Introduced February 8, 1994, by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Van Sandt

Item No. 94-02-1714

ORDINANCE NO. 2553

An ordinance providing for the sale and issuance of Not Exceeding Five Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$5,600,000) of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 1994, of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana; prescribing the form, fixing the details and providing for the rights of the owners thereof; providing for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and the application of the proceeds thereof to the refunding of certain bonds of said City; 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 and Chapter 14-A, Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, and a special election held on November 8, 1988, the results of which were duly promulgated in accordance with law, the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana (the "Issuer") acting through its governing authority, the Slidell City Council (the "Governing Authority"), issued (i) \$1,100,000 of General Obligation Water Bonds, Series 1989A (the "Series 1989A Bonds"), (ii) \$1,900,000 of General Obligation Sewer Bonds, Series 1989B (the "Series 1989B Bonds") and (iii) \$3,300,000 of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 1989C (the "Series 1989C Bonds"), dated March 1, 1989, of which \$5,525,000 will be outstanding after March 1, 1994; and

WHEREAS, the Issuer has found and determined that the refunding of \$4,365,000 of the Series 1989A Bonds, Series 1989B Bonds and Series 1989C Bonds, maturing March 1, 2000 to March 1, 2009, inclusive (collectively, the "Refunded Bonds"), would be financially advantageous to the Issuer; and

WHEREAS, the Issuer is authorized to borrow money and issue general obligation bonds payable from ad valorem taxes to advance refund its outstanding general obligation bonds, pursuant to Chapter 14-A of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (the "Act"), and other constitutional and statutory authority; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 14-A of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, and other constitutional and statutory authority, it is now the desire of the Issuer to adopt the Bond Ordinance in order to provide for the issuance of four million eight hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$4,875,000) principal amount of its General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 1994 (the "Bonds"), for the purpose of advance refunding the Refunded Bonds, to fix the details of the Bonds and to sell the Bonds to the purchasers thereof; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to provide for the application of the proceeds of the Bonds and to provide for other matters in connection with the payment or redemption of the Refunded Bonds; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, it is necessary that provision be made for the payment of the principal and interest of the Refunded Bonds described in Exhibit A hereto, and to provide for the call for redemption of the Refunded Bonds, pursuant to a Notice of Defeasance and Call for Redemption; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Slidell City Council, as the governing authority of the Issuer, prescribe the form and content of the Escrow Deposit Agreement providing for the payment of the principal and interest of the Refunded Bonds and authorize the execution thereof as hereinafter provided; and

WHEREAS, the Issuer desires to sell the Bonds to the purchasers thereof and to fix the details of the Bonds and the terms of the sale of the Bonds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Slidell City Council, acting as the governing authority of the Issuer, that:

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

SECTION 1.1. <u>Definitions</u>. The following terms shall have the following meanings unless the context otherwise requires:

"Act" shall mean Chapter 14-A of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other applicable constitutional and statutory authority.

"Bond" or "Bonds" shall mean any or all of the General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 1994, of the Issuer, issued pursuant to the Bond Ordinance, as the same may be amended from time to time, whether initially delivered or issued in exchange for, upon transfer of, or in lieu of any previously issued Bond.

"Bond Counsel" shall mean an attorney or firm of attorneys whose experience in matters relating to the issuance of obligations by states and their political subdivisions is nationally recognized.

"Bond Obligation" shall mean, as of the date of computation, the principal amount of the Bonds then outstanding.

"Bond Ordinance" shall mean this ordinance, as further amended and supplemented as herein provided.

"Business Day" shall mean a day of the year other than a day on which banks located in New Orleans, Louisiana and the cities in which the principal offices of the Escrow Agent and the Paying Agent are located are required or authorized to remain closed.

"Code" shall mean the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

"Costs of Issuance" shall mean all items of expense, directly or indirectly payable or reimbursable and related to the authorization, sale and issuance of the Bonds, including but not limited to printing costs, costs of preparation and reproduction of documents, filing and recording fees, initial fees and charges of any fiduciary, legal fees and charges, fees and disbursements of consultants and professionals, costs of credit ratings, fees and charges for preparation, execution, transportation and safekeeping of the Bonds, costs and expenses of refunding and any other cost, charge or fee paid or payable by the Issuer in connection with the original issuance of Bonds.

"Debt Service" for any period shall mean, as of the date of calculation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) interest payable during such period on Bonds and (ii) the principal amount of Bonds which mature during such period.

"Defeasance Obligations" shall mean (a) cash, or (b) non-callable Government Securities.

"Escrow Agent" shall mean First National Bank of Commerce, in the City of New Orleans, Louisiana, and its successor or successors, and any other person which may at any time be substituted in its place pursuant to the Bond Ordinance.

"Escrow Agreement" shall mean the Escrow Deposit Agreement dated as of March 1, 1994, between the Issuer and the Escrow Agent, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B, as the same may be amended from time to time, the terms of which Escrow Agreement are incorporated herein by reference.

"Executive Officers" shall mean collectively the Mayor and the Clerk of the Council.

"Governing Authority" shall mean the Slidell City Council or its successor in function.

"Government Securities" shall mean direct general obligations of, or obligations the principal of and interest on which are unconditionally guaranteed by, the United States of America, which may be United States Treasury Obligations such as the State and Local Government Series and may be in book-entry form.

"Interest Payment Date" shall mean March 1 and September 1 of each year, commencing September 1, 1994.

"Issuer" shall the mean the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana.

"Outstanding", when used with reference to the Bonds, shall mean, as of any date, all Bonds theretofore issued under the Bond Ordinance, except:

- (a) Bonds theretofore cancelled by the Paying Agent or delivered to the Paying Agent for cancellation;
- (b) Bonds for the payment or redemption of which sufficient Defeasance Obligations have been deposited with the Paying Agent or an escrow agent in trust for the owners of such Bonds as provided in Section 13.1 hereof, provided that if such Bonds are to be redeemed, irrevocable notice of such redemption has been duly given or provided for pursuant to the Bond Ordinance, to the satisfaction of the Paying Agent, or waived;
- (c) Bonds in exchange for or in lieu of which other Bonds have been registered and delivered pursuant to the Bond Ordinance; and
- (d) Bonds alleged to have been mutilated, destroyed, lost, or stolen which have been paid as provided in the Bond Ordinance or by law.

"Owner" shall mean the Person reflected as registered owner of any of the Bonds on the registration books maintained by the Paying Agent.

"Paying Agent" shall mean First National Bank of Commerce, in the City of New Orleans, Louisiana, as paying agent and registrar hereunder, until a successor Paying Agent shall have become such pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Bond Ordinance, and thereafter "Paying Agent" shall mean such successor Paying Agent.

"Person" shall mean any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated organization, or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof.

"Purchaser" shall mean Howard, Weil, Labouisse, Friedrichs Incorporated, of New Orleans, Louisiana.

"Record Date" shall mean, with respect to an Interest Payment Date, the fifteenth day of the calendar month next preceding such Interest Payment Date, whether or not such day is a Business Day.

"Refunded Bonds" shall mean those serial maturities of the Issuer's outstanding General Obligation Water Bonds, Series 1989A, General Obligation Sewer Bonds, 1989B and General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 1989C, all dated March 1, 1989, which mature March 1, 2000 to March 1, 2009, inclusive, which are being refunded by the Bonds, as more fully described in Exhibit A hereto.

"State" shall mean the State of Louisiana.

SECTION 1.2. <u>Interpretation</u>. In the Bond Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires, (a) words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa, (b) words of the masculine gender shall be deemed and construed to include correlative words of the feminine and neuter genders and (c) the title of the offices used in the Bond Ordinance shall be deemed to include any other title by which such office shall be known under any subsequently adopted charter.

ARTICLE II

AUTHORIZATION AND ISSUANCE OF BONDS

- SECTION 2.1. <u>Authorization of Bonds</u>; <u>Refunding of Refunded Bonds</u>. (a) The Bond Ordinance creates a series of bonds of the Issuer to be designated "General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 1994, of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana" and provides for the full and final payment of the principal or redemption price of and interest on all the Bonds.
- (b) The Bonds issued under the Bond Ordinance shall be issued for the purpose of advance refunding the Refunded Bonds through the escrow of a portion of the proceeds of the

 Bonds, together with other available moneys of the Issuer, in Government Securities plus an initial cash deposit, in accordance with the terms of the Escrow Agreement, in order to provide for the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Refunded Bonds as they mature or upon earlier redemption as provided in Section 15.1 hereof.

- redemption of all the Refunded Bonds, in accordance with their terms, it is hereby recognized and acknowledged that as of the date of delivery of the Bonds under the Bond Ordinance, provision will have been made for the performance of all covenants and agreements of the Issuer incidental to the Refunded Bonds, and that accordingly, and in compliance with all that is herein provided, the Issuer is expected to have no future obligation with reference to the aforesaid Refunded Bonds, except to assure that the Refunded Bonds are paid from the Government Securities and funds so escrowed in accordance with the provisions of the Escrow Agreement.
- (d) The Escrow Agreement is hereby approved by the Issuer, and the Executive Officers are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Escrow Agreement on behalf of the Issuer substantially in the form of Exhibit B hereof, with such changes, additions, deletions or completions deemed appropriate by such signing officials, and it is expressly provided and covenanted that all of the provisions for the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Refunded Bonds from the special trust fund created under the Escrow Agreement shall be strictly observed and followed in all respects.

ARTICLE III

GENERAL TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF THE BONDS

SECTION 3.1. <u>Bond Ordinance to Constitute Contract</u>. In consideration of the purchase and acceptance of the Bonds by those who shall own the same from time to time, the provisions of the Bond Ordinance shall be a part of the contract of the Issuer with the Owners of the Bonds and shall be deemed to be and shall constitute a contract between the Issuer and the Owners from time to time of the Bonds. The provisions, covenants and agreements herein set forth to be performed by or on behalf of the Issuer shall be for the equal benefit, protection and security of the Owners of any and all of the Bonds, each of which Bonds, regardless of the time or times of its issue or maturity, shall be of equal rank without preference, priority or distinction over any other thereof except as expressly provided in the Bond Ordinance.

SECTION 3.2. Obligation of Bonds. The Bonds shall constitute general obligations of the Issuer, and the full faith and credit of the Issuer is hereby pledged for their payment and for the payment of all the interest thereon. The Issuer is bound under the terms and provisions of law and the Bond Ordinance to impose and collect annually, in excess of all other taxes, a tax on all the property subject to taxation within the territorial limits of the Issuer, sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds falling due each year, said tax to be levied and collected by the same officers, in the same manner and at the same time as other taxes are levied and collected within the territorial limits of the Issuer. All ad valorem taxes levied by the Issuer in each year for the payment of the Bonds shall, upon their receipt, be transferred to the Governing Authority, which shall have responsibility for the deposit of such receipts and for the investment and reinvestment of such receipts and the servicing of the Bonds and any other general obligation bonds of the Issuer.

SECTION 3.3. <u>Authorization and Designation</u>. Pursuant to the provisions of the Act, there is hereby authorized the issuance of Four Million Eight Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$4,875,000) principal amount of Bonds of the Issuer to be designated "General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 1994, of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana," for the purpose of advance refunding the Refunded Bonds. The Bonds shall be in substantially the form set forth in Exhibit C hereto, with such necessary or appropriate variations, omissions and insertions as are required or permitted by the Act and the Bond Ordinance.

This Governing Authority hereby finds and determines that upon the issuance of the Bonds, the total outstanding amount of general obligation bonds of the Issuer issued and considered to be outstanding will not exceed the Issuer's general obligation bond limit.

SECTION 3.4. <u>Denominations</u>, <u>Dates</u>, <u>Maturities and Interest</u>. The Bonds are issuable as fully registered bonds without coupons in the denominations of \$5,000 principal amount or any integral multiple thereof within a single maturity, and shall be numbered R-1 upward.

The Bonds shall be dated March 1, 1994, shall bear interest payable on March 1 and September 1 of each year, commencing September 1, 1994, shall bear interest at the following interest rates and shall mature on March 1 in the years and in the principal amounts, as follows:

DATE (MARCH 1)	PRINCIPAL PAYMENT	INTEREST RATE	DATE (MARCH 1)	PRINCIPAL PAYMENT	INTEREST RATE
1995	\$ 50,000	3.15%	2003	\$415,000	4.80%
1996	50,000	3.45	2004	440,000	4.85
1997	55,000	3.85	2005	460,000	5.10
1998	55,000	4.10	2006	495,000	5.25
1999	60,000	4.30	2007	525,000	5.35
2000	350,000	4.40	2008	560,000	5.45
2001	370,000	4.55	2009	600,000	5.50
2002	390,000	4.70		,	

The principal and premium, if any, of the Bonds are payable in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts at the principal corporate trust office of the Paying Agent, upon presentation and surrender thereof. Interest on the Bonds is payable by check mailed on or before the Interest Payment Date by the Paying Agent to the Owner thereof (determined as of the close of business on the Record Date) at the address of such Owner as it appears on the registration books of the Paying Agent maintained for such purpose.

Except as otherwise provided in this Section, Bonds shall bear interest from date thereof or from the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, as the case may be, provided, however, that if and to the extent that the Issuer shall default in the payment of the interest on any Bonds due on any Interest Payment Date, then all such Bonds shall bear interest from the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid on the Bonds, or if no interest has been paid on the Bonds, from their dated date.

The person in whose name any Bond is registered at the close of business on the Record Date (unless such Bond has been called for redemption on a redemption date which is prior to such Interest Payment Date) shall in all cases be entitled to receive the interest payable on such Interest Payment Date notwithstanding the cancellation of such Bond upon any registration of transfer or exchange thereof subsequent to such Record Date and prior to such Interest Payment Date.

ARTICLE IV

GENERAL TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF THE BONDS

SECTION 4.1. Exchange of Bonds; Persons Treated as Owners. The Issuer shall cause books for the registration and for the registration of transfer of the Bonds as provided in the Bond Ordinance to be kept by the Paying Agent at its principal corporate trust office, and the Paying Agent is hereby constituted and appointed the registrar for the Bonds. At reasonable times and under reasonable regulations established by the Paying Agent said list may be inspected and copied by the Issuer or by the Owners (or a designated representative thereof) of 15% of the outstanding principal amount of the Bonds.

All Bonds presented for registration of transfer or exchange shall be accompanied by a written instrument or instruments of transfer in form and with a guaranty of signature satisfactory to the Paying Agent, duly executed by the Owner or his attorney duly authorized in writing.

Upon surrender for registration of transfer of any Bond, the Paying Agent shall register and deliver in the name of the transferee or transferees one or more new fully registered Bonds of authorized denomination and like aggregate principal amount. At the option of the Owner, Bonds may be exchanged for other Bonds of authorized denominations and like aggregate principal amount, upon surrender of the Bonds to be exchanged at the principal corporate trust office of the Paying Agent. Whenever any Bonds are so surrendered for exchange, the Paying Agent shall register and deliver in exchange therefor the Bond or Bonds which the Owner making the exchange shall be entitled to receive.

No service charge to the Owners shall be made by the Paying Agent for any exchange or registration of transfer of Bonds. The Paying Agent may require payment by the person requesting an exchange or registration of transfer of Bonds of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in relation thereto.

The issuer and the Paying Agent shall not be required (a) to issue, register the transfer of or exchange any Bond during a period beginning at the opening of business on the 15th calendar day of the month next preceding an Interest Payment Date or any date of selection of Bonds to be redeemed and ending at the close of business on the Interest Payment Date or day on which the applicable notice of redemption is given or (b) to register the transfer of or exchange any Bond so selected for redemption in whole or in part.

All Bonds delivered upon any registration of transfer or exchange of Bonds shall be valid obligations of the Issuer, evidencing the same debt and entitled to the same benefits under the Bond Ordinance as the Bonds surrendered.

Prior to due presentment for registration of transfer of any Bond, the Issuer and the Paying Agent, and any agent of the Issuer or the Paying Agent may deem and treat the person in whose name any Bond is registered as the absolute owner thereof for all purposes, whether or not such Bond shall be overdue, and shall not be bound by any notice to the contrary.

SECTION 4.2. <u>Bonds Mutilated, Destroyed, Stolen or Lost.</u> In case any Bond shall become mutilated or be improperly cancelled, or be destroyed, stolen or lost, the Issuer may in its discretion adopt a resolution and thereby authorize the issuance and delivery of a new Bond in exchange for and substitution for such mutilated or improperly cancelled Bond, or in lieu of and substitution for the Bond destroyed, stolen or lost, upon the Owner (i) furnishing the Issuer and the Paying Agent proof of his ownership thereof and proof of such mutilation, improper cancellation, destruction, theft or loss satisfactory to the Issuer and the Paying Agent, (ii) giving to the Issuer and the Paying Agent an indemnity bond in favor of the Issuer and the Paying Agent in such amount as the Issuer may require, (iii) compliance with such other reasonable regulations and conditions as the Issuer may prescribe and (iv) paying such expenses as the Issuer and the Paying Agent may incur. All Bonds so surrendered shall be delivered to the Paying Agent for cancellation pursuant to Section 3.4 hereof. If any Bond shall have matured or be about to mature, instead of issuing a substitute Bond, the Issuer may pay the same, upon being indemnified as aforesaid, and if such Bond be lost, stolen or destroyed, without surrender thereof.

Any such duplicate Bond issued pursuant to this Section shall constitute an original, additional, contractual obligation on the part of the Issuer, whether or not the lost, stolen or destroyed Bond be at any time found by anyone. Such duplicate Bond shall be in all respects identical with those replaced except that it shall bear on its face the following additional clause:

"This bond is issued to replace a lost, cancelled or destroyed bond under the authority of R.S. 39:971 through 39:974."

Such duplicate Bond may be signed by the facsimile signatures of the same officers who signed the original Bonds, provided, however, that in the event the officers who executed the original Bonds are no longer in office, then the new Bonds may be signed by the officers then in office. Such duplicate Bonds shall be entitled to equal and proportionate benefits and rights as to lien and source and security for payment as provided herein with respect to all other Bonds hereunder, the obligations of the Issuer upon the duplicate Bonds being identical to its obligations upon the original Bonds and the rights of the Owner of the duplicate Bonds being the same as those conferred by the original Bonds.

SECTION 4.3. <u>Preparation of Definitive Bonds</u>, <u>Temporary Bonds</u>. Until the definitive Bonds are prepared, the Issuer may execute, in the same manner as is provided in Section 4.5, and deliver, in lieu of definitive Bonds, but subject to the same provisions, limitations and conditions as the definitive Bonds except as to the denominations, one or more temporary typewritten Bonds substantially of the tenor of the definitive Bonds in lieu of which such temporary Bond or Bonds are issued, in authorized denominations, and with such omissions, insertions and variations as may be appropriate to temporary Bonds.

SECTION 4.4. <u>Cancellation of Bonds</u>. All Bonds paid or redeemed either at or before maturity, together with all Bonds purchased by the Issuer, shall thereupon be promptly cancelled by the Paying Agent. The Paying Agent shall thereupon promptly furnish to the Clerk of the Council of the Issuer an appropriate certificate of cancellation.

SECTION 4.5. Execution. The Bonds shall be executed in the name and on behalf of the Issuer by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Executive Officers, and the corporate seal of the Issuer (or a facsimile thereof) shall be thereunto affixed, imprinted, engraved or otherwise reproduced thereon. In case any one or more of the officers who shall have signed or sealed any of the Bonds shall cease to be such officer before the Bonds so signed and sealed shall have been introduced, such Bonds may, nevertheless, be delivered as herein provided, and may be issued as if the person who signed or sealed such Bonds had not ceased to hold such office. Said officers shall, by the execution of the Bonds, adopt as and for their own proper signatures their respective facsimile signatures appearing on the Bonds or any legal opinion certificate thereon, and the Issuer may adopt and use for that purpose the facsimile signature of any person or persons who shall have been such officer at any time on or after the date of such Bond, notwithstanding that at the date of such Bond such person may not have held such office or that at the time when such Bond shall be delivered such person may have ceased to hold such office.

SECTION 4.6. Registration by Paying Agent. No Bond shall be valid or obligatory for any purpose or entitled to any security or benefit under the Bond Ordinance unless and until a certificate of registration on such Bond substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit C hereto shall have been duly executed on behalf of the Paying Agent by a duly authorized signatory, and such executed certificate of the Paying Agent upon any such Bond shall be conclusive evidence that such Bond has been executed, registered and delivered under the Bond Ordinance.

ARTICLE V

APPLICATION OF PROCEEDS

SECTION 5.1. Application of Bond Proceeds and Accrued Interest. (a) As provided in Sections 8.1 and 8.2, the proceeds of the Bonds (exclusive of accrued interest), together with certain other moneys provided by the Issuer, shall be deposited in the special trust funds established pursuant to the Escrow Agreement and applied and invested as therein provided. The proceeds and other moneys and/or securities so deposited in the Escrow Fund and the Expense Fund, together with the interest earned from the investment thereof, shall be sufficient to pay the principal of, premium and interest on the Refunded Bonds as the same mature or are redeemed and become due, and the Costs of Issuance of the Bonds.

(b) Upon the delivery of the Bonds, the amount, if any, received as accrued interest shall be invested in investments permitted by the laws of the State and applied by this Governing Authority to pay interest falling due on the Bonds on the first Interest Payment Date.

ARTICLE VI

PAYMENT OF BONDS

SECTION 6.1. <u>Deposit of Funds With Paying Agent</u>. The Issuer covenants that it will deposit or cause to be deposited with the Paying Agent from the moneys derived from the collection of taxes levied for the payment of the Bonds or other funds available for such purpose, at least one Business Day in advance of each Interest Payment Date, funds fully sufficient to pay promptly the principal and interest so falling due on such Interest Payment Date.

ARTICLE VII

REDEMPTION OF BONDS

SECTION 7.1. <u>Bonds Subject to Redemption</u>. The Bonds maturing March 1, 2005, and thereafter, shall be callable for redemption by the Issuer in full at any time on and after March 1, 2004, 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, 2004, at the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest to the date of redemption. Any Bonds made the subject of such call or calls shall be redeemed at the principal amount thereof and accrued interest to the redemption date.

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. Any Bond which is to be redeemed only in part shall be surrendered at the principal corporate trust office of the Paying Agent and such partial redemption shall be noted thereon or there shall be delivered to the Owner of such Bond, a Bond or Bonds of the same maturity and of any authorized denomination or denominations as requested by such Owner in aggregate principal amount equal to and in exchange for the unredeemed portion of the principal of the Bond so surrendered.

SECTION 7.2. Notice to Paying Agent. In the case of any redemption of Bonds, the Issuer shall give written notice to the Paying Agent of the election so to redeem and the redemption date, and of the principal amounts and numbers of the Bonds or portions of Bonds of each maturity to be redeemed. Such notice shall be given at least thirty (30) days prior to the redemption late. In the event notice of redemption shall have been given as provided in Section 7.4, the Issuer shall, on or before the redemption date, deposit moneys available therefor with the Paying Agent in an amount which, in addition to other amounts, if any, available therefor held by the Paying Agent will be sufficient to redeem on the redemption date, at the redemption price thereof together with accrued interest to the redemption date, all of the Bonds to be redeemed.

SECTION 7.3. Selection of Bonds to be Redeemed by Lot. In the event of redemption of less than all the Outstanding Bonds of like maturity, such Bonds shall be redeemed by lot or in such other manner as shall be deemed fair and equitable by the Paying Agent for random selection.

SECTION 7.4. Notice of Redemption. Notice of any such redemption shall be given by the Paying Agent by mailing a copy of the redemption notice by first class mail, postage prepaid, not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date fixed for redemption, to the Owner of each Bond to be redeemed in whole or in part at the address shown on the registration books maintained by the Paying Agent. Failure to give such notice by mailing to any Owner, or any defect therein, shall not affect the validity of any proceedings for the redemption of other Bonds. All notices of redemption shall state (i) the redemption date; (ii) the redemption price; (iii) if less than all the Bonds are to be redeemed, the identifying number (and in the case of partial redemption, the respective principal amounts) and CUSIP number of the Bonds to be redeemed; (iv) that on the redemption date the redemption price will become due and payable on each such Bond and interest thereon will cease to accrue thereon from and after said date; and (v) the place where such Bonds are to be surrendered for payment. Any notice mailed as provided in this Section shall be conclusively presumed to have been duly given, whether or not the Owner of such Bonds receives the notice. On or before any redemption date the Paying Agent shall segregate and hold in trust funds furnished by the Issuer for the payment of the Bonds or portions thereof called, together with accrued interest thereon and premium, if any, to the redemption date. Upon the giving of notice and the deposit of funds for redemption, interest on such Bonds or portions thereof thus called shall no longer accrue after the date fixed for redemption. If said moneys shall not be so available on the redemption date, such Bonds shall continue to bear interest until paid at the same rate as they would have borne had they not been called for redemption. No payment shall be made by the Paying Agent upon any Bond or portion thereof called for redemption until such Bond or portion thereof shall have been delivered for payment or cancellation or the Paying Agent shall have received the items required by Section 3.2 with respect to any mutilated, lost, stolen or destroyed Bond. Upon surrender of any Bond for redemption in part only, the Paying Agent shall register and deliver to the Owner thereof a new Bond or Bonds of authorized denominations of maturity and interest rate in an aggregate principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion of the Bond surrendered.

SECTION 7.5. Payment of Redeemed Bonds. Notice having been given in the manner provided in Section 5.4, the Bonds or portions thereof so called for redemption shall become due and payable on the redemption date so designated at the redemption price, plus interest accrued and unpaid to the redemption date, and, upon presentation and surrender thereof at the office specified in such notice, such Bonds or portions thereof shall be paid at the redemption price plus interest accrued and unpaid to the redemption date.

SECTION 7.6. <u>Purchase of Bonds</u>. The Paying Agent shall endeavor to apply any moneys furnished by the Issuer for the redemption of Bonds (but not committed to the redemption of Bonds as to which notice of redemption has been given) to the purchase of appropriate outstanding Bonds. In accordance with Section 4.4, any Bonds so purchased shall be cancelled. Subject to the above limitations, the Paying Agent, at the direction of the Issuer, shall purchase Bonds at such times, for such prices, in such amounts and in such manner (whether after advertisement for tenders or otherwise) with monies made available by the Issuer for such purpose,

ARTICLE VIII

PARTICULAR COVENANTS, ADDITIONAL BONDS

SECTION 8.1. Obligations of the Issuer in Connection with the Issuance of the Bonds As a condition of the issuance of the Bonds the Issuer bereby binds and obligates itself to:

- (a) Deposit irrevocably in trust with the Escrow Agent under the terms and conditions of the Escrow Agreement, as hereinafter provided, an amount of the proceeds derived from the issuance and sale of the Bonds (exclusive of accrued interest), together with additional moneys of the Issuer, as will enable the Escrow Agent to immediately make an initial cash deposit and purchase non-callable government securities described in the Escrow Agreement, which, together with the initial cash deposit deposited therein, shall mature in principal and interest in such a manner as to provide at least the required cash amount on or before each payment date for the Refunded Bonds (said amounts being necessary on each of the designated dates to pay and retire or redeem the Refunded Bonds, including premiums, if any, payable upon redemption). Prior to or concurrently with the delivery of the Bonds, the Issuer shall obtain an independent mathematical verification that the moneys and obligations required to be irrevocably deposited in trust in the Escrow Fund with the Escrow Agent, together with the earnings to accrue thereon, will always be sufficient for the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Refunded Bonds as provided in Section 5.1 hereof.
- (b) Deposit in trust with the Escrow Agent such amount of the proceeds of the Bonds as will enable the Escrow Agent to pay the Costs of Issuance and the costs properly attributable to the establishment and administration of the Escrow Fund.

SECTION 8.2. Application of Proceeds of Bonds. As provided in Section 8.1, the proceeds of the Bonds (exclusive of accrued interest, which shall be applied by the Issuer to the payment of interest falling due on the Bonds on the first Interest Payment Date), together with additional moneys of the Issuer, shall be irrevocably and irrepealably deposited by the Issuer with the Escrow Agent under the terms and conditions established in the Escrow Agreement. Provision is made in the Escrow Agreement for the investment of a portion of the moneys deposited in the Escrow Fund established thereby in non-callable government securities maturing in principal and interest in such amounts and at such times as will provide, together with the cash deposited in the Escrow Fund from the proceeds of the Bonds, sufficient moneys as will be required to pay and retire the Refunded Bonds as described in Section 8.1 hereof, it being understood that the income or earnings to be derived or realized from such investment shall be considered as amounts available to retire or redeem the Refunded Bonds on any date on or after the maturity dates of the interest or the principal amounts of such investments. The moneys so deposited with the Escrow Agent shall constitute a trust fund irrevocably dedicated for the use and benefit of the owners of the Refunded Bonds.

SECTION 8.3. <u>Payment of Bonds</u>. The Issuer shall duly and punctually pay or cause to be paid as herein provided, the principal or redemption price, if any, of every Bond and the interest thereon, at the dates and places and in the manner stated in the Bonds according to the true intent and meaning thereof.

ARTICLE IX

SUPPLEMENTAL BOND ORDINANCES

SECTION 9.1. <u>Supplemental Ordinances Effective Without Consent of Owners</u>. For any one or more of the following purposes and at any time from time to time, a resolution supplemental hereto may be adopted, which, upon the filing with the Paying Agent of a certified copy thereof, but without any consent of Owners, shall be fully effective in accordance with its terms:

- (a) to add to the covenants and agreements of the Issuer in the Bond Ordinance other covenants and agreements to be observed by the Issuer which are not contrary to or inconsistent with the Bond Ordinance as theretofore in effect;
- (b) to add to the limitations and restrictions in the Bond Ordinance other limitations and restrictions to be observed by the Issuer which are not contrary to or inconsistent with the Bond Ordinance as theretofore in effect;
- (c) to surrender any right, power or privilege reserved to or conferred upon the Issuer by the terms of the Bond Ordinance, but only if the surrender of such

- right, power or privilege is not contrary to or inconsistent with the covenants and agreements of the Issuer contained in the Bond Ordinance;
- (d) to cure any ambiguity, supply any omission, or cure or correct any defect or inconsistent provision of the Bond Ordinance; or
- (e) to insert such provisions clarifying matters or questions arising under the Bond Ordinance as are necessary or desirable and are not contrary to or inconsistent with the Bond Ordinance as theretofore in effect.

SECTION 9.2. Supplemental Ordinances Effective With Consent of Owners. Except as provided in Section 9.1, any modification or amendment of the Bond Ordinance or of the rights and obligations of the Issuer and of the Owners of the Bonds hereunder, in any particular, may be made by a supplemental resolution, with the written consent of the Owners of a majority of the Bond Obligation at the time such consent is given. No such modification or amendment shall permit a change in the terms of redemption or maturity of the principal of any outstanding Bond or of any installment of interest thereon or a reduction in the principal amount or redemption price thereof or in the rate of interest thereon without the consent of the Owner of such Bond, or shall reduce the percentages of Bonds the consent of the Owner of which is required to effect any such modification or amendment, or change the obligation of the Issuer to levy and collect taxes for the payment of the Bonds as provided herein, without the consent of the Owners of all of the Bonds then outstanding, or shall change or modify any of the rights or obligations of either the Paying Agent or the Escrow Agent without its written assent thereto. For the purposes of this Section, Bonds shall be deemed to be affected by a modification or amendment of the Bond Ordinance if the same adversely affects or diminishes the rights of the Owners of said Bonds. A supplemental resolution, upon the filing with the Paying Agent of a certified copy thereof, shall become fully effective in accordance with its terms.

ARTICLE X

TAX COVENANTS

SECTION 10.1. Tax Covenants. The Issuer covenants and agrees that, to the extent permitted by the laws of the State of Louisiana, it will comply with the requirements of the Code to in order to establish, maintain and preserve the exclusion from "gross income" of interest on the Bonds under the Code. The Issuer shall not take any action or fail to take any action, nor shall it permit at any time or times any of the proceeds of the Bonds or any other funds of the Issuer to be used directly or indirectly in any manner, to acquire any securities or obligations the acquisition of which would cause any Bond to be an "arbitrage bond" as defined in the Code or would result in the inclusion of the interest on any Bond in "gross income" under the Code, including, without limitation, (i) the failure to comply with the limitation on investment of the proceeds of the Bonds, (ii) the failure to pay any required rebate of arbitrage earnings to the United States of America, or (iii) the use of the proceeds of the Bonds in a manner which would cause the Bonds to be "private activity bonds" under the Code.

The Bonds are designated as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code. In making this designation, the Issuer finds and determines that:

- (a) the Bonds are not "private activity bonds" within the meaning of the Code; and
- (b) the reasonably anticipated amount of qualified tax-exempt obligations which will be issued by the Issuer and all subordinate entities in calendar year 1994 does not exceed \$10,000,000.

The Executive Officers are hereby empowered, authorized and directed to take any and all action and to execute and deliver any instrument, document or certificate necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Section.

ARTICLE XI

REMEDIES ON DEFAULT

SECTION 11.1. Events of Default. If one or more of the following events (in the Bond Ordinance called "Events of Default") shall happen, that is to say,

- (a) if default shall be made in the due and punctual payment of the principal of any Bond when and as the same shall become due and payable, whether at maturity or otherwise; or
- (b) if default shall be made in the due and punctual payment of any installment of interest on any Bond when and as such interest installment shall become due and payable; or
- (c) if default shall be made by the Issuer in the performance or observance of any other of the covenants, agreements or conditions on its part in the Bond Ordinance, any supplemental resolution or in the Bonds contained and such default shall continue for a period of forty-five (45) days after written notice thereof to the Issuer by the Owners of not less than 25% of the Bond Obligation (as defined in the Bond Ordinance); or
- (d) if the Issuer shall file a petition or otherwise seek relief under any Federal or State bankruptcy law or similar law;

then, upon the happening and continuance of any Event of Default, the Owners of the Bonds shall be entitled to exercise all rights and powers for which provision is made under Louisiana law.

ARTICLE XII

CONCERNING FIDUCIARIES

SECTION 12.1. <u>Escrow Agent: Appointment and Acceptance of Duties</u>. First National Bank of Commerce, in the City of New Orleans, Louisiana, is hereby appointed Escrow Agent. The Escrow Agent shall signify its acceptance of the duties and obligations imposed upon it by the Bond Ordinance by executing and delivering the Escrow Agreement. The Escrow Agent is authorized to file, on behalf of the Issuer, subscription forms for any Government Securities required by the Escrow Agreement.

SECTION 12.2. Paying Agent; Appointment and Acceptance of Duties. The Issuer will at all times maintain a Paying Agent having the necessary qualifications for the performance of the duties described in the Bond Ordinance. The designation of First National Bank of Commerce, in the City of New Orleans, Louisiana, as the initial Paying Agent, is hereby confirmed and approved. The Paying Agent shall signify its acceptance of the duties and obligations imposed on it by the Bond Ordinance by executing and delivering to this Governing Authority a written acceptance thereof. This Governing Authority reserves the right to appoint a successor Paying Agent by (a) filing with the Person then performing such function a certified copy of a resolution or resolution giving notice of the termination of the agreement and appointing a successor and (b) causing notice to be given to each Registered Owner. Every Paying Agent appointed hereunder shall at all times be a bank organized and doing business under the laws of the United States of America or of any State, authorized under such laws to exercise trust powers, and subject to supervision or examination by Federal or State authority.

ARTICLE XIII

MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 13.1. <u>Defeasance</u>. (a) If the Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid to the Owners of all Bonds then outstanding, the principal and interest and redemption premium, if any, to become due thereon, at the times and in the manner stipulated therein and in the Bond Ordinance, then the covenants, agreements and other obligations of the Issuer to the Owners and to the Insurer shall be discharged and satisfied. In such event, the Paying Agent shall, upon the request of the Issuer, execute and deliver to the Issuer all such instruments as may be desirable to evidence such discharge and satisfaction and the Paying Agent shall pay over or deliver to the Issuer all moneys, securities and funds held by them pursuant to the Bond Ordinance which are not required for the payment of Bonds not theretofore surrendered for such payment.

(b) Bonds or interest installments for the payment or redemption of which Defeasance Obligations shall have been set aside and shall be held in trust by the Paying Agent or an escrow agent (through deposit by the Issuer of funds for such payment or redemption or otherwise) at a maturity or redemption date thereof shall be deemed to have been paid within the meaning and with the effect expressed in paragraph (a) of this Section. Any Bond shall, prior to maturity or the redemption date thereof, be deemed to have been paid within the meaning and with the effect expressed in paragraph (a) of this Section if (i) there shall have been deposited with the

Paying Agent or an escrow agent Defeasance Obligations, in the amounts and having such terms as are necessary to provide moneys (whether as principal or interest) in an amount sufficient to pay when due the principal or applicable redemption price thereof, together with all accrued interest and (ii) the adequacy of the Defeasance Obligations so deposited to pay when due the principal or applicable accountant. Neither Defeasance Obligations deposited pursuant to this Section nor principal or interest payments on any such securities shall be withdrawn or used for any purpose other than, and shall be held in trust for, the payment of the principal or redemption price, if applicable, and interest to become due on the Bonds; provided that any cash received from such principal or interest payments on such Defeasance Obligations shall, if permitted by the Code, and to the extent practicable, be reinvested in Defeasance Obligations maturing at times and in amounts sufficient to pay when due the principal or redemption price, if applicable, and interest to become due on said Bonds on and prior to such redemption date or maturity date thereof, as the case may be.

SECTION 13.2. Evidence of Signatures of Owners and Ownership of Bonds. (a) Any request, consent, revocation of consent or other instrument which the Bond Ordinance may require or permit to be signed and executed by the Owners may be in one or more instruments of similar tenor, and shall be signed or executed by such Owners in person or by their attorneys-in-fact appointed in writing. Proof of (i) the execution of any such instrument, or of an instrument appointing any such attorney, or (ii) the ownership by any person of the Bonds shall be sufficient for any purpose of the Bond Ordinance (except as otherwise therein expressly provided) if made in the following manner, or in any other manner satisfactory to the Paying Agent, which may nevertheless in its discretion require further or other proof in cases where it deems the same desirable:

- (1) the fact and date of the execution by any Owner or his attorney-in-fact of such instrument may be proved by the certificate, which need not be acknowledged or verified, of an officer of a bank or trust company or of any notary public or other officer authorized to take acknowledgements of deeds, that the person signing such request or other instrument acknowledged to him the execution thereof, or by an affidavit of a witness of such execution, duly sworn to before such notary public or other officer. Where such execution is by an officer of a corporation or association or a member of a partnership, on behalf of such corporation, association or partnership, such certificate or affidavit shall also constitute sufficient proof of his authority;
- (2) the ownership of Bonds and the amount, numbers and other identification, and date of owning the same shall be proved by the registration books of the Paying Agent.
- (b) Any request or consent by the Owner of any Bond shall bind all future Owners of such Bond in respect of anything done or suffered to be done by the Issuer or the Paying Agent in accordance therewith.

SECTION 13.3. Moneys Held for Particular Bonds. The amounts held by the Paying Agent for the payment due on any date with respect to particular Bonds shall, on and after such date and pending such payment, be set aside on its books and held in trust by it, without liability for interest, for the Owners of the Bonds entitled thereto.

SECTION 13.4. Parties Interested Herein. Nothing in the Bond Ordinance expressed or implied is intended or shall be construed to confer upon, or to give to, any person or corporation, other than the Issuer, the Paying Agent and the Owners of the Bonds any right, remedy or claim under or by reason of the Bond Ordinance or any covenant, condition or stipulation thereof; and all the covenants, stipulations, promises and agreements in the Bond Ordinance contained by and on behalf of the Issuer shall be for the sole and exclusive benefit of the Issuer, the Governing Authority, the Paying Agent and the Owners of the Bonds and the Refunded Bonds.

SECTION 13.5. <u>No Recourse on the Bonds</u>. No recourse shall be had for the payment of the principal of or interest on the Bonds or for any claim based thereon or on the Bond Ordinance against any member of the Governing Authority or officer of the Issuer or any person executing the Bonds.

SECTION 13.6. <u>Successors and Assigns</u>. Whenever in the Bond Ordinance the Issuer is named or referred to, it shall be deemed to include its successors and assigns and all the covenants and agreements in the Bond Ordinance contained by or on behalf of the Issuer shall bind and enure to the benefit of its successors and assigns whether so expressed or not.

SECTION 13.7. Subrogation. In the event the Bonds, or any of them, should ever be held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the Owner or Owners thereof shall be subrogated to all the rights and remedies against the Issuer had and possessed by the Owner or Owners of the Refunded Bonds.

SECTION 13.8. Severability. In case any one or more of the provisions of the Bond Ordinance or of the Bonds issued hereunder shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provision of the Bond Ordinance or of the Bonds, but the Bond Ordinance and the Bonds shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provisions had not been contained therein. Any constitutional or statutory provision enacted after the date of the Bond Ordinance which validates or makes legal any provision of the Bond Ordinance or the Bonds which would not otherwise be valid or legal shall be deemed to apply to the Bond Ordinance and to the Bonds.

SECTION 13.9. Publication of Bond Ordinance. A copy of this Bond Ordinance shall be published immediately after its adoption in one issue of the official journal of the Issuer.

SECTION 13.10. Peremption. For thirty days after the date of publication, any person in interest may contest the legality of the Bond Ordinance, any provision of the Bonds, the provisions therein made for the security and payment of the Bonds and the validity of all other provisions and proceedings relating to the authorization and issuance of the Bonds. After the said thirty days, no person may contest the regularity, formality, legality or effectiveness of the Bond Ordinance, any provisions of the Bonds to be issued pursuant hereto, the provisions for the security and payment of the Bonds and the validity of all other provisions and proceedings relating to their authorization and issuance, for any cause whatever. Thereafter, it shall be conclusively presumed that the Bonds are legal and that every legal requirement for the issuance of the Bonds has been complied with. No court shall have authority to inquire into any of these matters after the said thirty days.

SECTION 13.11. Execution of Documents. In connection with the issuance and sale of the Bonds, the Executive Officers, including the Director of Finance, are each authorized, empowered and directed to execute on behalf of the Issuer such documents, certificates and instruments as they may deem necessary, upon the advice of Bond Counsel, to effect the transactions contemplated by the Bond Ordinance, the signatures of the persons on such documents, certificates and instruments to be conclusive evidence of the due exercise of the authority granted hereunder.

ARTICLE XIV

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SALE OF BONDS

Sale of Bonds. The Bonds are hereby awarded to and sold to the SECTION 14.1. Purchaser at a price of \$4,789,106.40 (98.238% of par value), plus accrued interest, if any, and under the terms and conditions set forth in the Bond Purchase Agreement (hereinafter defined), and after their execution, registration by the Secretary of State and authentication by the Paying Agent, the Bonds shall be delivered to the Underwriter or their agents or assigns, upon receipt by the Issuer of the agreed purchase price. The Bond Purchase Agreement dated March 8, 1994, in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit D is hereby approved and the Executive Officers of the Issuer are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to accept the terms of the Bond Purchase Agreement on behalf of the Issuer and deliver or cause to be executed and delivered all documents required to be executed on behalf of the Issuer or deemed by them necessary or advisable to implement the Bond Ordinance or to facilitate the sale of the Bonds.

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ARTICLE XV

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REDEMPTION OF REFUNDED BONDS

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SECTION 15.1. Call for Redemption. (a) \$760,000 principal amount of the Issuer's General Obligation Water Bonds, Series 1989A, \$1,320,000 principal amount of the Issuer's General Obligation Sewer Bonds, Series 1989B, and \$2,285,000 principal amount of the Issuer's General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 1989C, consisting of all of the bonds of such series maturing on March 1, 2000 to March 1, 2009, inclusive, are hereby called for redemption on March 1, 1999 at the principal amount thereof and accrued interest, in compliance with the ordinance authorizing their issuance.

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SECTION 15.2. Notice of Redemption. In accordance with the resolution authorizing the issuance of the Refunded Bonds, a notice of redemption in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit E, will be given by the Paying Agent for the Refunded Bonds by mailing

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a copy of the redemption notice by first class mail not less than thirty (30) days prior to the redemption date shown on the registration books of said paying agent.

ARTICLE XVI

EMPLOYMENT OF COUNSEL

SECTION 16.1 Employment of Bond Counsel. This Governing Authority hereby finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of special counsel in the issuance of the Bonds, and accordingly, the law firm of Foley ~ Judell, Bond Counsel, is hereby employed as Bond Counsel to handle all matters of a legal nature in connection with the negotiation, sale, issuance and delivery of the Bonds. The fee of Foley & Judell in connection with said program of finance shall be and the same is hereby established and fixed at a sum not to exceed the maximum fee for general obligation bonds as provided by the Attorney General's fee schedule based on the amount of the Bonds actually issued, sold, delivered and paid for, plus "out-of-pocket" expenses; provided, however, that said fee shall be contingent on and payable solely from the proceeds of the sale of the Bonds. It is recognized that such counsel has prepared an Official Statement in connection with the issuance of the Bonds and said counsel shall be reimbursed its costs in connection with the preparation of such Official Statement from the proceeds of the Bonds as a cost of issuance.

ARTICLE XVII

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

SECTION 16.1 <u>Introduction of Ordinance</u>. This ordinance having been introduced at a duly convened meeting on February 8, 1994, in compliance with a duly published agenda item and notice of introduction hereof having been published once in the official journal of the Issuer at least seven (7) days prior to the date of adoption hereof and having been duly adopted by the Slidell City Council on March 8, 1994 pursuant to a duly published agenda item, in compliance with the provisions of the City Charter, this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval by the Mayor of the City.

ADOPTED this 8th day of March, 1994.

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Pearl Williams

Councilwoman, District G President of the Council

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