

CITY OF CROWLEY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
August 23rd, 2020

The Mayor Pro Tem and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Louisiana, the governing authority of the City of Crowley, met in a special session at 6:00 p.m. Sunday the 23rd, day of August 2020 at the special meeting place of said Mayor and Board of Aldermen, the City Hall 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 Pro Tem Steven Premeaux presided with the presence of the following Aldermen: Jeff Cavell, Thompson Bradford Core, Clint Cradeur, Vernon Martin, Samuel J. Reggie, III, Kim Stringfellow, Jr., Byron Wilridge, Sr. Alderman Lyle Fogleman was absent. Alderwoman Kim Stringfellow led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and Alderman Clint Cradeur gave the invocation. The following call was read:

August 22, 2020

**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 Sunday, August 23rd, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 426 North Ave. F, Crowley, LA.

The purpose of said meeting will be to:

1. Consider a Resolution to declare an extraordinary state of emergency for the City of Crowley in anticipation of heavy rain and flooding possibly due to storms Laura and Marko.

S/Tim Monceaux, Mayor

-In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance, please contact Erin S. Cradeur at (337) 788-4103, describing the assistance that is necessary.

- The Notice of Call was posted on August 22, 2020 at 5:55 p.m.

- The call was circulated on August 22, 2020 at 5:55 p.m. and copies of the call were delivered to the following:

Jeff Cavell	August 22nd, 2020 at 5:55	o'clock p.m.	by e-mail
Brad Core	August 22nd, 2020 at 5:55	o'clock p.m.	by e-mail
Clint Cradeur	August 22nd, 2020 at 5:55	o'clock p.m.	by e-mail
Lyle Fogleman	August 22nd, 2020 at 5:55	o'clock p.m.	by e-mail
Vernon Martin	August 22nd, 2020 at 5:55	o'clock p.m.	by e-mail
Steven Premeaux	August 22nd, 2020 at 5:55	o'clock p.m.	by e-mail
Sammy Reggie	August 22nd, 2020 at 5:55	o'clock p.m.	by e-mail
Kim Stringfellow	August 22nd, 2020 at 5:55	o'clock p.m.	by e-mail
Byron Wilridge	August 22nd, 2020 at 5:55	o'clock p.m.	by e-mail
Jimmy Broussard	August 22nd, 2020 at 5:55	o'clock p.m.	by e-mail
Jody Viator	August 22nd, 2020 at 5:55	o'clock p.m.	by e-mail
M'elise B. Trahan	August 22nd, 2020 at 5:55	o'clock p.m.	by e-mail
Glenn Deville	August 22nd, 2020 at 5:55	o'clock p.m.	by e-mail
Tony Duhon	August 22nd, 2020 at 5:55	o'clock p.m.	by e-mail
Erin Cradeur	August 22nd, 2020 at 5:55	o'clock p.m.	by e-mail
Albert John	August 22nd, 2020 at 5:55	o'clock p.m.	by e-mail
Gilbert Onezine	August 22nd, 2020 at 5:55	o'clock p.m.	by e-mail
Tim Cradeur	August 22nd, 2020 at 5:55	o'clock p.m.	by e-mail
Peter Kirsch	August 22nd, 2020 at 5:55	o'clock p.m.	by e-mail
Tom Regan	August 22nd, 2020 at 5:55	o'clock p.m.	by e-mail
Tim Mader	August 22nd, 2020 at 5:55	o'clock p.m.	by e-mail
Crowley Post Signal	August 22nd, 2020 at 5:55	o'clock p.m.	by e-mail

KATC Channel 3	August 22nd, 2020 at 5:55	o'clock p.m.	by e-mail
KLFY Channel 10	August 22nd, 2020 at 5:55	o'clock p.m.	by e-mail
Charles King	August 22nd, 2020 at 5:55	o'clock p.m.	by e-mail
Theresa Richard	August 22nd, 2020 at 5:55	o'clock p.m.	by e-mail
Margaret Young	August 22nd, 2020 at 5:55	o'clock p.m.	by e-mail
Crowley Main St.	August 22nd, 2020 at 5:55	o'clock p.m.	by e-mail
Erin Cradeur	on August 22nd, 2020 at 5:00 o'clock p.m. by personal service		

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin and seconded by Alderman Byron Wilridge and duly adopted.

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO THE IMMINENT THREAT OF TWO TROPICAL SYSTEMS MAKING LANDFALL IN SOUTHERN LOUISIANA CREATING EMERGENCY CONDITIONS INCLUDING HEAVY AMOUNTS OF RAINFALL, THE LIKELIHOOD OF FLOODING AND HIGH WINDS INCLUDING THE THREAT OF POSSIBLE HURRICANE FORCE WINDS, CAUSED BY **TROPICAL STORMS MARCO AND LAURA** EXPECTED TO BECOME HURRICANES AND AUTHORIZING, EMPOWERING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO UNDERTAKE ANY ACTION AUTHORIZED BY LAW AND TO EMPLOY ALL MEASURES TO PROTECT AND ENSURE PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE, TO PROTECT PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY AND TO PRESERVE THE PEACE AND ORDER; TO AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF EMERGENCY FUNDS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service has issued a Tropical Storm Watch for the Southern Louisiana Coast extending from the mouth of the Mississippi westerly to the Vermilion Bay as a result of the threat posed by **Tropical Storms Marco and Laura** which are currently expected to become hurricanes before landfall and expected to cause heavy rains and flooding; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable John Bell Edwards, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority of the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance Disaster Act La. R.S. 29:721 et seq, has declared a state of emergency exists throughout the state of Louisiana due to the imminent threat of damage from high winds and possible flooding due to heavy rainfall by virtue of EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION NUMBER 108 JBE 2020 and;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley having met in Special Emergency Session, pursuant to written Notice of Special Emergency Meeting, duly posted in accordance with law and notification via telephone, facsimile, email and/or other means, to consider an Emergency Declaration due to the anticipated effects of heavy and continuous rain and flooding caused therefrom, the effects of high winds potential of hurricane strength and the imminent threat to public safety, health and welfare of the citizens of the City of Crowley and public and private property in the City of Crowley; and;

WHEREAS it is necessary that the City of Crowley take all necessary measures and authorize the use of necessary resources and appropriate funds for emergency operations and expenditures in order to mitigate the effects of wind damage and flooding caused by said storms

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Parish of Acadia, State of Louisiana, in Special Emergency Session duly convened, with a quorum present and acting throughout, that they do hereby declare a state of emergency exists within the City of Crowley in anticipation of the effects of extremely heavy and continuous rainfall predictions and high winds including possible hurricane force winds, the threat of extreme flooding and damage from wind and flooding affecting the citizens of the City of Crowley and the imminent threat of damage to public and private property due to the approach of **Tropical Storms Marco and Laura** and the expectation

that they will become hurricanes prior to or near landfall, they do hereby authorize and invoke all emergency powers and necessary authorizations under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana as may be required to ensure public safety, health and welfare, to provide communication, emergency public facilities, assist and facilitate federal and state emergency services, authorize the request for emergency assistance, maintain public order and safety and maintain essential public services as may be necessary, meet and proper under this emergency and to authorize all Departments of the City of Crowley to cooperate in actions that may be required in response to the effects of the severe weather event anticipated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Honorable Tim Monceaux, Mayor of the City of Crowley, or his designated representative, be and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to take all necessary and appropriate action in his sole and complete discretion and direct all department heads, employees and agents of the City of Crowley and requests assistance from other public bodies and to assist other public bodies to provide personnel, buildings, facilities, equipment, care, rendering aid and other services, to protect human life and public and private property and to expend the necessary funds to accomplish same as may be necessary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is hereby authorized an emergency appropriation of funds from the general fund balance and from the sales tax fund balance sufficient to pay all necessary expenditure for the costs thereof, including employee wages and overtime, fuel, food, transportation, building and equipment operations and all other needs as may be necessary, meet and proper during this emergency in the sole discretion of the Mayor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Honorable Tim Monceaux, Mayor, be and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute and file any and all necessary applications and requests for assistance, submit necessary documents, contracts and information necessary to recover the expenditures of funds for the emergency from the appropriate federal and state agencies including FEMA and GOHSEP and that said application(s) and requests be and they are hereby fully authorized, ratified and approved by this Board of Aldermen; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this emergency declaration be forwarded to the Governor of the State of Louisiana, the Louisiana Office of Emergency Preparedness, the Homeland Security, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Acadia Parish Emergency Management Office and the Honorable K.P. Gibson, Acadia Parish Sheriff, and that they be furnished with all necessary documents as may be meet and proper in the circumstances, and:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be effective twelve noon, Sunday, August 23, 2020, and remain in effect for a period of thirty (30) days unless extended.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in special session duly convened on the 23rd day of August 2020, pursuant to notice thereof duly posted and notice issued and called in accordance with law in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout, after a roll call vote as follows:

YEAS: Jeff Cavell, Brad Core, Clint Cradeur, Vernon Martin, Sammy Reggie, Kim Stringfellow and Byron Wilridge, Sr.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lyle Fogleman

STEVEN PREMEAUX, MAYOR PRO TEM

ATTEST:

ERIN S. CRADEUR, CLERK

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made by Alderman Jeff Cavell and seconded by Alderman Brad Core the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Presented rough draft to Mayor Pro Tem on August 24th, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

Presented for Mayor Pro Tem's signature on August 24th, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem signed & returned to City Clerk on August 24th, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

Publish in newspaper on September 22nd, 2020