Introduced January 23, 1990, by Councilman Callahan, seconded by Councilman Washington (both by request of Administration)

RESOLUTION R90-03

A resolution endorsing the Metropolitan New Orleans Partnership for Economic Development.

WHEREAS, the eight parish Metropolitan New Orleans Area (Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John, and St. Tammany Parishes) is facing an uncertain future with traditional sources of business, employment, and growth no longer providing the support necessary to maintain a strong and vibrant economy; and

WHEREAS, to rebuild and sustain a strong and vibrant economy for the eight parish area will require a carefully prepared strategy that is comprehensive, practical, specific and action oriented; and

WHEREAS, such a strategy must build on the area's economic strengths and deal practically with the weaknesses to provide a vision of what the Metropolitan New Orleans Area economy could look like in the year 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Metrovision Partnership has been formed to develop a strategic planning process and economic development program for the Metropolitan New Orleans Area; and

WHEREAS, to succeed such a strategy must establish a cooperative planning process that is inclusive of government, business, education, the non-profit sector, the minority communities and media from the eight parish area; and

WHEREAS, to make the process inclusive requires forming true partnerships with the eight parishes and allowing time to get substantive input from stakeholders in each parish.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Slidell City

Council endorses and request full participation in the process for developing and implementing the Metropolitan New Orleans Strategic Plan for Economic Development.

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ADOPTED this 23rd day of January, 1990.

Bob Callahan

Councilman, District B President of the Council

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Council Administrator/Clerk of the Council