Introduced March 23, 2010, by Councilman Hicks, seconded by Councilman Cusimano

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A resolution authorizing the advertising for bids for the purchase of Nine Million Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$9,950,000) of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010, of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana; approving the distribution of a Preliminary Official Statement and Official Notice of Bond Sale; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana (the "City" or "Issuer") has complied with the provisions of Article VI, Section 33 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, Sub-Part A, Part III, Chapter 4, Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 (La. R.S. 39:551 *et seq.*), and other constitutional and statutory authority (collectively, the "Act"), and is authorized to borrow money and issue general obligation bonds payable from ad valorem taxes after being granted authorization by a majority of the electors voting on a proposition at an election in the City; and

WHEREAS, an ordinance providing for the incurring of debt and issuance of not to exceed \$10,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010 (the "Bonds"), of the Issuer; prescribing the form, terms and conditions of such Bonds; designating the date, denomination, time and place of payment thereof; authorizing an agreement with the Paying Agent; and providing for other matters in connection therewith was duly introduced, published and, after public hearing, was subsequently adopted by the City Council, acting as governing authority of the City, at a duly advertised meeting held on March 23, 2010 (the "Ordinance").

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act and the Ordinance, the City now desires to advertise for bids for the purchase of its Nine Million Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$9,950,000) of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010, to approve any and all necessary offering documents and other agreements, including, but not limited to, a Preliminary Official Statement, an Official Notice of Bond Sale and to provide for other matters in connection therewith.

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

SECTION 1. The President of the Governing Authority, be and is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to advertise in accordance with the provisions of law for bids for the purchase of the Bonds, said Bonds having been authorized at a special election held in the City on October 17, 2009, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing and improving drainage, streets and bridges. The Bonds will mature twenty (20) years from the date of their issuance, will be in fully registered form, will be dated May 6, 2010, will be in the denomination of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) each, or any integral

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multiple thereof within a single maturity, will be payable from unlimited ad valorem taxation and will bear interest from date thereof or the most recent interest payment date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, at a rate or rates not exceeding nine per centum (9%) per annum on any Bond in any interest payment period, said interest to be payable on March 1, 2011, and semiannually thereafter on March 1 and September 1 of each year. The Bonds will be numbered from R-1 upwards and will mature serially on March 1 of each year.

SECTION 2. Those Bonds maturing March 1, 2021, and thereafter, will be callable for redemption by the Issuer in full at any time on or after March 1, 2020, or in part, in the inverse order of their maturities, and if less than a full maturity, then by lot within such maturity, on any interest payment date on or after March 1, 2020, at the principal amount thereof and accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption. In the event a Bond to be redeemed is of a denomination larger than \$5,000, a portion of such Bond (\$5,000 or any multiple thereof) may be redeemed. Official notice of such call of any of the Bonds for redemption will be given by first class mail, postage prepaid, by notice deposited in the United States mails not less than thirty (30) days prior to the redemption date addressed to the registered owner of each bond to be redeemed at his address as shown on the registration books of the Paying Agent.

SECTION 3. The Bonds shall be sold in the manner required by law, and in accordance with the terms of the Ordinance and this Resolution, the Official Notice of Bond Sale herein set forth, and the Official Statement referred to in Section 6 hereof. In advertising the Bonds for sale, the Governing Authority hereby reserves the right to reject any and all bids received.

SECTION 4. The President be and is hereby further empowered, authorized and directed to issue a Notice of Bond Sale, in substantially the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and cause the same to be published as required by law.

SECTION 5. This Governing Authority will meet in open and public session at the time and place set out in the Official Notice of Bond Sale incorporated herein, for the purpose of receiving bids for the Bonds, considering and taking action upon the bids, and taking any other action required by this resolution, or necessary to effectuate the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds. If any award of the Bonds shall be made, such award shall be made for not less than par and accrued interest to the highest bidder therefor, such award and highest bidder to be determined in accordance with the aforesaid Official Notice of Bond Sale.

SECTION 6. There shall be prepared a Preliminary Official Statement and an Official Statement which shall contain complete bidding details, security features and other pertinent information relative to the sale and issuance of the Bonds as may be deemed

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necessary, advisable or desirable, which Preliminary Official Statement shall be distributed to all prospective bidders and other interested parties.

SECTION 7. Prior to the delivery of the Bonds, the Issuer may pay a portion of the costs of the project from the General Fund. The project includes acquiring, constructing and improving drainage, streets and bridges; Upon the issuance of the Bonds, the Issuer reasonably expects to reimburse any such expenditures of other available funds from a portion of the proceeds of the Bonds. Any such allocation of proceeds of the Bonds for reimbursement will be with respect to capital expenditures (as defined in Reg. 1.150-1(b)) and will be made upon the delivery of the Bonds and not later than one year after the later of (i) the date such expenditure was paid or (ii) the date on which the project was placed in service.

SECTION 8. The provisions of this Resolution shall supersede any prior resolutions of the Governing Authority with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby to the extent they are inconsistent with the provisions hereof.

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

YEAS:

Cusimano, Harbison, Hicks, Crockett, Fraught, Canada,

Devereux, Borchert

NAYS:

ABSENT:

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And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 23rd day of March, 2010.

Lionel Hicks

President of the Council Councilman, District A

Thomas P. Reeves
Council Administrator

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STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY

I, the undersigned Council Administrator of the City Council of the City of Slidell, do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said City Council of the City of Slidell on March 23, 2010, authorizing the advertising for bids for the purchase of Nine Million Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$9,950,000) of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010, of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana; approving the distribution of a Preliminary Official Statement and Official Notice of Bond Sale; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature and the impress of the official seal of said City of Slidell, Parish of St. Tammany, Louisiana, on this, the 23rd day of March, 2010.

Thomas P. Reeves
Council Administrator

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EXHIBIT A

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF BOND SALE

\$9,950,000 CITY OF SLIDELL STATE OF LOUISIANA GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2010

Electronic Bids: The City Council of the City of Slidell (the "Governing Authority"), will receive and publicly examine electronic bids for the purchase of Nine Million Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$9,950,000) principal amount of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010 (the "Bonds") of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana (the "City") until 10:00 a.m., Louisiana (Central Time), on Tuesday, April 13, 2010. Bids received after 10:00 a.m. on such date will not be considered.

Bid Submission: Notice is hereby given that electronic proposals will be received via PARITY®, in the manner described below, until 10:00 a.m. (Central Time), on Tuesday, April 13, 2010. Bids may be accepted electronically via PARITY® pursuant to this Notice until 10:00 a.m., local time, but no bid will be received after the time for receiving bids specified above. To the extent any instructions or directions set forth in PARITY® conflict with this Notice, the terms of this Notice shall control. For further information about PARITY®, potential bidders may contact the City or PARITY® at (212) 849-5021.

<u>Date of Sale:</u> Tuesday, April 13, 2010 (or such other date as may be determined by the President of the Governing Authority and duly advertised).

Hour of Sale: 10:00 a.m. (Louisiana/Central Time).

<u>Place of Sale:</u> The Governing Authority will meet at 6:30 p.m. on April 13, 2010 at the Slidell City Council Chambers located at 2055 Second Street, Slidell, Louisiana to formally accept the winning bid. The winning bidder will be notified by noon (12:00 p.m.) on April 13, 2010, subject to the approval of the Governing Authority.

Dated Date of Bonds: May 6, 2010.

Denomination: \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof within a single maturity.

<u>Maximum Interest Rate Allowable:</u> Nine percent (9%) per annum. The difference between the highest and lowest interest rate bids for the Bonds may not be greater than three percent (3%).

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<u>Paying Agent, Registrar:</u> Regions Bank, at its corporate trust office in Baton Rouge, Louisiana (the "Paying Agent").

<u>Interest Payment Dates:</u> The Bonds will bear interest from their date until paid, commencing on March 1, 2011 and semiannually on each March 1 and September 1 thereafter.

<u>Principal Payment Dates:</u> The Bonds shall mature serially on March 1 of each year, commencing on March 1, 2011 and with a final maturity of March 1, 2030.

Form, Manner and Place of Payment of Bonds: The Bonds will be issued initially as fully registered bonds in book-entry only form and when issued will be registered to Cede &Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York; New York ("DTC"), and (ii) deposited with DTC to be held in trust until maturity. DTC is an automated depository for securities and clearinghouse for securities transactions, and will be responsible for establishing and maintaining a book-entry system for recording the ownership interests of its participants, which include certain banks, trust companies and securities dealers, and the transfers of the interests among its participants. The DTC participants will be responsible for establishing and maintaining records with respect to the Bonds. Individual purchases of beneficial ownership interests in the Bonds will be made in book-entry only form, in denominations of \$5,000 or integral multiples thereof. The City will not be responsible or liable for payments by DTC to its participants or by DTC participants to beneficial owners or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing the records maintained by DTC, its participants or persons acting through such participants.

<u>Purpose of Issue:</u> The Bonds are being issued for the purpose of acquiring, constructing and improving drainage, streets and bridges.

<u>Maturity Schedule:</u> Bonds will mature on March 1 of each of the following years and in the principal amounts as follows:

Date <u>(March 1)</u>	Principal <u>Payment</u>
03/01/2011	\$225,000
03/01/2012	\$395,000
03/01/2013	\$405,000
03/01/2014	\$415,000
03/01/2015	\$430,000
03/01/2016	\$445,000
03/01/2017	\$455,000
03/01/2018	\$475,000
03/01/2019	\$490,000

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03/01/2020	\$510,000
03/01/2021	\$535,000
03/01/2022	\$555,000
03/01/2023	\$575,000
03/01/2024	\$600,000
03/01/2025	\$625,000
03/01/2026	\$650,000
03/01/2027	\$680,000
03/01/2028	\$710,000
03/01/2029	\$745,000

Redemption: The Bonds maturing March 1, 2021 and thereafter shall be subject to redemption at the option of the City, acting through the Governing Authority, prior to their stated maturities on and after March 1, 2020, in whole at any time, or in part on any interest payment date, and if less than all of the Bonds are redeemed then the Bonds to be redeemed shall be selected by the Governing Authority. Any Bonds made the subject of such call or calls shall be redeemed at the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest.

Security: The Bonds will be general obligations of the City and are authorized by Article VI, Section 33 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, Sub-Part A, Part III, Chapter 4, Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, other constitutional and statutory authority, and proceedings of the Governing Authority. The Bonds were specifically authorized by special election held in the City on October 17, 2009, the results of which election have been duly promulgated in accordance with law. The Bonds are payable from ad valorem taxes of the City pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds, and the City is obligated under the aforesaid provisions of law to impose and collect annually in excess of all other taxes, a tax on all the property subject to such taxation in the City, in the manner prescribed by such provisions, in an amount sufficient to pay such principal of and interest on the Bonds.

Rating: Standard & Poor's Rating Service has assigned an underlying rating of "___" to the Bonds.

Bid Requirements: Each bid (i) shall not be less than the full amount of \$9,950,000 in aggregate principal amount of the Bonds, (ii) shall name the rate or rates of interest to be borne by the Bonds, expressed in multiples of 1/8th or 1/20th of 1%, (iii) shall prescribe one rate of interest, not to exceed nine per centum (9%) per annum, for the Bonds of any one maturity, (iv) shall limit the interest due on each Bond for each interest period to a single rate, (v) shall be unconditional and (vi) shall be submitted electronically via PARITY® as set forth above. No bid for less than par or which specifies the cancellation of Bonds will be considered. Any premium bid must be paid in the funds specified for the payment or Bonds as part of the purchase price.

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Award of Bid: The Bonds will be awarded to the bidder whose bid offers the lowest true interest cost ("TIC") to the City, to be determined by doubling the semiannual interest rate (compounded semiannually) necessary to discount the debt service payments on the Bonds from their payment dates to May 6, 2010, such that the sum of such present values is equal to the price bid, including any premium bid but not including interest accrued to the date of delivery (the preceding calculation is sometimes referred to as the "Canadian Interest Cost Method" or "Present Value Method"). In the case of a tie bid, the winning bid will be awarded by lot. The TIC shall be specified by the Bidder, calculated to six (6) decimal places; but this indication of TIC will not be considered part of the bid.

<u>Costs Paid by Governing Authority:</u> The costs of preparing, selling and delivering the Bonds shall be paid by the Governing Authority.

Rejection of Bids: The Governing Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

<u>Waiver of Informalities:</u> The Governing Authority reserves the right to waive any informalities or irregularities in any bid.

Electronic Bidding: Any prospective bidder that intends to submit a bid must submit its bid electronically through the facilities of PARITY®. The Governing Authority will neither confirm any subscription which may be required in order to submit an electronic bid nor be responsible for the failure of any prospective bidder to subscribe. No other form of electronic bid or provider of electronic bidding services will be accepted and no non-electronic bid will be accepted. An electronic bid made through the facilities of PARITY® will be deemed an irrevocable offer to purchase the Bonds on the terms provided in this Notice of Bond Sale, and will be binding upon the bidder as if made by a signed bid delivered to the Governing Authority. The Governing Authority will not be responsible for any malfunction or mistake made by, or as a result of the use of the facilities of PARITY®. The use of such facilities shall be the sole risk of the prospective bidder. To the extent any instructions or direction set forth in PARITY® conflict with this Notice of Bond Sale, the terms of this Notice of Bond Sale will control.

<u>Joint and Several Obligation to Purchase:</u> The obligation to purchase the Bonds shall be the joint and several obligation of all members of the bidding group.

Bidders' Check or Financial Surety Bond: A good faith deposit (the "Deposit") is required from the winning bidder, in the form of (i) a certified or cashier's check on a national bank in the State of Louisiana, or (ii) a cashier's check on any Federal Reserve Bank, or (iii) a Financial Surety Bond for a sum equal to One Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$199,900) made payable to the City Council of the City of Slidell, as a guarantee that the bidder or bidders will comply with his or their bid. If a Financial Surety Bond is used, it must be from an insurance company licensed to issue

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such a bond in the State of Louisiana. The winning bidder shall deliver a check representing the good faith deposit (or, in lieu thereof, a Financial Surety Bond) by 10:00 a.m., Central Time on April 14, 2010 to Carmen M. Lavergne, Bond Counsel, McGlinchey Stafford PLLC, 301 Main Street, 14th Floor, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802. The deposit will be held in escrow and returned at closing, or in the case of neglect or refusal to comply with such bid, will be forfeited to the Governing Authority as and for liquidated damages. No interest will be allowed on the amount of the Deposit.

<u>Delivery of the Bonds:</u> The Bonds will be delivered as soon as practicable through DTC on or about May 6, 2010. Payment for the Bonds shall be made in immediately available funds acceptable to the City.

<u>Continuing Disclosure:</u> In order to assist bidders in complying with S.E.C. Rule 15c2-12(b)(5), the Governing Authority will undertake, pursuant to the ordinance providing for the issuance of the Bonds and a Continuing Disclosure Certificate, to provide annual reports and notices of certain events. A description of this undertaking is set forth in the Preliminary Official Statement and will also be set forth in the Official Statement.

Legal Opinion of Bond Counsel and Closing Documents: The approving legal opinion of McGlinchey Stafford PLLC, Bond Counsel, who have supervised the proceedings, along with a complete transcript of the record of the legal proceedings will be furnished to the purchaser without cost to him. Said transcript will contain the usual closing proofs, including (i) a certificate that up to the time of delivery no litigation has been filed questioning the validity of the Bonds or the tax necessary to pay the same, and (ii) a continuing Disclosure Certificate providing for the furnishing of annual reports and notices of certain events. For a further description of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate, please refer to the Official Statement referred to above.

<u>CUSIP Numbers:</u> It is anticipated that the American Bankers' Association Committee on Uniform Security Identification Procedures (CUSIP) identification numbers will be printed on the Bonds, but neither the failure to print such numbers nor any error with respect to any such numbers shall not constitute cause for refusal by the successful bidder to accept delivery of and to pay for the Bonds. No CUSIP identification number shall be deemed to be part of any Bond or a part of the contract evidenced thereby, and no liability shall hereafter attach to the City or the Governing Authority or any of the officers or agents thereof because of or on account of such numbers. All expenses in relation to the printing of the CUSIP identification numbers on the Bonds shall be paid by the City.

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Additional Information and Official Statements: Further information and particulars including the Preliminary Official Statement and the Official Notice of Bond Sale relating to the Bonds will be furnished upon application to the undersigned.

Thomas P. Reeves City of Slidell 2055 2nd Street Slidell, Louisiana 70458 Telephone: (985) 646-4307

The Preliminary Official Statement shall be reviewed by bidders prior to submitting a bid. Bidders may not rely on this Official Notice of Sale as to the complete information concerning the Bonds. For additional information, please contact the financial advisor to the City, Government Consultants of Louisiana, Inc., 700 North 10th Street, Annex Building, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802, Telephone: (225) 344-2098, Email: ryan7243@bellsouth.net.

Dated: March 23, 2010