

CITY OF CROWLEY  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 20, 2006

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 5:30 p.m. Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2006 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 de la Houssaye presided with the following Aldermen present: Dr. James M. Buatt, Tiger Istre, Woody Marceaux, Mary T. Melancon, Laurita D. Pete, Steven C. Premeaux and Kitty Valdetero. Alderman Ira Thomas was absent. There is one vacant position from the resignation of Vernon Martin.

Alderman Buatt led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and Reverend Woodrow Harmon gave the invocation.

April 17, 2006

**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 April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 426 North Ave.F. The purpose of said meeting will be:

- 1) Consider appointment of Interim Councilman;
- 2) Consider Benchmarks to be used for Flood Elevation Certificates;
- 3) Consider Drivers to use Hands-Free Devices while using Cell Phones;
- 4) Consider a storage Building for Police/Janitorial;
- 5) Consider Mark Landry's presentation on renewal of Health Plan; and
- 6) Any Other Legal Items to Come before the Council.
- 7)

S/ Isabella L. de la Houssaye .  
Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor

The call was posted at City Hall on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at 3:00 o'clock p.m.

The Police Dept. received the call for circulation on April 17, 2006 at 2:45 o'clock p.m. and copies of the call were delivered to the following:

James M. Buatt	on April 17, 2006 at 2:40 o'clock p.m. by e-mail
Tiger Istre	on April 17, 2006 at 2:55 o'clock p.m. by facsimile
Woody Marceaux	on April 17, 2006 at 2:56 o'clock p.m. by facsimile
Vernon Martin	on April 17, 2006 at 3:00 o'clock p.m. personal service
Mary T. Melancon	on April 18, 2006 at 3:30 o'clock p.m. by telephone
Laurita Pete	on April 17, 2006 at 2:45 o'clock p.m. by telephone
Steven Premeaux	on April 17, 2006 at 3:25 o'clock p.m. personal service
Ira Thomas	on April 17, 2006 at 2:56 o'clock p.m. by facsimile

Kitty Valdetero on April 17, 2006 at 2:47 o'clock p.m. by telephone  
K. P. Gibson on April 17, 2006 at 2:50 o'clock p.m. by personal service  
Thomas K. Regan on April 17, 2006 at 2:50 o'clock p.m. by facsimile  
Judy L. Istre on April 17, 2006 at 2:30 o'clock p.m. personal service

Alderwoman Melancon offered a motion to change the order of the agenda by allowing Mark Landry's presentation to be the eighth item. Seconded by Alderman Istre and duly adopted after a unanimous vote.

Alderwoman Melancon offered a motion to amend the agenda to add the Shady Oaks Project for consideration. Seconded by Alderman Marceaux and duly adopted after a unanimous vote.

Alderwoman Melancon offered a motion to amend the agenda to consider the bids for the Crowley Criminal Justice Center. Seconded by Alderman Marceaux and duly adopted after a unanimous vote.

Alderman Istre offered a motion to amend the agenda to consider the condemnation of the Eleanor Finley property on East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Ave. J. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted after a unanimous vote.

A letter from the city attorney was read with an information questionnaire to determine the qualification of those persons interested in filling the unexpired term of Alderman Vernon "Step" Martin and council members received a list of individuals who had expressed interest in serving.

Mr. Nelson Arceneaux appeared before the council to present his resume' to be considered as interim council member.

Alderman Marceaux offered a motion to table the consideration of interim council member from Ward 3 until the last item of the meeting. Seconded by Alderwoman Valdetero and duly adopted.

Mr. Mark Landry appeared to discuss the status of the city's self insurance / health insurance program.

Alderman Buatt offered a motion to approve the renewal proposal of Landry, Harris and Company and remain with the same reinsurer, Standard Security and the same administrator, One Source Administrators effective May 1, 2006. The plan had a \$35,000 specific deductible with \$25,000 aggregating specific that will be change to a \$50,000 specific deductible with \$50,000 aggregating specific. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderman Istre offered a motion that the Crowley Building Inspector be required to obtain a manifest for each flood elevation certificate, that the inspector be required to review the manifest and confirm that the elevations shown on the flood certificate are based on a valid datum, that the inspector no longer administer the surveying process and instead instruct permittees to directly hire a qualified surveyor or engineer for the required surveying services, and that the city's official benchmarks be made available by the building inspector to all such surveyors and engineers. Seconded by Alderwoman Valdetero and duly adopted.

Alderman Premeaux offered a motion to seek quotes for a 20 X 40 wash rack/storage building for the City Hall/Police Department and refer to Public Building Committee. Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Melancon offered a motion to accept the low bid of \$581,400 from E. L. Habetz Builders Inc. for renovations to the Crowley Criminal Justice Center. Seconded by Alderwoman Valdetero and duly adopted.

Alderman Marceaux offered a motion to approve Change Order No. 2 of the I/I Rehabilitation Program 2005-06 in the amount of \$79,636 in the event the sewer system

needs to be replaced after a T.V inspection of the sewer system in Shady Oaks. Seconded by Alderwoman Melancon and duly adopted.

Alderwoman Pete offered a motion to rescind the following motion made at the April 11, 2006 Council Meeting; “authorize the Mayor and City Engineer to proceed with the cutting down of trees by CLECO in order to begin the Shady Oaks Street Improvements Project.” Seconded by Alderman Buatt and duly adopted with Aldermen Melancon and Istre voting nay and Alderwoman Valdetero abstaining.

Alderman Premeaux offered a motion to allow the contractor to trim the trees over the city right of way in Shady Oaks and not hold the contractor responsible for damages due to the trimming of the branches of the trees. Seconded by Alderman Istre and duly adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Istre, duly seconded by Alderwoman Valdetero, 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, Eleanor Finley, by the City Inspector's Office for repairs and/or demolition to be made of the improvements on Lots 4, 5 and 6 of Block 40 of the Original City of Crowley, having a municipal address of 504 East Third Street, Crowley, Louisiana, 70526; 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 Eleanor Finley for a public hearing to be held by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2006 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 special session duly convened on this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2006, at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

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ISABELLA L. de la HOUSSAYE, Mayor

ATTEST:

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MARGARET J. YOUNG, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Woodrow Harmon appeared before the council to present his resume' to be considered as interim council member.

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, DECLARING A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF ALDERMAN, WARD 3, DISTRICT “A”, DUE TO THE

RESIGNATION OF HONORABLE VERNON  
"STEP" MARTIN AND TO APPOINT A PERSON  
TO SERVE THE REMAINDER OF THE  
UNEXPIRED TERM AS PROVIDED BY LAW; AND  
TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE  
THERE TO.

WHEREAS, the Honorable Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor of the City of Crowley, has received notice of the resignation of the Honorable Vernon "Step" Martin as Alderman effective April 12, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Election Code of the State of Louisiana, Louisiana Revised Statute 18:602(A) provides that such vacancy shall be filled by appointment of the governing authority within ten (10) days; and

WHEREAS, less than one (1) year remains of the unexpired term of Honorable Vernon "Step" Martin and the person so appointed shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to notice of special meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen duly called to cause such an appointment to be made of a nomination and appointment by the governing authority of a qualified elector of Ward 3;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in special session duly convened pursuant to notice of special meeting issued and published according to law, that they do hereby declare a vacancy in the office of Alderman, Ward 3, Division "A", in the City of Crowley due to the resignation of the Honorable Vernon "Step" Martin; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that they do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint Nelson J. Arceneaux as Alderman/Alderwoman, Ward 3, Division "A", of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana and he shall assume the duties of said office for forthwith and shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term of the Honorable Vernon "Step" Martin until December 31, 2006; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Honorable Judy L. Istre, Clerk of the City of Crowley, be and she is hereby instructed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Honorable Al Ater, Secretary of State of the State of Louisiana, and the said Secretary of State is asked to take all further actions as may be necessary and proper in the premises forthwith; and

This resolution having been submitted to a voice vote, the results were as follows:

YEAS: Kitty Valdetero, Anthony "Tiger" Istre, Woodrow "Woody"  
Marceaux, Laurita D. Pete, Steven Premeaux, Mary T. Melancon  
NAYS: James M. Buatt  
ABSENT: Ira Thomas  
ABSTAIN: None

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in special session duly convened on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2006, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

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ISABELLA L. de la HOUSSAYE, Mayor

ATTEST:

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MARGARET J. YOUNG, Administrative Assistant

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made by Alderman Istre and seconded by Alderwoman Melancon the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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ISABELLA L. de la HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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MARGARET J. YOUNG, Administrative Assistant

Presented rough draft to Mayor on April 26, 2006 at 2:30 p.m.

Presented for Mayor signature on April , 2006 at p.m.

Mayor signed & returned to City Clerk on April , 2006 at .m.