

CITY OF CROWLEY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

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 11th day of September, 2001, at the regular meeting place of said Mayor and Board of Aldermen, the City Hall, 426 North Avenue F, Crowley, Louisiana.

Mayor Isabella L. de la Houssaye presided with the following Aldermen present: James M. Buatt, J. Elliot Doré, Vernon Martin, Mary T. Melancon, Laurita D. Pete and Ira Thomas. Aldermen Greg Jones, Steven C. Premeaux and Alderwomen Jolene Williams were absent.

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

Alderman Buatt moved to amend the agenda to allow a resolution addressing the terrorist attacks. Seconded by Alderman Doré and duly adopted after a roll call vote as follows:

YEAS: James M. Buatt, J. Elliot Doré, Vernon Martin,
Mary T. Melancon, Laurita D. Pete, and Ira
Thomas

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Greg Jones, Steven C. Premeaux and Jolene Williams

Alderwoman Melancon moved to amend the agenda to allow a petition for "Home Occupancy" to operate a Graphic Design business.

Seconded by Alderman Doré and duly adopted after a roll call vote as follows:

YEAS: James M. Buatt, J. Elliot Doré, Vernon Martin,
Mary T. Melancon, Laurita D. Pete, and Ira
Thomas

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Greg Jones, Steven C. Premeaux and Jolene Williams

Alderman Martin moved to amend the agenda to allow a resolution on the final plans and specifications for the beneficial environmental project. Seconded by Alderman Thomas and duly adopted after a roll call vote as follows:

YEAS: James M. Buatt, J. Elliot Doré, Vernon Martin,
Mary T. Melancon, Laurita D. Pete, and Ira
Thomas

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Greg Jones, Steven C. Premeaux and Jolene Williams

PRESENTATION:

Mayor de la Houssaye presented Mr. Christopher White a certificate that declared him an “Exemplary Citizen” of our City, for his accomplishments as a member of the Boy’s Scouts of America.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor de la Houssaye opened the public hearing to show cause why the property of Alverda Johnson Washington located at 611 North Avenue A should not be condemned. There was no one present to represent the interest of the property.

On motion of Alderman Martin and seconded by Alderman Thomas, the following resolution was adopted.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF
THE CITY OF CROWLEY
ORDERING THE CONDEMNATION
OF LOT 14, BLOCK 112, ORIGINAL
CITY OF CROWLEY

When, after considering the evidence presented, the testimony of all parties interested, after due consideration of the circumstances and condition of the building, the report of the Building Inspector;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, in regular session, duly convened, it is ordered that the building or home owned by Alverda Johnson Washington, being improvements located at 611 North Avenue A, Crowley, Louisiana, be and the same is hereby condemned; and it is further

ORDERED that the said building be demolished and/or removed together with all trash and debris within sixty (60) days from the date hereof.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED on this the 11th day of September, 2001, in regular session duly convened, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, LA

ISABELLA L. DE LA

HOUSSAYE, MAYOR ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

Mayor de la Houssaye called the public hearing to a close.

Mayor de la Houssaye opened the public hearing to show cause why the property of Arthur Webster located at 916 West Hutchinson should not be condemned. There was no one present to represent the interest of the property.

On motion of Alderwoman Pete and seconded by Alderman Martin, the following resolution was adopted.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY
OF CROWLEY CONTINUING THE RULE
TO SHOW CAUSE HEARING ON THE
CONDEMNATION OF LOT 14 AND 15 OF
BLOCK 10, DUSON 3RD ADDITION, CITY
OF CROWLEY

When, after considering the request of the property owners, the testimony of City Inspector and the request by the church;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, in regular session, duly convened, that the Rule to Show Cause for the condemnation hearing of the building or home owned by Arthur Webster, et al, being improvements located at 916 West Hutchinson, Crowley, Louisiana, being Lots 14 and 15 of Block 10, Duson 3rd Addition,

City of Crowley, be and the same is hereby continued and rescheduled for November 13, 2001.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED on this the 11th day of September, 2001, in regular session duly convened, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, LA

ISABELLA L. DE LA

HOUSSAYE, MAYOR ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

Mayor de la Houssaye called the public hearing to a close.

Mayor de la Houssaye opened the public hearing to show cause why the property of Louise Johnson Bernard, et al, located at 611 North Avenue A should not be condemned. There was no one present to represent the interest of the property.

On motion of Alderman Doré and seconded by Alderman Buatt, the following resolution was adopted.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF
THE CITY OF CROWLEY
ORDERING THE CONDEMNATION
OF LOT 15, BLOCK 112, ORIGINAL
CITY OF CROWLEY

When, after considering the evidence presented, the testimony of all parties interested, after due consideration of the circumstances and condition of the building, the report of the Building Inspector;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, in regular session, duly convened, it is ordered that the building or home owned by Louise Johnson Bernard, et al, being improvements located at 611 North Avenue A, Crowley, Louisiana, be and the same is hereby condemned; and it is further

ORDERED that the said building be demolished and/or removed together with all trash and debris within sixty (60) days from the date hereof.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED on this the 11th day of September, 2001, in regular session duly convened, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, LA

ISABELLA L. DE LA

HOUSSAYE, MAYOR ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

Mayor de la Houssaye called the public hearing to a close.

Mayor de la Houssaye opened the public hearing to show cause why the property of Daniel Stoute and Della Faulk Stoute located at South Avenue F and West Mill Street should not be condemned. Mr. Daniel Stoute expressed his interest in rebuilding the property and maintaining it to meet the code standards.

On motion of Alderwoman Pete and seconded by Alderman Martin, the following resolution was adopted.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF
THE CITY OF CROWLEY
ORDERING THE CONDEMNATION
OF LOT 1, 2, 3 AND WEST 12 FEET
OF LOTS 4 OF BLOCK 70, W.W.
DUSON ADDITION, CITY OF
CROWLEY

When, after considering the evidence presented, the testimony of all parties interested, after due consideration of the circumstances and condition of the building, the report of the Building Inspector;

WHEREAS, Mr. Daniel Stoute has removed and demolished the main structure, began removing debris therefrom, leaving a steel framework to construct a metal building, has moved a large portion of the premises and has advised the Council that the site will be leveled sufficiently in order to maintain the cleanliness of the property; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stoute has applied for approval of the plans and specifications of the State Fire Marshal and other State agencies and will obtain a building permit to complete the construction of the buildings which has proposed;

NOW , THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, in regular session, duly convened, it is ordered that the City Inspector, upon receipt of the proper certificates from the State Fire Marshal and other agencies, issue a building permit for the construction within the next thirty (30) days, conditioned upon Daniel Stoute removing all of the trash, debris and cleaning the site within sixty (60) days from date hereof, and thereafter, Mr. Stoute shall provide progress reports to the City Inspector

and to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for each regularly scheduled meeting, or not more than thirty (30) days apart.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED on this the 11th day of September, 2001, in regular session duly convened, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, LA.

ISABELLA L. DE LA

HOUSSAYE, MAYOR ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

Mayor de la Houssaye called the public hearing to a close.

READING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES / BILLS:

Alderman Martin moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the August 14, 2001 regular council meeting; and approve them as written and distributed to each Alderman. Seconded by Alderman Doré and duly adopted.

Alderman Martin moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the August 31, 2001 special council meeting; and approve them as written and distributed to each Alderman. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Melancon moved to approve all bills presented for payment. Seconded by Alderman Doré and duly adopted.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor presented the Sales Tax Report, User Fee Report and the Recap of all Funds Report.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS:

The following was offered by Alderwoman Melancon, seconded by Alderman Doré and duly resolved and adopted.

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A CITIZEN
PARTICIPATION PLAN RELATIVE TO THE
LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley intends to submit an application for funding under the Fiscal Year 2002-2003 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed toward encouraging citizen participation in the planning, implementation and assessment of the Louisiana Community Block Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to adopt a written procedure in order to be in compliance with Section 508 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley do hereby approve and adopt the Citizen Participation Plan attached hereto and made part of this resolution in connection with the Fiscal Year 2002-2003 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program.

THEREUPON, the above resolution was duly adopted.

HOUSSAYE, MAYOR ATTEST:

ISABELLA L. DE LA

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

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

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE
PUBLICIZING FOR AND
CONDUCTING OF A PUBLIC
HEARING AND THE UNDERTAKING
OF A HOUSEHOLD SURVEY IN THE
TARGET AREA PRESCRIBED AT THE
PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE CITY OF
CROWLEY'S FY' 2002-2003

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley deems it necessary and proper to submit an application for funding under the Fiscal Year 2002-2003 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant; and

WHEREAS, the initial step in the grant application process is to publicize for and conduct a public hearing in order to establish the type of project to be applied for and to identify an area of low-to-moderate income citizens which will be targeted as beneficiaries of the project; and

WHEREAS, a household survey must be undertaken in the prescribed target area in order to determine the exact percentage of low-to-moderate income citizens for that area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley that Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor of said City of Crowley be, and is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to publicize for and conduct a public hearing.

THEREUPON, the above resolution was adopted.

ISABELLA L. DE LA HOUSSAYE,
MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

The following resolution was offered by Alderwoman Melancon seconded by Alderman Martin and duly resolved and adopted.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE
CITY OF CROWLEY TO BEGIN THE
PROCUREMENT PROCESS FOR
ADMINISTRATIVE AND ENGINEERING
SERVICES FOR THE CITY OR CROWLEY'S
FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003 LOUISIANA
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
GRANT PROGRAM AFTER A PUBLIC
HEARING FOR SAID PROGRAM HAS
BEEN CONDUCTED

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley is interested in applying for a FY 2002-2003 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Community Development makes it necessary to procure and enter into contract with administrative consultants and engineers prior to the filing of the LCDBG application;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley that Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor of said City of Crowley be, and is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to proceed with the procurement of administrative and engineering services for the City of Crowley's FY 2002-2003 LCDBG program after a public hearing for said program has been conducted.

THEREUPON, the above resolution was duly adopted.

ISABELLA L. DE LA

HOUSSAYE, MAYOR ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

UTILITY:

Alderman Martin moved to approve \$7,898.98 for Partial Payment No. 1 to LADCO for the Sewer Extension on East First Street at North Avenue I. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

Alderman Martin moved to approve the Final Change Order, Change Order No. 1 to LADCO for the Sewer Extension on East First Street at North Avenue I. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Martin, duly seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly resolved and adopted on September 11, 2001.

RESOLUTION OF TERMINATION

A resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor to execute for and on behalf of the City of Crowley, a Notice of Termination for LADCO, Inc., Contractor, pertaining to the substantial completion of the contract subject to a punch list attached hereto and made a part of this Resolution, for "Sewer Extension for East First Street at North Avenue I" for the City of Crowley in accordance with plans and specifications contained in the contract documents pertaining thereto.

WHEREAS, LADCO, Inc., as Contractor, has substantially completed "Sewer Extension for East First Street at North Avenue I " for the City of Crowley in accordance with the plans and specifications contained in the contract documents pertaining thereto; and

WHEREAS, a final inspection on the above referenced project has been performed and the attached punchlist is made part of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley desires to accept the completed work;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Crowley Board of Aldermen that the Mayor of said City of Crowley be, and is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to execute a Notice of Termination for and on behalf of the City of Crowley accepting the work as being substantially completed, and that the Mayor be authorized and directed to have a copy of said acceptance recorded in the Conveyance Records of the Parish of Acadia, State of Louisiana.

ADOPTED: September 11, 2001

ISABELLA L. DE LA

HOUSSAYE, MAYOR ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

Alderman Martin moved to amend the fiscal 2002 Utility Fund budget to provide for the city's share of the cost of LCDBG Fiscal 2001 West Crowley Sewerage Project and refer to Revenue and Finance. Seconded by Alderwoman Pete and duly adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Alderwoman Melancon, seconded by Alderwoman Pete and duly resolved and adopted.

A RESOLUTION GRANTING THE
AUTHORITY TO MAYOR ISABELLA L.
DE LA HOUSSAYE TO SIGN AND
SUBMIT ALL NECESSARY
DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH
THE LOUISIANA COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley has been awarded a Fiscal Year 2001 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, this federal grant program involves a significant amount of documentation and reporting.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley that the Honorable Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor, is hereby authorized to sign and submit all of the necessary documents in connection with the 2001 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant awarded to the City of Crowley.

THEREUPON, the above resolution was duly adopted.

HOUSSAYE, MAYOR ATTEST:

ISABELLA L. DE LA

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderwoman Pete and duly resolved and adopted.

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A
SEPARATE, NON-INTEREST
BEARING CHECKING ACCOUNT
FOR THE LOUISIANA COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley has been awarded a Fiscal Year 2001 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, said funds from the state shall be deposited directly in a financial institution of the City's choosing as they are requested; and

WHEREAS, the City must establish a separate bank account for the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Funds.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley that a separate, non-interest bearing checking account shall be establish at the Bank of Commerce and the Honorable Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor, shall execute the appropriate Designation of Depository Form as required by the Division of Administration.

THEREUPON, the above resolution was duly adopted.

ISABELLA L. DE LA
HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Doré and duly resolved and adopted.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FOUR
(4) CITY OFFICIALS/EMPLOYEES TO
SIGN THE REQUEST FOR PAYMENT
FORMS FOR THE LOUISIANA
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley has been awarded a Fiscal Year 2001 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, under the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program, a maximum of four (4) City Officials and/or employees are to be authorized to sign the Louisiana CDBG Request for Payment forms to draw down funds from said grant; and

WHEREAS, in order to draw down funds, an authorized signature card must be completed with the signatures of a maximum of four (4) City Officials and/or employees in addition to one (1) person who is to be authorized to witness the signing of the authorized signature card.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley that the following City Official and employees are the only persons hereby authorized to sign Request for Payment forms under the 2001 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program:

Isabella de la Houssaye

James M Buatt

J. Elliot Doré

Judy Istre

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Erin Shreve is hereby authorized to witness and certify that the above mentioned City Officials and employees actually sign the authorized signature card for the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program.

THEREUPON, the above resolution was duly adopted.

ISABELLA L. DE LA

HOUSSAYE, MAYOR ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Martin, duly seconded by Alderman Doré, and duly resolved and adopted

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND
BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE CITY
OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH,
LOUISIANA, APPROVING THE
REQUEST OF MADER-MIERS
ENGINEERING, INC. TO PROCEED WITH
FINAL PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS
FOR THE BENEFICIAL
ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley has agreed to a settlement with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality under Notice of Proposed Penalties issued under Order Nos. WE-P-00-0188 and WE-CN-01-0016; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen have previously approved plans for the demolition for the old trickling filters and de-watering beds, to add a comuniter (grinder), and to convert the site into a park and play ground; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that immediate action be taken to proceed to authorize bids for the project in order to maintain the time schedule agreed to in the settlement with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen desire to authorize the Mayor to approve the final plans and specifications and authorize advertisement for bids therefor;

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 they do hereby authorize the Honorable Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor of the City of Crowley, to approve the final plans and specifications for the beneficial environmental project which they have approved conceptual plans and drawings previously submitted by Mader-Miers Engineering, Inc. and to authorize advertisement for bids in her discretion.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session on this the 11th day of September, 2001, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was acting throughout.

ISABELLA L. DE LA

HOUSSAYE, MAYOR ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

PUBLIC SAFETY:

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN
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 Alderman of a violation of the Building and Safety Codes of the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, notice has been issued to the property owner, Bobby C. Smith, by the City Inspector's office for repairs and/or demolition to be made of the improvements on Lot 8 of Block 1, Stutes Addition, City of Crowley, having a municipal address of 1001 Stutes Street, Crowley, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, no action has been taken and that 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 Alderman of the City of Crowley, in regular session duly convened, that notice of rule to show cause should be issued to Bobby C. Smith for a public hearing to be held by the Mayor and Board of Alderman on the 9th day of October, 2001, 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, on this the 11th day of September, 2001, in regular session duly convened, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, LA.

ISABELLA L. DE LA

HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Buatt, duly seconded by Alderman Doré, and duly resolved and adopted.

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN 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 Alderman of a violation of the Building and Safety Codes of the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, notice has been issued to the property owner, Phyllis Nickel, by the City Inspector's office for repairs and/or demolition to be made of the improvements on Lot 6 of Block 81, Original City of Crowley, having a municipal address of 526 N. Avenue C., Crowley, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, no action has been taken and that 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 Alderman of the City of Crowley, in regular session duly convened, that notice of rule to show cause should be issued by Phyllis Nickel for a public

hearing to be held by the Mayor and Board of Alderman on the 9th day of October, 2001, 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 Alderman of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 11th day of September, 2001, in regular session duly convened, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, LA.

ISABELLA L. DE LA

HOUSSAYE, MAYOR ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Buatt, duly seconded by Alderman Doré, and duly resolved and adopted.

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF CROWLEY,
ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, IN
SUPPORT OF
ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL
MEDIA CAMPAIGN TO PREVENT
UNDERAGE DRINKING IN THE
UNITED STATES

WHEREAS, alcohol is the number one youth drug problem in the United States – it is the leading cause of death and injury among teenagers; and

WHEREAS, alcohol problems among youth cost the United States economy almost \$53 billion per year; and

WHEREAS, if the cost of underage drinking were shared equally by each United States Congressional District, the amount would total more than \$120 million per district; and

WHEREAS, fifty-six percent of students in grades 5-12 say that alcohol advertising encourages them to drink; and

WHEREAS, young people who begin drinking before age 15 are four times more likely to become addicted to alcohol than those who begin at age 21; and

WHEREAS, alcohol use by college students is a factor in 40 percent of academic problems, 28 percent of dropouts, and 80 percent of vandalism acts; and

WHEREAS, currently there are no effective media prevention campaigns, or comprehensive programs to educate the public, especially young people, about the dangers of underage drinking; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley finds that there is a need for comprehensive programs and media prevention campaigns to address the problem of underage drinking;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVE by the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in regular session duly convened, that they do hereby endorse the creation of a national media campaign to reduce and prevent underage drinking; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Crowley do hereby support passage of legislation in the 107th Congress of the United States (H.R. 1509 and S. 866) that will create a national media campaign to reduce and prevent underage drinking.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session on this the 11th day of September, 2001, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was acting throughout.

ISABELLA L. DE LA

HOUSSAYE, MAYOR ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Buatt, duly seconded by Alderman Doré, and duly resolved and adopted.

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE CLOSURE OF AVENUE F BETWEEN HUTCHINSON AVENUE AND FIFTH STREET AND

FIFTH STREET BETWEEN AVENUE E
AND F FOR THE ST. MICHAEL
CATHOLIC CHURCH ANNUAL
BAZAAR UPON NOTIFICATION AND
APPROVAL OF THE FIRE AND
POLICE CHIEFS

WHEREAS, the congregation of St. Michael Catholic Church has an annual bazaar on the grounds of the church and school situation on Avenue F; and

WHEREAS, each year the bazaar draws substantial numbers of people who are congregating on the property of the church and near the school, causing traffic congestion and conflicts between pedestrians and motor vehicular traffic; and

WHEREAS, for the safety and convenience of the public, the closure of Avenue F between Hutchinson Avenue and Fifth Street between Avenue E and Avenue F near the church has been requested; and

WHEREAS, it is the finding of the Mayor and Board of Alderman that this has been an annual problem and that upon notification and approval by the Fire and Police Chiefs that they desire to authorize the closure of Avenue F between Hutchinson Avenue and Fifth Street and Fifth Street between Avenue E and Avenue F near St. Michael Catholic Church on an annual basis;

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 upon notification and approval of the date and time of the St. Michael Catholic Church Annual Bazaar and contingent upon approval thereof by the Fire Chief and the Police Chief, Avenue F from the intersection of Hutchinson Avenue to its intersection with Fifth Street and Fifth Street from its intersection with Avenue F to Avenue E shall be closed

from 11:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. on the dates as set forth and approved in the notification.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session on this the 11th day of September, 2001, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was acting throughout.

ISABELLA L. DE LA

HOUSSAYE, MAYOR ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF
THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA
PARISH, LOUISIANA, TO
APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE
CLOSURE OF AVENUE M
BETWEEN CEDAR AND ELM
STREET FOR REDEMPTORIST
CATHOLIC SCHOOL ANNUAL
BAZAAR UPON NOTIFICATION
AND APPROVAL OF THE FIRE
AND POLICE CHIEFS

WHEREAS, the congregation of Immaculate Heart of Mary and Redemptorist Catholic School has an annual bazaar on the grounds of the church and school situated on Avenue M; and

WHEREAS, each year the bazaar draws substantial numbers of people who are congregating on the property of church and near the school, causing traffic congestion and conflicts between pedestrians and motor vehicular traffic; and

WHEREAS, for the safety and convenience of the public, the closure of Avenue M between Cedar Street and Elm Street near the church has been requested; and

WHEREAS, it is the finding of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that this has been an annual problem and that upon notification and approval by the Fire and Police Chiefs that they desire to authorize the closure of Avenue M between Cedar Street and Elm Street near Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church and Redemptorist Catholic School on an annual basis;

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 upon notification and approval of the date and time of the Redemptorist Catholic School Annual Bazaar and contingent upon approval thereof by the Fire Chief and the Police Chief, Avenue M between Cedar and Elm Street shall be closed on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and on Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the dates as set forth and approval in the notification.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session on this the 11th day of September, 2001, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was acting throughout.

ISABELLA L. DE LA

HOUSSAYE, MAYOR ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

Alderman Buatt moved to approve an across the board salary increase of \$250 per month to the Police Department's full time employees; with funding from the ½ Cent Sales Tax Fund; and to allow for 34 employee slots; and to refer to Revenue and Finance. Seconded by Alderman Martin and duly adopted.

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to approve a new application from G. Duaine Belfour for a 2001 Class A – Retail Outlet Beer Permit for 4 Bells Inc. d/b/a Bell's Sports Bar, 7318 Oddfellow Road, Crowley, La. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Buatt, duly seconded by Alderwoman Pete, and duly resolved and adopted.

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY
OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH,
LOUISIANA, AUTHORIZING AN
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT
WITH THE ACADIA PARISH SCHOOL
BOARD TO PROVIDE MOSQUITO
CONTROL SERVICES ON SCHOOL
CAMPUSES AND FOOTBALL FIELDS

WHEREAS, South Louisiana has been subjected to an invasion of mosquitos due to the effects of Tropical Storm Allison and recent heavy rains which have been virtually continuous; and

WHEREAS, Encephalitis and West Nile Virus infections have been reported in Ouachita Parish and, particularly, Monroe; and

WHEREAS, birds have been identified as carries of the West Nile Virus in Vermilion Parish, Jefferson Parish, Orleans Parish and other parishes near the gulf coast and horses have been infected in Vermilion Parish with the West Nile Virus; and

WHEREAS, it is likely that West Nile Virus and Encephalitis will continue to spread and/or a threat to the health and well-being of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Acadia Parish School Board does not have the equipment or facilities to spray for mosquito control for students, faculty and citizens who utilize the school facilities and stadiums in the early morning and evening hours;

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 they do hereby authorize the Honorable Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor of the City of Crowley, to execute an intergovernmental agreement with the Acadia Parish School Board authorizing mosquito control efforts on Acadia Parish School Board property, including the use of equipment and manpower as may be necessary to suppress and attempt to control large numbers of mosquitos now and at such times in the future as may be necessary and proper in the sole discretion of the Mayor and Street Commissioner.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session on this the 11th day of September, 2001, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was acting throughout.

HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ISABELLA L. DE LA

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CLERK

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Buatt, duly seconded by Alderwoman Pete, and duly resolved and adopted.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF
THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA
PARISH, LA, INTRODUCING
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 this 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 TO AMEND ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 7 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY BY AMENDING AND RE-ENACTING SECTION 7-56 PROHIBITING NOISES, INTERFERING WITH THE ENJOYMENT OF PROPERTY AND PUBLIC PEACE; BY ADDING SECTION 7-56.1 DEFINING LOUD, UNNECESSARY, UNUSUAL NOISES AND PROHIBITED ACTS; BY ADDING SECTION 7-56.2 REGULATING THE USE OF BELLS, SIRENS, COMPRESSION AND EXHAUST WHISTLES; BY ADDING SECTION 7-56.3 REGULATING LOUD SPEAKERS AND AMPLIFIERS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 7-56.4 TO PROVIDE FOR PENALTIES THEREFOR; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL RELATED MATTERS THEREOF AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH OR CONTRARY HERETO.

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 9th day of October, 2001 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 TO AMEND ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 7 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY BY AMENDING AND RE-ENACTING SECTION 7-56 PROHIBITING NOISES, INTERFERING WITH THE ENJOYMENT OF PROPERTY AND PUBLIC PEACE; BY ADDING SECTION 7-56.1 DEFINING LOUD, UNNECESSARY, UNUSUAL NOISES AND PROHIBITED ACTS; BY ADDING SECTION 7-56.2 REGULATING THE USE OF BELLS, SIRENS, COMPRESSION AND EXHAUST WHISTLES; BY ADDING SECTION 7-56.3 REGULATING LOUD SPEAKERS AND AMPLIFIERS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 7-56.4 TO PROVIDE FOR PENALTIES THEREFOR; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL RELATED MATTERS THEREOF; AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH OR CONTRARY HERETO.

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 11th day of September, 2001.

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY

CLERK

THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED on this the 11th day of
September, 2001.

ISABELLA L. DE LA

HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CLERK

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Buatt, duly
seconded by Alderman Doré, and duly resolved and adopted.

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND
BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE CITY
OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH,
LOUISIANA, AUTHORIZING THE
MAYOR TO REQUEST AN APPRAISAL
AND SURVEY OF PROPERTY
PROPOSED TO BE PURCHASED FOR
THE CROWLEY POLICE

DEPARTMENT FIRING RANGE AND
TO EXPAND THE INDUSTRIAL PARK

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley Police Department has for many years occupied the firing range located west of the City of Crowley in Section 37, near the Industrial Park, and

WHEREAS, the facility is in need of substantial renovation and enlargement; and

WHEREAS, property owner has indicated a willingness to negotiate a sale of the property; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Crowley Industrial Park is virtually fully occupied and only small parcels remain available which are not attractive to large industries; and

WHEREAS, additional area is needed to attract industrial development, expansion of job opportunities and economic development; and

WHEREAS, the property adjacent to the present industrial park is agricultural; and

WHEREAS, the property owner has indicated a willingness to negotiate for the sale of property;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in regular session duly convened, that they do hereby authorize, empower and direct the Honorable Isabella I. de la Houssaye, Mayor of the City of Crowley to

negotiate for the purchase of the proposed firing range property and the purchase of approximately 20 to 25 acres of property to expand the Greater Crowley Industrial Park located on Capitol Road; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Honorable Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor of the City of Crowley is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to employ appraisers, request surveys and other professional services as may be necessary to negotiate the purchase of the proposed firing range and expansion of the Industrial Park.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session on this 11th day of September, 2001, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was acting throughout.

HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ISABELLA L. DE LA

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CLERK

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to approve a new application from Norma L. Weekly for a 2001 Class B – Retail Package Beer Permit and a 2001 Class B – Retail Package Liquor Permit for LaGrange Food Mart, Inc., 620 South Eastern Avenue, Crowley, La. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

ZONING & ANNEXATION:

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Doré, duly seconded by Alderman Thomas, and duly resolved and adopted.

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY
OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH,
LOUISIANA, APPROVING
PARTICIPATION BY SABBAGNIAN
PROPERTIES, L.L.C., IN THE
LOUISIANA ENTERPRISE ZONE
PROGRAM AND INDUSTRIAL
PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley has received advance notification of the application of Sabbagnian Properties, L.L.C.'s request for approval of participation in the Louisiana Economic Incentives Program for enterprise zone credits and industrial tax exemptions; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the City of Crowley consent to and approve the application prior to final approval by the Louisiana Office of Commerce and Industry; and

WHEREAS, Sabbagnian Properties, L.L.C. has filed plans with the City of Crowley to construct an office building to provide office space to provide medical services to the public and currently employs approximately 8 people; and

WHEREAS, Sabbagnian Properties, L.L.C. has stated in its application that 20 permanent new jobs will be created by the construction of an addition medical office building and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley has participated in the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program and Sabbaghian Properties, L.L.C.'s present medical building is located in Enterprise Zone CT BG;

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 City of Crowley does hereby approve the application of Sabbagnian Properties, L.L.C. of Crowley, Louisiana, for participation in the Enterprise Zone Program and does hereby agree to rebate any and all applicable local sales tax, except those dedicated to the repayment of a bond issue or to any public school on the purchase of eligible construction materials, machinery and equipment purchased for this project and used by Sabbagnian Properties, LLC permanently on said site; and does hereby approve and consent to the Industrial Property Tax Exemption as may be applicable under law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should any provision of this Resolution or application thereof be found invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications which can be given effect without the invalid applications of the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared to be severable.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session on this the 11th day of September, 2001, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was acting throughout.

HOUSSAYE MAYOR

ISABELLA L. DE LA

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE CLERK

Alderman Martin moved to accept the recommendation from the Crowley Planning Commission and approve a "Home Occupancy" to operate a Graphic Design Business at 917 North Avenue D. Seconded by Alderman Thomas and duly adopted.

PUBLIC BUILDING:

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Thomas, duly seconded by Alderman Doré, and duly resolved and adopted.

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND
BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA
PARISH, LOUISIANA, AWARDED
A CONTRACT TO RENOVATE THE
CROWLEY ENTERPRISE CENTER

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley published advertisement for bids to renovate the Crowley Enterprise Center; and

WHEREAS, plans and specifications for the renovation were completed by Ron Lawson, Architect, and made available to all prospective bidders; and

WHEREAS, bids were received on August 31, 2001 by the City Clerk, opened, read aloud and taken under advisement; and

WHEREAS, after review of the bids by the architect, the lowest responsible bidders was found to be E. L. Habetz Builders, Inc.;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in regular session duly convened, that they do hereby select and award E. L. Habetz Builders, Inc. as the contractor for the renovation to the Crowley Enterprise Center for the bid amount of \$768,000.00

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session on this the 11th day of September 2001, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was acting throughout.

ISABELLA L. DE LA

HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CLERK

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF

THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA
PARISH, LOUISIANA,
AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR
THE RENOVATION OF THE
CROWLEY ENTERPRISE CENTER
WITH E. L. HABETZ BUILDERS,
INC.; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL
MATTERS NECESSARY THERETO

WHEREAS, bids for the renovation of the Crowley Enterprise Center were received on August 31, 2001 by the City Clerk, opened, read aloud and taken under advisement; and

WHEREAS, after review of the bids by the architect, the lowest responsible bidder was found to be E. L. Habetz Builders, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Alderman have selected E. L. Habetz Builders, Inc. as the contractor for the renovation of the Crowley Enterprise Center;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in regular session duly convened, that they do hereby authorize, empower and direct the Honorable Isabella L. de la Houssaye to sign a construction contract to renovate the Crowley Enterprise Center with E. L. Habetz Builders, Inc. in the amount of \$768,000.00 as per the plans and specifications for the renovation of the Crowley Enterprise Center prepared by Ron Lawson, Architect, dated July 2, 2001; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said contract document shall be prepared and submitted by the contractor together with the required performance and payment bonds and requirements for insurance as specified under the contract documents.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session on this the 11th day of September, 2001, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was acting throughout.

HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ISABELLA L. DE LA

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CLERK

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Thomas, duly seconded by Alderman Doré, and duly resolved and adopted.

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND
BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE CITY
OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH,
LOUISIANA, AUTHORIZING AN
INCENTIVE PACKAGE FOR EARLY
COMPLETION OF THE CROWLEY
ENTERPRISE CENTER BY THE
CONTRACTOR

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Alderman have awarded a contract to E. L. Habetz Builders, Inc. to renovate the Crowley Enterprise Center; and

WHEREAS, the Crowley Enterprise Center is designed to house various agencies which are being consolidated under one roof to be known as the "Louisiana One Stop"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley has negotiated leases for office space to be provided to the Louisiana Department of Labor of the One Stop Shop; and

WHEREAS, the bid specifications awarded in the contract calls for a 240 day construction period; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley stands to lose income of approximately \$295.00 per day under the terms of the lease until occupancy can be granted; and

WHEREAS, in order to obtain an earlier completion date the City of Crowley has offered and the contractor has accepted the City's offer of \$150.00 per day as an incentive for early completion;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in regular session duly convened, that they do hereby authorize an addendum to the contract for renovations to the Crowley Enterprise Center as incentive to the contractor for early completion of the project in the amount of \$150.00 per day for each day that is less than the completion period of 240 days; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Honorable Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor of the City of Crowley, be and she is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute such addendum to the contract and such other documents as may be necessary and proper in the premises.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session on this 11th day of September, 2001, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was acting throughout.

HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ISABELLA L. DE LA

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CLERK

Alderman Thomas moved to authorize the Mayor to advertise for bids to install additional air conditioning units at the Rice Theatre. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

Alderman Thomas moved to authorize the Mayor to advertise for bids for a roof at the Rice Interpretive Building. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

INSURANCE & PERSONNEL:

Alderwoman Pete moved to authorize Joyce Fitzgerald of AEGON Insurance Company to offer through payroll deduction a supplemental insurance plan to interested employees contingent upon slot availability. Seconded by Alderman Doré and duly adopted.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Doré, duly seconded by Alderwoman Pete, and duly resolved and adopted.

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL COMMUNITY INITIATIVE; AND TO AUTHORIZING THE USE OF ALL ELIGIBLE CENSUS TRACTS; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION; AND TO PROVIDE ALL INFORMATION AS MAY BE REQUIRED

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development will designate 40 of the most distressed communities in the Nation through a new partnership to be called Renewal Community Initiative; and

WHEREAS, areas designated as Renewal Communities will receive special Federal income tax treatment and other incentives and benefits to provide opportunity for economic growth; and

WHEREAS, an application is required to participate in the program and the local governmental entity must designate the census tracts to be included in the area; and

WHEREAS, Community Renewal Tax Relief Act of 2000 authorizes the designation of 40 Renewal Communities and 9 Round III Empowerment Zones; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley and Acadia Parish are suffering from economic distress and a lack of business and employment opportunities for the community;

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 they do hereby declare their intent to become part of the Renewal Community application being submitted by the State of Louisiana to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development; and that they do hereby authorize the use of all eligible census tracts within the jurisdiction of the City of Crowley for said application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley that they do hereby authorize, empower and direct the Honorable Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor of the City of Crowley, to execute the application, verification documents and nomination forms; and to provide all necessary documents as may be necessary in connection with the application under the Community Renewal Tax Relief Act (CRTR) of 2000 (Public Law 106-544) for fiscal year 2001.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session on this the 11th day of September, 2001, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was acting throughout.

ISABELLA L. DE LA
HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CLERK

REVENUE & FINANCE:

The following motion was offered Alderman Doré and seconded by Alderman Buatt:

- 1) To approve an across the board salary increase of \$250 per month to the Police Department's full time employees effective September 27, 2001 with this increase to be funded from the ½ Cent Sales Tax – Salary Fund
- 2) To allow for 34 slots in employee classification for the Police Department
- 3) To increase each rank's base pay as follows: (the funds for all new employees hired at these new base pay rates are not eligible to be paid from the ½ Cent Sales Tax – Salary Fund):

Records Clerk \$1,098.54 plus \$85 after three months
= \$1,183.54

Patrolman \$1,348.54 plus \$85 after three months
= \$1,433.54

Corporal \$1,477.31

Sergeant \$1,509.19

Lieutenant \$1,561.46

Captain \$1,613.74

- 4) To amend the fiscal 2002 budget to reflect these changes as follows:

	2002 APPROVED	AMENDED BUDGET	INCREASE
GENERAL FUND			
REVENUE-GENERAL FUND			
Transfers & Appropriations	3,058,505	3,127,582	69,077
EXPENDITURE-POLICE			
Salary & Fringe	1,054,925	1,073,625	18,700

½ CENT SALES-TAX SALARY

EXPENDITURE

Transfers & Appropriations	934,631	1,003,708	69,077
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Alderman Doré moved to amend the Utility Fund's budget to provide for the city's share of the cost of LCDBG FY 2001 West Crowley Sewerage Project in the amount of \$100,000. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

Alderman Doré offered a motion to amend the Fiscal 2001 Budget as follows. Seconded by Alderman Thomas and duly adopted.

	2001 APPROVED	AMENDED BUDGET	INCREASE
GENERAL FUND			
EXPENDITURE – OTHER			
Transfers & Appropriations	423,325	529,825	106,500
YOUTH RECREATION OPERATION			
REVENUE			
Transfers & Appropriations	262,775	297,775	35,000
YOUTH RECREATION BLDG. MAINTENANCE			
REVENUE			
Transfers & Appropriations	192,445	263,945	71,500
YOUTH RECREATION BUILDING MAINTENANCE			
EXPENDITURE			
Capital Outlay	178,800	217,000	38,200
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN			
REVENUE			
Other Revenues	296,000	386,600	90,600

RESOLUTIONS:

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Doré, seconded by Alderman Buatt, and duly resolved and adopted.

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF
ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA
PARISH, LOUISIANA, EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES
TO THE FAMILIES OF THE DEAD AND INJURED;
CONDEMNING THE TERRORIST ATTACKS ON THE
UNITED STATES; AND EXPRESSING THE SUPPORT
AND RESOLVE OF THE CITIZENS FOR THE
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO BRING
THOSE RESPONSIBLE TO JUSTICE

WHEREAS, on the morning of September 11, 2001 this great nation suffered multiple terrorist attacks, causing unspeakable horror, horrendous loss of life, devastating personal injury and property damage in New York, Washington and Western Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the shock caused by the devastation, horrendous loss of life and injuries has reverberated throughout this great nation; and

WHEREAS, as the American people gather themselves, it is appropriate that this Board express their sympathy and resolve on behalf of the citizens of this community; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Crowley join with all Americans to offer their condolences, prayers and support to all who have suffered the loss of a family member, friend or co-worker; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has declared these cowardly acts of terrorism upon innocent civilians as an attack upon democracy and freedom; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has expressed the sorrow of the nation over the loss of life and injury and the resolve of the American people to defend freedom and democracy against cowardly murderers; and

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 on behalf of the citizens of Crowley they offer their heartfelt condolences and profound sorrow to the families of the dead and injured in New York, Washington and Western Pennsylvania and offer prayers and support to them; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on behalf of the citizens of Crowley join with all Americans across this great nation in expressing our support for the defense of our citizens and our country from the cowardly attacks upon innocent people and support the President and the Congress of the United States in their resolve to bring all those responsible to justice.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in regular session on this 11th day of September, 2001, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was acting throughout.

ISABELLA L. DE LA

HOUSSAYE, MAYOR ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

OTHER BUSINESS:

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to request a copy of each of the proposed reapportionment plans that were considered for the Senate District 26. Seconded by Alderman Doré and duly adopted.

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ISABELLA L. DE LA

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CLERK

Presented rough draft to Mayor on September 14, 2001 at 4:30 p.m.

Presented for Mayor's signature on September 24, 2001 at 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Signed & returned to City Clerk on October 3, 2001 at 8:00 a.m.