Introduced November 18, 2008, by Councilman Canada, seconded by Councilman Hursey

### **RESOLUTION R08-65**

A resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held in the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana, on Tuesday, November 4, 2008, to adopt amendments to the Slidell Home Rule Charter.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Slidell City Council (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana (the "City"), that:

SECTION 1. <u>Canvass.</u> This Governing Authority does now proceed in open and public session to examine the official tabulations of votes cast at the special election held in the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana, (the "City"), on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2008, 2008, to adopt amendments to the Slidell Home Rule Charter, and said Governing Authority does further proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of the special election.

SECTION 2. <u>Procès Verbal</u>. A *Procès Verbal* of the canvass of the returns of said election shall be made and a certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who shall record the same in his office; another certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Recorder of Mortgages in and for the Parish of St. Tammany, who shall record the same in the Mortgage Records of said Parish; and another copy thereof shall be retained in the archives of this Governing Authority.

SECTION 3. <u>Promulgation of Election Results.</u> The results of said election shall be promulgated by publication in the manner provided by law.

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This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS:

7 - Council Members Borchert, Canada, Crockett, Cusimano,

Fraught, Harbison, Hicks,

NAYS:

ABSENT: 2 - Councilman Hursey, Vacancy (At-Large)

ADOPTED this 18th day of November, 2008.

Raymond H. Canada President of the Council Councilman, District E

Thomas P. Reeves
Council Administrator

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PROCÈS VERBAL AND PROCLAMATION OF THE CANVASS OF THE VOTES CAST AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN THECITY OF SLIDELL, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2008.

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED that on Tuesday, November 18, 2008, at sixthirty o'clock (6:30) p.m., at its regular meeting place, the Council Chambers, 1330 Bayou Lane, Suite 110, Slidell, Louisiana, the Slidell City Council (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana (the "City"), and being the authority ordering the special election held therein on Tuesday, November 4, 2008, with the following members present:

Council Members Borchert, Canada, Crockett, Cusimano, Fraught, Harbison, Hicks

There being absent: Councilman Hursey, Vacancy-At Large

did, in open and public session, examine the official certified tabulations of votes cast at the said election, and did examine and canvass the returns of the said election, there having been submitted at said election the following propositions, to wit:

### PROPOSITION NO. 1

Summary: Provides for the filling of a vacancy in the office of Slidell City Council Member.

Shall Section 2-03(C) of the Slidell Home Rule Charter be deleted and reenacted to read as follows:

- "1. A vacancy on the Council shall be filled by appointment within fifteen (15) days after the vacancy occurs by a person meeting the qualifications for that office by the favorable vote of a majority of the remaining members of the Council. The appointee shall not have the right to seek the office at the next regular election held for the purpose of filling the office.
- 2. If the vacancy occurs more then eighteen (18) months before the expiration of the term, the appointee shall serve until the office is filled by the vote of the qualified electors voting in an election called by the Council for that purpose and the person elected assumes the office. In such a case, at the next regularly scheduled meeting after the vacancy occurs, the Council shall call an election to fill the vacancy. The election shall be held according to the timetable and procedures

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established by state law for the filling of vacancies in elected local offices.

3. The appointee shall be compensated at a rate equal to that of other Council Members for the period served."?

#### PROPOSITION NO. 2

Summary: Provides for ordinances of the City Council to become law without the Mayor's signature after seven (7) days of submission.

Shall Section 2-12(B) of the Slidell Home Rule Charter be deleted and reenacted to read as follows:

"1. Within seven (7) calendar days after the mayor's receipt of an ordinance, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and city holidays, it shall be returned to the clerk of the council with the mayor's approval, or with the mayor's veto. If the proposed ordinance is not signed or vetoes by the mayor within seven (7) days after receipt, it shall be considered approved. The clerk of the council shall record upon the ordinance the date and hour of its receipt from the mayor. If the ordinance has been approved, it shall be considered finally enacted and become effective as provided in Section 2-11 (Ordinances in General). ordinance is vetoed, the mayor shall submit to the council through the clerk a written statement of the reasons for veto. The veto statement shall be published in full in the official journal by the clerk as soon as practical thereafter. ordinances that the mayor vetoes shall be vetoed in full, except that the mayor shall have authority to veto individual appropriation items in the ordinances adopting the operating budget and capital improvement program."?

### PROPOSITION NO. 3

Summary: Provides for the filling of a vacancy in the office of Mayor.

Shall Section 3-04(C) of the Slidell Home Rule Charter be deleted and reenacted to read as follows:

"1. If a vacancy in the office of mayor occurs less than one (1) year prior to the expiration of the term of office, the Council member at large receiving the greatest number of votes shall serve as

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mayor for the remainder of the term. The appointee shall have the right to seek the office at the next regular election held for the purpose of filling the office. In the event both Council Members at-large received equal numbers of votes at the most recent election for the Council at-large seat, then the appointee shall be determined by a majority vote of the authorized membership of the Council.2.If a vacancy in the office of mayor occurs more than one (1) year prior to the expiration of the term of office, the Council member at large receiving the greatest number shall serve as mayor until the office is filled by a vote of the qualified electors voting in a special election called by the Council within fifteen (15) days after the vacancy occurs. The election shall be held according to the timetable and procedures established by state law for the filling of vacancies in elected local offices. The appointee shall have the right to seek the office at the next regular election held for the purpose of filling the office. In the event both Council Members at-large received equal numbers of votes at the most recent election for the Council at-large seat, then the appointee shall be determined by a majority vote of the authorized membership of the Council.

- 3. The Council member serving as mayor shall not have a vote on the Council or otherwise participate in Council activities as a member thereof while serving as mayor.
- 4. The Council member serving as mayor shall be compensated at a rate equal to that of the mayor for the period served."?

#### PROPOSITION NO. 4

Summary: Provides for the filling of a vacancy in the office of Chief of Police.

Shall Section 4-05(H) of the Slidell Home Rule Charter be deleted and reenacted to read as follows:

- "1. If a vacancy in the office of chief of police occurs less than one (1) year prior to the expiration of the term of office, the assistant chief of police shall serve as chief of police for the remainder of the term.
- 2. If a vacancy in the office of chief of police occurs more than one (1) year prior to the expiration of the term of office, the

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designated assistant chief of police shall serve as chief of police until the office is filled by a vote of the qualified electors voting in a special election called by the called by the Council within fifteen (15) days after the vacancy occurs. The election shall be held according to the timetable and procedures established by state law for the filling of vacancies in elected local offices.

3. Should the Assistant Chief of Police move into the Chief position in the event that the Office of Chief of Police is vacant, the Assistant Chief of Police shall be compensated at a rate equal to that of the Chief of Police for the period served."?

#### PROPOSITION NO. 5

Summary: Provides for the incursion of debt according to Louisiana Constitution and Laws.

Shall Section 5-09 of the Slidell Home Rule Charter be deleted and reenacted to read as follows:

"The city is empowered to incur debt and issue evidences thereof in accordance with the Constitution and laws of this State."?

#### **PROPOSITION NO.6**

Summary: Provides for elections relative to initiate ordinances.

Shall Section 6-01(6) of the Slidell Home Rule Charter be deleted and reenacted to read as follows:

"If an initiative ordinance is submitted to a vote of the electors as provided in Section 6-01(4) above, the election shall be held according to the timetable and procedures established by the state law for such purposes, preferably in an election already scheduled. Otherwise, a special election shall be called by the Council within fifteen (15) days after the determination to submit the proposal to the electors as provided in Section 6-01(4)(b). The results shall be determined by a majority vote of the electors voting on the proposal."?

#### PROPOSITION NO. 7

Summary: Provides for the Louisiana Code of Ethics to be the Ethics Code for the City of Slidell.

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Shall Section 7-03 of the Slidell Home Rule Charter be deleted and reenacted to read as follows:

"The Code of Ethics for the City shall be the Louisiana Code of Ethics as administered by the State of Louisiana."?

There was found by said count and canvass that the following votes had been cast at the said special election **IN FAVOR OF** and **AGAINST**, respectively, the propositions as hereinabove set forth at the following polling places, to-wit:

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15 16	Precinct	YES	NO												
17	S01	418	187	340	257	323	284	340	268	240	353	357	229	390	212
18 19	S02	239	90	186	142	211	133	214	126	146	188	207	125	236	102
20 21	S03	344	158	261	236	273	245	282	234	185	314	293	201	327	182
22	S04	258	138	192	208	241	183	248	174	180	238	230	178	272	147
23 24	S05	461	189	337	318	384	293	386	291	268	398	407	237	444	221
25 26	S06	340	169	267	239	311	225	313	221	228	296	287	228	327	200
27	S07	135	57	113	79	121	73	110	84	89	104	116	76	132	64
28 29	S08	305	115	233	184	248	182	247	187	183	241	263	154	300	136
30 31	S09	237	111	189	158	201	155	202	159	147	207	225	122	251	107
32	S10	381	188	305	255	283	287	287	282	195	362	327	227	383	187
33 34	S11	228	115	182	166	181	171	179	168	138	201	196	142	225	124
35	S12	53	24	36	43	52	29	54	28	37	42	46	29	55	22
36 37	S13	157	88	116	132	129	127	140	111	99	148	144	99	152	96
38 39	S15	220	157	165	209	194	197	203	176	148	232	194	181	208	182

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7 8	Precinct	YES	NO												
9	S16	215	82	164	133	175	133	176	127	124	181	190	110	200	104
10 11	S17	452	210	323	334	371	327	398	289	276	390	408	256	443	235
12 13	S18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	S19	14	11	13	12	13	13	13	12	11	14	16	9	14	10
15 16	S21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17 18	S22	21	14	13	21	17	17	14	20	14	20	15	17	15	19
19	S23	134	60	103	88	113	84	119	78	89	101	121	66	130	58
20 21	S24	91	48	73	60	87	62	91	56	72	74	89	60	96	56
22	S25	59	33	50	44	58	40	59	35	42	54	45	49	56	37
23 24	802	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25 26	803	41	17	29	28	35	21	36	19	27	27	35	19	39	15
27	805	16	5	12	9	13	9	15	8	9	13	9	13	16	6
28 29	806	302	106	236	170	254	167	265	154	171	232	265	143	298	118
30	811	27	12	17	18	26	12	26	11	19	17	22	12	27	11
31 32	813	1	5	1	5	1	5	1	5	1	5	1	4	2	4
33 34	816	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	0
35	901	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
36 37	904	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
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6		MENT NO. 1		MENT NO. 2		MENT NO. 3		MENT NO. 4		MENT NO. 5		MENT NO. 6		MENT NO. 7	
7 8	Precinct	YES	NO												
9		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	909	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11 12	915	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13 14	916	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15 16	Absen- tee	1161	409	841	714	1097	452	1152	376	887	610	991	491	1105	419
17	Totals	6,312	2,799	4,799	4,262	5,415	3,926	5,573	3,699	4,028	5,062	5,502	3,477	6,146	3,074
18 19	Majority FOR	3,513		537		1,489		1,874		-1,034		2,025		3,072	

The polling places above specified being the only polling places designated at which to hold the said election, it was therefore shown that

- (i) there was a total of **6,312** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** Proposition No. 1 and a total of 2,799 votes cast AGAINST Proposition No. 1, as hereinabove set forth, and that there was a majority of 3,513 votes cast IN **FAVOR OF** Proposition No. 1 as hereinabove set forth;
- (ii) there was a total of 4,799 votes cast IN FAVOR OF Proposition No. 2 and a total of 4,262 votes cast AGAINST Proposition No. 2, as hereinabove set forth, and that there was a majority of 537 votes cast IN FAVOR OF Proposition No. 2 as hereinabove set forth;
- (iii) there was a total of 5,415 votes cast IN FAVOR OF Proposition No. 3 and a total of 3,926 votes cast AGAINST Proposition No. 3, as hereinabove set forth, and that there was a majority of 1,489 votes cast IN **FAVOR OF** Proposition No. 3 as hereinabove set forth:
- (iv) there was a total of 5,573 votes cast IN FAVOR OF Proposition No. 4 and a total of 3,699 votes cast AGAINST Proposition No. 4, as hereinabove set forth, and that there was a majority of 1,874 votes cast IN **FAVOR OF** Proposition No. 4 as hereinabove set forth;

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- (v) there was a total of **4,028** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** Proposition No. 5 and a total of **5,062** votes cast **AGAINST** Proposition No. 5, as hereinabove set forth, and that there was a majority of **1,034** votes cast **AGAINST** Proposition No. 5 as hereinabove set forth;
- (vi) there was a total of **5,502** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** Proposition No. 6 and a total of **3,477** votes cast **AGAINST** Proposition No. 6, as hereinabove set forth, and that there was a majority of **2,025** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** Proposition No. 6 as hereinabove set forth; and
- (vii) there was a total of **6,146** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** Proposition No. 7 and a total of **3,074** votes cast **AGAINST** Proposition No. 7, as hereinabove set forth, and that there was a majority of **3,072** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** Proposition No. 7 as hereinabove set forth.

Therefore, the Governing Authority did declare and proclaim and does hereby declare and proclaim in open and public session that Proposition No. 1 as hereinabove set forth was duly **APPROVED**, that Proposition No. 2 as hereinabove set forth was duly **APPROVED**, that Proposition No. 3 as hereinabove set forth was duly **APPROVED**, that Proposition No. 4 as hereinabove set forth was duly **APPROVED**, that Proposition No. 5 as hereinabove set forth was duly **DEFEATED**, that Proposition No. 6 as hereinabove set forth was duly **APPROVED** and that Proposition No. 7 as hereinabove set forth was duly **APPROVED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the said special election held in the City on Tuesday, November 4, 2008. THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Slidell, Louisiana, on this, the 18th day of November, 2008.

ATTEST:

Raymond H. Canada President of the Council Councilman, District E

Thomas P. Reeves
Council Administrator

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#### **PROCLAMATION**

I, the undersigned President of the Council of the Slidell City Council, the governing authority of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana (the "City"), do hereby declare, proclaim and announce that Proposition No. 1 submitted at the special election held in the City on Tuesday, November 4, 2008, was APPROVED, that Proposition No. 2 was APPROVED, that Proposition No. 3 was APPROVED, that Proposition No. 4 was APPROVED and that Proposition No. 5 was DEFEATED, that Proposition No. 6 was APPROVED and that Proposition No. 7 was APPROVED by a majority of the votes cast at the said special election, all as described and set out in the above *Procès Verbal*.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Slidell, Louisiana, on this, the 18th day of November, 2008.

Raymond H. Canada President of the Council Councilman, District E

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STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY

I, the undersigned Council Administrator of the Slidell City Council (the "Governing Authority"), the governing authority of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana (the "City"), do hereby certify that the foregoing eleven (11) pages constitute a true and correct copy of the proceedings and *Procès Verbal* made by said Governing Authority on Tuesday, November 18, 2008, providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held in the City on Tuesday, November 4, 2008, 2008, to adopt amendments to the Slidell Home Rule Charter.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature and the impress of the official seal of the City at Slidell, Louisiana, on this, the 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2008.

Thomas P. Reeves
Council Administrator

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