/4 of Section 3, T-10-S, R-1-E, Acadia Parish, Louisiana in the City of Crowley, having a municipal address of 923 South Eastern Avenue, Crowley, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, no action has been taken and that the City Inspector has requested a public hearing on the condemnation of the said property;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, in regular session duly convened, that Notice of Rule to Show Cause should be issued to Wade Herman Morgan, Margie Morgan Floyd and Timothy Paul Hoffpauir, for a public hearing to be held by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the 14<sup>th</sup>

day of October, 2003, at 6:00 p. m and that said notice be properly recorded and served upon the property owner pursuant to law.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 2003, in regular session duly convened, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, LA.

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ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

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

**PRESENTATION OR APPEARANCES:**

Mr. L. J. Istre and Mr. Vincent Guidry addressed the assembly to register a complaint against a neighboring property.

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD  
OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY,  
ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, ORDERING  
AND ISSUING A RULE TO SHOW CAUSE FOR  
CONDEMNATION OF PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the City Inspector has notified the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of a violation of the Building and Safety Codes of the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, notice has been issued to the property owner, Ralph J. Premeaux, by the City Inspector's office for repairs and/or demolition to be made of the improvements on Lot 6 and the E 10' of Lot 7 of Block 5 of the H. Thibodeaux Addition, City of Crowley, having a municipal address of 522 East 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Crowley, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, no action has been taken and that the City Inspector has requested a public hearing on the condemnation of the said property;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, in regular session duly convened, that Notice of Rule to Show Cause should be issued to Ralph J. Premeaux, for a public hearing to be held by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2003, at 6:00 p.m. and that said notice be properly recorded and served upon the property owner pursuant to law.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 2003, in regular session duly convened, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, LA.

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ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

**READING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES / BILLS:**

Alderman Martin moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the August 12, 2003 regular council meeting; and approve them as written and distributed. Seconded by Alderman Istre and duly adopted.

Alderman Istre moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the August 27, 2003 special council meeting; and approve them as written and distributed. Seconded by Alderman Thomas and duly adopted.

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

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor de la Houssaye recognized Corporal Dylan LeBlue for his military duty in Iraq and Kuwait and honored him with Crowley Pride Certificate of Appreciation.

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 purchase two pick-up trucks for the Street Department in the estimated amount of \$17,700 each and refer to Revenue and Finance. Seconded by Alderwoman Pete and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Melancon offered a motion to approve Partial Payment No. 5 to Emulsified Asphalt Products for Patching, Leveling, etc. under their 2002-03 Annual Materials and Street Repair Contract in the amount of \$19,577.61, contingent upon advice of City Attorney regarding the Contractor's possible default. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD  
OF ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY  
AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR EAST  
AND WEST ANDRUS STREET IMPROVEMENTS  
UNDER THE FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005  
LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley has determined that it is reasonable and necessary to submit an application for funding under the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant program; and

WHEREAS, after a public hearing, comments and questions were taken for the purpose of assessing the community's needs and developing a consensus; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Alderman having determined that the East and West Andrus Street Improvements will be most beneficial and cost effective for the citizens of the City of Crowley;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Crowley that they do hereby authorize an application to be made to the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program under the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 funding period for the East and West Andrus Street Improvements, within the City of Crowley.

THEREUPON, the above resolution was duly adopted.

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

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

A RESOLUTION GRANTING THE AUTHORITY  
TO THE MAYOR TO SIGN AND SUBMIT ALL  
NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND NEGOTIATE  
AND EXECUTE CONTRACTS FOR  
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IN CONNECTION  
WITH THE FY 2004-2005 LOUISIANA  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT –  
PUBLIC FACILITIES

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley deems it necessary and proper to submit an application for funding under the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant - Public Facilities; and

WHEREAS, this federal grant program is very competitive and involves a significant amount of documentation and reporting; and

WHEREAS, professional administrative consulting services are necessary for the application preparation and implementation of the grant, should the project be funded; and

WHEREAS, professional engineering consulting services are necessary for the design, surveying and inspection, should the project be funded; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with OMB Circular A-102, the City advertised for Qualification Statements for these professional services.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley that the Honorable Isabella de la Houssaye, Mayor, is hereby authorized to sign and submit the application for funding and all the necessary documents in connection to the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that after reviewing the proposals submitted, the Honorable Isabella de la Houssaye, Mayor, is hereby authorized to negotiate and sign a contract with Mader Engineering, Inc., for the administrative consulting services necessary to prepare a Louisiana Community Development Block Grant application and to implement/administer the project, contingent upon the project being funded and contingent upon said firm being approved by the Division of Administration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that after reviewing the qualification statements submitted, the Honorable Isabella de la Houssaye, Mayor, is hereby authorized to negotiate and sign a contract with Mader Engineering, Inc., for the professional engineering services necessary to provide the engineering services for the project contingent upon the project being funded and contingent upon said firm being approved by the Division of Administration.

THEREUPON, the above resolution was duly adopted.

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

Alderman Melancon offered a motion to authorize Partial Payment No. 2 to Release the Retainage to Morvant Construction for the Drainage Improvements in the Alley between Avenue G and Avenue H from Jeanette Street to Spruce Street (Rose Menou) in the amount of \$1,319.98, contingent upon receipt of a Clear Lien Certificate from the Contractor. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

Alderman Melancon offered a motion to authorize Partial Payment No. 3 to Release the Retainage to E. B. Feucht & Sons for the Drainage Improvements at Northview Lane (G. Reggie); Eastern Avenue (7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Streets); Third Street (Avenue G to Avenue H – Frosto); Third Street (Avenue K to Avenue L) in the amount of \$10, 715.04, contingent upon receipt of a Clear Lien Certificate from the Contractor. Seconded by Alderman Valdetero and duly adopted.

**UTILITY:**

Alderman Martin moved to authorize Partial Payment No. 14 to Release the Retainage to B & K Construction Company for the North Crowley Pump Station and Collection System Upgrades in the amount of \$73,451.25, contingent upon receipt of a Clear Lien Certificate from the Contractor. Seconded by Alderman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderman Martin moved to approve Partial Payment No. 6 to Stelly Construction for the “West Crowley Sewerage Improvements (LCDBG FY 2001 Program)” in the amount of \$65,013.53. Seconded by Alderman Istre and duly adopted.

Alderman Martin moved to authorize Tim Morton to submit an application to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers for the Bartland, Inc. easement in the North of I-10 Sewerage Extension Project to be covered under the Nationwide Permit System. Seconded by Alderman Thomas and duly adopted.

Alderman Martin moved to authorize Partial Payment No. 2 to Release the Retainage to H & S Construction Company for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Driveway and Parking Lot Repairs in the amount of \$5,317.74, contingent upon receipt of a Clear Lien Certificate from the Contractor. Seconded by Alderman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderman Martin moved to authorize Poche’ Prouet Associates, LTD to advertise for bids and receive bids for “Furnish Motor Control Center, Control Panel and Safety Switches” for Improvements at the Main Sewage Pump Station. Seconded by Alderman Istre and duly adopted.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO FILE LEGAL ACTION FOR AN INJUNCTION TO REMOVE ABANDONED ITEMS, TRASH AND DEBRIS AND TO ABATE THE NUISANCE ON LOT 22, BARTLAND ADDITION, PROPERTY OF ROBERT A. GUILBEAUX.

WHEREAS, complaints were received concerning vehicles, appliances, lumber and other items abandoned and/or being stored in the open on the property owned by Robert A. Guilbeaux, located at 1626 North Avenue I, Crowley, Louisiana;

WHEREAS, Robert A. Guilbeaux, the property owner, has been notified of the violations by the City Inspector by letter dated August 18, 2003; and

WHEREAS, the notification advised the property owner the condition of the property has been judged unsafe and hazardous because of trash and abandoned items including appliances, building material, vehicles, rubbish, trash, and noxious weeds situated thereon; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Health and Human Services and the City Inspector made an inspection of the property which found the abandoned items including appliances, building material, vehicles, rubbish, trash, and noxious weeds still remaining on the property; and

WHEREAS, the abandoned items, trash, and noxious weeds on the property are causing roaches, vectors and allows insect breeding, including mosquitoes, to exist on the property; and

WHEREAS, the City Inspector finds that the condition of the property is a nuisance which is affecting the health and safety of adjacent property owners; and

WHEREAS, the property owner has failed to abate the nuisance, improve the condition of the property and remove the trash and debris from the property;

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 authorize legal proceedings to obtain injunctive relief to abate the nuisance and take all legal action as may be necessary to compel and order the defendant to remove all trash, building materials, debris, automobiles, boats, appliances and abandoned items from the property and to properly store other items; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Attorney is authorized to take any legal action necessary in his sole discretion as may be necessary to accomplish the task.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2003.

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ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to grant Mr. Crosby a 90 day extension to complete demolition on property located at Lots 2-3-4-5-6-7-8, Block 23, Andrus Addition with the physical address being 1014 East Cedar. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD  
OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY,  
ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, ORDERING  
AND ISSUING A RULE TO SHOW CAUSE FOR  
CONDEMNATION OF PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the City Inspector has notified the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of a violation of the Building and Safety Codes of the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, notice has been issued to the property owner, James and Dolores B. Clement, by the City Inspector's office for repairs and/or demolition to be made of the improvements on Lot 6 and 7 of Block 22 of Duson's 3<sup>rd</sup> Addition, Crowley, Louisiana; and



WHEREAS, no action has been taken and that the City Inspector has requested a public hearing on the condemnation of the said property;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, in regular session duly convened, that Notice of Rule to Show Cause should be issued to James and Dolores B. Clement, for a public hearing to be held by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2003, at 6:00 p.m. and that said notice be properly recorded and served upon the property owner pursuant to law.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 2003, in regular session duly convened, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, LA.

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ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to authorize the Mayor and Police Chief to meet with the Rice Festival Association Parade Committee to propose a solution to the problem of hindering businesses along the parade route from opening and report findings to the October Committee meeting. Seconded by Alderman Istre and duly adopted.

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to approve a 2003 application from Randy D. Gaspard for an initial Class A – Retail Outlet Beer Permit and Class A – Retail Outlet Liquor Permit for America’s Sports Bar, LLC d/b/a Rue Orleans located at 165 Oddfellows Road, Suite A, Crowley, LA. Seconded by Alderman Istre and duly adopted.

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to approve a 2003 application from Randy D. Gaspard for an initial Class A – Retail Outlet Beer Permit and Class A – Retail Outlet Liquor Permit for America’s Sports Bar, LLC d/b/a America’s Sports Bar & Grill located at 165 Oddfellows Road, LA. Seconded by Alderman Marceaux and duly adopted.

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to accept the resignations of Patrolman Heath Leleux and Patrolman Adam Cormier. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to hire Ezekiel Guidry as a Recruit Police officer effective September 12, 2003 contingent upon necessary hiring procedures and refer to Insurance and Personnel. Seconded by Alderwoman Pete and duly adopted.

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to purchase 31 radios for the Police Department in the amount of \$22,289. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to purchase a vehicle for the Police Department not to exceed \$12,000 and refer to Revenue and Finance. Seconded by Alderman Marceaux and duly adopted.

Alderman Martin offered a motion to approve the renewal application from Patricia S. Istre for a 2004 Class B – Retail Package Beer Permit and a 2004 Class B – Retail Package Liquor Permit for Rice City Liquor located at 630 North Parkerson Avenue, Crowley, LA. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

Alderman Martin offered a motion to approve the renewal application from Sengdara Sanamixay for a 2004 Class A – Retail Outlet Beer Permit for Bamboo Inn of Crowley located at 1823 North Parkerson Avenue, Crowley, LA. Seconded by Alderwoman Valdetero and duly adopted.

Alderman Istre offered a motion to approve the renewal application from Linda Nguyen for a 2004 Class B – Retail Package Beer Permit for Bamboo Inn, Inc. d/b/a Express

90 located at 726 East Second Street, Crowley, LA. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

**ZONING & ANNEXATION:**

After a lengthy discussion and commits from Roxie Viator, Alderman Istre moved to release the restrictions at 316 North Avenue L for Jody and Roxie Viator. Alderman Marceaux rescinded his second and the motion failed for lack of a second.

Mayor de la Houssaye reported she had taken care of the violation administratively by authorizing the city attorney to file an injunction.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Istre, 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, DIRECTING THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY TO CONSIDER THE AMENDMENT OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE AND REGULATIONS TO EXEMPT LOT 4, THE SOUTH 23 FEET OF LOT 5 AND THE SOUTH 73 FEET OF LOT 7 OF BLOCK 43 OF THE ORIGINAL CITY OF CROWLEY FROM MINIMUM REAR YARD REQUIREMENTS AND MAXIMUM SQUARE FOOTAGE LIMITATIONS FOR ACCESSORY BUILDINGS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, a Notice of Violation of Zoning Regulations and Restrictions was issued to the owner of Lot 4, the south 23 feet of Lot 5 and the south 73 feet of Lot 7 of Block 43 of the Original City of Crowley which is zoned "R-1 residential district"; and

WHEREAS, the location and size of the building exceeds the "R-1 residential district" regulations for rear yard setback requirements and maximum square footage limitations; and

WHEREAS, the property owners allege that prior to construction of the building, they obtained a variance and a permit which they believed allowed them to construct the building of the size and situated as it is presently on the property; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen desire to consider the amendment of the minimum rear yard setback requirements and maximum square footage limitations to allow the building to remain on the property as is; and

WHEREAS, under the procedure provided in the Zoning Ordinance, prior to the consideration of any amendment of the Zoning Ordinance and Regulations, it is necessary to refer the matter to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a public hearing to allow and hear public comment from adjoining property owners and residents and the public at large and to make a recommendation to the Board of Aldermen in accordance with the provisions thereunder;

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, in accordance with Section 11.1(1) of the Zoning Ordinance, they hereby direct the Planning and Zoning Commission to conduct a public hearing after publishing due notice thereof to consider the adoption of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance and Regulations of the City of Crowley to exempt Lot 4, the south 23 feet of Lot 5 and the south 73 feet of Lot 7 of Block 43 of the Original City of Crowley from the minimum rear yard requirements and the maximum square footage limitations for accessory buildings situated in the "R-1 residential district" to permit the building erected by the property owner to remain on the above property as constructed and in the present location on the property;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the City Clerk is to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Secretary of the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Planning and Zoning Commission is to comply with the required procedure in Section 11.3 of Chapter 11 of the Zoning Code of Ordinance of the City of Crowley and other ordinances and statutory authority as may be applicable thereto.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2003.

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ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

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

A RESOLUTION TO 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 TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT ORDINANCE NO. 1256 OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY TO INCLUDE CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL LOTS AND PROPERTY WITHIN THE "R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT", TO CORRECT THE INADVERTENT OMISSION THEREOF IN THE ORIGINAL ORDINANCE, 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2003 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 TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT ORDINANCE NO. 1256 OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY TO INCLUDE CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL LOTS AND PROPERTY WITHIN THE "R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT", TO CORRECT THE INADVERTENT OMISSION THEREOF IN THE ORIGINAL ORDINANCE, 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 9 day of September, 2003.

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED on this the 9 day of September 2003.

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ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

**INSURANCE & PERSONNEL:**

Alderswoman Pete offered a motion to amend Subsection D of the Section 2-17 of the Code of Ordinances to permit notification of Special Council Meetings via personal contact confirmation with the Clerk's office attesting to time, date and manner of communication. Seconded by Alderswoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderswoman Pete offered a motion to hire Ezekiel Guidry as Recruit Police Officer effective September 12, 2003 pending physical examination and drug screening. Seconded by Alderswoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderswoman Pete offered a motion to promote Charles Broussard, Jr. from probational firefighter to a permanent firefighter effective September 12, 2003. Seconded by Alderman Istre and duly adopted.

**COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

Alderman Istre offered a motion to declare the Rice Capitol Championship Gumbo Cook-Off sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce as an annual fair and festival with the first one scheduled for January 11, 2004 and to be registered with State of Louisiana as a fair and festival. Seconded by Alderswoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderman Istre offered a motion to have only fireworks for JulyFete 2004. Seconded by Alderswoman Valdetero and duly adopted.

**RECREATION:**

Alderman Marceaux offered a motion to authorize the Mayor to engage in negotiation to purchase property and improvements for the Recreation Department for a maintenance building up to \$100,000. Seconded by Alderswoman Melancon. Alderman Thomas moved to amend the motion by striking out "up to \$100,000" and inserting "and report back to the

council.” The amendment was seconded by Alderman Marceaux and passed. The main motion as amended was voted on and adopted.

Alderman Thomas moved to amend the agenda to consider the actions taken at the August 27, 2003 Special Recreation committee meeting for the Baseball Park Concession Complex. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted after a unanimous vote.

Alderman Thomas offered a motion to accept the low bid of E. L. Habetz Builders with modifications for the Baseball Park Concession Complex at an estimated cost of \$330,179, as submitted by Don Breaux the architect. Seconded by Alderman Buatt. Alderman Thomas offered a substitute motion to accept the low bid of \$382,045 from E. L. Habetz Builders for the Baseball Park Concession Complex and authorize Change Order No. 1 in the reduced amount of \$51,866.00 for modifications, as submitted by the architect, Don Breaux. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted with Alderman Istre and Marceaux voting nay.

**REVENUE & FINANCE:**

Alderwoman Valdetero offered a motion to table the purchase of two pick-up trucks for the Public Works Department. Seconded by Alderman Istre and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Valdetero offered a motion to authorize the purchase of 31 radios in the amount of \$22,289 for the Police Department contingent upon receiving grant funding. Seconded by Alderwoman Pete. Alderwoman Valdetero moved to amend the motion by striking out “contingent upon receiving grant funding”. The amendment was seconded by Alderwoman Pete and passed. The main motion as amended was voted on and adopted.

Alderwoman Valdetero offered a motion to purchase a vehicle not to exceed \$12,000 for the Police Department. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Valdetero offered a motion to authorize the use of the business incubator money to build out space for a perspective client and for the Mayor to engage in the necessary contract. Seconded by Alderman Thomas and duly adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Alderwoman Valdetero, 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, INTRODUCING AN ORDINANCE PROPOSING TO SELL LOTS 16, 17 & 18 OF BLOCK 15 OF DUSON’S 3<sup>RD</sup> ADDITION TO THE CITY OF CROWLEY, STATING THE REASONS FOR THE ACTION, FIXING THE MINIMUM PRICE AND TERMS OF THE SALE, AND AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT OF THE PROPOSAL NOT LESS THAN THREE TIMES, ONE WEEK APART, FOR MORE THAN THIRTY DAYS PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE, FIXING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley owns Lots 16, 17 and 18 of Block 15 of Duson’s 3<sup>rd</sup> Addition to the City of Crowley, together with the building and improvements thereon; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley find that the property is no longer needed for public purposes by the City of Crowley and that the property constitutes an unnecessary burden and liability for the City of Crowley and find that it is in the best interest of the City that the property be sold to return it to its highest and best use as residential property or a neighborhood business; and

WHEREAS, residents of the City of Crowley have expressed interest in purchasing the property and there is interest in developing the property for either residential or commercial use; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen find that the minimum price for the property should be TWELVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED & NO/100 (\$12,500.00) DOLLARS;

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 find that Lots 16, 17 and 18 of Block 15 Duson's 3<sup>rd</sup> Addition, together with all buildings and improvements thereon are not needed by the City of Crowley for public purposes and that the continued ownership of the property represents an unnecessary burden and liability to the City of Crowley; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the property shall be duly advertised to be sold for a minimum price of TWELVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED & NO/100 (12,500.00) DOLLARS, reserving to the City all of the oil, gas and other mineral in, on, under or appertaining to the above described property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that property shall be sold "WITH NO WARRANTY WHATSOEVER". The City of Crowley reserves the right to reject any and all bids deemed to be not in the best interest of the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the City of Crowley, shall publish Notice of Intent to adopt the proposed Ordinance and Notice of Public Hearing for the sale of the property in order to receive proposals for the property and/or allow opposition to the sale. Said Notice of the proposed Ordinance, which Notice is attached hereto, shall be published three (3) times in fifteen (15) days, one (1) week apart in the official journal of the City of Crowley; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any proposals for purchase of the property or any opposition to the proposed Ordinance shall be made in writing and filed with the Clerk of the City of Crowley within fifteen (15) days after the last publication of same in accordance with law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a public hearing shall be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2003 at 6:00 o'clock p.m. un the Council Chambers, City Hall, Crowley, Louisiana, to consider the adoption of the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE PRIVATE SALE OF PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES, FIXING THE MINIMUM PRICE FOR THE SALE, PROVIDING THE SALE SHALL BE MADE WITHOUT WARRANT, PROVIDING THAT THE CITY SHALL RESERVE ALL OIL, GAS AND MINERALS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO; AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2003 at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

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ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

The following resolution was offered by Alderwoman Valdetero, 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, INTRODUCING AN ORDINANCE PROPOSING TO SELL LOTS 4,5 6, 7 & 8 OF BLOCK 3 OF WALKER ADDITION TO THE CITY OF CROWLEY, STATING THE REASONS FOR THE ACTION, FIXING THE MINIMUM PRICE AND TERMS OF THE SALE, AND AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT OF THE PROPOSAL NOT LESS THAN THREE TIMES, ONE WEEK APART, FOR MORE THAN THIRTY DAYS PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE, FIXING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley owns Lots 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of Block 3 of the Walker Addition to the City of Crowley, together with the building and improvements thereon; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley find that the property is no longer needed for public purposes by the City of Crowley and that the property constitutes an unnecessary burden and liability for the City of Crowley and find that it is in the best interest of the City that the property be used for residential property; and

WHEREAS, residents of the City of Crowley have expressed interest in purchasing the property and there is interest in developing the property for residential use; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen find that the minimum price for the property should be THIRTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED & NO/100 (\$13,500.00) DOLLARS;

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 find that Lots 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of Block 3 of the Walker Addition, together with all buildings and improvements thereon are not needed by the City of Crowley for public purposes and that the continued ownership of the property represents an unnecessary burden and liability to the City of Crowley; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the property shall be duly advertised to be sold for a minimum price of THIRTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED & NO/100 (13,500.00) DOLLARS, reserving to the City all of the oil, gas and other mineral in, on, under or appertaining to the above described property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any improvements shall be sold "WITH NO WARRANTY WHATSOEVER". The City of Crowley reserves the right to reject any and all bids deemed to be not in the best interest of the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the City of Crowley, shall publish Notice of Intent to adopt the proposed Ordinance and Notice of Public Hearing for the sale of the property in order to receive proposals for the property and/or allow opposition to the sale. Said Notice of the proposed Ordinance, which Notice is attached hereto, shall be published three (3) times in fifteen (15) days, one (1) week apart in the official journal of the City of Crowley; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any proposals for purchase of the property or any opposition to the proposed Ordinance shall be made in writing and filed with the Clerk of the City of Crowley within fifteen (15) days after the last publication of same in accordance with law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a public hearing shall be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2003 at 6:00 o'clock p.m. un the Council Chambers, City Hall, Crowley, Louisiana, to consider the adoption of the following Ordinance:

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THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2003 at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

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ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

Aldерwoman Valdetero offered a motion to amend the Fiscal 2003 Budget as follows. Seconded by Aldерwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

	Amendment Fiscal 2002-03	Increase (Decrease)
<b>General Fund Budget</b>		
<b>Revenue</b>		
Capital Outlay - State	66,150	(333,850)
<b>1 &amp; 1/2 Cent Sales Tax Budget</b>		
<b>Revenue</b>		
1 ½ Cent Sales Tax Collected	2,945,100	179,250
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Collection Fees	44,205	7,705
<b>1/2 Cent Sales Tax – Salary Budget</b>		
<b>Revenue</b>		
½ Cent Sales Tax Collected	981,700	59,750
<b>1/2 Cent Sales Tax – Street Budget</b>		
<b>Revenue</b>		
½ Cent Sales Tax Collected	981,700	59,750
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Engineer Fee	00	(100,000)
Capital Outlay	00	(300,000)
<b>Youth Recreation Building Maint.</b>		
<b>Revenue</b>		
Rural Development Grant	15,000	15,000
<b>Expenditure</b>		



Overtime	14,000	6,000
Building Maintenance	25,200	12,200
Ball Parks, Renovation, Restoration	34,000	9,000
Rice City Civic Center - General Operation	168,000	7,000

**ENGINEERS REPORT:**

Alderman Valdetero moved to rescind previous action taken on August 12, 2003 for the Fiscal 2003-04 Annual Materials and Street Repair Work on Proposal No. 1, Item No. 2, and award contract for Proposal No 1, Item No. 2 (for F.O.B. City) to Angelle Concrete. Seconded by Alderman Melancon and was adopted.

Alderman Thomas moved to rescind previous action taken on August 12, 2003 for the Fiscal 2003-04 Annual Materials and Street Repair Work on Proposal No. 1, Item No. 2, and award contract for Proposal No 1, Item No. 2 (for Pick up by City) to Vermilion Shell. Seconded by Alderman Valdetero and was adopted.

Alderman Melancon moved to rescind previous action taken on August 12, 2003 for the Fiscal 2003-04 Annual Materials and Street Repair Work on Proposal No. 1, Item No. 3, and award contract for Proposal No 1, Item No. 3 (for Pick up by City) to Vermilion Shell. Seconded by Alderman Thomas and was adopted.

Alderman Pete moved to rescind previous action taken on August 12, 2003 for the Fiscal 2003-04 Annual Materials and Street Repair Work on Proposal No. 1, Item No. 3, and award contract for Proposal No 1, Item No. 3 (for F.O.B. City) to Vermilion Shell and Angelle Concrete. Purchases will be alternated between the two companies. Seconded by Alderman Thomas and was adopted.

Alderman Pete requested a “point of privilege” and said that to a degree she shared Alderman Martin’s concerns that deliberations, projects or anything about West Crowley does not get the same attention as deliberation or projects from the rest of the city. West Crowley needs to be fully represented on this council. More caution should be made on decisions that appear to leave out West Crowley and take care that every area in this city is represented because the representative from West Crowley want to do the best thing for Crowley. They intend to be heard and intend to be a viable part of the decision making body.

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made by Alderman Pete and seconded by Alderman Melancon the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

Presented rough draft to Mayor on September 11, 2003 at 1:30 p.m.  
Presented for Mayor’s signature on September 18, 2003 at 9:00 a.m.  
Mayor Signed & returned to City Clerk September 22, 2003 at 1:30 p.m.