

CITY OF CROWLEY  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 4, 2005

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Louisiana, the governing authority of the City of Crowley, met in a special session at 5:30 p.m. Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2005 at the regular meeting place of said Mayor and Board of Aldermen, the City Hall, 426 North Avenue F, Crowley, Louisiana, after the giving and posting of prior notice of said meeting in the manner provided by law.

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

Alderwoman Melancon led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and Alderman Marceaux gave the invocation.

February 2, 2005

**City of Crowley  
Special Council Meeting Notice:**

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that a Special Council Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley will be held on Friday, February 4, 2005 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall. The purpose of said meeting will be:

- 1 Consider allegations of employee misconduct, investigation and violations of departmental policy by Edward Ruddock; (anticipate going into Executive Session);
- 2 Consider disciplinary action against Edward Ruddock; and
- 3 Any other legal items to come before the Council.

S/ Isabella L. de la Houssaye .  
Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor

The call was posted at City Hall on February 3, 2005 at 8:30 o'clock a.m.

The Police Dept. received the call for circulation on February 3, 2005 at 8:30 o'clock a.m. and copies of the call were delivered to the following:

James M. Buatt	on February 3, 2005 at 8:30 o'clock a.m. by e-mail
Tiger Istre	on February 3, 2005 at 8:41 o'clock a.m. by facsimile
Woody Marceaux	on February 3, 2005 at 8:46 o'clock a.m. by facsimile
Vernon Martin	on February 3, 2005 at 9:32 o'clock a.m. personal service
Mary T. Melancon	on February 3, 2005 at 8:37 o'clock a.m. by facsimile
Laurita Pete	on February 3, 2005 at 8:30 o'clock a.m. by telephone
Steven Premeaux	on February 3, 2005 at 9:20 o'clock a.m. personal service
Ira Thomas	on February 3, 2005 at 8:31 o'clock a.m. by facsimile
Kitty Valdetero	on February 3, 2005 at 8:30 o'clock a.m. by telephone
K. P. Gibson	on February 3, 2005 at 8:30 o'clock a.m. by personal service
Thomas K. Regan	on February 3, 2005 at 8:45 o'clock a.m. by facsimile
Judy L. Istre	on February 3, 2005 at 8:00 o'clock a.m. personal service

Alderwoman Melancon offered a motion to recess to hold a pre-disciplinary hearing as required before considering a disciplinary action. Seconded by Alderwoman Valdetero and duly adopted.

A motion was offered by Alderman Marceaux and seconded by Alderman Thomas to reconvene the meeting; the roll was called with the following members present: James Buatt, Woody Marceaux, Mary T. Melancon, Laurita D. Pete, Steven C. Premeaux, Ira Thomas and Kitty Valdetero. Absent were Tiger Istre and Vernon Martin.

Mr. Phillip Terrell spoke on behalf of Mr. Edward Ruddock and stated they were satisfied with the pre-disciplinary hearing and consented to go into Executive Session to discuss the alleged misconduct and violations of departmental policy.

Alderman Buatt moved that the Board adjourn into Executive Session to discuss the alleged misconduct and violations of departmental policy of Edward Ruddock. Seconded by Alderman Premeaux and duly adopted after the following roll call vote:

YEAS: James M. Buatt, Woody Marceaux, Mary T. Melancon, Laurita D. Pete, Steven C. Premeaux, Ira Thomas and Kitty Valdetero

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Tiger Istre and Vernon Martin

THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION.

A motion was offered by Alderman Marceaux and seconded by Alderwoman Melancon to reconvene the meeting; the roll was called with the following members present: James Buatt, Woody Marceaux, Mary T. Melancon, Laurita D. Pete, Steven C. Premeaux, Ira Thomas and Kitty Valdetero. Absent were Tiger Istre and Vernon Martin.

As chairman of the insurance and personnel committee Alderwoman Pete moved to terminate the employment of Mr. Edward Ruddock based on violations of departmental policy. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted after the following roll call vote:

YEAS: James M. Buatt, Woody Marceaux, Mary T. Melancon, Laurita D. Pete, Steven C. Premeaux, Ira Thomas and Kitty Valdetero

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Tiger Istre and Vernon Martin

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made by Alderman Buatt and seconded by Alderman Thomas the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 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 February 7, 2005 at 11:30 a.m.  
Presented for Mayor signature on February 7, 2005 at 11:30 a.m.  
Mayor signed & returned to City Clerk on February , 2005 at .m.