

CITY OF CROWLEY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 25, 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 5:00 p.m. Wednesday the 25th day of October, 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: Nelson Arceneaux, Mary T. Melancon, Laurita Pete, Steven C. Premeaux, and. Ira Thomas. Aldermen James M. Buatt, Tiger Istre, Woody Marceaux, and Kitty Valdetero were absent.

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

October 24, 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 Wednesday October 25th, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 426 North Avenue F. The purpose of said meeting will be:

- 1) Consider a Resolution for an application for Hazardous Mitigation for underground wiring; and
- 3) Any Other Legal Items to Come before the Council.

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

The call was posted at City Hall on October 24th, 2006 at 8:00 o'clock a.m.

The Police Dept. received the call for circulation on October 24th, 2006 at 11:30 o'clock a.m. and copies of the call were delivered to the following:

Nelson Arceneaux	on October 24, 2006 at 10:58 o'clock a.m. by telephone
James M. Buatt	on October 24, 2006 at 11:30 o'clock a.m. by e-mail
Tiger Istre	on October 24, 2006 at 11:35 o'clock a.m. by facsimile
Woody Marceaux	on October 24, 2006 at 11:46 o'clock a.m. by facsimile
Mary T. Melancon	on October 24, 2006 at 11:01 o'clock a.m. by telephone
Laurita Pete	on October 24, 2006 at 11:02 o'clock a.m. by telephone
Steven Premeaux	on October 24, 2006 at 11:05 o'clock a.m. personal service
Ira Thomas	on October 24, 2006 at 11:18 o'clock a.m. by facsimile
Kitty Valdetero	on October 24, 2006 at 11:03 o'clock a.m. by telephone
K. P. Gibson	on October 24, 2006 at 11:30 o'clock a.m. by personal service
Thomas K. Regan	on October 24, 2006 at 11:33 o'clock a.m. by facsimile
Judy L. Istre	on October 24, 2006 at 11:00 o'clock a.m. personal service

Alderman Thomas offered a motion to amend the agenda to consider the electrical system in the Criminal Justice Center. Seconded by Alderman Premeaux and duly adopted after a unanimous vote.

Alderman Premeaux offered a motion to approve a change order to E. L. Habetz Builders, Inc. contract for the renovations to the Criminal Justice Center in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 to bring the building up to electrical code standards. Seconded by Alderman Thomas and duly adopted.

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, AUTHORIZING A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE ACADIA PARISH POLICE JURY TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDS TO UPGRADE ELECTRICAL UTILITY SERVICES UNDER THE HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA); AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, Hurricane Rita caused significant damage to public buildings and infrastructure, including aboveground electrical power lines and poles situated in the Downtown Parkerson Avenue area of the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, the Acadia Parish Police Jury and the City of Crowley are eligible as public applicants under the Federal Disaster Declaration of October 18, 2005, FEMA-1607-DR, Louisiana, which provides for Public Assistance (PA) Grant Programs to public bodies included in the declaration; and

WHEREAS, aboveground electrical utility services are particularly vulnerable to damage from extreme wind forces of hurricanes and tornadoes; and

WHEREAS, the interruption of electrical service may be significantly reduced or eliminated by the installation of underground electrical lines and conduits; and

WHEREAS, the Acadia Parish Police Jury intends to apply for Hazard Mitigation Grant Funds through Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) Grant Program for electrical upgrades to permanently upgrade and improve public infrastructure electrical utility services; and

WHEREAS, the Acadia Parish Police Jury and the City of Crowley have determined that the installation of a disaster resistant infrastructure will substantially reduce or eliminate future damages to critical services and will reduce the disruption of emergency services and improve emergency response to the area; and

WHEREAS, numerous multi-jurisdictional agencies of the Federal, State and Local Government, including but not limited to the Acadia Parish Courthouse, the Acadia Parish Sheriff's Office, the Acadia Parish Emergency Communication Center and Emergency Management Office, the Crowley City Hall, the Crowley Fire Department Main Office, the Crowley Criminal Justice Facility, the Postal Office and the Crowley Enterprise Center which houses the Federal/State Job Service One Stop Facility and the Assist Agency; and

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana and the City of Crowley have entered into a Cooperative Agreement to improve and restore the infrastructure of the downtown Parkerson Avenue area, including but not limited streets, sidewalks, lighting and utilities, under a project known as the Downtown Street Renovations and Safety Improvement Project; and

WHEREAS, the expenditures of the City and the State for the improvements to be made under the Downtown Street Renovations and Safety Improvement Project will provide matching funds and services and allow the maximum impact of hazard mitigation funds used to upgrade electrical utilities during the construction project; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, in special session duly convened, that they do hereby authorized, empower and direct the Honorable Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor of the City of Crowley, to execute a Cooperative Agreement with the Acadia Parish Police Jury authorizing an application for electrical upgrades for the installation of underground conduit and wiring in the Downtown Parkerson Avenue area under the Hazard Mitigation Grant

Program as authorized by FEMA-1607-DR, Louisiana, through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) Grant Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that they do hereby find that the construction of underground electrical distribution systems within the Downtown Parkerson Avenue area will protect public infrastructure, reduce and/or eliminate future damage to the electrical distribution system, provides a unique opportunity to prevent the recurrence of similar damage in the future and will provide improved public safety through restoration of electrical power as quickly as possible to essential public safety facilities, including fire, police, sheriff, emergency management, emergency communications and emergency dispatch and other essential governmental facilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Acadia Parish Police Jury be authorized to utilize as matching funds or in-kind services of the Downtown Street Renovation and Safety Improvement Project to the maximum extent allowable under law and regulations;

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in special session duly convened on the 25th day of October, 2006, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

ISABELLA L. de la HOUSSAYE, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made by Alderwoman Melancon and seconded by Alderman Thomas the meeting was adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

ISABELLA L. de la HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

Presented rough draft to Mayor on October 26, 2006 at 11:20 a.m.

Presented for Mayor's signature on October 27, 2006 at 12:30 p.m.

Mayor signed & returned to City Clerk on October 27, 2006 at 1:00 p.m.