Introduced January 27, 2015, by Councilwoman Harbison, seconded by Councilman Borchert, (by request of Administration)

RESOLUTION R15-04

A Resolution relative to the construction of a Safe House.

WHEREAS, the City of Slidell applied for federal funding through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the design and construction of a community safe house; and

WHEREAS, funding was sought under the Hurricane Gustav disaster declaration, DR-1786-LA; and

WHEREAS, the City's application for funding has been accepted; and

WHEREAS, the Safe House is intended to provide near-absolute life safety protection for an identified population of first responders and other critical/essential services personnel; and

WHEREAS, the Safe House will be constructed on the Public Operations site at 1325 Bayou Lane, will consist of an approximately 4,000 square foot building, and will be protected to a minimum of 24 inches above the 500 year floodplain; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of the project is $1,400,000; and

WHEREAS, the City will be required to meet the required 25% cost share of the project which share will be comprised of non-federal funds, in-kind, or a combination of both; and

WHEREAS, the in-kind aspect of the cost share will include site work done by the City, appraisal cost, survey cost, etc.; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor intends to include in the FY16 budget ordinance an appropriation for the cash aspect of the cost share;

WHEREAS, the Slidell City Council supports this project;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Slidell City Council that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute any and all documentation required in order to effectuate the design and construction of the Safe House.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, by the Slidell City Council, that the Mayor will include in the FY 16 budget ordinance an appropriation for the cash aspect of the cost share.

ADOPTED this 27th day of January, 2015.

Kim Harbison
President of the Council
Councilwoman-at-Large

Thomas P. Reeves
Council Administrator