Introduced April 13, 2010, by Councilman Hicks, seconded by Councilman Cusimano, (by request of Administration)

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A resolution declaring the intent of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana to proceed with the issuance of not to exceed One Million Ten Thousand Dollars (\$1,010,000) of Utilities Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2010 of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana; providing certain terms of said bonds; making application to the State Bond Commission for approval of said Bonds; appointing Bond Counsel, Financial Advisor and Underwriter; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Sub-Part C, Part 1, Chapter 10 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (the "Act") and other constitutional and statutory authority, the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana (the "City" or "Issuer"), has heretofore issued \$2,500,000 of Utilities Revenue Bonds, Series 1996, dated April 1, 1996, of which \$1,062,156.42 is currently outstanding (the "Series 1996 Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, in order to provide debt service reductions, the City, acting through its governing authority, the Slidell City Council (the "Governing Authority"), is authorized to and believes it to be in its best interest to refund the outstanding Series 1996 Bonds in full (herein referred to as the "Refunded Bonds"), pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 14-A of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (the "Refunding Act") the Act and other constitutional and statutory authority, through the issuance of its refunding bonds; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Refunding Act, and subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, the Issuer desires to accomplish the refunding through the issuance of not exceeding \$1,010,000 of its Utilities Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2010, of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana (the "Refunding Bonds"), to be payable

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solely from the income and revenues to be derived from the operation of the Utilities System, after provisions have been made for payment therefrom of the reasonable expenses of administering, operating and maintaining the Utilities System; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Refunding Act, it is now the desire of the City to adopt this Resolution giving preliminary approval for the issuance of the Refunding Bonds for the purpose of paying the cost of effecting a refunding of the Series 1996 Bonds and paying costs of issuance of the Refunding Bonds; and

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

SECTION 1. <u>Authorization</u>. Pursuant to the provisions of the Refunding Act, the City does hereby authorize the issuance of not exceeding \$1,010,000 of Utilities Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2010, of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana. The form and details of the Refunding Bonds, the exact principal amounts and interest rates thereof shall be established pursuant to a subsequent ordinance to be executed by the City, provided that the interest rate on the Refunding Bonds will not exceed four and three eighths percent (4.375%) per annum with the final maturity date no later than April 1, 2016. The Refunding Bonds will be issued only as fully registered bonds, in minimum denominations of no less than \$5,000. The Bonds will be sold at private sale in accordance with the provisions of the Refunding Act.

SECTION 2. <u>Employment of Bond Counsel</u>. A real necessity is hereby found for the employment of special counsel in connection with the issuance of the Refunding Bonds, and accordingly McGlinchey Stafford PLLC, Bond Counsel, is hereby employed

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and requested to do and perform comprehensive legal and coordinate professional work with respect to the issuance of the aforesaid bonds of the City for the purposes stated hereinabove. Said Bond Counsel shall prepare and submit to this Governing Authority for adoption all of the proceedings incidental to the authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of the bonds, shall counsel and advise this Governing Authority as to the issuance and sale of the bonds, and shall furnish their opinion covering the legality of the issuance thereof. The fee of special bond counsel in connection with the issuance of the aforesaid bonds of the City is hereby fixed at a sum not to exceed the maximum fee allowed by the Attorney General's fee guidelines for comprehensive legal and coordinate professional services in the issuance of bonds, based on the amount of said bonds actually issued, sold, delivered and paid for, plus "out-of-pocket" expenses. Bond Counsel fees may be paid from the proceeds of the Refunding Bonds and shall be contingent upon the issuance. sale and delivery of said bonds. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be submitted to the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana for his written approval of said employment and of the fee herein designated.

SECTION 3. Employment of Financial Advisor. A real necessity is hereby found for the employment of a financial advisor to the Governing Authority in connection with the issuance of the aforesaid bonds and therefore the firm of Government Consultants of Louisiana, Inc. is hereby engaged. The fee to be paid for such services may be paid from the proceeds of the Refunding Bonds and shall be in an amount agreed to by the Governing Authority.

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SECTION 4. <u>Appointment of Underwriter</u>. Crews & Associates, Inc., is hereby appointed as Underwriter in connection with the issuance of the Refunding Bonds, any compensation to be subsequently approved by the Issuer and to be paid from the proceeds of the Refunding Bonds and contingent upon the issuance of the Refunding Bonds; provided that no compensation shall be due to said Underwriter unless the Refunding Bonds are sold and delivered.

SECTION 5. <u>Prosecution of Program</u>. The Bond Counsel and the Underwriter are hereby authorized and directed to prosecute the refunding and the Bond Counsel is authorized and directed to prepare necessary documents appertaining thereto and to present them for further action by the Governing Authority.

SECTION 6. State Bond Commission. Application is hereby made to the State Bond Commission, Baton Rouge, Louisiana (the "Commission"), for approval of the issuance and sale of the Refunding Bonds and for consent and authority to proceed with the issuance and sale of the Refunding Bonds as provided above, and Bond Counsel is directed to make application to the Commission in accordance with the foregoing on behalf of the Issuer. By virtue of the Issuer's application for, acceptance and utilization of the benefits of the Commission's approval resolved and set forth herein, it resolves that it understands and agrees that such approval is expressly conditioned upon, and it further resolves that it understands, agrees and binds itself, its successors and assigns to, full and continuing compliance with the "State Bond Commission Policy on Approval of Proposed Use of Swaps, or other forms of Derivative Products Hedges, Etc.", adopted by the Commission on July 20, 2006 (the "Policy"), as to the borrowing and other matters subject

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to the approval, including subsequent application and approval under said Policy of the implementation or use of any swap or other products or enhancements covered thereby.

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

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ADOPTED this 13th day of April, 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 Slidell City Council, the governing authority of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana (the "City") do hereby certify that the foregoing five pages constitute a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted on April 13, 2010 declaring the intent of the City to proceed with the issuance of not to exceed One Million Ten Thousand Dollars (\$1,010,000) of Utilities Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2010 of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana; providing certain terms of said bonds; making application to the State Bond Commission for approval of said Bonds; appointing Bond Counsel, Financial Advisor and Underwriter; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature at the City of Slidell, Parish of St. Tammany, Louisiana, on this, the 13th day of April, 2010.

Thomas P. Reeves Council Administrator

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