Introduced February 2, 2016, by Councilman Borchert, seconded by Councilman Newcomb, (by request of Administration)

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A resolution giving preliminary approval to the issuance of not exceeding Six Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$6,500,000) of General Obligation Refunding Bonds of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana (the "Issuer"); for the purpose of refinancing outstanding debt of the Issuer; making application to the State Bond Commission for approval of said Bonds; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Article VI, Section 33 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, Sub-Part A, Part III, Chapter 4, of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana (the "Issuer") has heretofore issued \$9,950,000 of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010, dated May 6, 2010 (the "Series 2010 Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, in order to provide debt service savings, the Issuer desires to refund a portion of the outstanding Series 2010 Bonds (the "Refunded Bonds"), pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 14-A of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority (the "Act"), through the issuance of its refunding bonds; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, and subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, the Issuer desires to accomplish the refunding by authorizing the issuance of not exceeding Six Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$6,500,000) of its General Obligation Refunding Bonds (the "Bonds"), to be payable from unlimited ad valorem taxes; and

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WHEREAS, the Issuer desires to make formal application to the State Bond Commission for approval of the issuance of the Bonds;

NOW, THEREFORE, 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 "Issuer"), that:

SECTION 1. Preliminary Approval of Revenue Bonds. Preliminary approval is given to the issuance of not exceeding Six Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$6,500,000) of General Obligation Refunding Bonds (the "Bonds"), of the Issuer, to be issued for the purpose of refunding all or a portion of the Issuer's outstanding General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010 (the "Refunded Bonds") and paying the costs of issuance of the Bonds, said Bonds to be payable from and secured by unlimited ad valorem taxes now being levied and collected annually in excess of all other taxes on all the property subject to taxation within the territorial limits of the Issuer. The Bonds shall bear interest at a rate or rates not to exceed five percent (5%) per annum, to be determined by subsequent ordinance of this Governing Authority at the time of the sale of the Bonds, and shall mature in annual installments due no later than March 1, 2029. The Bonds shall be issued in fully registered form and shall have such additional terms and provisions as may be determined by this Governing Authority.

SECTION 2. <u>State Bond Commission</u>. Application is hereby made to the State Bond Commission, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, for approval of the issuance and sale of the Bonds and for consent and authority to proceed with the issuance and sale of the Bonds as provided above, and Bond Counsel is directed to make application to the State Bond Commission in accordance with the foregoing on behalf of the Issuer. By virtue of applicant/issuer's application for, acceptance and utilization of the benefits of the Louisiana State Bond Commission's approval(s) resolved and set forth herein, it resolves that it understands and agrees that such approval(s) are 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, as to the borrowing(s) and other matter(s) subject to the approval(s), including subsequent application and approval under said Policy of the implementation or use of any swap(s) or other product(s) or enhancement(s) covered thereby.

SECTION 3. <u>Employment of Bond Counsel.</u> This Governing Authority finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of special counsel in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, and accordingly, Foley & Judell, L.L.P., of New

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Orleans, Louisiana, as Bond Counsel, is hereby employed to do and perform work of a traditional legal nature as bond counsel with respect to the issuance and sale of said Bonds. 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 such Bonds, shall counsel and advise this Governing Authority as to the issuance and sale thereof and shall furnish its opinions covering the legality of the issuance of the Bonds. The fee of Bond Counsel for each series of bonds shall be fixed at a sum not exceeding the fee allowed by the Attorney General's fee guidelines for such bond counsel work in connection with the issuance of such series of revenue bonds and based on the amount of said Bonds actually issued, sold, delivered and paid for, plus "out-of-pocket" expenses, said fees to be contingent upon the issuance, sale and delivery of said bonds. If required by and pursuant to instructions from the Clerk of the Issuer, said Bond Counsel shall cause to be prepared an official statement containing detailed and comprehensive financial and statistical data with respect to the sale of the Bonds, and the costs of the preparation and printing of said official statement shall be paid from the proceeds of the issue for which it has been prepared. Said official statement may be submitted to one or more of the nationally recognized bond rating service or services, together with a request that an appropriate rating be assigned. Payment for all ratings shall be made by the Finance Director upon presentation of appropriate statements from the particular rating service furnishing the ratings. The Mayor of the City and/or the Chair of the Governing Authority is hereby authorized and directed to execute, and this Governing Authority hereby agrees to and accepts the terms of, the engagement letter of Bond Counsel in the form submitted at this meeting. 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 fees herein designated, and the Director of Finance of the Issuer is hereby empowered and directed to provide for payment of the work herein specified upon completion thereof and under the conditions herein enumerated.

SECTION 4. Appointment of Financial Advisor. The Issuer hereby retains Government Consultants, Inc., of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to act as its Municipal Advisor ("MA") pursuant to the provisions of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and the rules promulgated thereunder by the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Issuer hereby acknowledges that it is represented by the MA and will rely upon the advice of the MA with respect to the Bonds. The fee to be paid the MA shall be payable solely from the proceeds of the Bonds when and if issued, and the amount thereof shall be subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission. The Mayor of the City and/or the Chair of the Governing Authority is hereby authorized and directed to execute an appropriate contract with the MA.

SECTION 5. <u>Underwriter/Placement Agent.</u> Crews & Associates, Inc., of Little Rock, Arkansas, is hereby appointed as underwriter/placement agent in connection with the sale and delivery of the Bonds, any compensation to be subsequently approved by the Issuer and to be paid from the proceeds of the Bonds and contingent upon the issuance of

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the Bonds; provided that no compensation shall be due to said underwriter/placement agent unless the Bonds are sold and delivered.

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

YEAS: 9

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINING: 0

ABSENT: 0

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 2nd day of February, 2016.

Bill Borchert

President of the Council Councilman, District G

Thomas P. Reeves
Council Administrator

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STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Slidell City Council, State of Louisiana (the "City Council"), acting as the governing authority of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana (the "Issuer") do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of a resolution giving preliminary approval to the issuance of not exceeding Six Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$6,500,000) of General Obligation Refunding Bonds of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana (the "Issuer"); for the purpose of refinancing outstanding debt of the Issuer; making application to the State Bond Commission for approval of said Bonds; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature on this the 2nd day of February, 2016.

Thomas P. Reeves
Administrator of Governing Authority