

CITY OF CROWLEY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17, 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. Thursday the 17th, day of September, 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, Lyle Fogleman, Jr., Mary Melancon, Laurita Pete, Steven Premeaux, Kitty Valdetero and Todd Whiting. Alderman and Vernon Martin was absent.

Alderman Jeff Doré led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and Alderman Todd Whiting gave the invocation.

September 16, 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 Thursday September 17th, 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) Resolution:
 - A) Endorse and support for LED's Louisiana Development Ready Communities Pilot Program and its work plan; and
- 2) 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 September 16th, 2009 at 11:15 o'clock a.m.

The call was circulated on September 16th, 2009 at 11:15 o'clock a.m. and copies of the call were delivered to the following:

Elliot Doré	on September 16, 2009 at 11:38 o'clock a.m. by e-mail
Jeff Doré	on September 16, 2009 at 1:11 o'clock p.m. by telephone
Lyle Fogleman	on September 16, 2009 at 12:06 o'clock p.m. by facsimile
Vernon Martin	on September 16, 2009 at 12:07 o'clock p.m. by facsimile
Mary T. Melancon	on September 16, 2009 at 1:25 o'clock p.m. by telephone
Laurita Pete	on September 16, 2009 at 1:32 o'clock p.m. by telephone
Steven Premeaux	on September 16, 2009 at 1:40 o'clock p.m. by personal service
Kitty Valdetero	on September 16, 2009 at 11:38 o'clock a.m. by e-mail
Todd Whiting	on September 16, 2009 at 1:30 o'clock p.m. by telephone
Thomas K. Regan	on September 16, 2009 at 11:38 o'clock a.m. by e-mail
Tim Mader	on September 16, 2009 at 11:38 o'clock a.m. by e-mail
K. P. Gibson	on September 16, 2009 at 12:00 o'clock p.m. by personal service
Judy L. Istre	on September 16, 2009 at 11:00 o'clock p.m. by personal service
K.S.I.G.	on September 16, 2009 at 12:16 o'clock p.m. by facsimile
K.A.J.N.	on September 16, 2009 at 12:18 o'clock p.m. by facsimile

Crowley Post Signal on September 16, 2009 at 12:18 o'clock p.m. by facsimile
Dailey Advertiser on September 16, 2009 at 12:20 o'clock p.m. by facsimile
The Advocate on September 16, 2009 at 11:38 o'clock a.m. by e-mail
K.A.T.C. Channel 3 on September 16, 2009 at 11:38 o'clock a.m. by e-mail
K.L.F.Y Channel 10 on September 16, 2009 at 11:38 o'clock a.m. by e-mail
Chamber of Commerce on September 16, 2009 at 11:38 o'clock a.m. by e-mail

AGENDA AMENDMENTS:

Alderwoman Mary Melancon moved to amend the agenda to consider the creation of a new position in Court Department. Seconded by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero and duly adopted after a unanimous vote.

AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:

The following resolution was offered by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero, duly seconded by Alderman J. Elliot Doré, and duly resolved and adopted.

WHEREAS, The Louisiana Development Ready Communities Pilot Program, a strategic effort by Louisiana Economic Development to assist all of Louisiana's communities to become more competitive in today's global economy, is a community assessment, strategic planning, leadership development and marketing planning process for cities, towns, and villages; and

WHEREAS, the program's requirements provide for involvement of individuals from both public and private sectors of the community including: elected and appointed municipal officials, municipal employees, community leaders and citizens; and

WHEREAS, implementation and achievement of the community's vision, objectives and strategies, and measurement of that achievement, are the major goals of the program. LED's objectives are:

- 1) To provide a comprehensive and straight-forward assessment of community and economic development practices and activities;
- 2) To provide training, coaching, and external resources to Pilot Communities;
- 3) To establish a repeatable process by the lessons learned, success stories and testimonials in this Pilot Program; and
- 4) To ultimately develop more marketable communities and diversified economies through a systematic approach to community and economic development in the State of Louisiana.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT THE City of Crowley Board of Aldermen endorses and supports LED's Louisiana Development Ready Communities Pilot Program and its work plan and authorizes the mayor and employees to cooperate with and participate in the community assessment and strategic planning activities, and further, the citizens of Crowley are urged to support this effort.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in special session duly convened on the 17th day of September, 2009 at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

A motion was offered by Alderman Steven Premeaux and seconded by Alderman J. Elliot Doré to create a new position for court department at no additional cost to the city. It will be funded by reducing Court's appropriation of \$45,000 for fiscal 2010 by \$13,650 for the pro rated amount of salary and fringe for that position. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made by Alderman Steven Premeaux and seconded by Alderwoman Laurita Pete the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

GREG A. JONES, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

Presented rough draft to Mayor on September 18th, 2009 at 8:00 a.m.
Presented for Mayor's signature on September 18th, 2009 at 8:00 a.m.
Mayor signed & returned to City Clerk on September 18th, 2009 at 9:15 a.m.