Introduced December 14, 2004, by Councilwoman Burkhalter, seconded by Councilwoman Livaudais

RESOLUTION R04-37

A resolution giving preliminary approval to the issuance of not to exceed Six Million Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$6,700,000) of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2004A of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana; providing certain terms of said bonds; 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 Chapter 14-A, Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (the "Act") and other constitutional and statutory authority, the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana (the "City"), has heretofore issued \$9,500,000 of General Obligation Bonds, Series 1996, dated March 1, 1996, of which \$6.970,000 is currently outstanding (the "Series 1996 Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, in order to provide debt service reductions, the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana (the "Issuer"), acting through its governing authority, the Slidell City Council, desires to refund the callable maturities of the Series 1996 Bonds (the March 1, 2007 to March 1, 2016, inclusive, maturities) (herein referred to as the "Refunded Bonds"), pursuant to the Act and other constitutional and statutory authority, 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 through the issuance of not exceeding \$6,700,000 of its General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2004A, of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana (the "Refunding Bonds"), to be payable from unlimited ad valorem taxation on all property in the Issuer; and

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WHEREAS, the Issuer desires to make formal application to the State Bond Commission for approval of the Refunding Bonds, and further to employ special Bond Counsel in connection therewith;

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 "City"), that:

SECTION 1. Preliminary Approval of Refunding Bonds. Preliminary approval is given to the issuance of not exceeding \$6,700,000 of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2004A, of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana (the "Refunding Bonds"), to be issued for the purpose of refunding the Issuer's outstanding General Obligation Bonds, Series 1996 Bonds (the March 1, 2007 to March 1, 2016, inclusive, maturities), said Refunding Bonds to be payable from and secured by a pledge of the unlimited ad valorem taxation on all taxable property in the City. The Refunding Bonds shall bear interest at a rate or rates not to exceed six percent (6%) per annum, to be determined by subsequent ordinance of this Governing Authority at the time of the sale of the Refunding Bonds, and shall mature no later than March 1, 2016. The Refunding Bonds shall be issued in fully registered form, shall be sold to the purchasers thereof at a price of not less then 96% of the par value thereof, plus accrued interest, and shall have such additional terms and provisions as may be determined by this Governing Authority.

SECTION 2. <u>Appointment of Bond Counsel</u>. This City Council finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of special Bond Counsel in

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connection with the issuance of the Refunding Bonds, and accordingly, Foley & Judell, L.L.P. is hereby appointed as Bond Counsel to the Issuer, and requested to do and perform comprehensive legal and coordinate professional work as Bond Counsel with respect to the issuance and sale of the Refunding Bonds. The fee of said Bond Counsel in connection with the issuance of the Refunding Bonds shall be fixed by subsequent ordinance. The Bond Counsel is hereby authorized and directed to prosecute the refunding and directed to prepare necessary documents appertaining thereto and to present them for further action by this City Council.

SECTION 3. Appointment of Investment Banker/Underwriter. Morgan Keegan & Co., Inc., of New Orleans, Louisiana, is hereby appointed as investment banker/underwriter in connection with refunding the Refunded Bonds, any compensation to be subsequently approved by the Issuer and to be paid from the proceeds of the Refunding Bonds and contingent upon the issuance of the Refunding Bonds; provided that no compensation shall be due to said investment banker/underwriter unless the Refunding Bonds are sold and delivered.

SECTION 4. <u>Prosecution of Program</u>. The Bond Counsel and the Investment Banker/Underwriter are hereby authorized and directed to prosecute the refunding and the Bond Counsel is authorized and directed to prepare necessary documents appertaining thereto and to present them for further action by this City Council.

SECTION 5. <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

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the Refunding Bonds and for consent and authority to proceed with the issuance and sale of the Refunding 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.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: 9

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

ADOPTED this 14th day of December, 2004.

Elsie Burkhalter

President of the Council Councilwoman, District A

Shawn B. McManus, CMC Clerk of the Council

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