CITY OF CROWLEY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 10, 2007

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 10th day of April, 2007 at the regular meeting place of said Mayor and Board of Aldermen, the Council Chambers, 426 North Avenue F, Crowley, Louisiana.

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

Alderman Vernon Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and Alderman Elliot Doré gave the invocation.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS:

Alderwoman Mary Melancon offered a motion to consider a settlement and payment to Port Aggregates. Seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux and duly adopted after a unanimous vote.

Alderwoman Mary Melancon offered a motion to consider Partial Payment No. 10 to E. L. Habetz Builders, Inc. for renovations to the Criminal Justice Center. Seconded by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero and duly adopted after a unanimous vote.

APPEARANCE:

Mr. Malhon Doucet presented the "2006 Tree City USA Award" to the City of Crowley on behalf of Commissioner Bob Odom, the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, the National Arbor Day Foundation and the National Association of State Foresters. This is the twentieth year the City of Crowley has been recognized as a Tree City USA.

APPOINTMENTS:

Alderwoman Mary Melancon offered a motion to ratify Mayor Greg A. Jones reappointment of Rita Nicholson, Ralph Byers and John Leleux as members of the Crowley Civil Service Board. Seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux and duly adopted. They were administered the oath of office by Mr. Thomas K. Regan.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Greg A. Jones opened the public hearing on proposed ordinance no. 1360, the ordinance to "amend the fiscal 2007 budget" was read by title.

Mr. Thomas Regan asked for proponents to the proposed ordinance no. 1360. A third and final call was made with no one coming forward to speak.

The call for opponents of the proposed ordinance no. 1360 was made and there were no comments after the third and final call.

Mayor Greg A. Jones called the public hearing to a close.

READING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES / BILLS:

Alderman Steven Premeaux moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the March 13th, 2007 regular council meeting and approve them as written and distributed. Seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Mary Melancon moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the March 21st, 2007 special council meeting and approve them as written and distributed. Seconded by Alderwoman Laurita Pete and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Laurita Pete moved to approve all bills presented for payment. Seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and duly adopted.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Greg A. Jones presented the Sales Tax chart and User Fee chart that track the collection trend since fiscal 1992.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS: Alderwoman Mary Melancon, Chairperson

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré to approve Partial Payment No. 1 to R. Cloud Construction Co. for the East Andrus Street and West Andrus Street LCDBG FY'04-'05 Street Improvements Project in the amount of \$15,625.17. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and seconded by Alderman Jeff Doré to approve Partial Payment No. 5 to Quality Construction Specialist under Work Order No. 1 for the FY 2005-2006 Crack Routing, Cleaning, and Sealing Contract in the amount of \$21,058.87. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to authorize Mader Engineering to conduct a city wide inspection of streets and report on the estimated cost to repair all streets for Council consideration at a future meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and seconded by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero to authorize the Mayor to present to Wal-Mart and Lowes officials the conceptual plans and the following priorities presented today for Phase I of the I-10 Exit 82 lighting project for concurrence by those corporations: first preference, based on the Poche'-Prouet Associates March 28, 2007 Letter of Recommendation and Attachment "A" Revised 3/27/07, is to install high mast poles 1, 2, 5, 3, & 4 respectively; second preference, based on the same Attachment "A", is to install pole locations 1, 2, 3, 5, & 4, respectively. Motion carried.

UTILITY: Alderman Vernon Martin, Chairperson

A motion was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin and seconded by Alderwoman Laurita Pete to table until next month's Committee meeting the consideration of the franchise and lighting agreement as proposed by SLEMCO. Motion failed after the following roll call vote.

YEAS: Lyle Fogleman, Vernon Martin, and Todd Whiting

NAYS: Elliot Doré, Jeff Doré, Mary Melancon, Laurita Pete, Steven Premeaux,

Kitty Valdetero

ABSENT: None

The Following motion on franchise agreement to SLEMCO was VETOED by Mayor Jones

A motion was offered by Alderman Elliot Doré and seconded by Alderwoman Laurita Pete to authorize a resolution calling for a public hearing and introducing an ordinance to issue a joint limited franchise agreement to SLEMCO on any areas annexed after July 12, 2003. Motion carried with Aldermen Vernon Martin and Steven Premeaux voting nay.

A motion was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin and seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré to approve Partial Payment No. 13 to M. P. Dumesnil Construction Co. for the North of I-10 Sewage Improvements contract the amount of \$152,093.41. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin and seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon to reject all bids received for "Sewerage Service for Opera House" and authorize the Opera House to proceed with temporary connection to the city's sewer service line below the sidewalk or roadway on the west side of Parkerson between 5th Street and the Court Circle until the city's Main Street Enhancement project construction begins. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Alderman Todd Whiting, Chairperson

A motion was offered by Alderman Todd Whiting and seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux to approve a new 2007 Class B – Retail Package Beer Permit for Jay-Ruz Industries, d/b/a Shelby's Deli & Grocery located at 417 South Eastern Avenue. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Todd Whiting and seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré to allow the Rice Festival to extend the 2007 carnival to Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. with the Festival providing clean-up. Alderman Vernon Martin offered an amendment to delete "10:00 a.m." and insert "12:00 p.m.", seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux and passed. A substitute motion by Alderman Jeff Doré and seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon to table the main motion as amended was voted on and motion to table carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Todd Whiting and seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon to call for a public hearing to proceed with condemnation of the property located at 506 West 5th Street described as Lots 15-16, Block 82 West Crowley Addition owned by Winbush Funeral Home, Inc. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Todd Whiting and seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré to call for a public hearing to proceed with condemnation of the property located at 920 North Western Avenue described as Lot 5, Block 141 West Crowley Addition owned by Magnolia Glodd & Jacqueline Glodd. Motion carried.

ZONING & ANNEXATION: Alderman Elliot Doré, Chairperson

A motion was offered by Alderman Elliot Doré and seconded by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero to approve a trailer petition for Charles A. Benoit located at 414 E. Gum Street described as Lots 4-5 & part of Lots 1-2-3, Block 78, CICO #3, pending the payment of all court fees. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Elliot Doré and seconded by Alderman Jeff Doré to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation for a Conditional Use Permit for a Non-Profit Mentoring Program/Women of Wisdom to be operated by Wisdom Resting in God's Ministries at 923 West 4th Street. Motion carried.

PUBLIC BUILDING: Alderman Lyle Fogleman, Jr., Chairperson

A motion was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman and seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon to co-sponsor the La Technical College-Acadian Campus graduation to be held at the Rice Theatre on June 29, 2007. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman and seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré to co-sponsor the Shining Stars graduation to be held at the Rice Theatre on May 22, 2007. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero and seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux to limit the use of public buildings by groups or organizations that have events that are co-sponsored by the city. On these occasions city buildings are available from Monday through Thursday only and holidays are excluded. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Lyle Fogleman and seconded by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero to approve Partial Payment No. 10 to E. L. Habetz Builders, Inc. for renovations to the Criminal Justice Center in the amount of \$21,694.66. Motion carried.

INSURANCE & PERSONNEL: Alderwoman Laurita Pete, Chairperson

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Laurita Pete and seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon to reflect on the personnel action form that Captain Lucien Breaux's life ended on March 17, 2007. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Laurita Pete and seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux to correct the personnel action form to illustrate that Curt Piontkowsky was hired as a Probational Firefighter I effective September 22, 2006. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Laurita Pete and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to promote Robbie Bott from Recruit Firefighter to Probational Firefighter effective March 16, 2007. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Laurita Pete and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to promote Kendall Monte from Recruit Firefighter to Probational Firefighter effective March 16, 2007. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Laurita Pete and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to confirm Scott Mouton from Probational Firefighter First Class to Permanent Firefighter First Class effective March 13, 2007. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Laurita Pete and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to confirm Dustin LaJack from Probational Firefighter First Class to Permanent Firefighter First Class effective March 13, 2007. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Laurita Pete and seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon to confirm Jonathan Habetz from Probational Firefighter First Class to Permanent Firefighter First Class effective March 13, 2007. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Laurita Pete and seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré to promote Daniel Spell from Permanent Police Sergeant to Probational Police Lieutenant effective April 10, 2007 contingent upon the acceptance of his test score by the state Civil Service Board. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero and seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré to promote Wayne Perry from Permanent Police Sergeant to Probational Police Lieutenant effective April 10, 2007 contingent upon the acceptance of his test score by the state Civil Service Board. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Alderman Jeff Doré, Chairperson

A motion was offered by Alderman Jeff Doré and seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon to relocate the polling place from City Hall to the Criminal Justice Center on Election Day October 20, 2007, due to Rice Festival. Handicap accessibility will be provided on the west side of the building and the north entrance of the building will be

utilized as the voting area. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Jeff Doré and seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon to change Committee meeting from July 4-5, 2007 to June 27-28, 2007 due to the July 4th holiday. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Alderman Jeff Doré and seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux to authorize the Mayor to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Rayne for the use of the portable stage on April 27, 2007 for the Relay for Life event. Motion carried.

RECREATION: Alderman Steven Premeaux, Chairperson

There were no action items from the Recreation Committee.

REVENUE & FINANCES: Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero, Chairperson

A motion was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin and seconded by Alderman Steven Premeaux to authorize Mayor Greg A. Jones to sign a settlement agreement with Port Aggregates and issue a check in the amount of \$50,000 for the dispute regarding the weight of limestone purchased during Hurricane Lili by the City of Crowley and the attempt by Port Aggregates to limit the amount of limestone that the city would be able to purchase at their bid price. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

The following resolution was offered by Alderwoman Mary Melancon, duly seconded by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero, and duly resolved and adopted.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, ACCEPTING A REVISED CONCEPTUAL PLAN FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROPOSED HIGHWAY LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE I-10/LA 1111-EXIT 82 TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN PHASES; TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO REQUEST THE CONCURRENCE OF WAL-MART STORES, INC. AND LOWE'S HOME CENTER, INC.; TO SUBMIT THE REVISED CONCEPTUAL PLAN TO THE LDOTD; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley has partnered with Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. and Lowe's Home Center, Inc. to induce and assist the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LDOTD) to construct a state-of-the-art, high-mast, high-intensity highway lighting system for the intersection of I-10/LA 1111-Exit 82; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. and Lowe's Home Center, Inc. have committed funds for the project but due to the more urgent needs and priorities created by Hurricane Rita and Hurricane Katrina, the LDOTD has been unable to obtain funding for the project; and

WHEREAS, Poche'-Prouett & Associates has developed a revised conceptual plan to construct and erect high-mast light poles in the designated locations shown on Attachment "A" which will utilize the available funding to allow the installation of the maximum number of high-mast poles within the budgeted amount; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen request Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. and Lowe's Home Center, Inc. concur with and support the revised conceptual plan for construction in phases and submit the revised conceptual plan to LDOTD for approval;

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 at which a quorum was present and acting throughout that they do hereby accept and adopt the revised conceptual plan for I-10/LA 1111-Exit 82 Highway Lighting Project prepared by Poche'-Prouett & Associates available for the design and construction of Phase I to erect the light standards in the sequence stated in the Letter of Recommendation dated March 28, 2007 as shown on Attachment "A" Revised 3/27/07 to erect the pole locations 1, 2, 5, 3 and 4, respectively, as first preference and as the second preference, to erect pole locations 1, 2, 3, 5 and 4, respectively; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Honorable Greg A. Jones, Mayor of the City of Crowley, be and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to submit a request to Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. and Lowe's Home Center, Inc. to concur with and support the revised conceptual plan based on the Letter of Recommendation dated March 28, 2007 of Poche'-Pruitt & Associates as shown on Attachment "A" Revised 3/27/207 for Phase I for construction by the LDOTD; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Honorable Greg A. Jones, Mayor, be and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to thereafter submit to the LDOTD the revised conceptual plans with the concurrence of Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. and Lowe's Home Center, Inc. to the preparation and completion of final plans and specifications and to authorize the advertisement for bids for construction of the project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Honorable Greg A. Jones, Mayor, be and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to do any and all things as may be meet and proper in the premises.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened on the 10th day of April, 2007, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

ATTEST:	GREG A. JONES, Mayor	
JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk		

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

A 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, Winbush Funeral Home, Inc., by the City Inspector's Office for repairs and/or demolition to be made of the improvements on Lots 15 and 16 of Block 82 of the West Crowley Addition, having a municipal address of 504 West 5th Street, Crowley, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, no action has been taken and 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, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in regular session duly convened, that the Notice of Rule to Show Cause should be issued to Winbush Funeral Home, Inc. for a public hearing to be held by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the 8th day of May, 2007 in regular session 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, in regular session duly convened on this the 10th day of April, 2007, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

	GREG A. JONES, Mayor	
ATTEST:		
JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk		

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Todd Whiting, duly seconded by Alderman Elliot Doré, and duly resolved and adopted.

A 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 owners, Magnolia Glodd and Jacqueline Glodd, by the City Inspector's Office for repairs and/or demolition to be made of the improvements on Lot 5 of Block 141 of the West Crowley Addition, having a municipal address of 920 North Western Avenue, Crowley, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, no action has been taken and 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, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in regular session duly convened, that the Notice of Rule to Show Cause should be issued to Magnolia Glodd and Jacqueline Glodd for a public hearing to be held by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the 8th day of May, 2007 in regular session 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, in regular session duly convened on this the 10th day of April, 2007, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

	GREG A. JONES, Mayor
ATTEST:	
JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk	

The following resolution was offered by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero, duly seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon, and duly resolved and adopted.

A RESOLUTION OF 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 AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF CROWLEY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2006 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2007; 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 8th day of May 2007 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 AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF CROWLEY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2006 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2007; 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 the 10th day of April, 2007.

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk	

THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED in special session duly convened on the $10^{\rm th}$ day of April, 2007, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

GREG A. JONES, Mayor

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ATTEST:	
JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk	

ORDINANCES:

The following Ordinance was offered by Alderman Vernon Martin, duly seconded by Alderwoman Mary Melancon and duly ordained and adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 1360

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGETS FOR THE CITY OF CROWLEY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2006 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2007; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO; AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the proposed Amended Operating Budgets and the accompanying budget ordinance have been submitted to this Board of Aldermen for review and consideration; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance has been duly introduced and notice of this ordinance and notice of public hearing having been published; and

WHEREAS, notice of a public hearing by the City of Crowley on the proposed Amended Operating Budgets and notice of the availability of the proposed amended budgets for review have been timely published in the official journal, the Crowley Post Signal; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing having been held in accordance with the law on the 10th day of April, 2007 at 6:00 o'clock p.m. at City Hall on the proposed Amended Operating Budgets have now been reviewed and considered; now.

THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in Regular Session, duly convened on the 10th day of April, 2007 that the following Amended Operating Budgets are hereby approved, adopted and finalized.

Account Name	Amendment 2006-2007	Amended 2006-2007 Budget
General Fund		
Street Expenditures		
Capital Outlay	60,000	894,000
Youth Recreation Operation		
Capital Outlay	31,000	145,805
Collision & Loss		
Other Revenue	16,100	22,600
Other Expense	35,000	100,000
Sales Tax Bond 1997 Street Improvement		
Other Revenue	7,200	23,700

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, the amounts shall be available for expenditures only to the extent and only as included within the amended 2006-2007 fiscal budget, however nothing shall be construed to prohibit the Governing Authority from making amendments to the budget.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, the Mayor of the City of Crowley, Greg A. Jones, is hereby authorized and in his sole discretion, to make such changes within the various budget classifications as he may deem necessary.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, if any provision, part, word, section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance and do hereby declare the provisions hereof, to be severable, then in that event, only that particular provision, part, word, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase shall be deemed unconstitutional or invalid and the remaining provisions, parts, words, sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases will not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with or in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

THUS AMENDED, APPROVED, ADOPTED AND FINALIZED on this the 10th day of April, 2007 at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, after a roll call vote as follows:

YEAS: Elliot Doré, Jeff Doré, Lyle Fogleman, Vernon Martin, Mary

Melancon, Laurita Pete, Steven Premeaux, Kitty Valdetero and

Todd Whiting

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

GREG A. JONES,	Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chief K. P. Gibson stated his intentions to be a candidate for Sheriff of Acadia Parish.

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made by Alderman Steven Premeaux and seconded by Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

GREG A. JONES, Mayor	
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ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

Presented rough draft to Mayor on April 11, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. Presented for Mayor's signature on April 12, 2007 at 2:15 p.m. Mayor signed & returned to City Clerk on April 12,2007 at 2:30 p.m.