

CITY OF CROWLEY

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 24, 2003

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 12:00 p.m. Thursday the 24th day of April, 2003 at the regular meeting place of said Mayor and Board of Aldermen, the City Hall, 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: Tiger Istre, Vernon Martin, Mary T. Melancon, Laurita D. Pete, and Ira Thomas. Alderman James Buatt, Woody Marceaux, Steven C. Premeaux, and Kitty Valdetero were absent.

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

SPECIAL MEETING:

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 24, 2003 at 12:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall. The purpose of said meeting will be:

1. To consider the urgent request of La Pac Manufacturing, Inc. for a lease of the building, facilities and plant formerly known as the Crowley Garment Manufacturing plant in the Greater Crowley Industrial Park.
2. 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 April 22, 2003 at 4:00 o'clock p.m.

The Police Dept. received the call for circulation on April 23, 2003 at 8:30 o'clock a.m.

Tiger Istre April 23, 2003 at 10:05 o'clock a.m.

Vernon Martin April 23, 2003 at 9:48 o'clock a.m.

Mary T. Melancon April 23, 2003 at 10:05 o'clock a.m.

Ira Thomas April 23, 2003 at 10:00 o'clock a.m.

Judy L. Istre April 22, 2003 at 5:00 o'clock p.m.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Martin, 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, AUTHORIZING A LEASE OF
THE PLANT AND FACILITIES SITUATED
IN THE GREATER CROWLEY
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT PARK,
COMPRISING APPROXIMATELY TEN
ACRES AND PROVIDING FOR ALL
MATTERS IN CONNECTION
THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley owns ten (10) acres, more or less, on which the former Crowley Garment Manufacturing plant is situated in the Greater Crowley Industrial Development Park; and

WHEREAS, the property is dedicated and restricted to be used for industrial inducement and the development of manufacturing of jobs; and

WHEREAS, the facility is presently not under lease nor committed to be leased to any specific business; and

WHEREAS, all of the buildings, equipment and facilities of La Pac Manufacturing and Louisiana Bag Company were destroyed by fire on the night of April 21 and 22, 2003; and

WHEREAS, La Pac Manufacturing, Inc. and Louisiana Bag Company employ approximately one hundred forty (140) people; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the owners to recommence operations as quickly as possible in order to avoid layoffs and interruption of their business; and

WHEREAS, La Pac Manufacturing has made an urgent request to lease the facility, on such favorable terms and conditions, as will permit them to recommence operations and retain the jobs of approximately one hundred forty (140) employees; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen deem it extremely important and urgent that La Pac Manufacturing and Louisiana Bag recommence operations as soon as possible, to avoid hardship to its employees and to mitigate the financial impact to the community;

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:

Section 1: The City of Crowley enter into a lease agreement with La Pac Manufacturing, Inc. for a term of one (1) year commencing on the date of execution of thereof, said lease to be renewable automatically for an additional year; and shall be cancelable upon thirty (30) days

written notice to the City by the Company; the consideration for said lease shall be the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) per annum, payable in advance and other valuable consideration, including but not limited to, maintaining the maximum number of employees the facility can reasonable accommodate; that the building, facilities and equipment be accepted "as is" without any warrantee whatsoever as to the condition or fitness of any of the equipment or facilities thereon; provide fire, windstorm and other hazards property insurance, in an amount not less than the value of the facility and general liability insurance coverage, which shall name the City as additional insured thereon; the company shall assume all liability for the building and premises and hold harmless and indemnify the City of Crowley from any claims arising out of the operations conducted on and use of the said premises; together with such other terms and conditions as are usual and customary in such leases.

Section 2: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Honorable Isabella L. de la Houssaye, Mayor of the City of Crowley be and she hereby is authorized, empowered and directed to sign and execute such lease agreement containing the terms and conditions herein and above stated of the following described property to-wit:

TRACT 1:

Those two certain contiguous tract of land containing in the aggregate of 5.2746 acres, more or less, situated in Section 5, Township 10 South, Range 1 East, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings, improvements and immovables by destination thereon, and all rights, ways and servitudes thereunto appertaining, situated in the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, and being bounded by lands owned now or formerly as follow: On the North by the City of Crowley and/or Tract 2 herein below described; On the East by Crowley Industrial Development Corporation; On the South by U.S. Highway 90; and on the West by a Public Road known as Bowling Alley Road, and being further described as TRACT "A" and the SOUTHERN 25.00 FEET OF TRACT "B", as shown on that certain plat of survey prepared by Letz Engineers, C.E., dated September 6, 1965 and being recorded with that certain Lease Agreement by and between the Greater Crowley Industrial Development Corporation and Crowley MFG. Co., Inc., dated September 28, 1965 and being recorded in COB A-25, Page 4, under Entry No. 356048 of the official records of Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

Tract 2:

That certain tract of land containing 5.00 acres, more of less, being situated in Section 5 and 37, Township 10 South, Range 1 East, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings, improvements and immovables by destination thereon, and all rights, ways and servitudes thereunto appertaining situated in the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, and being bounded now or formerly as follow: On the North by Crowley Industrial Development Corporation; On the East by Crowley Industrial Development Corporation; On the South by the City of Crowley and/or Tract 1 herein above described; and on the West by a Public Road known as Bowling Alley Road, and being further described as TRACT "B" as shown on that certain plat of survey prepared by Letz Engineers, C.E., dated September 6, 1965 and being recorded with that certain Lease Agreement by and between the Greater Crowley Industrial Development Corporation and Crowley MFG. Co., Inc., dated September 28, 1965 and being recorded in COB A-25, Page 4,

under Entry No. 356048 of the official records of Acadia Parish, Louisiana. LESS AND EXCEPT: The Southern 25.00 feet thereof, and after exception, Tract 2 herein described contains 4.7253 acres, more or less.

Section 3: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Honorable Isabella L. de la Houssaye be and she is hereby authorized and empowered to include such terms and conditions as may be reasonable and necessary and to the best interest and advantage of the City of Crowley, as she deems fit in her sole discretion;

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in special session at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 24th day of April, 2003.

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 Istre and seconded by Alderwoman Melancon the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

ISABELLA L DE LA HOUSSAYE,

MAYOR

ATTEST:

JUDY L. ISTRE, CITY CLERK

Presented rough draft to Mayor on April 25, 2003 at 3:30 p.m.

Presented for Mayor signature on April 25, 2003 at 4:00 p.m.

Mayor signed & returned to City Clerk on April , 2003 at .m.