

CITY OF CROWLEY  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 30, 2009

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 4:00 p.m. Monday the 30<sup>th</sup>, day of November, 2009 at the regular meeting place of said Mayor and Board of Aldermen, the Council Chambers, 426 North Avenue F, Crowley, Louisiana, after the giving and posting of prior notice of said meeting in the manner provided by law.

Mayor Greg A. Jones presided with the presence of the following Aldermen: J. Elliot Doré, Jeff Doré, Vernon Martin, Mary Melancon, Laurita Pete, Steven Premeaux., Kitty Valdetero and Todd Whiting. Alderman Lyle Fogleman, Jr. was absent.

Alderman Steven Premeaux led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and Mayor Greg Jones gave the invocation.

Alderman Vernon Martin moved to dispense with the reading of the following call. Seconded by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero and duly adopted.

November 24, 2009

**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 Monday November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 426 North Avenue F.

The purpose of said meeting will be to consider:

- 1) Establish a Downtown Art & Cultural District;
- 2) Resolution for approval of exemption on sales tax for the purchase of crawfish bait effective January 1, 2010 - prior to completion of legal process; and
- 3) Any Other Legal Items to Come before the Council.

S/ Greg A. Jones  
Greg A. Jones, Mayor

The call was posted at City Hall on November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 11:00 o'clock a.m. and was circulated to the following:

Elliot Doré	on November 24, 2009 at 11:48 o'clock a.m. by e-mail
Jeff Doré	on November 24, 2009 at 11:52 o'clock a.m. by telephone
Lyle Fogleman	on November 24, 2009 at 11:45 o'clock a.m. by facsimile
Vernon Martin	on November 24, 2009 at 11:46 o'clock a.m. by facsimile
Mary T. Melancon	on November 24, 2009 at 11:57 o'clock a.m. by telephone
Laurita Pete	on November 24, 2009 at 11:59 o'clock a.m. by telephone
Steven Premeaux	on November 24, 2009 at 1:00 o'clock p.m. by telephone
Kitty Valdetero	on November 24, 2009 at 11:48 o'clock a.m. by e-mail
Todd Whiting	on November 24, 2009 at 1:18 o'clock p.m. by telephone
Thomas K. Regan	on November 24, 2009 at 11:48 o'clock a.m. by e-mail
Tim Mader	on November 24, 2009 at 11:48 o'clock a.m. by e-mail
K. P. Gibson	on November 24, 2009 at 11:45 o'clock a.m. by personal service
Judy L. Istre	on November 24, 2009 at 11:30 o'clock a.m. by personal service
K.S.I.G.	on November 24, 2009 at 11:55 o'clock a.m. by facsimile

K.A.J.N. on November 24, 2009 at 11:56 o'clock a.m. by facsimile  
Crowley Post Signal on November 24, 2009 at 11:57 o'clock a.m. by facsimile  
Dailey Advertiser on November 24, 2009 at 11:59 o'clock a.m. by facsimile  
The Advocate on November 24, 2009 at 11:48 o'clock a.m. by e-mail  
K.A.T.C. Channel 3 on November 24, 2009 at 11:48 o'clock a.m. by e-mail  
K.L.F.Y Channel 10 on November 24, 2009 at 11:48 o'clock a.m. by e-mail  
Chamber of Commerce on November 24, 2009 at 11:48 o'clock a.m. by e-mail

**AGENDA AMENDMENTS:**

Alderman Mary Melancon moved to amend the agenda to consider:

1. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Mader Engineering, Inc. for the Construction of I-10 Access Road in Crowley.
2. Resolution to introduce an ordinance to authorize up to \$1,000,000 through the State Revolving Fund loan program operated by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, that will be 100% forgiven.

Seconded by Alderman Jeff Doré and duly adopted after a unanimous vote.

**AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:**

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin, seconded by Alderman Kitty Valdetero, and duly resolved and adopted.

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AN  
APPLICATION FOR THE CREATION OF THE MAIN  
STREET CROWLEY CULTURAL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, Act 298 of the 2007 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature authorizes Local Governing Authorities to create Cultural Districts as a mechanism for community revitalization through the creation of hubs of cultural activity; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Office of Cultural Development is authorized to develop standard criteria for cultural districts and to determine whether or not a proposed Cultural District meets those criteria; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Office of Cultural Development has promulgated administrative rules which set forth the procedure for Local Governing Authorities to submit applications to designate and certify a specified geographic area as a Cultural District; and

WHEREAS, the geographic area within the City of Crowley, Parish of Acadia, may meet the criteria for the creation of a Cultural District which area is generally comprised of the territory within the following boundaries: Parkerson Avenue beginning at Pine Street extending two blocks to the east and two blocks to the west and ending at Northern Avenue; and

WHEREAS, within the boundaries of a state-certified Cultural District, several tax incentives may be available including (1) a sales tax exemption on the sale of certain original works of art, (2) individual income tax credits for eligible expenses incurred during the rehabilitation of certain owner-occupied residential or owner-occupied mixed use structures, and (3) income and corporate franchise tax credits for eligible expenses incurred during the rehabilitation of certain historic structures; and

WHEREAS, only a Local Governing Authority is authorized to submit an application for the designation and certification of a Cultural District; and

WHEREAS, a "Local Governing Authority" is defined by LAC 25:1§1101 as "the governing authority of the parish in which the Cultural District is located unless the district is

located in a municipality, in which case "Local Governing Authority" shall mean the governing authority of the municipality. If the district is located partly in a municipality, "Local Governing Authority" shall mean the governing authority of the parish and the governing authority of the municipality"; and

WHEREAS, the Main Street Crowley Cultural District is located entirely within the municipality of Crowley and is located outside of any other municipality and is located completely within the parish of Acadia and therefore the City of Crowley would be the proper entity to submit an application for the certification and designation of the above described geographic area as a Cultural District.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City of Crowley does hereby:

1. Support and endorse the submission of an application to the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Office of Cultural Development to designate the Main Street Crowley Cultural District as a state-certified Cultural District; and
2. Delegate its authority to submit said application and all supporting documents, reports, and other forms required for the creation, administration, and reporting to Crowley Main Street Director with delegated authority to perform such functions on behalf of the Local Governing Authority.
3. Direct all city employees to support and cooperate with efforts to compile all necessary information and data required for the application and all subsequent reporting necessary for the administration of the Cultural District
4. Request all affected citizens and businesses to support and promote activities consistent with the purposes of the Cultural District
5. Authorize the Mayor to sign any and all documents required for the creation and administration of the Main Street Crowley Cultural District.

ADOPTED ON THIS 30<sup>th</sup> Day of \_November, 2009.

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GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and seconded by Alderman Todd Whiting to approve an exemption of sales tax on the purchase of crawfish bait effective January 1, 2010. Motion carried.

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

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY WITH MADER ENGINEERING, INC. TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES REQUIRED FOR "CONSTRUCTION OF I-10 ACCESS ROAD IN CROWLEY (STATE PROJECT NO. 700-01-0114/FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO. DE-0106(500))"**

WHEREAS, The City of Crowley entered into an Agreement dated May 31, 2006 with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development under the above referenced project numbers; and

WHEREAS, The City of Crowley is now entering into Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development under the above

referenced project numbers, said amendment providing for the City to procure engineering services, proceed with and pay for all such services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley desires to engage the firm of Mader Engineering, Inc. to provide all required engineering (surveying, design, and inspection) services for the project;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley that the Mayor be, and he is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to execute a professional services agreement with Mader Engineering, Inc. for "CONSTRUCTION OF I-10 ACCESS ROAD IN CROWLEY (STATE PROJECT NO. 700-01-0114/FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO. DE-0106(500))".

ADOPTED: November 30, 2009

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GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin, seconded by Alderman Steve Premeaux, 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, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, 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 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A ONE MILLION & NO/100 (\$1,000,000.00) DOLLARS OF SEWER REVENUE BOND, SERIES 2009 (THE "BOND"), OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, STATE OF LOUISIANA; PRESCRIBING THE FORM, TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SAID BOND; DESIGNATING THE DATE OF DELIVERY AS THE BOND DATE, PROVIDING FOR A NON-INTEREST BEARING SINGLE MATURITY WITH 100% FOREGIVENESS OF PRINCIPAL SUBJECT TO PURCHASE BY THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (LDEQ) WITH SIMULTANEOUS FORGIVENESS UPON PAYMENT OF EACH INSTALLMENT OF THE PURCHASE PRICE; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2010, 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 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF ONE MILLION THREE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,350,000.00) OF SEWER REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2006 (THE "BONDS"), OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, STATE OF LOUISIANA; PRESCRIBING THE FORM, TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SAID BONDS; DESIGNATING THE DATE, DENOMINATION AND PLACE OF PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST; SELLING SAID BONDS TO THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

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 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2009.

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JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

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THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED in special session duly convened on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2009, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

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GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made by Alderman Elliot Doré and seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

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GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

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JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

Presented rough draft to Mayor on December 8, 2009 at 3:45 p.m.  
Presented for Mayor's signature on December 8, 2009 at 3:45 p.m.  
Mayor signed & returned to City Clerk on December 8, 2009 at 3:45 p.m.