Introduced January 28, 2003, by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Binder (Williams/Binder, both by request of Administration)

#### **RESOLUTION NO. R03-02**

A resolution accepting and approving the Engineering and Economic Feasibility Report for A Ten Year Capital Improvement Program financed from sales tax revenues and Sales Tax Revenue Bonds prepared by the City Engineer and City Director of Finance, showing the anticipated sales tax revenues required to retire certain proposed sales tax revenue bonds, all in connection with the scheduled sales tax and sales tax revenue bond election of May 3, 2003; ordering the filing of such report; directing the advertising of a summary of the engineering and economic feasibility report in the Daily Sentry News sixty (60) days prior to the election of May 3, 2003.

WHEREAS, the City Engineer and City Director of Finance, have prepared and submitted to this Slidell City Council an engineering and economic feasibility report (titled "A Ten Year Capital Improvement Program, Engineering and Economic Feasibility Report") (the "Engineering Report"), relating to a capital finance program including the issuance of sales tax revenue bonds of the City to finance capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, this Slidell City Council desires to approve said Engineering Report; and

WHEREAS, Section 5-09 of the Home Rule Charter requires that a summary of such Engineering Report shall be published in the official journal of the City at least sixty (60) days prior to the date of the election called for the purpose of incurring bonded debt and the Slidell City Council wishes to follow such procedure in connection with calling an election to authorize the levy of a sales and use tax and the issuance of sales tax revenue bonds.

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

SECTION 1. The Slidell City Council, acting as governing authority of the City, hereby accepts and approves the Engineering Report, showing the detailed costs and project summary prepared by the City Engineer, with schedules showing the anticipated sales and use tax revenues required to fund certain cash expenditures and debt service expenditures, the levy of such sales and use tax and the issuance of such sales tax revenue bonds to be authorized at the scheduled election of May 3, 2003.

SECTION 2. That it is hereby ordered and directed that copies of said Engineering Report be filed in the offices of the Slidell City Council to be available for public review during regular business hours.

SECTION 3. This Slidell City Council does further direct the advertisement of the Engineering Report or a summary thereof in the Daily Sentry News at least sixty (60) days prior to said election of May 3, 2003, said notice to be in substantially the following form:

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The City of Slidell contemplates the issuance of sales tax revenue bonds of the City to finance certain capital improvements. In compliance with Section 5-09 of the Home Rule Charter, the Slidell City Council adopted a resolution on January 28, 2003, accepting the Engineering Report prepared by the City Engineer and City Director of Finance (titled "A Ten Year Capital Improvement Program, Engineering and Economic Feasibility Report"), which was prepared relative to the proposed election to authorize the issuance of sales tax revenue bonds and providing for the filing and publication of such Report as required by the Home Rule Charter. Copies of said Report may be reviewed during regular office

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hours at the City Hall of the offices of the Mayor and of the Clerk of the Slidell City Council. A summary of said Engineering Report (without exhibits which are on file with the complete Report and may be reviewed at the above named offices) is now published in compliance with Section 5-09 of the Home Rule Charter as follows:

# INVEST SLIDELL A TEN YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ENGINEERING AND ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY REPORT SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

As required by the Home Rule Charter for the City of Slidell an Engineering and Economic Feasibility Report must be prepared and presented to the Mayor and City Council, and the Mayor and City Council must approve the report, prior to issuance of Revenue Bonds. This report identifies the projects to be funded through the revenues derived from the levy of a special one-half percent (1/2%) sales and use tax and the proceeds of revenue bonds payable therefrom. The report also identifies allocations for public safety that are not part of the bond proceeds. A general description of the work in each year is provided in Section One of the report. Section Two of the report provides the financial information explaining the funding details of the program. Specific information regarding the overall program, including a listing of each project, is provided in Attachments 1, 2, and 3 to the report.

# Summaries for Recommended Projects

# Concrete Street Improvements

The recommended concrete street rehabilitation projects will improve 238 of the 288 concrete streets in town. This is 82.6% of the concrete roadways in Slidell. The work will involve the removal and replacement of the pavement, repair of the base where necessary, and repair of the drainage system components as required. In some instances this will be complete removal and replacement of the entire roadway. In other instances this will be the removal and replacement of only sections of the roadway. The estimated cost for these projects over the ten-year program is \$36,700,000.

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#### **Storm Water Drainage Improvements**

The storm water drainage improvement projects will improve the performance of the drainage facilities in seven specific drainage basins.

The improvements will also insure the proper function of the subsurface drainage facilities associated with the concrete roadway improvements. These improvements will affect virtually all of the citizens of Slidell. The estimated cost for the drainage improvements over the ten-year program is \$15,639,684.

#### **Asphalt Street Work**

The asphalt street paving work will improve 100 of the 186 asphalt streets in town. This is 53.8% of the asphalt roadways in Slidell. The work will generally involve removal of the existing asphalt pavement, base repairs will be made as needed, and replacement with generally 3 inches of asphalt pavement. The estimated cost for these projects over the tenyear program is \$ 11,890,316.

### **Public Safety**

The funding allocated for Public Safety will provide for necessary improvements and enhancements in the Police Department such as, but not limited to: advanced technology, training, and equipment related to Homeland Security matters; communication equipment to utilize the most current technologies; transportation equipment; various continuing training programs; mobile data systems and capabilities. It should be noted that these funds would be allocated out of the annual cash revenue and not from the bond proceeds. The estimated allocation for public safety over the ten-year program is \$4,500,000.

#### **Project Financing**

It is estimated that the total capital cost of the street and drainage improvements, and the Public Safety component of the INVEST SLIDELL PROGRAM will be \$68,730,000 over a ten-year period. The City plans to meet that cost by obtaining voter approval for the levy of an additional one-half percent (1/2%) sales and use tax and the issuance of revenue bonds payable therefrom. It is anticipated that the revenues of such tax along with the proceeds of revenue bonds secured by the revenue of such tax, will be sufficient to meet the costs of such program improvements

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over its anticipated ten-year implementation period. It is anticipated that the maintenance of such facilities will be funded by streams of revenue currently used for such purposes.

SECTION 4. That this resolution shall become effective immediately.

ADOPTED this 28th day of January, 2003.

Pearl Williams

President of the Council Councilwoman-at-Large

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Shawn B. McManus Clerk of the Council

#### STATE OF LOUISIANA

#### PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Council of the Slidell City Council (the "Governing Authority"), the governing authority of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana (the "City"), do hereby certify that the foregoing eight (8) pages constitute a true and correct copy of the proceedings taken by the Governing Authority on January 28, 2003, ordering and calling a special election to be held in the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana, to authorize the levy of a sales and use tax therein; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature and the impress of the official seal of the City at Slidell, Louisiana, on this, the 28th day of January, 2003.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

Clerk of the Council

Shawn B. McManus Clerk of the Council