

CITY OF CROWLEY  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
August 2, 2021

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. Monday the 2nd, day of August 2021 at the special meeting place of said Mayor and Board of Aldermen, the City Hall 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 Tim Monceaux presided with the presence of the following Aldermen: Jeff Cavell, Thompson Bradford Core, Clint Cradeur, Vernon Martin, Samuel J. Reggie, III, Kim Stringfellow, and Byron Wilridge, Sr. Alderman Brad Core led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and Chief Jimmy Broussard gave the invocation.

Aldermen Lyle Fogleman, Jr. and Alderman Steven Premeaux were absent.

The following call was read:

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

**A meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley shall take place at 6:00 PM on August 2, 2021, at the Crowley City Court Chambers located at 426 N. Ave. F., Crowley, LA 70526 on the Second Floor.**

I, Kim Stringfellow, a member of the Board of Alderman of the City of Crowley in conjunction with Bryon Wilridge, Vernon Martin, Sameul Reggie III, Brad Core and Clint Cradeur hereby call a meeting of the Board of Alderman of the City of Crowley. The call for this meeting is authorized under Louisiana Revised Statutes 42:14:23. Public input will occur in person. The meeting will take place at 6:00 PM , August 2, 2021, at the Crowley City Court Chambers located at 426 N. Ave. F., Crowley, LA 70526 on the Second Floor. Minutes will be taken, and the meeting shall be recorded via video camera. The meeting is called under La. R.S. 33:405 requiring **five** aldermen.

**The following items have been placed on the agenda:**

1. Call to Order
2. Prayer
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Discussion with possible action on a resolution of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, concerning participation at committee and regular meetings of the Board of Aldermen; specifically, the setting forth of the standards for public participation and the participation of members, not to conflict with state law.
5. A resolution of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, introducing a proposed ordinance and calling for a public hearing concerning the same, to create Section 2-4 of Article IV of Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Crowley to provide for the place of items on the agenda of regular and special meetings of the Board by members of the Board of Aldermen, the regulations concerning the publication of said agenda to repeal all ordinances or parts of ordinances contrary thereto or in conflict therewith; to provide for the provisions hereof to be severable; and to provide for all matters relative thereto.
6. Adjournment

This meeting notice shall be published in the official journal of the City of Crowley as well as being secured onto the public notice board within City Hall. All members of said committee as well as

ancillary individuals and officers were given the due notice via email on July 23, 2021, at 8AM. This letter was published in accordance with La. R.S.42:19(2).

**THE FOLLOWING ALDERMEN HEREBY CALL FOR THIS MEETING:**

Kim Stringfellow  
Clint Cradeur  
Brad Core  
Samuel Reggie III  
Vernon Martin  
Bryon K. Wilridge

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:**

There were no amendments to the agenda.

Mayor Tim Monceaux recognized Alderwoman Kim Stringfellow. A motion was offered by Alderwoman Kim Stringfellow and seconded by Alderman Clint Cradeur to discuss with possible action on a resolution of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, concerning participation at committee and regular meetings of the Board of Aldermen; specifically, the setting forth of the standards for public participation and the participation of members, not to conflict with state law.

Mayor Tim Monceaux opened the floor for discussion. Alderwoman Kim Stringfellow explained that she had put three (3) minutes in the proposed agenda. She requested input from the Council regarding the three (3) minute limit. Mayor Monceaux asked for a motion. Alderwoman Kim Stringfellow explained that the three (3) minute limit was in the proposed resolution and stated that she would recommend the not to exceed time limit to be five (5) minutes.

A motion was offered by Alderwoman Kim Springfellow and seconded by Alderman Brad Core to amend the proposed resolution to update item four with verbiage of not to exceed five (5) minutes.

Mayor Tim Monceaux asked for discussion.

Alderman Vernon Martin questioned if the limit would be extended from a minimum of three (3) minutes to a maximum of five (5) minutes.

Mayor Tim Monceaux clarified that it would be a minimum of three (3) and maximum of five (5) minutes.

Alderwoman Kim Springfellow specified that the time limits would at the discretion of the presiding officer of the meeting, or the committee chair. She also stated that if the committee chair was entertaining a discussion back and forth with the constituent, it could possibly go over the five (5) minutes.

Alderman Vernon Martin stated that the chair has the power to extend the time limit if they chose to.

Alderwoman Kim Springfellow agreed and stated that it would give the presiding chair control over their meeting.

Mayor Tim Monceaux stated that he requested legal counsel, Attorney Thomas Reagan, to review the resolution to ensure the proposed language did not violate the Lawrason Act. He stated if there was no further discussion, he would call for a vote.

Alderman Cavell opposed. Motion carried.

A motion t was offered by Alderwoman Kim Springfellow and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to adopt resolution of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, concerning participation at committee and regular meetings of the Board of Aldermen; specifically, the setting forth of the standards for public participation and the participation of members, not to conflict with state law, as amended. Alderman Cavell opposed. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Brad Core and seconded by Vernon Martin to consider a resolution of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, introducing a proposed ordinance and calling for a public hearing concerning the same, to create Section 2-4 of Article IV of Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Crowley to provide for the place of items on the agenda of regular and special meetings of the Board by members of the Board of Aldermen, the regulations concerning the publication of said agenda to repeal all ordinances or parts of ordinances contrary thereto or in conflict therewith; to provide for the provisions hereof to be severable; and to provide for all matters relative thereto. Motion carried.

Mayor Tim Monceaux opened the floor for discussion to the set the date of the public hearing.

Alderwoman Kim Stringfellow suggested Wednesday, August 18, 2021, at 6:00 PM.

Mayor Tim Monceaux stated that Wednesday, August 18, 2021, would require the Council to call a Special Meeting.

Alderwoman Kim Stringfellow agreed but stated she did not think that August 11, 2021, would not meet the requirements for publication.

Mayor Tim Monceaux agreed and stated he would need to confirm that August 18, 2021, would meet the publication requirements. He proposed the September Regular meeting as an option to save the city the expense of a separate publication.

Alderwoman Kim Stringfellow stated they had spent a lot of time on this already and counteroffered with Friday, August 20, 2021, at 6PM.

Mayor Tim Monceaux, after looking at the calendar, stated that he believed the August 18, 2021, at 6:00 PM would work and asked if there was any other discussion on the matter.

Alderman Samuel Reggie asked the council needed a contingency date in case there was an issue.

Mayor Tim Monceaux stated he would confirm the Crowley Post Signal, but since it was such a small publication, he didn't think it would be a problem

Alderman Vernon Martin (inaudible, unable to transcribe).

Mayor Tim Monceaux called for a vote. No one opposed. Motion carried.

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

The following resolution was offered, as amended, by Alderwoman Kim Stringfellow and seconded by Alderman Brad Core, and adopted:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, CONCERNING PARTICIPATION AT COMMITTEE AND REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN; SPECIFICALLY, THE SETTING FORTH OF STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND THE PARTICIPATION OF MEMBERS, NOT TO CONFLICT WITH STATE LAW.**

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley has the legal authority to provide rules and regulations for their regular, committee, and special meetings which are binding on both members of the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor, and public citizen attendees; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen specifically may by resolution adopt rules for participation in meetings and the Mayor is bound by the rules (Atty. Gen. Op. 08-0325); and

WHEREAS, there is a need to bring consistency to the application of procedural rules, clarity to procedural practices, and encouragement to members of the public who wish to participate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Crowley that:

- 1) The presiding official at the Board of Aldermen's committee meetings is the committee chairman, who has discretion in recognizing members of the public who wish to speak. The committee chairman has a duty to follow Robert's Rules of Order and to maintain an orderly, civil discussion amongst both members of the public and members of the Board.
- 2) During all meetings, all individuals must wait to be recognized by the presiding officer before speaking.
- 3) Individuals and organizations whose names are placed on the agenda shall not be time-limited when speaking on the topic for which they are on the agenda. The presiding officer has the discretion to end discussion on the matter. These persons shall not be given less than three (3) minutes and no more than five (5) to discuss their topic. This regulation applies to regular, special, and committee meetings of the Board of Aldermen.
- 4) Individuals and organizations whose names have not been placed on the agenda shall be given no less than three (3) minutes to discuss a topic germane to the subject of an agenda item after being recognized by the presiding officer. The presiding officer shall have discretion to increase the time for that individual's discussion, not to exceed five (5) minutes. This regulation applies to regular, special, and committee meetings of the Board of Aldermen.

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THUS, DONE AND ADOPTED in special session duly convened, pursuant to notice thereof duly posted and notice issued and called in accordance with law at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August 2021, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

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TIM MONCEAUX, MAYOR

ATTEST:

SHANTEL ALLEMAN, INTERIM CITY CLERK

The following resolution was offered by Alderwoman Crad Core and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin, and adopted:

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, INTRODUCING A 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 its 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 the time and place where the Board will consider its adoption;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, 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 CREATE AND ENACT SECTION 2-4 OF ARTICLE IV OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY TO PROVIDE FOR THE PLACING OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA OF REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE BOARD BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN AND THE REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE PUBLICATION OF SAID AGENDA; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES CONTRARY THERETO OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROVISIONS HEREOF TO BE SEVERABLE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

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  
AND PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley shall meet on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021, at 6:00 o'clock p.m. in the Council Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Criminal Justice Building, 426 North Avenue F, Crowley, Louisiana, to consider the adoption of the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE AND ENACT SECTION 2-4 OF ARTICLE IV OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF

CROWLEY TO PROVIDE FOR THE PLACING OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA OF REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE BOARD BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN AND THE REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE PUBLICATION OF SAID AGENDA; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES CONTRARY THERETO OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROVISIONS HEREOF TO BE SEVERABLE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

Copies of the proposed ordinance are available for a nominal fee in the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Crowley, Louisiana.

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THUS DONE AND ADOPTED in special session duly convened, pursuant to notice thereof duly posted and notice issued and called in accordance with law in at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2021, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

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TIM MONCEAUX, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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SHANTEL ALLEMAN, INTERIM CITY CLERK

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made by Alderman Brad Core and seconded by Alderwoman Kim Stringfellow the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

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TIM MONCEAUX, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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SHANTEL ALLEMAN, INTERIM CITY CLERK

Presented rough draft to Mayor on August 5, 2021 at 7:46 P.M.  
Presented for Mayor signature on August 9, 2021 at 2:31 p.m.  
Mayor signed & returned to City Clerk on August 9, 2021 at 2:32 p.m.  
Publish in newspaper on August 17, 2021.