

CITY OF CROWLEY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 19, 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 6:00 p.m. Tuesday the 19th day of December, 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, James M. Buatt, Mary T. Melancon, Woody Marceaux, Steven C. Premeaux, Ira Thomas and Kitty Valdetero. Aldermen Tiger Istre and Laurita Pete were absent.

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

December 15, 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 Tuesday December 19th, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 426 North Avenue F. The purpose of said meeting will be:

- 1) Consider a Resolution for Street and Sidewalk Enhancement Project;
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 December 15th, 2006 at 8:00 o'clock a.m.

The Police Dept. received the call for circulation on December 15th, 2006 at 10:15 o'clock a.m. and copies of the call were delivered to the following:

Nelson Arceneaux	on December 15, 2006 at 10:47 o'clock a.m. by telephone
James M. Buatt	on December 15, 2006 at 10:27 o'clock a.m. by e-mail
Tiger Istre	on December 15, 2006 at 11:29 o'clock a.m. by facsimile
Woody Marceaux	on December 15, 2006 at 11:35 o'clock a.m. by facsimile
Mary T. Melancon	on December 15, 2006 at 10:27 o'clock a.m. by telephone
Laurita Pete	on December 15, 2006 at 10:51 o'clock a.m. by telephone
Steven Premeaux	on December 15, 2006 at 10:20 o'clock a.m. personal service
Ira Thomas	on December 15, 2006 at 11:19 o'clock a.m. by facsimile
Kitty Valdetero	on December 15, 2006 at 10:56 o'clock a.m. by telephone
K. P. Gibson	on December 15, 2006 at 10:15 o'clock a.m. by personal service
Thomas K. Regan	on December 15, 2006 at 11:28 o'clock a.m. by facsimile
Judy L. Istre	on December 15, 2006 at 8:00 o'clock a.m. personal service

Alderman Melancon offered a motion to amend the agenda to consider the lease for the Office of Workforce Development. Seconded by Alderman Thomas and duly adopted after a unanimous vote.

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF
ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH,
LOUISIANA, TO MODIFY THE HISTORIC PARKERSON

AVENUE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT (S.P. NOs. 057-02-0028, 057-03-0048, 744-01-0009) INTO PHASES I, II AND III; TO ESTABLISH PHASE I AS BEGINNING AT THE INTERSECTION OF SECOND STREET (US HIGHWAY 90) AND PARKERSON AVENUE (LA HIGHWAY 13) AND ENDING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTH COURT CIRCLE; TO ESTABLISH PHASE II AS BEGINNING AT FIRST STREET AND ENDING AT SECOND STREET; TO ESTABLISH PHASE III AS BEGINNING AT FRONT STREET AND ENDING AT THE INTERSECTION OF FIRST STREET; TO DEFINE AND ESTABLISH THE SCOPE OF THE WORK AND AREA IN WHICH THE WORK SHALL BE PERFORMED; TO AUTHORIZE THE MODIFICATION OF THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT; TO AUTHORIZE THE REVISION OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS; TO AUTHORIZE THE ENGINEERS TO PERFORM SAID WORK; TO REQUEST THAT THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT APPROVE SAID REQUEST; TO REQUEST THE PROJECT BE RE-BID; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LDOTD) and the City of Crowley have executed a Cooperative Agreement for the “Historic Parkerson Avenue Redevelopment Project” funded in part by the Transportation and Community Service Preservation Pilot Program (TCSP) under the provisions of Title I, Subtitle B of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century of 1998 and its subsequent amendments (“TEA-21”) as approved by the Federal Highway Administration and under the provisions of Title 23 of the United States Code as a “Demonstration Project” under the Highway Trust Fund administered by the LDOTD as part of the Transportation and Improvement Program (TIP) to provide federal enhancement program funds; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley has provided local matching funds to be administered by the LDOTD, a master plan for the improvement of streets, sidewalks, lighting, utility replacement/relocation and infrastructures and has expended funds for professional engineering services and architectural services for the design thereof; and

WHEREAS, the low bid for the project received by the LDOTD on October 25, 2006 for the Historic Parkerson Avenue Redevelopment Project (S.P. Nos. 057-02-0028, 057-03-0048, 744-01-0009) exceeded the estimated budget by approximately \$2,430,000.00; and

WHEREAS, funding is not available to increase the budget at this time; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley believe the project can be divided into additional phases which will allow the available funds to be used to construct critical and needed improvements immediately in Phase I and allow the remaining work to be completed in Phases II and III; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen desire to divide the project into three phases with Phase I beginning at the intersection of Second Street (US Highway 90) and Parkerson Avenue (LA Highway 13) and ending at the South Court Circle, Phase II beginning at First Street and ending at Second Street and Phase II beginning at Front Street and ending at the intersection of First Street, including Founders Park; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish the work, it is necessary to modify the plans and specifications to delete that section of the recently bid Phase I project between First Street and Second Street, and also to delete street lighting and electrical improvements from the plans and specifications; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the City of Crowley commit additional local matching funds to re-bid the project; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to request and seek additional funds from the Federal Highway Act to complete Phase II of the project;

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 with a quorum present and acting throughout, that the Historic Parkerson Avenue Redevelopment Phase I is now established and defined as beginning at intersection of Second Street (US Highway 90) and Parkerson Avenue (LA Highway 13) and ending at the South Court Circle; Phase II is now established and defined as beginning at First Street and ending at Second Street; Phase III is now established and defined as beginning at Front Street and ending at the intersection of First Street, including Founders Park; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that they do hereby authorize the commitment of additional local matching funds in the amount of \$169,300.00 from the fund balance of the General fund ; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that they do hereby authorize, empower and direct the Mayor of the City of Crowley to request additional Federal Highway Funding in the amount of \$2,900,000.00 and do hereby request and urge the Honorable Mary Landreiu, the Honorable David Vitter and the Honorable Charles Boustany and all members of the Louisiana Congressional Delegation to support and include in the appropriation of additional Federal Highway Funds for Phase II of the Historic Parkerson Avenue Redevelopment Project in order to complete the project which has begun under Phase I; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mader Engineering, Inc. be and it is hereby authorized and directed to revise the plans and specifications of the project for Phases I and II as defined above; and

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in special session duly convened on the 19th day of December, 2006, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

ISABELLA L. de la HOUSSAYE, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

The following resolution was offered by Alderwoman Valdetero, duly seconded by Alderman Premeaux, and duly resolved and adopted.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, CONCURRING WITH THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT (LDOTD) IN THE REJECTION OF ALL BIDS FOR THE HISTORIC PARKERSON AVENUE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT (S.P. NOS 057-02-0028, 057-03-0048, 744-01-0009) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO INFORM THE LDOTD THEREOF; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LDOTD) and the City of Crowley entered into a Cooperative Agreement with the City of Crowley as the "Local Sponsor" for the Historic Parkerson Avenue Redevelopment Project; and

WHEREAS, the LDOTD received bids on October 25, 2006 for the Historic Parkerson Avenue Redevelopment Project (S.P. Nos. 057-02-0028, 057-03-0048, 744-01-0009); and

WHEREAS, the low bid by Merrick Construction Co. in the amount of \$6,473,870.85 exceeded the estimated project budget by \$2,430,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley must concur in the award or rejection of bids and is responsible for providing additional funds to award bids under the terms and conditions of the Cooperative Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley is unable to provide additional funds directly from current funding sources or obtain additional funding from other sources at the present time; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen find it is in the best interest of the City of Crowley to concur in the rejection of all bids by the LDOTD;

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 with a quorum present and acting throughout, that they do hereby concur with the LDOTD in the rejection all the bids for the Historic Parkerson Avenue Redevelopment Project (S.P. Nos. 057-02-0028, 057-03-0048, 744-01-0009) and the Mayor of the City of Crowley is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to advise the LDOTD thereof; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said Mayor of the City of Crowley is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to do and perform all things necessary as may be meet and proper in the premises.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in special session duly convened on the 19th day of December, 2006, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

ISABELLA L. de la HOUSSAYE, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

The following resolution was offered by Alderwoman Valdetero, duly seconded by Alderman Premeaux, and duly resolved and adopted.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF THE LEASE(S) TO THE OFFICE OF WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT – LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND ACADIANA WORKS, INC. WORK FORCE INVESTMENT PROGRAM FOR OFFICE SPACE TO BE USED AS THE CROWLEY ONE STOP IN THE ENTERPRISE CENTER; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Office of Work Force Development , the Louisiana Department of Labor and the Acadiana Works, Inc. Work Force Investment Program lease office space and parking spaces from the City of Crowley which expires on the December 31, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the leases contain an option for an additional five year extension however the Department of Labor and Acadiana Works, Inc. chose not to exercise these options; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Labor has advised the Mayor of the City of Crowley that the Office of Work Force Development and the Work Force Investment Programs may be consolidated and they have requested a three month extension of the leases; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley desires to retain the Office of Work Force Development and the Work Force Investment Program in the Enterprise Center in the City of Crowley and believes the Louisiana Department of Labor should continue to maintain the Office of Work Force Development, Work Force Investment Program or a successor agency in the City of Crowley to serve the needs of the citizens of Acadia Parish for job placement and job services;

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 with a quorum present and acting throughout, that they do hereby authorize, empower and direct the Honorable Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor of the City of Crowley, to execute an extension of the lease for a term of three months to the Office of Work Force Development – Louisiana Department of Labor for 2,990 square feet of office space and to Acadiana Works, Inc. Office of Work Force Investment Program 2,550 square feet of office space, together with 50 parking spaces, located at 1111 Parkerson Avenue with said extension to contain all the same terms and conditions of the original lease including the option for renewal contained in Paragraph 3;

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in special session duly convened on the 19th day of December, 2006, in Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

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 Alderman Thomas and seconded by Alderwoman Melancon the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

ISABELLA L. de la HOUSSAYE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, City Clerk

Presented rough draft to Mayor on December 20, 2006 at 2:10 p.m.
Presented for Mayor's signature on December 22, 2006 at 10:45 a.m.
Mayor signed & returned to City Clerk on December 22, 2006 at 2:00p.m.