CITY OF COVINGTON
STATE OF LOUISIANA

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2022-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE COVINGTON CITY COUNCIL ORDERING AND CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF COVINGTON, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TO AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL OF AN AD VALOREM TAX THEREIN AND TO AUTHORIZE THE INCURRING OF DEBT AND ISSUANCE OF BONDS THEREIN; MAKING APPLICATION TO THE STATE BOND COMMISSION; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

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

SECTION 1. Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, and under the authority conferred by the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, including Article VI, Section 27 thereof and Article VI, Section 33 thereof, Part II of Chapter 4 of Subtitle II of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority, a special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the City on **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2022**, between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, and at the said election there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

PROPOSITION NO. 1 OF 2
(MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall the City of Covington, State of Louisiana (the "City"), be authorized to continue to levy a 9.43 mills tax on all the property subject to taxation in the City (an estimated $1,549,774 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2024 and ending with the year 2033, for the purpose of improving, maintaining and operating the City's fire protection facilities, for purchasing, maintaining and operating fire trucks and other fire fighting equipment?

PROPOSITION NO. 2 OF 2
(BOND)

Shall the City of Covington, State of Louisiana (the "City"), incur debt and issue bonds to the amount of not exceeding $4,750,000, to run not exceeding 20 years from the date thereof, with interest at a rate not exceeding 6% per annum, for the purpose of making capital improvements in the City, including, but not limited to, constructing, renovating, acquiring, and/or improving (i) roads, street and bridges; (ii) public buildings, parks and recreational facilities; (iii) drains and drainage facilities; (iv) public safety facilities; and (v) sewerage collection and treatment, including acquiring all necessary land, equipment and furnishings, title to which shall be in the public, which bonds will be general obligations of the City and will be payable from ad valorem taxes to be levied and collected in the manner provided by Article VI, Section 33 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and statutory authority supplemental thereto, with no estimated increase in the millage rate to be levied in the first year of issue above the 3.50 mills being levied to pay General Obligation Bonds of the City?

SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Election. A Notice of Special Election shall be published in the official journal of the City once a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the election, which Notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, prior to the publication of the Notice of Election, the Council President is authorized and directed to make any amendments to the foregoing propositions that may be required to comply with any state or federal regulatory agencies.

SECTION 3. Canvass. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the Council Chambers, 222 E. Kirkland Street, Covington, Louisiana, on **TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2023**, at **SIX O'CLOCK (6:00) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election.

SECTION 4. Polling Places. The polling places for the precincts set forth in the aforesaid Notice of Special Election are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

SECTION 5. Election Commissioners; Voting Machines. The officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, shall hold the said special election as herein provided, and shall make do returns of said election for the meeting of the Governing Authority to be held as provided in Section 3 hereof. All registered voters in the City will be entitled to vote at the special election and voting machines shall be used.

SECTION 6. Authorization of Officers. The Council Clerk of the City is hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of said election, the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election and the Council President and/or Council Clerk of the City are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the election.

SECTION 7. Furnishing Election Call to Election Officials. Certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Parish Custodian of Voting Machines of St. Tammany Parish and the Registrar of Voters of St. Tammany Parish, as notification of the special election, in order that each may prepare for said election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

SECTION 8. Application to State Bond Commission. Application is made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the special election as herein provided, and in the event said election carries for further consent and authority to continue to levy and collect the ad valorem tax provided for therein and to issue, sell and deliver the bonds provided for therein. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of this Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application. By virtue of applicant/issuer's application for, acceptance and utilization of the benefits of the Louisiana State Bond Commission's approval(s) resolved and set forth herein, it resolves that it understands and agrees that such approval(s) are 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, as to the borrowing(s) and other matter(s) subject to the approval(s), including subsequent application and approval under said Policy of the implementation or use of any swap(s) or other product(s) or enhancement(s) covered thereby.

SECTION 9. Confirmation of Employment of Bond Counsel. This Governing Authority finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of special counsel in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, and accordingly, Foley & Judell, L.L.P., of New Orleans, Louisiana, as Bond Counsel, is hereby employed to do and perform work of a traditional legal nature as bond counsel with respect to the issuance and sale of said Bonds. Said Bond Counsel shall prepare and submit to this Governing Authority for adoption all of the proceedings incidental to the authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of such Bonds, shall counsel and advise this Governing Authority as to the issuance and sale thereof and shall furnish its opinions covering the legality of the issuance of the Bonds. The fee of Bond Counsel for each series of bonds shall be fixed at a sum not exceeding the fee allowed by the Attorney General's fee guidelines for such bond counsel work in connection with the issuance of general obligation bonds and based on the amount of said Bonds actually issued, sold, delivered and paid for, plus "out-of-pocket" expenses, said fees to be contingent upon the issuance, sale and delivery of said Bonds. The Finance Director is hereby authorized and directed to execute, and this Governing Authority hereby agrees to and accepts the terms of, the engagement letter of Bond Counsel appended hereto as Exhibit B. A certified copy of this resolution shall be submitted to the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana for his written approval of said employment and of the fees herein designated, and the Finance Director is hereby empowered and directed to provide for payment of the work herein specified upon completion thereof and under the conditions herein enumerated without further approval of this Governing Authority.

SECTION 10. Confirmation of Appointment of Municipal Advisor. The Issuer hereby confirms the retention of Raymond James & Associates, Inc., of New Orleans, Louisiana, to act as its Municipal Advisor ("MA") pursuant to the provisions of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and the rules promulgated thereunder by the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Issuer hereby acknowledges that it is represented by the MA and will rely upon the advice of the MA with respect to the Bonds. The fee to be paid the MA shall be payable solely from the proceeds of the Bonds when and if issued, and the amount thereof shall be subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission. The Finance Director is hereby authorized and directed, in her discretion, to execute any contract the MA may require with respect to the engagement.

SECTION 11. Declaration of Official Intent. Prior to the delivery of the Bonds, the Governing Authority anticipates that it may pay a portion of the costs of the projects from the General Fund. The projects include those purposes set forth in the proposition herein. Upon the issuance of the Bonds, the Issuer reasonably expects to reimburse any such expenditures of other available funds from a portion of the proceeds of the Bonds. Any such allocation of proceeds of the Bonds for reimbursement will be with respect to capital expenditures (as defined in Reg. 1.150-1(b)) and will be made upon the delivery of the Bonds and not later than eighteen (18) months after the later of (i) the date such expenditure was paid or (ii) the date on which the project was placed in service. This Section is intended to be a declaration of official intent within the meaning of Reg. 1.150-2.

MOVED FOR ADOPTION by Smith, seconded by Roberts, was then submitted to a vote, the vote thereon being as follows:

YEAS:7

NAYS:0

ABSENT:0

ABSTAIN:0

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 19th day of July, 2022.

/s/______________________________	/s/____________________________
LARRY ROLLING	JOANN D. RUCKER
COUNCIL PRESIDENT	COUNCIL CLERK