Introduced August 13, 2024, by Councilwoman Haggerty, seconded by Councilman DiSanti

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A resolution indicating the intention of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana to request the issuance of not to exceed Nineteen Million Eight Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$19,820,000) Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority Revenue Bonds (City of Slidell Project), and otherwise providing with respect thereto as provided by Chapter 10-D of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended; approving the appointment of a Director to represent the City on the Board of Directors of the Authority; employing Bond Counsel, Independent Registered Municipal Advisor and Underwriters; authorizing an application to the State Bond Commission.

WHEREAS, Chapter 10-D of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, comprised of La. R.S. 33:4548.1 through 33:4548.16, inclusive, is known as the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority Act (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, it is the purpose of the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority (the "Authority") to encourage public infrastructure and public works of all types, and to assist political subdivisions in such financing needs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana (the "City") is a member and participating political subdivision of the Authority in accordance with the Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 4548.4 of the Act, the governing authority of the City desires to approve the appointment of the Mayor to represent the City as a member of the Board of Directors of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to request the issuance of the Authority's not to exceed Nineteen Million Eight Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$19,820,000) Revenue Bonds (City

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of Slidell Project) (the "Bonds") for the purposes of (i) providing funds to construct and equip a new headquarters for the Slidell Police Department, including administrative offices and jail (the "Project"); (ii) funding a debt service reserve fund or reserve fund surety, if necessary; and (iii) paying the costs of issuing the Bonds, including bond insurance premium, if necessary.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Slidell City Council (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana, as follows:

SECTION 1. The City hereby requests the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority (the "Authority") to authorize and issue the Authority's Revenue Bonds (City of Slidell Project), in one or more series (the "Bonds") in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed Nineteen Million Eight Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$19,820,000) for the purpose of providing funds, the proceeds of which shall be loaned to the City to enable the City to fund the Project.

SECTION 2. The proceeds of the Bonds will be loaned by the Authority to the City pursuant to a Loan Agreement by and between the Authority and the City, such loan to be repaid solely from an irrevocable pledge and dedication of the net avails and proceeds of the collection of a .38% sales and use tax currently being levied and collected by the City, pursuant to an election held on April 27, 2024. The proceeds of the Bonds will be used by the City for the purposes of (i) funding the Project; (ii) funding a debt service reserve fund or reserve fund surety, if necessary; and (iii) paying the costs of issuing the Bonds, including bond insurance premium, if necessary.

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SECTION 3. The Bonds shall mature not later than thirty (30) years from the date of their issuance and shall bear interest at a rate not to exceed five and one quarter percent (5.25%) per annum, on a tax-exempt basis.

The Authority is hereby requested to take all actions necessary to SECTION 4. issue and sell the Bonds, including, but not limited to, hiring the firm of Butler Snow LLP, as bond counsel in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, making application to the Authority and the State Bond Commission for approval of the Bonds and taking all other action necessary or appropriate in connection therewith. The fee for bond counsel services to be paid Bond Counsel from Bond proceeds shall be (a) an aggregate amount less than the Attorney General's then current Bond Counsel Fee Schedule and other guidelines, as negotiated, for comprehensive, legal and coordinate professional work in the issuance of revenue bonds applied to the actual aggregate principal amount issue, sold, delivered and paid for at the time such Bonds are delivered, together with the reimbursement of out-ofpocket expenses incurred and advanced in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, and (b) an hourly rate for legal work related to services not traditionally provided by bond counsel, if any, less than the Attorney General's maximum hourly rates, as negotiated, together with the reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred and advanced in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, said fee to be payable out of Bond proceeds subject to the Attorney General's written approval of said employment and fee as required by the Act.

SECTION 5. This resolution is an adoption of an official intent of the City relative to the issuance of its Bonds as contemplated herein in accordance with the laws of the State

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and the United States Treasury Regulations, Section 1.150-2(e). The Bonds will not exceed an aggregate principal amount of \$19,820,000. Reimbursement of up to \$5,000,000 in expenditures of the City from proceeds of the Bonds may be for reimbursement of expenditures made from time to time in connection with the Project.

SECTION 6. It has been determined that a real necessity exists for the employment of an Independent Registered Municipal Advisor to the City in connection with the loan authorized herein and therefore the firm of Government Consultants, Inc. is hereby hired by the City to advise them in connection therewith. The fee to be paid for such services shall be in an amount agreed upon by the City.

SECTION 7. Carty & Company and D.A. Davidson & Co. (the "*Underwriters*") are hereby authorized as Underwriters in connection with the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds.

SECTION 8. Pursuant to the Act, the appointment of the Mayor to represent the City as a member of the Board of Directors of the Authority for a term of two (2) years from the date hereof is hereby approved.

SECTION 9. By virtue of the Authority's application for, acceptance and utilization of the benefits of the Louisiana State Bond Commission's (the "Commission") approval, the City hereby resolves that it understands and agrees that such approval is 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 (the "Policy"), as to the

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borrowing and other matters subject to the approval, including subsequent application and approval under said Policy of the implementation or use of any swap or other products or enhancements covered thereby.

SECTION 10. This resolution shall be published in the *St. Tammany Farmer*, the official journal of the City, published in Covington, Louisiana, and that, as provided by the Act, for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of such publication, any person in interest may contest the legality of this resolution and the Bonds to be issued and the provisions securing the Bonds. After the said thirty (30) days, no person shall have any right of action to contest the validity of the Bonds or the security therefor or the provisions of this resolution, and all of the Bonds shall be conclusively presumed to be legal, and no court shall thereafter have authority to inquire into such matters.

SECTION 11. The President and Council Administrator of the Governing Authority and the Mayor of the City are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute such documents, certificates and instruments as are deemed necessary to effect the transactions contemplated by this resolution.

SECTION 12. The provisions of this resolution shall supercede any prior resolutions of the City with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby to the extent they are inconsistent with the provisions hereof.

SECTION 13. This resolution shall become effective immediately.

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

YEAS:

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

ADOPTED this 13th day of August 2024.

Megan Haggerty

President of the Council Councilwoman, District C

Thomas P. Reeves

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Council Administrator

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STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY

I, the undersigned Council Administrator of the Slidell City Council (the "Governing Authority"), the governing authority of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of the proceedings taken by the Governing Authority on August 13, 2024, indicating the intention of the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana to request the issuance of not to exceed Nineteen Million Eight Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$19,820,000) Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority Revenue Bonds (City of Slidell Project), and otherwise providing with respect thereto as provided by Chapter 10-D of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended; approving the appointment of a Director to represent the City on the Board of Directors of the Authority; employing Bond Counsel, Independent Registered Municipal Advisor and Underwriters; authorizing an application to the State Bond Commission.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature and the impress of the official seal of said Slidell City Council on this, the 13th day of August, 2024.

Thomas P. Reeves
Council Administrator

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