



## **Council Proceedings of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana**

*January 25, 2011*

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana was called to order by Chairman Oliver Jenkins at 3:05 p.m., Tuesday, January 25, 2011, in the Government Chambers in Government Plaza (505 Travis Street).

Invocation was given by Councilman McCulloch.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Shyne.

On Roll Call, the following members were Present: Councilmen Rose Wilson-McCulloch, Jeff Everson, Michael Corbin, Oliver Jenkins, Ron Webb, Joe Shyne, and Sam Jenkins. 7. Absent: None.

**Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman McCulloch to approve the minutes of the Council Meeting, Tuesday, January 11, 2011. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.**

**Awards, Recognition of Distinguished Guests, and Communications of the Mayor which are required by law.**

Awards and recognition of distinguished guests by the Mayor, not to exceed fifteen minutes.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Mayor Glover, do you have any awards, recognitions or distinguished guests today.

Mayor Glover: Obviously Mr. Chairman, we always acknowledge the folks who actually take time from busy schedules to come out and be a part of today's proceedings. We consider them to be special guests, especially those who have taken off from whether their jobs or some other duties. And we extend the same expression of appreciation to the folks who watch us from home as well. We do have some communications Mr. Chairman, but we will offer those at whatever point and time that you would direct us to.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay.

Awards and recognition of distinguished guests by City Council members, not to exceed fifteen minutes.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Any council members have any awards, recognitions, or distinguished guests? Councilman Shyne.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, for some reason, I have quite a few of my friends here today. I don't know whether they thought it was my birthday or not. But Mr. Young, Gregory please stand. He's a young man who is a retired postal worker, as a matter of fact, a retired postmaster, and he looks young like you do Mr. Chairman. I don't know how he put that many years in, but he did. Greg, it's good to see you. And we also Mr. Mayor, have a former City Councilman here, that you and I have known since we were kids. Larry Ferdinand. Larry, I take some of that back, because you know some of these ladies in here might get a little mad with me for saying that. Mr. Mayor, we have to be careful when we talk about Larry Ferdinand. Mr. Chairman, I have a young lady, a matter of fact two people that are here, Mr. Davis and Ms. Mitchell. And they have a tremendous program here, and I'd like for Ms. Mitchell to come up and Mr. Davis, you can come up and stand by her. And I'd just like for her to take about two minutes and tell us a little something about themselves and their program.

Ms. Alma Mitchell: I am the clinic manager for the Children's Dental Clinic. The Children's Dental Clinic is a partnership between Willis Knighton Health Systems and the Northwest Dental Volunteers. We do a great service. We see those children who might not otherwise see a dentist in their lifetime. We see children who their parents make too much for them to qualify for Medicaid services, but they do not make enough to have dental insurance coming out of their paychecks. Each time a child comes to our clinic, no matter what treatment we give that child, the parent only gives us \$5. And we are here to let you know that we exist, and to help us get the word out. We've been open for about 9-10 years, and it's still amazing that there are so many families in this area that do not know that we are available to help them. A lot of children have a hard time studying in class from toothaches. I had a call just like that this morning. A young man chipped his front tooth, walked around like that for about seven months, because his parents could just not afford the treatment for him. And we've given him a great service, and you can't even tell that that happened to him. So, we are here to ask you to go back to your districts, and let your families know that we are here to help their children with any dental needs that they may have.

Councilman O. Jenkins: May I ask this quick question? You're entirely funded by Willis Knighton, or you also do a fundraising campaign?

Ms. Mitchell: Willis Knighton, of course, I'm their employee. And the building that the clinic is in is owned by Willis Knighton. But the Northwest Dental Volunteers is made up of dentist in this area. They have their own board, they buy all the supplies for the clinic's dental supplies. And Willis Knighton just takes care of the building that we're in. Parents have to qualify for our program according to their income and their bills, and the size of

their families. We used the Federal Poverty Guidelines to qualify children for our clinic. (inaudible) and I've left one for all of you and my card. So, we would appreciate it if you would just - - - it's amazing that families still don't know we're out there, so we still need you help to get the word out.

Councilman Webb: How many dentists are enrolled in this program to help?

Ms. Mitchell: We have about 43 dentist. We also have specialist, Orthodontists, Endodontics. If that child needs a service that we can't provide in the clinic, we can call them and they'll be taken care of.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Thank you very much. Anybody - - - any other questions?

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, I have just one more guest. I won't really - - -

Councilman O. Jenkins: Well first, can I - - - do you mind if I say thank you for coming down before we to everybody in the chamber?

Councilman Shyne: Oh, I'm sorry.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Thank you all very much for coming down. It sounds like a great program, and thanks for educating us on it.

Mayor Glover: Thank you so much.

Councilman Shyne: I'm running so fast today Mr. Chairman, I want to get out of the way. I have a good friend, of course he's going to be coming up shortly, Bishop Larry Brandon, who is the Full Gospel and I think he's kinda adopted Cedric and myself. We're Methodists and he kinda made Full Gospel Methodists out of us, so I don't know - - - Cedric, I don't know whether that can happen or not, but we have. And I just wanted to recognize him and Bishop, good to see you down. And Cedric, I'm glad you've joined the clan, hear?

Mayor Glover: I think the Council of Bishops are still contemplating the vote.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Well Councilman Shyne, maybe that's why he and I were sitting at the same table today at lunch. He was trying to convert me. So I'm going to be a little leery (inaudible).

Councilman Shyne: Work on him Bishop, work on him.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I don't know if that's clear.

Councilman Shyne: Well he needs to catch the spirit. He needs to see how we shout.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Does any other Council Member have any awards, recognitions or guests?

Communications of the Mayor relative to city business other than awards and recognition of distinguished guests.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay, Mayor if you have communications for us, we're looking forward to that at this point.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I just simply want to start by expressing on behalf of the administration and all of the citizens of the City of Shreveport our great sadness at the passing of Ms. Mississippi Winn. Those of you who are familiar with Ms. Winn, she passed away at 113 years, 289 days. Upon her passing, she was the 7<sup>th</sup> oldest person in the world. And since I've been privileged to be mayor of the City of Shreveport, we have recognized "Mississippi Winn Day" on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March going back to her 110<sup>th</sup> birthday, in 2007. And she was such a wonderful sweet woman, and for those of you who had a chance to spend a little time with her like I know Jeff and others had the privilege of doing, it's amazing that someone could be still so conversant, so aware, so engaging at 113 years of age, and so we thank her. And for all of the folks that she's blessed over the years, and we certainly celebrate the life that she lives and we look forward to working with Jeff and I think it was the folks at St. Paul's Episcopal if I'm not mistaken this past April who worked with the Council on Aging to host this area's centenarian luncheon and recognition for I think at that time, what were somewhere in the neighborhood of 75 individuals throughout this area who had reached the age of 100 and over. We had about 13 folks who showed up for that luncheon, of which Ms. Winn was one. Here in just the last two weeks, I've been invited to or be a part of celebrations of at least two new centenarians. So, whole we have lost one, we have been blessed to gain others. But I certainly want to acknowledge the life and legacy of Ms. Winn. I also want to take a moment to thank Dr. Mark Rowe and Chris Lavan \_\_\_\_\_, and all of the hundreds of volunteers across the City of Shreveport who took part in the King Celebration that we've just wrapped up, starting with last Monday's day of service and all of the activities. It was truly inspiring, and certainly I think the City of Shreveport represented the life and legacy of Dr. King extremely well. At this point Mr. Chairman, we'd like to call up Charles and Don Norris to give us a presentation on the employee retirement system, and they'll be joined by Sal (inaudible), and this involved the non-civil service of the City's retirement systems. Mr. Chairman, members of the council, also and let me ask Arthur, I'm not sure if you all received the briefings from the LMA and the Louisiana Conference of Mayor's regarding the ongoing dialogue involving the fire and police retirement systems. We will if not, then we will make sure that we pass along to you all - - - and we need to make sure that we get you all within that email distribution line as well. There's been some ongoing dialogue about the issues and challenges facing the police and firefighters retirement systems as well.

Councilman Shyne: We got to put some more money in?

Mayor Glover: The city's contributions Mr. Shyne as you all remember from the last term are escalating and expected to go higher, if we don't manage to take some pretty significant actions here in the foreseeable future. We're going to end up being faced with some rather untenable options. The good thing is that the dialogue that's going on right now that's involving Mayors and other municipal leaders across the state in conjunction with members of the various fire and police retirement systems to talk about exactly what some of our options may be. There are some recommendations that have come down from the Louisiana Conference of Mayors as well as from the LMA that we need to make sure that you all are aware of, and much of this will play out in the upcoming legislative session when we hope to be able to get on one accord with all of the respective bodies involved to see if we can't present a unified force to the legislature in terms of some of the changes and adjustments that need to be made. But as that percentage, that cities are required to contribute to those retirement systems increases, and the dollars that we have available to fulfill the other functions of government decrease, and unfortunately you've seen some places around the country where there have been layoffs and other problems that have been created as a result of an inability to be able to get your hands effectively around these types of systems or these types of problems rather. But this is the non-civil service portion of our system that these gentlemen are about to give us a presentation on today.

Mr. Madden: You should have received in your packets for this meeting, some information that we prepared for each of you concerning the retirement, and that's what Don who is the Pension Manager is going to talk to you about, sort of explain the ground work as far as what it is, how it's funded and then Sal here is our investment manager with Merrill Lynch, and he'll give you a little more information on that side.

Mr. Norris: I hope you all got the information and had a chance to review and read it in debt.

Councilman O. Jenkins: We got it yesterday.

Mr. Norris: Well it was put in your box Friday, so - - -

Councilman O. Jenkins: So I mean I for one, have not read this in entirety, I will admit that.

Mr. Norris: That's alright. Well essentially, this is probably the first time in at least 12 years that we've had a chance to address the City Council as to how the pension plan works and the dynamics. It's a plan, runs in perpetuity, much like social security. It was initiated in 1954 by Ordinance No. 2, so it's been here since the City's been here, or formerly the city has been here. The pension plan is made up of employees that are elected by other employees and retirees who elected by other retirees, and the Administration. So, we have the Mayor, the CAO, the Director of Finance, one member who is appointed by the City Council to sit on the Board, two active employees that are elected by the employees in the retirement system, one retired member, and one retired alternate. We meet once a month, open to the public, and we discuss the investment strategies of the pension plan. There's been talk obviously as the Mayor alluded to of rates going up. You hear about it after the

fact. We want to start developing a relationship with the City Council, so that we can address these issues long before we get to that point. Currently our employees put in 9% of their pay, the city puts in 13.15% of that employees pay, that is invested in a very conservative fashion, and that money is the money that pays people their retirement. So, if you work here 32-33 years, you can draw roughly 100% of your highest 36 months salary. And you can retire earlier than that at a lower rate. But the essence is this plan is much a facet of employment with the City of Shreveport as their pay. People come to work - - - I want to make a paycheck each month, but people also come to work for the benefits. Since we do not pay Social Security, this is their retirement. And so it is probably more important than that paycheck each month, because after they work, we have to make sure pension board, myself, our investment advisors, and you the City Council have to insure the money is there, so when they retire, it can pay. In that handout, or in that information I gave you, we have the employee handbook that we give to every employee when they come. We have orientation and we talk about the pension plan. Also in there in the rules and regulations are the ordinances that pertain to the pension plan. And a copy of our investment strategy. Comments were made we operate, if you will 'willy nilly'. We have a very concise plan, a very conservative plan, we're not speculative in our investments, so that the money is there for the future. It's all put in a trust, it's protected, nobody can go in and borrow against it, use it as collateral, or withdraw from it, because it's owned by the employees, and not the city. I'm going to let Sal talk a little bit about the investment strategy. My phone number in my office, some of y'all I've met with before and talked about various things and pension plans. If you ever have any questions, pick the phone up and call us. I'm going to answer your question. If I can't answer it, I'll have an answer by the end of the day. Too much speculation is going around now about.....well, we're doing away with this, we're doing away with that, and the worst thing is gossip. Because factual basis is not there. We operate this as if it were my money, or your money, or his money. It's not going to - - - we don't make a decision quickly. Some of these decisions have taken years to do. So, we hopefully will be a chance for us to start monthly, quarterly, coming back to this city council, and reporting how we're doing things, things we'll want to change, things we'll want to alter, new programs. Because ultimately any lack of funding in this pension plan, the city is responsible for much like with fire and police. But I don't want to get to that point to where - - - oh, by the way it was 40%. I want us to work together as a team, so we can get there smoothly. Sal Miletello, with Merrill - - - excuse me?

Councilman Webb: I was just wanting to let you know I'm not sure if y'all are aware that I was originally appointed to the committee. And I don't know what day you meet or what time. Do y'all email us on it or - - -

Councilman Norris: We meet once a month, and I'll make sure that you get a complete schedule of the meeting times. They're at 2:30 on the second Thursday of every month. But I will make sure that my assistant gets that information to you.

Councilman Webb: Okay, thank you.

Councilman Norris: Sal is with Merrill Lynch, he's our investment advisor and he will talk to y'all a little bit about our investment strategies, and how we come up with these things. It's not just my decision, his decision, the board's decision. We take the best minds we can find of the top 10-15% of the investment companies of the nation. So it's not just a - - - we like you because you did this, we don't take it that way. Sal?

Mr. Miletello: I'm honored to speak with you. Thanks Chairman and Mayor. I have to say I've been a part of the retirement committee trustees Mr. Shyne was a participant in his last term, and two other terms, and this trustee group is lead by the Mayor and the CAO has been probably as proactive as any because witnessing the changes, this trustee group made a decision that you have to confirm by moving the equities to 65%. You know they did that in 2003. They made a decision to change the allocation in the middle of the worst period, when the plan was down 8% to enhance their return to achieve the objective. The goal is to - - - of the plan to set a mission, and that mission is to not be a disturbance to the cash flow of the city, and to provide the employees with 100% of their pay. And the reason is because of what Don said, this is a part of their package. The average compensation at retiring is somewhere in the \$30,000, so it's not a lot, but it is a great plan when you look at the average saving of an employee for 30 years, at 60% of their pay, and they're able to retire with 100% of their pay. Just to give you a brief cut of some decisions the trustees have made briefly, again I've met with the board for the last nine years every month and that's one of the honors I have to serve the employees of the city, and I'm a resident here. The 2005, we came through the toughest period in '01 and '02, the plan lost about 8%, and the market was down 27%. That kinda tells you the board is very conservative, because they will always go to a manager that has lower risk than a manager that has a greater risk and a greater return. That's been their consistency in their decisions in picking managers. But we had a return of 10.41% per year for the last ten years, and we were perplexed because why would we have a return for the whole period, and our actual rate of return is 8 ½ %, why are we under funded? Why are we at 80%? So we had the (inaudible) who is your actuary dual report, they came back with six or seven proposals, and we didn't feel that was - - - gave the trustees the point to make action. So in July of '06, we came back with another study acid liability, and it was determined at that point that as of today, the last 30 years, the planners made 9.1%. Now there's the sequence of returns, and things that impacted the timing of them, that helps that. But the main issue is that this is a multifaceted plan, you have the liabilities that are growing, and you have the decisions as far as cash flow, the contributions that were changing, and you have the decisions like in '96 that went from 3 to 3 ½ times their pay, which ended up meaning that employees did not have to work as long to get 100% compensation. So what that was doing was stressing the liabilities. When we did the report, it was after Katrina, and it was astonishing that, and you've heard of this decision, and the reason why they asked me to brief you before you get this is, the plan has an eligible compensation that includes overtime. And in Katrina time period, where you would have one or two pre-Katrina, one or two unemployment - - - one or two overtime per division, three or four. Was it significant to show up large in the plan, but Katrina, everybody worked overtime. And the definition to take the highest three years of salary times three and a third, times the number of years of service. And so the liabilities are not estimating the compensation with say a 30% increase in the compensation for the hourly.

And so it adjusted the liabilities, and we were \$60,000,000 underfunded in '06. You know the exact number, it's a percentage. But it's not uncommon for a public plan to run and re-shoot for 90%. So we don't even shoot for a full funded plan. And so we were 60, and we worked hard at decisions, we increased the contribution which was decreased in '99, which are current today. Y'all made the 4% salary decision to lock - - - so the liabilities had been growing, because of the 4%, and that has actually not happened, so that's been a plus. So '06, the trustees have been going through every asset decision by diversification, we moved from just large caps to small caps and waiting to international, and we've looked at every area within the liability including the contribution percentage. So, we discussed this every month, and it's an honor to bring it to you, and willing to do it as often as you want us to, but it's good briefing, and Mr. Webb, we look forward to having you attend the monthly meetings.

Councilman Webb: Thank you.

Mr. Miletello: Thank you Dale for allowing us.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Thank you for all your hard work on that.

Mr. Madden: One thing I do want to let Mr. Webb know we look forward to having him work with you on the healthcare board, I know you're going to do a good job, and come back and let the Council also know what we're doing there.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, I'd just like to make a suggestion to the Council and to the Administration that since we are going through some touch economic times, not only here in Louisiana, but all across the country. And of course I guess I'll kinda be like former Secretary of State, Colin Powell for saying that - - - you know they were talking about the economic upswing, and how the President need to do the economic upswing? He said, well we elected a human being, not a Superman. So, I'm saying that to say this. I would like to see these people come back maybe at least every three months, or every four months, and it kinda give us a report - - - I guess I served on the committee since I've been down here a few years. Not very long Dale. Maybe three or four times, and it's really information that we really need to know. Because you could easily get yourself in a jam. And I would suggest about every four months, Mr. Mayor that if they could come down and just kinda give us an update on where we are.

Councilman O. Jenkins: And personally we can go either way, but I'd certainly like to give Councilman Webb a chance to get involved and let him come back tell us what he thinks is an appropriate interval, and between he and Mr. Sibley, they would be ones that are probably very up to date on what's going on.

Councilman Shyne: And I agree with you, but these guys right here would be - - - I mean I've set on the committee, and these guys right here are going to have more information than Dale will, or than the Chairman will. But I'll go along either way, but this is - - - these are the people that are going to be pulling the wagon.

Councilman O. Jenkins: No, no, I was just saying leave it up to them to decide when it's an appropriate time for them to come down.

Councilman Shyne: I'd just like to give them a suggestion then.

Mr. Sibley: Mr. Chairman, if I may, and I certainly appreciate that Mr. Shyne, because we do both the Mayor and I sit on the board, and we get the benefit of talking with these guys, but one of the reasons we wanted to bring them in today is we anticipate at the next Council Meeting having offering introduction of legislation to deal with a vote by the board regarding (inaudible) compensation as Sal and Don talked about. We wanted to at least get y'all familiar with some faces of people involved in some phases for that discussion. Another part of it that's going to (inaudible) very important that through Mr. Webb, y'all stay informed, and we will do this as often as necessary. It's just like with fire and police right now that's mandated, there is a very strong sentiment within the non-civil service retirement community that basically the unfunded needs that we have at the municipal level, also should be mandated. As Sal pointed out, most municipal boards operate at less than 100%, less than 80 in some cases, and we have our targets, but when you look at that unfunded liability, that's going to become a very big issue, for this city, and for this Council because if the money isn't being generated by the plan, it has to come from somewhere else. Because that is a benefit that the employees have as a part of their package, and as they indicated, it's not anything we can play with, do with, the advice that we get is the best advice out there. As Sal indicated, we weathered some of the downturn a little bit better than some other plans, but plans across the nation are evaluation those plans in terms of going from defined benefits to defined contributions. Some of these other things that are (inaudible) overtime issue is one that kinda swept the nation, it swept the state, we're actually one of the last governmental bodies to look at that. So over the next - - - at least over the next few weeks, we anticipate talking quite a bit. Because we expect to have that legislation on for introduction at the next Council Meeting, and of course ask you guys to vote for it a little bit later, on a couple of those issues that they mentioned. So we look forward to that.

Mr. Miletello: And I'd say the boards - - - the trustees are looking at a lot of decisions that are not necessarily trying to worry about relative performance or absolutely performance, they're worried about the consistency of the board, because employees and retirees turn over in the time, and you know this as a person - - - I mean, we have 30 years of history by studying this thing for a long time. And so, we're looking at the trustee composition, we're looking at the way we communicate to the City Council, we're looking at high a portfolio is managed. We're not satisfied with the 4% for the last ten years and the way the status quo is going, and just holding your market that is going to be flat for ten years. We have to be a little more proactive to try and make sure that we achieve objectives, and of course the liability side. So, it's a comprehensive and the trustees pull in their actuary. Every manager is mandated to be at one meeting each year to communicate to them their strategy. We do a lot of firing and hiring because of turnover with manager for different decisions and reasons as you know. So, it's pretty active, and they're looking at the whole platform.

Councilman O. Jenkins: And I would say certainly, regarding to what you said Councilman Shyne, there may be - - - maybe we should revisit the term of that person from the City Council, if that should be a two year appointment on that particular role, just so that they get some of that experience as you talked about.

Councilman Shyne: That's fine, I'm alright with that, but it's - - - and Ron, you'll find out once you get on there, it's going to be pretty hard for you to grasp all the information that these guys have, because this is what they do everyday. And it's better to get it from the people who do this everyday, than you and I sit in on the meeting. I mean I've served on the board I guess maybe four or five times, you know. And it's hard. And the Mayor'll tell you. I mean, it's better to get it directly from the horse. I don't mean no harm when I say it, that's just a term that they use.

Mr. Miletello: The world is getting a little more complicated, and like Ms. Scott is the Attorney for the board. The board's actually looking at where they put an RFP out where they hire an attorney that is specific with them because the world has you heard yesterday in '08, it changed when dealing with banks and (inaudible). And it's complicated to read a contract. Six or seven years ago, I was delivering the terminology in the contract because I knew that they had to have the insurance to show up at the parking lot to make sure they were covered by all the rule you guys have. But things have changed, and they're complicated, and these trustees have fiduciary responsibility to make the best decision, and if they don't have the knowledge, then they need to find a professional that has the knowledge. And I am concentrating on the assets side, but I've been there long enough to see the whole work, and it's a complicated plan.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Any other communications from the Mayor?

Mayor Glover: We have none Mr. Chairman, members of the Council thank you much.

Reports:

Property Standards Report

Councilman O. Jenkins: Any member have any questions relative to Property Standards today?

Revenue Collection Plan & Implementation Report

Surety Bond Forfeitures Report (*First Regular Meeting of the Month*)

EMS Transports Report (*Second Regular Meeting of the Month*)

Councilman O. Jenkins: Chief Crawford, if you're in.

Chief Crawford: Mr. Chairman, glad to speak with you and the Council Mr. Mayor. This is our monthly EMS Report that should be coming around to you, and I'll wait for you to get it, I'll be quick, because I know your agenda is full today. Along with the report, I've added an additional information sheet.

Councilman Shyne: And we got a big speech on tonight.

Chief Crawford: Yes sir. Big speech.

Councilman Shyne: State of the Union.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Are you waiting for my response to the State of the Union that we'll be getting after soon? Keeping with the theme of Louisiana Republicans, I know that  
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Councilman Shyne: Yeah, we want to hear him.

Chief Crawford: You gotta do a better job than the Governor did that time.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, some of us will be responding to the responses.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I'm sure quite a bit more eloquently.

Chief Crawford: The EMS responses that you see in front of you gentlemen and lady, are just those that ended the year. There's a year to date comparison to 2009, 2010 runs, and also along with some of the questions on the second sheet that were raised by Councilman Webb in the last meeting. Just a little quick brief summary sheet about life care, and so if you'll notice on the colorful sheet that you have in front of you, or that you'll be receiving in just a second, it'll be the same graph and same chart every month. And so you won't have to re-familiarize yourself with a new document every month. The last month being December of last year. In the left hand column, in kind of a pink area, you'll see the 2009 EMS transports for 2009, EMS runs, and then the total runs, Fire, EMS, what have you - - - and then in the blue is the 2010 comparison. And so for year ending, we ended up with 36,777 total calls at the end of last year, we had 36,679 calls for service in the previous year. That was about less than a 1% increase over the year before. So, we're holding steady on just the number of runs that were maintained, which is a good thing. Runs equate to increased dollars in a lot of ways. We expend resources when we make emergency calls and they cost money. And so maintaining that run total to a minimum or to a stable number is something that's significant, especially for a town that does emergency medical services like we do. If you'll look at the EMS Run totals, the EMS Run totals for 2009 were 29,301, the 2010 EMS Run totals were 29,167. So about 134 less this year, less than 1% difference if you look at it. And the total transports on how many people we actually took to the hospital in a city/fire department ambulance, this year, we're 16,523 as opposed to last year, 16,664. A difference of 125 or less than 1%. So, we're holding steady on the call volume, but one of the significant things that's not on your sheet Council Members is that

our collections for billing purposes for EMS Lifecare. This year, our estimated - - - we're still waiting on some of the December totals to come in, we'll be somewhere around between \$5.2 - 5.4 (million). Where in the previous year, 2009 there were just a little under \$4.7 (million). That's about a \$700,000 increase in collections this year with less transports. It just has - - - it just goes with due diligence from our personnel that are in the streets having complete reports, complete follow through, chart evaluations, and audits to make sure that all the information that we need for insurance collection is there, so the insurance agency the collection agency to follow through on their end, and make sure those collections come through. If no questions about that, we'll just quickly peruse over the EMS Life care sheet. The questions primarily raised by Councilman Webb the last time, the open enrollment for EMS Lifecare which is a program that we offer in the city for anyone that lives inside the city, for \$35 a year, they can join EMS Lifecare, and with that anyone in their household, so if they have four members in their house, and they have one member that joins, that is transported to the hospital via Shreveport Fire Department Ambulance. Now, I want to be clear (inaudible) clear last time, that's an emergency to the hospital. So talking about heart attacks, broken arms, legs, those types of things. And so not to a doctor's office, not to a pharmacy, you're calling 911, and we transport you, you're not going to be out of pocket expense. We will bill your insurance Medicare, Medicaid, or third party insurance and collect whatever they will pay, but you will not be billed for anything. \$35 a month that covers everybody in your family. That open enrollment is from April 1<sup>st</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup>. A memo and a reminder will go out to all current Lifecare members, individually as well as memo to all city residents in their water bill, and they'll have to join within that timeframe. You'll see the revenues at the bottom that EMS Lifecare generates every year, and the numbers of the individuals that actually belong to EMS Lifecare. In 2010, we had 4,025 citizens that were members of Lifecare, that's about a 6% increase over the previous year, but it's a 47% increase over 2008. And so we have seen a significant jump in enrollment. Although it's still down from what it was ten years ago as you mentioned Councilman Webb, we don't have any advertising dollars that are budgeted for EMS Lifecare. So, a lot of that is reciprocal.

Councilman Webb: You can't just put it on the water bill, right now, everybody's looking at their water bill real close, so I think everybody is going to see it this time.

Chief Crawford: I don't know if anybody is going to want to join right now, but a lot of that is due to our population aging as well. And so we make a point of going out to the retirement villages, and the nursing homes and talking to the residents there, and showing them the benefit. Because if they get transported one time to the emergency room, chances are their bill is going to be about \$1,000. And depending on what type of insurance they have, \$35 is a pretty good deal for them, and their family as well. And because of population aging, I think you're seeing those numbers steadily start to (inaudible), and if it's the Council's pleasure, at some point, if there's revenue for advertising dollars, whether it's through the Fire Department or through the Accounting office that actually does the billing or whatever, I certainly think those numbers would go up even more. As we did that 20 years ago, and the numbers were significantly more than they are now.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I'm frankly shocked how low those numbers are considering what the service that's being offered for that price. Have we looked at any type of - - - I understand the size of marketing dollars, but self marketing aspect either with hospitals or with the doctors, those that you know or maybe more treating towards the elderly care doctors to use this as an offering out there, use that.

Chief Crawford: Sure, and I think because there's no dedicated resource or funding to do it, we do what we can, so we have individuals that have full time jobs, doing something else in the Fire Department, and then they market when they can when they have the time available to do it. So, certainly we do that. And I think that's why the numbers are where they are. But you're right. It's probably one of the best kept secrets in Shreveport as to the greater benefit. You're getting more bang for your buck here, than just about anything you can provide and pay the city. Especially if you've got somebody who has cancer, or a chronic illness in their family, and you know they're going to go at least one time a year.

Councilman Webb: For those that are interested in signing up for this, do they send it in with their water bill?

Chief Crawford: There's a phone number on there to call, and there's also a return, and there's a drop off point. You can drop 'em off at either fire station, and if they want information about it right now, we'll have information up on our websites. Just go to the City website and just go to the Fire Department link, or go to Shreveport Fire.org and we'll provide the information on there. There's information on there already, or they can call 673-6720 at anytime, 8-5 normal business hours, and we've got somebody there that can direct them in the right direction. We'll be glad to provide them and send an additional packet of additional information.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Thank you very much. Any other questions?

**Public Hearing:** None.

Councilman O. Jenkins: There is no Public hearing today, let's move on to adding items to the agenda. Mr. Thompson.

### **Adding Items to the Agenda, Public Comments, Confirmations and Appointments.**

*Adding Items to the Agenda (Clerk reads items into the record - public comments allowed on items proposed to be added, then items can be added only after unanimous vote [See Act 131 of 2008])*

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, there are two items that we would ask the Council to consider adding to the agenda. These two items were submitted to the Council's office timely, but they were inadvertently left off the agenda.

*The Clerk read the following:*

## 1. Caddo-Bossier Port Commission

Mr. Sam Gregorio Mr. Rick Prescott

2. **Ordinance No. 14 of 2011**: An Ordinance to amend and reenact portions of Chapters 74 and 94 of the Code of Ordinances relative to collection of the recycled product collection fee and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Mr. Thompson: This ordinance specifies that the recycling fee previously adopted will be collected by adding it to the customer's water and sewer bill. So those are the two items. The Council can either take them up one at a time or both collectively, if it chooses to.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Well, is there anybody here present who would like to speak for or against either one of these additions to the agenda?

*Ms. Dawn Wonders*: What I was hearing about the recycling, I'm from other parts of the country, and I realize in other parts of the country - - -.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Excuse me Ma'am. Are you addressing either of the items being added to the agenda?

Ms. Wonders: Right. What you were saying about the charging of a fee, you're trying to add it? The \$2.50's been added, and we're paying it.

Councilman O. Jenkins: No Ma'am.

Mr. Thompson: Well I think she probably can speak.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay, okay. I guess we're adding part of that to the agenda, though it is in the regular agenda. Okay, excuse me.

Ms. Wonders: I'm sorry, I'm not sure, but all I know is I was listening to the news last night and I heard about the recycling, and I understand that you want to increase the fee of \$2.50 onto our water bill or we're being charged for it, and some people want to have it returned. The recycling is not working for the City of Shreveport. And in other parts of the country, it is. And a lot of people recycle for income, they recycle for a lot of reasons. A lot of people like me and a lot of other people recycle for the environment. So I don't know why it's not at least breaking even, why we're having the charges. So I'd like to know a little bit more about this system. It sounds like a failure. And now we're talking about - - - we just keep adding money to something that's not working, and people are uneducated about it. I know nobody I know recycles. And it's - - - you know, and working downtown, working in hospitals, working all over, people don't recycle. So I don't know if education is necessary. I know why people are making money off metal in this town in the recycling industry. And at times can prices have been up to like \$.55, I don't know what they are now. But it seems like you could somehow get the profitability end of it with the nonprof

end of it and get it to work in the countries and a lot of problems, but recycling is an issue that's being handled in other places. Some companies are going into some cities and making it work. So with the cooperation of people, I don't know why it's not working. And what can be done besides adding \$2.50 more and making people more irritable, and upset, than adding \$2.50 to the price. I would pay to recycle because a lot of people are going to are not recycling now. So, who would I talk to, to find out why it's not working and what could be done to make it a success?

Councilman O. Jenkins: I would suggest that based on those comments, first to look at the previous minutes of the Council Meeting, both of December 28<sup>th</sup> meeting that you can find on the website, and the January 11<sup>th</sup>. Is that correct, and then whatever two weeks ago was, and again on the 1<sup>st</sup> of February, we are, and it's open - - - it's a public meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> of February, we will be hosted by Pratt industries out at their facilities at the Port, and we're going to discuss a lot of these things that you're bringing up. We're all deep into studying the whole program and we recognize the concerns of the citizens and we're trying to address that. So the fact that you see some things under legislation as introduction today, is not necessarily indicative of one way or the other, it's just a function of our timing cycle of when we have to introduce legislation for it to be effective on a particular date.

Ms. Wonders: So, did the City of Shreveport contract Pratt, just for the blue can pick up, or are they also recycling cans and scrap metal in various products?

Councilman O. Jenkins: They're recycling things that go into the blue cans, which - - -

Ms. Wonders: And that's it?

Councilman O. Jenkins: You mean in terms of - - -?

Ms. Wonders: Is that all that that particular company is doing in terms of recycling for this city?

Councilman O. Jenkins: Oh, you mean like commercial side?

Ms. Wonders: Right, of any side, other than just picking - - - if you're just picking up the blue cans, they're going to go into the dumper because not that many people in the city - - - I don't think are recycling. I mean the people - - - the majority of the people you have a lot of people that are recycling, but you have a large majority that are using those blue barrels for almost everything else. But I just don't know what could be done. So that is what I would be, and I guess I'll contact Pratt and see if they'll give me some information, because - - - but anyway, you're paying money for Pratt for this city to recycle and we're going to add another \$2.50 to the cost of that service. Is that correct?

Councilman O. Jenkins: I don't believe that's actually correct at this point.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, it's not correct.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I don't believe it's correct, and like I said the - - - we're going to go to a meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup>, and you're welcome to attend. It's open to the public.

Ms. Wonders: What's on the agenda today that I'm missing? Is that being voted on? Are you just discussing it?

Councilman O. Jenkins: No Ma'am. We're just discussing - - - well we're really introducing it today to be voted on potentially in two weeks time.

Ms. Wonders: To be voted on in two weeks time? Alright.

Councilman Everson: We have to vote it first on the relevance of having the conversation.

Ms. Wonders: Right, I see. Well that's probably why I'm here. I don't usually come to these, but it seems like when it's working in other areas that something a little better, then I'd like to see Shreveport start succeeding in some efficiency on your - - - you know, on key issues like that. But I appreciate everyone.

Councilman Shyne: So moved to add these if nobody else would like to come up and speak.

Councilman O. Jenkins: So, is there anybody else that would like to speak for or against adding these items to the agenda?

**Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Corbin to add the executive appointment of Messrs. Sam Gregorio and Rick Prescott to the Caddo-Bossier Port Commission and Ordinance No. 14 of 2011 to the agenda . Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.**

Mr. Thompson: That's all we have to be added to the agenda Mr. Chairman.

Mayor Glover: For the record, because we don't want to extend today's proceedings any longer than necessary, but we will take note of the young ladies questions, and we'll insure that there are answers that will be provided at the February 1<sup>st</sup> meeting that we'll have at Pratt.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Appreciate you mentioning that.

Public Comments (*Comments on items to be adopted*)

Confirmations and Appointments:

Councilman O. Jenkins: What I'd like to propose we do is take up the Environmental Board in its totality, and vote on them as a collective group, and then for the next we'll do by name if that's okay with the rest of the council.

Comprehensive Environmental Board of Appeals Appointments:

Individual proficient in Area of Mr. Burns Doss, Jr.

Environmental Regulations 8932 Blom Blvd

Shreveport, LA 71118

Engineer w/proven background in Design, Mr. Larry Lashley

Environmental Operations, or 2005 S. Kirkwood Drive

Environmental Regulatory Matters Shreveport, LA 71118

Person with proven expertise in Mr. Robert B. Raines, Jr.

Environmental Field 10230 Westwood Drive

Shreveport, LA 71118

Registered Voter Mr. Howard Allen

3011 Dallas Street

Shreveport, LA 71104

Registered Voter Ms. Susan Standke

4718 Fairfield Avenue

Shreveport, LA 71106

**Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman McCulloch to confirm the executive appointments to the Comprehensive Environmental Board of Appeals. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.**

Chief Administrative Officer Mr. Dale Sibley

**Motion by Councilman Everson, seconded by Councilman S. Jenkins to confirm the executive appointment of Mr. Dale Sibley to the position of Chief Administrative Officer.**

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, Jeff beat me to it, but Dale, I wanted you to know I had planned to do that. Hear?

Mr. Sibley: You had told me that Mr. Shyne.

Councilman Everson: I'm sorry I beat you to it. I just wanted to make sure I got in there.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Any discussion of relevance at this point? Lets vote.

**Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.**

Director of Finance Mr. Charles Madden

**Motion by Councilman O. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Webb to confirm the executive appointment of Mr. Charles Madden to the position of Director, of Finance. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.**

Superintendent, LWTP Mr. Robert Campbell

**Motion by Councilman Corbin, seconded by Councilman Webb to confirm the executive appointment of Mr. Robert Campbell to the position of Superintendent, Lucas Wastewater Treatment Plant. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.**

Energy Efficiency Program Manager Ms. Tracey L. Graham

**Motion by Councilman Corbin, seconded by Councilman S. Jenkins to confirm the executive appointment of Ms. Tracey L. Graham to the position of Energy Efficiency Program Manager. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.**

Shreveport Airport Authority Bishop Larry Brandon

(Replaces Mr. C.O. Simpkins)

Mr. George Mills

(Replaces Mr. Ted Roberts)

Ms. Margaret Shehee

(Replaces Rev. Joe Gant)

Ms. Verna Smith

(Replaces Mr. Raymond Alley)

**Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman McCulloch to confirm the executive appointments of Bishop Larry Brandon, Mr. George Mills, Ms. Margaret Shehee, and Ms. Verna Smith to the Shreveport Airport Authority.**

Councilman Corbin: Just for clarification, to be sure that the Board Members or the Authority Members are rotating properly.

Mayor Glover: Bring Terri up to give you the clarification on that Mr. Corbin. We appreciate the opportunity to be able to get this on the record as well. I know that's a concern.

Ms. Scott: Good afternoon Mr. Chairman and Members of the Council. In regards to the confirmations for the Airport Authority Board Members, I think the question has been asked as to whether or not those members serve standard terms. They in fact do. And both for your benefit, and for the record, the appointees, and if you all will go through, each current board member and the appointee that is replacing them and let you know the expiration date on their terms. One point of interest, and one comment also, in checking with the Airport Authority, it appears as though at some point back when the Airport Authority was formed in the early 60s or mid to early 60s, a rule was adopted by the board at that time, that the term of all the members would expire on the last day of February in the year in which their term would have expired. That practice has carried on and is in affect right now. Although there is nothing that we can find in writing that actually came from this council that stated that the term of the Airport Authority Board Members would expire on the last day of February. However, that rule is in place. And according to the Airport Authority Board rules, then the terms of the board members expire on the last day of February. Again, nothing in writing, it is a practice that is carried on from the early 60s. So other than the month in which the terms would expire, the actual years are correct. If we were asked to offer legal opinion, the opinion would be since there is nothing in writing that says the terms would expire the last day of February, the term actually expires five years from the date of the appointment. So having cleared that up, the current appointee in a position is Rev. Joe Gant, the appointee is Ms. Margaret Shehee, if appointed or confirmed by this Council, that term would expire February 28, 2011. The appointee is Verna Smith, if confirmed that appointment would expire February 29, 2012. And again, this is under the Airport Authority's rule where the term expires the last day of February. The appointee is George Mills. The new appointment would expire February 28, 2013. Mr. Keith Gamble is not up for confirmation or reappointment, but his term will expire

February 28, 2014. And Rev. Larry Brandon, if appointed his term will expire February 28, 2015.

Mr. Sibley: Terri, I don't think you explained about fulfilling the remainder of the previous person, you may want to speak to that.

Ms. Scott: There is a provision in the Charter, Section 13.06 that sets up the Airport Authority Board and explains the duties and responsibilities. That charter also provides that any member appointed to the Airport Authority Board shall serve for a term of five years, and the phrase is 'from and after the expiration of the term of his successor.' That language is specifically recorded in the Charter. It also provides that any vacancy in any board appointment or in any seat shall be filled in the same manner for the unexpired portion of the term. That's taken from Section 13.06, subsection (d) of the Charter.

Councilman O. Jenkins: So, okay now I see where you're kinda saying both sides of the coin here, but what happens with Ms. Shehee at the end of February under this interpretation?

Ms. Scott: One of two things. Ms. Shehee would then be subject to be reappointed for another term, or she would continue to serve until either a successor is appointed or until - - well until a successor is appointed, as with this board is with any other board. Once the term of the board member has expired, they continue to serve until their successor is appointed. In Ms. Shehee's case, if she were confirmed today, that term would expire in February, or next month.

Councilman Webb: I guess I'm still trying to - - - it's still somewhat confusing, so I definitely personally, I want to see these things standard on the one year - - - I don't want to see all of them come open the same time. So, if we confirm all of these today, they still will be on a staggering term?

Ms. Scott: Yes they will be.

Councilman Webb: Ms. Shehee's would be - - - we would just have to redo her or reappoint someone else if they so desired next month?

Councilman Shyne: No, the Mayor would have to resubmit.

Councilman Webb: Right, he would have to resubmit.

Ms. Scott: We have the same procedure to either reappoint Ms. Shehee for another term, or she continues to serve until a successor is appointed.

Councilman Webb: Okay and if he didn't reappoint, bring up another name for confirmation, lets just say the rest of his two or three years in office, her term would just be expired when - - -

Ms. Scott: Yes. Any person - - -. In Ms. Shehee's case in particular or any other board member who is serving or continuing to serve after that term has expired, any new member that has subsequently appointed in that spot would serve out the remainder of that term. So, lets say a board member's term were to expire in 2011, I'm sorry, in 2012 and they continued to serve. And lets say the term expired in 2013. If a new board member was appointed in January of 2013, and the term expired in December, that new appointee would serve out the remainder of that term, those remaining months.

Councilman Webb: Okay, so those dates are actually locked in every five years regardless of when they take the - - -

Ms. Scott: Each board member would serve standard terms. And that way under this scenario, they all don't come off the board at the same time. And that is - - - my assumption is to assure continuity in knowledge and information on any of the particular boards.

Councilman O. Jenkins: But now maybe I misunderstood because essentially, and I'm not saying that we would do this, but those four people could , if the Mayor was not to appoint somebody, they could stay there in that position until the end of his term?

Ms. Scott: If appointments are not made at the expiration of the term, they continue to serve.

Councilman O. Jenkins: So it's not - - - and maybe we may need to at some point come up with - - - I know what you're trying to convey it's some way to really insure that it's being staggered. Now just so we don't find ourselves in four years with the (inaudible) reappoint four or five new people - - -

Ms. Scott: But again, under this scenario, each of the incoming members who are appointed, their terms would expire in essence one year after the other. The first being Ms. Shehee followed by Ms. Smith, Mr. Mills, Mr. Gamble, and Rev. Brandon. So they would not all come - - - their terms would not all expire at the same time.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I appreciate that. Councilman Shyne.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, would you make sure that when their terms expire, that you would reappoint them or appoint somebody else so there would be no misunderstanding on all of them expiring at the same time?

Mayor Glover: Yes sir Mr. Shyne.

Councilman Shyne: Thank you Mr. Mayor.

Councilman S. Jenkins: This is a - - - all of our citizens that serve on any of the boards, but this is very important board here, our Airport Authority. Now they - - - I'm hearing what you say, but these persons serve at the will of the Mayor, am I correct?

Ms. Scott: That is correct.

Councilman S. Jenkins: So just because they got a set term, it doesn't mean that the Mayor can't call 'em in and replace 'em or something like that before the term is expired?

Ms. Scott: That's correct.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, do they serve at the will of the Mayor if they have set terms?

Councilman S. Jenkins: Well, that's what I'm trying to get straight. Just because someone's got a term til February of 2013, doesn't mean that they can't be replaced. I guess the first question is 'Do they serve at the will of the Mayor?'

Ms. Scott: They do so serve at the pleasure of the Mayor.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Which means that the Mayor can replace 'em anytime he gets ready.

Councilman O. Jenkins: And he can conceivably keep them as long as he wants.

Ms. Scott: He can keep them or he can replace them.

Mayor Glover: That replacement would also be contingent upon confirmation by the Council.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Sure, sure, understood. But we're just trying to come up with a way that insures we don't find ourselves in the same - - - you know.

Councilman S. Jenkins: What's the total number of persons that serve on the Airport Authority Board?

Ms. Scott: There are five persons.

Councilman S. Jenkins: So in addition to these four, Mr. Gamble remains?

Ms. Scott: Mr. Gamble remains. Let me point out, there is also for example the MPC and ZBA. There is legislation that says that MPC and ZBA Board Members can only be replaced or removed with cause after a public hearing. In the absence of that language, then in this case the Airport Authority Board Members would continue to serve at the pleasure of the Mayor.

Councilman Corbin: Ms. Scott, the first point that you brought up, that the February 28<sup>th</sup> date, do we need to consider some sort of legislation and clarify that and get that on the record to straighten out the date, when the term begins or ends in your opinion?

Ms. Scott: Again Mr. Corbin, I asked the Airport Authority personnel if they could cite me to a particular statute, or anything in writing that showed the February 28<sup>th</sup> date came from, and they were not able to provide it. And the best I got was 'in the beginning,' if you will when the Airport Authority Board was created, then that is the date that is selected for the appointments. Again, if we were asked to provide legal opinion, our legal opinion would be that in the absence of such language or writing or legislation, then the terms of those members appointed would be five years from the date of the appointment. And if anything, I think it would be important to make that clarification known to the Airport Authority.

Councilman O. Jenkins: But that statute is the Airport Authority's, I mean do we have oversight on that statute, or is that something the Airport Authority themselves have to change.

Ms. Scott: There is no statute that anyone could find. It is something that happened at the beginning, probably policy that was done and has just carried over from the 60s up until this present time.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I guess my question is if we wanted to enact an ordinance in future time, is it something we could do, or is it the Airport Authority that would be enacting - - -

Ms. Scott: The ordinance? It would be done by the City Council.

Councilman Corbin: And if we did that, that kept the February 28<sup>th</sup> date, then we would kinda have that as a reminder that in January, we need to work on the nomination.

Ms. Scott: And it could be done by an ordinance amendment to the Aviation ordinance that simply provides that the terms of all board members appointed to the Airport Authority Board shall be five days from the date of confirmation or something as simple as that, but it's fairly simple amendment that can be placed in the Aviation ordinance.

Councilman Webb: As clarification, what is the expiration date for Mr. Gamble's term.

Ms. Scott: Mr. Gamble's term would expire February 28, 2014.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Are any of those nominees here today?

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, everyone is here with the exception of Ms. Verna Smith.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Can they stand, if they're here today, stand.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Thank y'all very much for coming down, certainly just us going through this procedure, don't want to suggest that we don't have confidence in you joining these boards. We're just trying to make sure we have this all worked out for the future. So, don't misunderstand why we're being deliberate in this regard.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Mr. Chairman, Ms. Verna Smith did give me a call today, I don't know about the rest of you. But she's out of town and she's actually trying to get here. So I just wanted to let you know it was her intent to actually be here and be present today.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Councilwoman McCulloch, she was traveling on business and did express to me that she would reach out to you. I'm glad to know that she did manage to make contact.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I called her myself. Okay, any further discussion?

**Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.**

DDA Parking Appeals Manager Don McLeod (Replaces Paul Glanville)

**Motion by Councilman O. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Corbin to confirm the executive appointment of Mr. Don McLeod to the position of DDA Parking Appeals Manager. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.**

Caddo-Bossier Port Commission Mr. Sam Gregorio

Mr. Rick Prescott

**Motion by Councilman Everson, seconded by Councilman O. Jenkins to confirm the executive appointments of Messrs. Sam Gregorio and Rick Prescott.**

Councilman S. Jenkins: How many appointments does the city make to the Caddo-Bossier Port Commission?

Mayor Glover: When the Caddo-Bossier Port Commission was initially organized Mr. Jenkins, the Mayor of the City of Shreveport was responsible for five of the nine appointees to the Port of Shreveport/Bossier. As a result of legislative action that was taken, prior to my election, during the regular session of 2006, that number was reduced from five to four.

Councilman S. Jenkins: They have two other appointees for the city that are already serving?

Mayor Glover: Correct. Those individuals are Former Representative Ernest Baylor, and - - - I didn't appoint him, so his name is leaving me - - - James Pannel.

Councilman O. Jenkins: And actually, I'll say this.

Councilman Shyne: I was about to say this. Give him his title too now, he is the ex-President of the NAACP.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Didn't realize that. But I did speak to Mr. Prescott today, and I was impressed that Eric, the manager out there, the director had already reached out to those two and taken them out and talked about their duties and what was expected of 'em. And so I like to see that kind of leadership. That's excellent.

Mayor Glover: And Mr. Chairman, for the record, Mr. Prescott is here today, unfortunately Mr. Gregorio is in a pre-trial conference. Had hoped to get here, may be here before the proceedings are up.

Councilman O. Jenkins: If Mr. Prescott would stand up, that would be great. Thanks for coming down.

Councilman Webb: What is the expiration date on these terms?

Mayor Glover: Mr. Miciotto's was June of 2010, and I'm not sure of Mr. Wainwright's. I would have to yield.

Ms. Scott: Mr. Wainwright serves a term that's concurrent with the Mayor who appointed him, and in this case that last term would have expired in November of 2010. He would be appointed for a four-year term since the Mayor's term is a four-year term.

Councilman Webb: Okay, thank you. Which brings me to a thought. I know I mentioned this a couple of years ago about all these various boards, and Art if you would, I would appreciate it if you get another list of all the board appointments and the expiration dates. I know we had that on the previous council, and it's really helpful if you know by looking at the whole sheet what's coming up and everything, what's down the road. Because we had some boards that were expired six and seven years, and people were still serving and just like the Personnel Board, when a major issue came up last year, we didn't even - - - we had one board member that was wanting to get off the board and didn't even want to come to the meeting, and if he had not been there, we wouldn't have had a quorum to even have a Personnel Board meeting, and that's a critical board. And those appointments should have been made a long time ago.

Ms. Scott: Well, if I may, we are actually working with the CAO's office and the Council Staff and Internal Audit, trying to put together a singular list of board and commission appointments as well as expiration dates, and the source of the authority for the particular boards. That process is ongoing now.

Councilman Webb: I'd like to know if we have any vacancies right now of terms that are long expired, and we need to look at 'em.

Ms. Scott: The information will include the vacancies as well, and that's for all boards and commissions.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Yes in regards to board appointments, the members that are actually serving on these various boards, are they permitted or allowed to serve on other boards? Somebody tell me?

Mayor Glover: There is no prohibition as we have been able to determine at present. You have some elected officials who serve on our SPAR Council Board. So there's nothing that we've found statutorily. It's a practice that we try not to engage in with this administration, but we've not found anything that is prohibitive.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Well there's two things I want to bring to the attention of this Council. The North Shreveport Supervisory Board, there are two slots there that are to be appointed by this particular body. And of course, James Pannel was actually was one of the most recent applicants, just a year ago because I actually walked his application in and submitted it to Beatrice. Right now those two appointments are still open for the North Shreveport Supervisory Board, it is my understanding that those appointments are actually made by the Mayor. And so I think it would be in the best interest of the district if we could actually get those two appointments filled. I don't know what position you took on it Mayor Glover, but as I said I actually walked his application into be reappointed to the North Shreveport Supervisory Board, and we never got a response. Since then I've actually met with that board, and it's my understanding according to Commissioner Lyndon B. Johnson that the City needs two appointments on that board which consist of five members, two from the Parish, and two from the City and of course, North Shreveport Development, which I understand doesn't exist anymore was the fifth appointment. But surely the city actually needs two board appointments for North Shreveport Supervisory Board.

Mayor Glover: We'll look to address.

**Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.**

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, members of the Council. Just wanted to say thank you for allowing us to move forward with this slate of appointments. We certainly look forward to working with you all, because as Mr. Webb has mentioned, there are vacancies that exist right now. There are those who are continuing to serve. I will express that one of the challenges that we do have right now, and that's why we certainly look for input, suggestions, recommendations from you all and the public in general, is that because of some of the legislation that was passed recently, that increases the level of disclosure, that several of these boards and committees require individuals to make, in order to be able to serve, we have had some difficulty. We've had some folks who have come off various boards and what have you because of their lack of a desire to have to comply with what are now some of the current requirements. So we are certainly interested as we begin this new term and working with you all to come up with a group of citizens that we can put before

the Council for confirmation so we can get all of these boards properly staffed up, manned up and carrying on the work that they have the responsibility of (inaudible). So we thank you all. And I don't know if you all had the opportunity, well I see they've left. I guess they maybe wanted to go celebrate. Want to make sure that the council, if you have not had an opportunity to do so, to meet and recognize Ms. Tracey Graham who was here earlier. I think they may be out now having a celebratory dinner at this point. But they were in fact here.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman and Mr. Mayor, you forgot to mention to him that those new ethic guidelines were started by his friend, Governor Bobby Jindal.

Councilman O. Jenkins: We have a long history together, the governor and I, so I'm glad that it's clear to the public that we're very close.

Mayor Glover: And Mr. Chairman, it also accounts for why so many of his friends are reluctant to want to serve.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA LEGISLATION**

#### **TO INTRODUCE RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:**

**RESOLUTIONS:** None.

**ORDINANCES:** None.

#### **TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

**RESOLUTIONS:** None.

**ORDINANCES:** None.

#### **REGULAR AGENDA LEGISLATION**

#### **RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE OR WHICH REQUIRE ONLY ONE READING:**

*The Clerk read the following:*

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 5 OF 2011**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A SUBGRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE CONSORTIUM FOR EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY OF NORTH LOUISIANA FOR YOUTH ENERGY CAMPS, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

WHEREAS, the City was awarded a formula allocation of \$1,977,900 from the U. S. Department of Energy in 2009 to implement energy efficiency programs;

WHEREAS, a Citizens Advisory Committee was appointed to select particular projects and programs on which to utilize this funding;

WHEREAS, one of the projects selected by the Committee was a subgrant to the Consortium for Education, Research and Technology of North Louisiana (CERT) in the amount of \$45,000 to fund energy camps for area youth; and

WHEREAS, such subgrant serves a valid public purpose by educating the youth of this community on the value of energy efficiency and by building awareness of practices and technologies which can help transform the city into a more sustainable community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Shreveport, in due, regular and legal session convened, that Cedric Glover, Mayor, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Shreveport a subgrant agreement with CERT, for and in consideration of the public benefit to be received as stated herein, in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in the draft of said agreement which was filed for public inspection with the original draft of the resolution in the Office of the Clerk of Council on or around January 3, 2011.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provisions or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Everson to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.**

#### **RESOLUTION NUMBER 6 OF 2011**

#### **A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY'S INTEREST IN CERTAIN ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES AS SURPLUS AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

WHEREAS, there are numerous parcels of property which have been adjudicated to the City of Shreveport and Caddo Parish for non-payment of ad valorem taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Shreveport has entered into an intergovernmental agreement with Caddo Parish under which Caddo Parish will undertake to sell said properties as authorized in R.S. 47:2201-2211, and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 26-300 of the Code of Ordinances, the city's interests in said properties can be sold after the City Council declares them to be surplus; and

**WHEREAS**, the purchasing agent has inquired of all city departments regarding the property described herein and has not received any indication that it is needed for city purposes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened that the following described properties are hereby declared surplus:

1) Geo.#181411-002-0025 – Lot 25, Ira Ray Subdivision, Municipal Address – 3328 Old Mooringsport Rd., Council District A.

2) Geo.#181426-036-0026 – A tract of land in Block 34, Manchester Addition, Municipal Address – 795 Fullerton Blvd., Council District A.

3) Geo.#181421-033-0006– Lot 6, Carver Heights Subdivision 2, Municipal Address – 1926 Joe Louis Blvd., Council District A.

4) Geo.#181435-051-0007 – Lot 7, Templeman Subdivision, TAL 5, Municipal Address – 1936 Ford St.,

Council District A.

5) Geo.#181435-051-0020 – Lot 20, Templeman Subdivision, TAL 5, Municipal Address – 1915 Grover St., Council District A.

6) Geo.#181435-130-0003 – Lot 3, The Marabella Subdivision, Municipal Address – 102 N. Dale Ave.,

Council District A.

7) Geo.#171410-069-0059 – Lots 38, 39, & 40, Blk. Q, Forest Glen Subdivision, Municipal Address – 3634 Sumner St., Council District G.

8) Geo.#171413-115-0486 – Lots 467 & 468, Caddo Heights Subdivision & ½ Adj. Abnd. Alley, Municipal Address – 1510 Lash St., Council District B.

9) Geo.#171423-018-0086 – Lot 86, Linwood Subdivision, Municipal Address – 23006 None, Council District F.

10) Geo.#171424-063-0177 – Lot 177, North Cedar Grove Addition, Municipal Address – 6425 Henderson Avenue, Council District C.

11) Geo.#171416-067-0106 – Lots 87 & 88, Mooretown G.D. Subdivision, Municipal Address – 31087 None, Council District F.

12) Geo.#171417-001-0006 – Lot 6, Evangeline Subdivision, Municipal Address – 4547 Lyba St.,

Council District G.

13) Geo.#171421-021-0074 – Lot 74, Cora Snowden Subdivision, Municipal Address – 6314 Snowden Dr., Council District F.

14) Geo.#171403-070-0016 – Lot 16, Blk. 35, Queensborough, 2<sup>nd</sup> Filing, Municipal Address – 3000 Milton St., Council District G.

15) Geo.#171426-051-0019 – Lot 19, Blk. 15, Home Gardens Subdivision, Municipal Address – 724 Harrison St., Council District F.

16) Geo.#171414-096-0037– A Lot, 51.24 ft. x 131.7 ft. in E/2 of SE/4 of Sec 14-17-14 per Assrs City Plat, Municipal Address – 11993 None, Council District B.

17) Geo.#171414-096-0038– A Lot, 40 x 131.7 ft. in E/2 of E/2 of SE/4 of Sec 14-17-14 per Assrs City Plat, Municipal Address – 11994 None, Council District B.

18) Geo.#171414-096-0061– A Lot, 40 x 140 ft. in E/2 of E/2 of SE/4 of Sec 14-17-14 per Assrs City Plat, Municipal Address – 4622 Linwood Ave., Council District B.

19) Geo.#171409-013-0063 – Lots 38 & 39 & S/2 of Lots 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44, Blk. S. Re-plat, Forest Glen Subdivision, Municipal Address – 3326 Jewella Ave., Council District G.

20) Geo.#171409-014-0096 – Lots 67 & 68, Blk. T, Re-plat, Forest Glen Subdivision, Municipal Address – 3816 Huston St., Council District G.

21) Geo.#171416-087-0015 – Lot 15, Blk. M, Mandel Addition, Municipal Address – 4145 Mandeline St., Council District F.

22) Geo.#171416-087-0023 – Lots 9 & 10, Blk. M, Mandel Addition, Municipal Address – 4154 Henry St., Council District F.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions,

items, or applications, and to this end the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman O. Jenkins to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 7 OF 2011**

#### **A RESOLUTION REJECTING BIDS RECEIVED FOR IFB #10-017 FOR DOWNTOWN PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY PHASE II AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

WHEREAS, one (1) bid was received as a result of solicitations for Downtown Pedestrian Walkway Phase II, IFB #10-017; and;

WHEREAS, the City has rejected the bid in accordance with La R.S. 38:2214 B, because the bid received was over budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that the bids received on IFB #10-017 be rejected;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby declared repealed.

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Everson, seconded by Councilman Shyne to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 8 OF 2011**

#### **A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE “FIT CITIES CHALLENGE” - A LONG TERM SUSTAINED EFFORT TO FIGHT OBESITY AND TO PROMOTE HEALTHY LIFESTYLES IN SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER AND BEYOND - AS A PARTNER, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO**

BY Mr. Everson

WHEREAS, a coalition of hospitals, schools, businesses, governmental agencies and non-profit organizations have come together to launch and sustain THE FIT CITIES CHALLENGE -- Shreveport-Bossier and Beyond; and

WHEREAS, their mission is to inspire and challenge individuals, families, businesses, and schools in our communities to take the first of many steps toward healthier lifestyles, and to educate our residents by providing information that highlights programs, activities, tips and tools needed to begin the long-term, sustainable effort to fight obesity and unhealthy lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, almost one in three students in Louisiana is obese, and the cost of childhood obesity tips the scales at \$3 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, research has confirmed that any amount of exercise -- at any age -- is beneficial, and that academic success is linked to physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, the first event will be **The Children's Challenge**, which launches Tuesday, Feb. 1, and challenges all elementary students in Caddo and Bossier Parishes to combine steps and Walk, Run, or Ride to the Moon -- a total of 550 million steps.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in regular session convened, that the City Council supports the "Fit Cities Challenge", a long term sustained effort to fight obesity and to promote healthy lifestyles in Shreveport-Bossier and beyond.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the organizers may add the City of Shreveport to the list of Partners, for promotional purposes.

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Everson, seconded by Councilman O. Jenkins to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.**

**INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS:** *(Not to be adopted prior to February 8, 2011)*

*The Clerk read the following:*

1. **Resolution No. 9 of 2011**: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a donation agreement between the City of Shreveport and D'argent Properties, LLC, hereinafter called "owner" and acting herein through Thomas J. Giallonardo, Manager, for the private sewer main extension to serve Pugh and Stratmore Commercial Subdivision and otherwise provide with respect thereto

2. **Resolution No. 10 of 2011**: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Precision Cartographics for redistricting/reapportionment consultant services and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Corbin to introduce Resolution No(s). 9 and 10 of 2010 to lay over until the next regular meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 6. Nays: None. Out of the Chamber: Councilman Everson. 1.**

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:** *(Not to be adopted prior to February 8, 2011)*

*The Clerk read the following:*

1. **Ordinance No. 4 of 2011**: An ordinance amending the 2011 Grants Special Revenue Fund Budget. (Amending Ord. 147 of 2010)

2. **Ordinance No. 5 of 2011**: An ordinance amending certain sections of Chapter 102 of the Code of Ordinances relative to vehicles for hire, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Everson)

3. **Ordinance No. 6 of 2011**: An ordinance amending and reenacting portions of Chapters 74 and 94 of the Code of Ordinances relative to the solid waste collection fee and the recycled product collection fee, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

4. **Ordinance No. 7 of 2011**: **ZONING - C-74-10**: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 Of The Code Of Ordinances, The City Of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning of property located on the NE corner of Mt. Zion Road and Kingston Road, also being 125 feet north and 150 feet east of said intersection, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA, be and the same is hereby changed **from B-2, Neighborhood Business District to B-2-A, Business Park District and B-2 Neighborhood Business District to B-3, Community Business District** and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Corbin)

5. **Ordinance No. 8 of 2011**: **ZONING - C-1-11**: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 Of The Code Of Ordinances, The City Of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning of property located on the south side of Lakeside Drive, 250 feet west of Crestview Drive, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA., **from B-3, Community Business District to R-1(TH), Suburban, One-Family Townhouse Residence District** and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/McCulloch)

6. **Ordinance No. 9 of 2011**: **ZONING C-2-11**: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 Of The Code Of Ordinances, The City Of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning of property located on the east side of N. Market, 300 feet south of Lincoln Drive, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA., **from B-1, Buffer Business District to B-1-E Buffer Business District/Extended Use District limited to a "multi-purpose facility" only** and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/McCulloch)

7. **Ordinance No. 10 of 2011**: **ZONING - C-3-11**: Amending Chapter 106 Of The Code Of Ordinances, The City Of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning of property located

on the east side of Centenary, 250 feet north of Olive Street Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA., **from B-2, Neighborhood Business/Extended Use District to B-2-E, Neighborhood Business/Extended Use District limited to an “auto repair shop” only,** and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Everson)

8. **Ordinance No. 11 of 2011: ZONING - C-4-11:** An ordinance amending Chapter 106 Of The Code Of Ordinances, The City Of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning of property located on the NE corner of Olive and Stephens Streets, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA., **from SPI-1, Highland Urban Conservation District to SPI-1-E, Highland Urban Conservation/Extended Use District limited to “obedience dog training classes” only** and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Everson)

9. **Ordinance No. 12 of 2011: ZONING - C-6-11:** An ordinance amending Chapter 106 Of The Code Of Ordinances, The City Of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning of property located on the SE corner of West 70<sup>th</sup> Street and Clift Street, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA., **from R-1H, Urban, One-Family Residence District to B-1, Buffer Business District** and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (F/Shyne)

10. **Ordinance No. 14 of 2011:** An Ordinance to amend and reenact portions of Chapters 74 and 94 of the Code of Ordinances relative to collection of the recycled product collection fee and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Webb, seconded by Councilman Corbin to introduce Ordinance No(s). 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14 of 2010 to lay over until the next regular meeting.**

Councilman Webb: For clarification on No. 7, I think it’s in District E. Is that right Mr. Corbin?

Councilwoman McCulloch: Mt. Zion and Kingston Road?

Councilman Webb: Yeah.

Councilman Corbin: It’s right at the dividing point, I don’t know - - - that may be - - -

Councilman Webb: It’s 125 feet from Kingston, so I know it’s not on the east side of the bayou, so it’s District E.

Ms. Pilkinton: Okay, we’ll make sure that’s corrected.

Councilman Shyne: Sam I didn’t get it quite high enough. Mr. Mayor, since you was the captain of your debate team - - -

Councilman O. Jenkins: Where’s my bell?

Ms. Johnson: Sharon took it.

Councilman Shyne: Now don't tell me we got another on the Council again, and I won't call no name, but what impact does this have on the contract that we have signed, I guess already with Pratt? If back out of the \$2.50 fee, I mean what - - - can we legally do this? If we do, what impact? Because this money's got to come from somewhere.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Shyne, the Chairman and I have spent a considerable amount of time discussing this over the last several weeks. In fact, I wrapped up our bond issue discussion last night probably somewhere north of 8:00, if I'm not mistaken?

Councilman Shyne: And I'm sorry, because I was not privy to that.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Sibley left us at 9:00 and I think Mr. Jenkins walked out of the front door somewhere about a quarter of midnight. He and I have been discussing this issue in dept because I expressed that same concern. And I think part of what from the Administration's standpoint, we've got to do is to put you all as the council especially the newer members of the council in a better position to understand exactly how we got to this point. Which is why following our presentation on the 28<sup>th</sup> of December, which I think in a few respects, missed the mark in terms of being able to affectively inform and enlighten the council with regard to the Pratt issue and the Pratt issue in relation to the garbage issue, and what have you, and the recycling issue. Because you've got Pratt, you've got garbage, you've got recycling, all of which are interrelated, but in many respects are separate and apart from each other. Certainly the recycling one is a part and parcel of the Pratt situation. We want to take - - -which is why I also made the request of asking you all to join us for that tour and presentation out at the Pratt facility on February 1<sup>st</sup> so that we get a chance to be able to reset the clock on this. And start from the very beginning. And that would be from when the RFP proposal was received by the folks out at the Port. They examined it, in turn reached out to us here at the City of Shreveport and said here's an opportunity that we've got to pursue a company. Part of what comes along would be the fee for the city because we know it's been identified as a desire on the part of some, to do a curbside recycling program, it would be a part of what would go along with it. And so, there would be someone at the city that would be responsible for doing. And would also end up fulfilling the desire on the part of many of us to have a curbside recycling program. So what we want to do on the 1<sup>st</sup>, and to whatever extent you want me to do so today Mr. Chairman and Mr. Shyne, I will as well. But what we want to do on the 1<sup>st</sup>, is to reset the clock, and to reconstruct this discussion, dialogue right from the very beginning, show you all how we walk through it, and be able to clearly illustrate exactly - - - and to also answer many of the questions that the young lady who was here before us during the initial comment section, had as well, exactly how we got here. Because in the minds of some people, we don't have a very good recycling program. Despite the fact that we still have a few collection problems, we happen to have an outstanding curbside recycling program. The fact that we have curbside, single stream is something that is the envy of so many other communities for folks out there who are sorting brown glass from clear glass, from metal, from paper and what have you, to be able to do what we do is something that is simply

extraordinary. And in terms of the cost that's associated with it, one thing that we also don't have a clear understanding of is this is something that was understood right from the very beginning, in terms of the administration and the previous council, we also understood that as a part of our negotiation with Pratt, we were able to forestall the start of that fee collection for 2 ½ years. And that that's something that the folks in Baton Rouge, New Orleans, Jackson and other places that have a curbside recycling program never had the benefit of. And so, it is a crucial part of the overall Pratt situation. It does represent an effort on the part of the City of Shreveport to be a partner in terms of not only economic development, but also bringing a green forward thinking progressive initiative to Shreveport that a lot of folks are excited about, all that partnered together, we're going to reconstruct it for you, link by link, point by point, issue by issue on the 1<sup>st</sup> of February.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, I went through it in the beginning, and it might be cold and wet on that day. And I'm at the age where Mr. Chairman, I can't expose my self to too much bad weather.

Mayor Glover: You told me once, you don't buy green bananas anymore Mr. Shyne.

Councilman Shyne: That's exactly right. You have to wait too long. But the point when you get back, when we get into a full discussion on this, what I want you to pinpoint is what financial impact does this have if we re-appeal. I also want to know since we have signed a contract, and things have been in motion, depending on the \$2.50, can we legally - - and I'm kind of turned that way so the City Attorney can hear me too, see if we can legally do that? We don't have to discuss it right now, I mean this is something that you all can think about and come back, and I'm sorry that I was not privy to the conversation that you and the Chairman had last night, I don't know whether you or the chairman one thought that it was time for me to be at home, getting ready to go to bed or not, since you all stayed until 12:00, but I was not privy to that conversation, and that was why I asked the question on what impact.

Mayor Glover: Let me put it I guess a bit more succinctly. And that is since the start of the curbside recycling, the folks from Pratt have been incurring an expense of I think \$2.70 per household or per pickup. The cost of picking up curbside recycling. Under our contractual agreement, we would begin January 1 of 2011, paying to them the sum of \$2.50, which is actually \$.20 less than their actual cost. The expense of picking up the curbside recycling. What that basically translates into is I think about \$1.2 (million) or so that ultimately has to be provided one way or the other. Whether that's by the collection of \$2.50 or from the General Fund, or from the spare change that some of you all may have lying around. But the bottom line is that, that a sum that we are contractual obligated to insure is provided by one means or another.

Councilman Shyne: It scares me Mr. Mayor, when if we have to get it out of our General Fund. Because from the way I look at it, and looking at the Mayor's budget, we just don't have that kind of money. And we've got employees who are looking for a pay raise, who haven't had a pay raise in the last 10 years. And I think some of the garbage workers have

been meeting with Ms. McCulloch, and maybe Sam I'm telling off a little something I shouldn't, but I think Sam got a petition, am I right Sam? From some city employee workers.

Councilman S. Jenkins: I thought all of us got that petition. Am I the only one that got the petition? I thought all of us got it.

Councilman O. Jenkins: He and I met with them but he must have gotten a petition that I didn't get. So maybe you're telling something you shouldn't be.

Councilman Shyne: That's what I'm saying. You know sometimes when you talk a lot, you talk too - - - you know you tell something that you don't have no business telling.

Councilman S. Jenkins: I don't mind anybody knowing. I thought everybody received the petition.

Councilman Shyne: And the reason why I'm saying this, Sam received it and I did too. Sam, I wouldn't tell off on myself, but I received the petition too. And that's the thing that scares me. We're going to have to take out about \$1.2 maybe \$1.3 (million) out of the General Fund in order to pay Pratt. And that's the thing that I get a little nervous about. Because I don't see us having that kind of money in the General Fund. Now Dale, you look at the General Fund everyday, maybe you see a different picture.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Lets just - - - so that we're clear, this legislation is for introduction only today. And the only reason it's for introduction today, that if we don't introduce it today, in two weeks time after we've had our problem or meeting, or melding of the minds, we would then have another month of a bill before it could actually be enacted. So we'd have to come up with a way to refund two months instead of one month. So, it is for introduction only at this point. There's a lot of debate to be had, going forward and I'm sure well get that opportunity. But it's an introduction item today only.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Mr. Chairman, I've got a couple of things out of this category here. And I share some concerns here about introducing this legislation right now. You know at this time. Because the way it reads, it's going to affect both collecting for solid waste, and for recycling. I have a concern about first the recycling because of the contract that's out there. And the implications not only for this particular deal, but for other deals that someone may enter into with the City. So I have a concern about that. And I believe all of us sitting up here know that solid waste in the City of Shreveport is going to need an overhaul, and I just don't see how taking a revenue stream away is going to help the city's situation, especially if I don't see a Plan B. If I can see what it is we're about to substitute that with, the (inaudible) study, the Master Plan Study, both strongly suggest there's going to be some fees involved in this at some point. If all we're going to do is take something off the table, just to come back to the people again later on, put something new on the table, and give it another name, it's the same thing. You know if it quacks like a duck, looks like a duck, it's a duck. And

Councilman Shyne: It's not an eagle.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Right, it's not an eagle. I don't understand why we don't wait until we - - - I mean maybe just maintain status quo and see what substitute plans could come into play. Because what I don't want to see is - - - I know there are a lot of citizens that are not satisfied with it, but I don't want to see us rekindle the problem all over again by coming back a little later on and saying, oh by the way, you still have to pay some fees in order for solid waste, or the collection of solid waste to take place the way that it should. And I've shared these concerns with the Chairman, who I highly respect. But I do believe this is a step in the wrong direction. I think the timing of it is what's probably making it that. If it was something else out there that we could present to deal with the issue, I think I could be a whole lot more comfortable, than just simply repealing something that's already in place and don't have a plan. I don't see how we're going to ever get solid waste straight, if we don't have some form of revenue coming in beyond what normally comes in. And so that's what my big concern is. Please, we're asking this question about this contract, I'm still not understanding that. How we have a contract with someone and then present some legislation that affects that contract when that discussion hasn't taken place with the other side. Not only in this deal, but future deals that we may go out and try to put together for the city. The other matter I had here, No. 13., that Zoning Case, C-7-11, that's in my district, and I really wanted to not take any action on that. I wanted to postpone action on that until the next meeting. The reason I'm - - - and if it presents a problem, let me know. But the reason I'm saying that is because I had discussions with all the parties that were involved, and we had concluded that we would not take any action on this particular piece of legislation until we had had an opportunity to kinda meet and talk about some things. So, I hate to have said to them, don't worry about it coming down because - - -

Councilman O. Jenkins: It's only for introduction.

Councilman S. Jenkins: I understand. I don't want to take any action at all. Can it not be introduced at the next meeting? If it can be introduced at the next meeting, that's what I want to do. I don't want to take any action at all because - - -

Councilman O. Jenkins: Doesn't it have to get on the agenda before you can take it off the agenda?

Ms. Glass: No, it's on the agenda, but it has not been introduced. So, if the council chooses not to introduce it - - -

Councilman S. Jenkins: Until the next meeting. In other words what I want to do is bring it up for whatever action we're going to do at the next meeting. Because I left the party - - -

Councilman Shyne: If that's your pleasure, I'll second it.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Right, but you understand? We wouldn't take any kind of action until we had a chance to meet and discuss it. And then finally, No. 14, I want to be sure - - -

Councilman O. Jenkins: I don't have 14.

Councilman S. Jenkins: The one that was added. I'm going to call it No. 14., the one that was added earlier? Maybe I shouldn't be calling it No. 14, but I want to be sure all that - - -

Mr. Thompson: It's a motion to remove it from the agenda, I think would be the appropriate motion?

Councilman S. Jenkins: Oh, you're still doing that one? Okay. To remove No. 13.

Councilman Shyne: You make the motion, I'll second it.

**Substitute motion by Councilman S. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Shyne to remove Ordinance No. 13 of 2011 from the agenda.**

Councilman Webb: We still hadn't voted on the other one yet.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Yeah, and I had questions too.

Councilman Shyne: It's a substitute motion.

Mr. Thompson: The other one was a motion to introduce everything, and so this is a substitute motion to remove one of those items from the agenda.

Councilman S. Jenkins: That's all we're voting on right now.

**Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.**

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I think we need some instructions from the Chair or from the Council. Are we to put this back on automatically at the next meeting?

Councilman S. Jenkins: The one we just - - - yes.

Mr. Thompson: Okay. Bea, do you hear that?

Mr. Johnson: I heard him.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Thank you. Do I still have the floor Mr. Chairman?

Councilman O. Jenkins: You still have the floor.

Councilman S. Jenkins: The one that we just added. I just want some clarification on that. All we're doing with that is going back and providing that the \$2.50 for the recycling and for the garbage collection?

Mr. Thompson: No.

Councilman S. Jenkins: It's just the recycling?

Mr. Thompson: Yes. We add it to the customers water and sewer bill.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Just the recycling fee?

Ms. Glass: The garbage fee was already - - - the ordinance already said that it was to be on the water bill.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Alright, so what are we doing, we're just going back adding the recycling?

Mr. Thompson: To the water bill.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Just how the citizens receive that bill if it comes on the water bill is essentially all we're doing.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Okay, I just wanted to be clear on that too. Okay, thank you Mr. Chairman, that's all I have.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Yeah, I'm going back to the recycling fee. I stepped out a moment, and please forgive me. As I review the fact sheet here, and it's giving background information regarding the recycling fee. Mayor Glover had said that it was adopted by the City Council in 2007, but it did not go into affect until January 1, 2011. And in my own little knowledge, I mean I'm starting to feel like a guinea pig or a scapegoat here, because it seems like you might have given men some information prior to me walking out. Can you explain why is it that it was adopted in 2007, and you're now, or this body is now wanting to adopt - - - I mean the recycling fee was adopted by the city council in 2007, but it's not going into affect until January 1, 2011 now and why - - - can you explain that?

Mayor Glover: Absolutely. As I referenced earlier, this is not just an issue of Pratt being a business coming to Shreveport or bringing with it jobs and investment, but also a desire on the part of the City of Shreveport to initiate a curbside recycling program. If you would take Pratt away, if there's no such thing as Pratt, but you still have a desire on the part of the citizens of the city of Shreveport ultimately expressed by the Mayor and the City Council, to initiate a curbside recycling program for the city, that would bring with it a cost. That cost in other cities is represented by a monthly charge that appears on their water bill or some other billing mechanism. For us here in the City of Shreveport is \$2.50. We were able through the course of our negotiations with the folks at Pratt to not have that actual charge assessed for the first 2 ½ year of our curbside recycling program resulting in the savings to the citizens and the city of what would have been the cost of our curbside recycling program.

Councilwoman McCulloch: But since 2007, there has been negotiations in regarding this fee. Is that what I'm hearing.

Mayor Glover: No, since 2007 is when the negotiation process started. The negotiation process ended when all parties came to a meeting of the minds and the various contracts and documents were drawn up, the legislation that was presented to Council, was drafted, presented, introduced, discussed and ultimately passed.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Oh, okay. And so it's just a matter of us, this body approving or adopting - - -

Mayor Glover: No, there's no need for this body to do anything. This council does not have to do anything whatsoever. Now what you have (inaudible) by the Chairman to take some action, but there's no need for this particular council to take any action with regard the recycling program. All those votes and decisions were made by the previous council. Except for the portion - - -

Ms. Glass: About putting it on the water bill.

Mayor Glover: Which was I guess a technical thing, not a substantive thing.

Councilwoman McCulloch: So our Chairperson supports - - - according to this ordinance, you're supporting this right?

Mayor Glover: Well the Chair, I think, not to speak for the Chair, but I think there are two different issues that you have to make sure to keep distinct. And that is the technical needs to go ahead and pass this aspect of it, so that the charge appears on the bill. Although the decisions to levy the charge, the ordinance to make a decision to levy the charge and what have you were all made by the previous council. That separate from a measure that the Chair has that would seek to either permanently or a period of time suspend that \$2.50 as well as the \$2.50 garbage collection fee that was levied by the previous council.

Councilman Corbin: I think we just covered mine. I wanted Ms. Glass to clarify that we're not doing anything or voting on the fee, we're just taking care of the technicality to have it on the bill and to have a way to collect the fee. I think there was some confusion.

Councilman O. Jenkins: And once again, we're talking about introducing Ordinances here, we're not voting on ordinances, we're just looking for support of introducing these ordinances.

Councilwoman McCulloch: It says final adoption here February 8<sup>th</sup>, Chairperson.

Councilman Shyne: Legally, we can discuss legislation whether it's being introduced or whether it's ready to be passed. And you do have some legislation - - - for example, Sam has a good point that you brought up, saying look, I don't even want this introduced. This

is in my district. So I don't even want this introduced. Sometimes some legislation you need to have a long discussion on it. You might need to discuss it, and the Mayor or the CAO might need to go and do some research information. Some cases, you're exactly right. You might not need to have a discussion on a piece of legislation because it's going to be laid over for two weeks anyway. Even at that particular time, you might want to postpone it, or you might want to table it. But again now, it's really nothing wrong with discussing legislation anytime it comes up on the agenda. I'm through.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I couldn't agree with you more Mr. Shyne. Point well taken.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Point of clarification. If we vote on the motion that's standing here now, motion that I believe is out here now to introduce all these ordinances, it would include the introduction of No. 6? The way it's set up now?

Councilman O. Jenkins: The way it's currently set up. But we can do it one by one if you prefer.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Well I wanted to see what would be the most - - -

Mr. Thompson: The motion as I understand it would be to introduce Ordinances 4 through 12 of 2011, plus the ordinance that was added.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Okay, I'd like to make a substitute motion if I can get a second.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Second.

Councilman S. Jenkins: to introduce Ordinances 4 and 5 and 7 through 12 plus the one that was added.

Councilman Shyne: That's the motion that's already on the floor.

Mr. Thompson: No. Mr. Chairman? We may need to - - - to do the same thing that you did before, I think would be cleaner to remove No. 6 from the agenda.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Well I'd like to make a motion to remove No. 6 from introduction.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Second.

Mr. Thompson: From the agenda for introduction.

**Substitute motion by Councilman S. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman McCulloch to remove No. 6 from the agenda.**

Councilman S. Jenkins: Well, what it is, all I'm saying is and the reason I'm making this motion is I believe some more discussion needs to take place. Both with Pratt, and I think

some more discussion needs to take place amongst this body. When we start talking about taking revenue from solid waste collection, because you know it could be supported better if there were some idea of what the next step in the plan would be. As opposed to just cutting off (inaudible) we know we need it for.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Just so we're clear Vice-Chair, there is no revenue as of right now going to solid waste. Zero. As legislation stands at this moment, there is no revenue going to solid waste department. That \$2.50 fee is not going to the waste department today, because there is not legislation to be voted on. I totally agree with the fact that we don't have a plan B. But we also don't have a Plan A from my perspective. We do not have a directed resource or a solution oriented plan with this \$2.50 as we sit here today. It is not by a years worth of trust, it does not provide a certain agreed upon increase in wage for those workers in sanitation department, it doesn't do anything to - - - now it goes into the General Fund, it could be allocated as such. Don't get me wrong, but I am not one that wants to promote legislation that doesn't have specific solution oriented goals. And I think you and I are very much on the same line of reasoning that there are definitely some efficiencies to be had in that department on many levels. Looking at that 2007 survey and the rest. Now I'd rather we invest our time in coming up with a Plan A and a Plan B than encumber our citizens with the \$2.50 fee that is not particularly well directed at this moment and time. Furthermore, so that's - - - I wasn't going to get into this diatribe, but since we're discussing removing this, I'm going to explain why I want to introduce it. Secondly, the reason for the recycling fee is in my opinion, recycling should be something that we are very enthusiastic about, and we want to support. And Mayor, I'm frankly disappointed that we have had almost no group to come in front of this council to support the advantage of a recycling fee. Though there are plenty of those groups out there in this town, but none of them feel particularly motivated to come down here and address the council and say the benefits of recycling. So my fear on the way the current recycling plan is set up, is that it is generated in negative attitudes towards something that I want to be fostered for the future of this city. And the way to do that at this point, in my mind is whether that's General Fund subsidizing that, or whether there's some other sources of revenue for it, and I do not intend to try to come up with a way to cut off Pratt, because I think that was a - - - seems to be a good contract. We are business friendly city, and we want to encourage businesses to come to Shreveport and work. And we have all seen the benefits and recognize the economic benefits of them being here, which is one of the things that we've gotten a lot of good points for. So don't confuse the intent of the legislation with looking at this only on the surface. What I'm questioning is the current source of the revenue stream for recycling, and the current objective of the garbage fee. Those are two separate entities. I am introducing them today, to encourage us to get as much data as we can in the next two weeks, to at that point be in a position to really make a decisive decision. That is the intent of where of I am today on this introducing - - - I guess it's Ordinance No. 6.

Councilman Corbin: I'd like to see us introduce Ordinance No. 6. Whether we take action on it in two weeks or further down the road, if we can come up with some plans, this will save us some time, we can certainly postpone it if we need to. We don't have to take action

on it at the next meeting. But as long as we've got it introduced, and we've got it in on our agenda, and working, that gives us some more flexibility. I support introduction of the ordinance.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, give me my third shot if nobody else wants to speak.

Councilman O. Jenkins: You get your third shot.

Councilman Shyne: Okay, I really have no objections maybe in introducing it, but I do have an objection acting upon this, even if it's at the next meeting. I have not had a chance to talk to either one of you, you or the Vice-Chairman. Both of you all have some good ideas, and I do agree with Sam, since - - - and I guess maybe I'm speaking because I was on the last council when we voted on this, and I wouldn't want to sit here just like I didn't know nothing that went on, because I was in the middle of it. Mr. Mayor, if I'm wrong, tell me. I believe the administration made an agreement to us that they would come back with a specific plan on how this \$2.50 would be spent in the - - - for the solid waste department, because after looking at the situation over in Bossier, and I hope there are not too many people listening from Bossier. We're actually paying for some of the garbage that we get from Bossier.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Subsidizing.

Councilman Shyne: Yeah, subsidizing. And I think Dale, what was Bossier, what is it they charge over in Bossier, was it \$15 or \$16, or \$18?

Councilwoman McCulloch: They pay more.

Mr. Sibley: \$16.

Mayor Glover: Actually \$18.

Councilman Shyne: Yeah, it was \$18.

Mayor Glover: \$20 for back door pick up.

Councilman Shyne: Right. We don't pay any of that, and \$2.50 is not very much to ask people for that kind of service. And now, if I'm wrong Mr. Mayor, and you know I back out, you know I was under the impression that you all were in the process of coming up with a plan. Again, I didn't expect for you to do it overnight, and I didn't expect for you to pull it out of your head, because you're not Superman. I used to think I was Superman when I was a little boy, you know you get on a chair, you jump off, Rose you know you spread your wings, and you find out you can't fly? But I would hope that you would have your people to get with the Council, and let us know that you all are working on this plan. Because we've gotta have the additional revenue. So, Sam I understand what you're saying, we might not have the revenues coming in now, but it's a perceived revenue that

we will have coming in. And if the Chairman wants to introduce it, I really have no objection in voting to introduce it, but I would have an objection for us to act upon it at the next council meeting, because I think we need a little bit more time.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Any further discussion on removing No. 6?

Mr. Thompson: The motion was to remove it from the agenda. If you're in favor of removing it from the agenda, you will vote yes.

**Motion failed by the following vote: Nays: Councilmen Everson, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 5. Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch and O. Jenkins.**

**Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Webb to introduce Ordinance No(s). 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 14 of 2010 to lay over until the next regular meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.**

**ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE** (*Numbers are assigned Ordinance Numbers*)

*The Clerk read the following:*

1. **Ordinance No. 94 of 2010**: An ordinance amending Chapter 22 of the Code of Ordinances relative to demolition delays and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Walford) (*Postponed December 28, 2010 until January 25, 2011*)

**Having passed first reading on June 22, 2010 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Wooley.**

*The Clerk read the following:*

**Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 94 of 2010**

Delete Section 22-3 and substitute the following:

Sec. 22-3. Demolition delay in the Downtown Development District.

a) Any application for a demolition permit involving a structure in the Downtown Development District, as defined in La. R.S. 33:2740.38, shall be delayed 180 days in an attempt to secure an alternative purchaser/use, unless the issuance of the demolition permit is approved by the City Council by resolution.

b) When any application for a demolition permit is delayed pursuant to this section, the Chief Building Official shall, within thirty days, notify the Director of the Downtown Development Authority of the application.

Explanation of amendment:

Creates an exception to the demolition delay period when the demolition has been authorized by the City Council.

**Motion by Councilman Everson, seconded by Councilman Shyne to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 94 of 2010.**

Councilman Everson: The Riverfront B-4 Committee met and that's where this amendment was developed. This is a piece of legislation that we are interested in passing as a moratorium or stop gap if you will until there is a potential later this year that we'll be looking at historic preservation ordinance. Whether or not that's passed, it is something that we'll reach at that time, but in lieu of that being in place, this is what the committee found to be an appropriate ordinance to protect the property owners of downtown, that that character of the downtown structure would be maintained in the meantime without having (inaudible).

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, just one note on that now. I agree with my distinguished guest on downtown. But he had mentioned something out in my neighborhood. Some of the character of my neighborhood, I don't want to keep that going, because we've got drug houses, and dope houses, and the Mayor's knows we've been working to try to clean those up, and I don't want to get those protected under the historic preservation thing, because if I did - - - see I live out in my neighborhood.

Councilman Everson: A lot of history you want to forget?

Councilman Shyne: Yeah, a lot of history, I don't want to remember.

**Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.**

**Motion by Councilman Everson, seconded by Councilman Shyne to Ordinance No. 94 of 2010 as amended. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.**

**2. Ordinance No. 171 of 2010: An ordinance amending and reenacting Chapter 58 of the Code of Ordinances by adding Section 58-29.1 relative to the use of certain vehicle brakes and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Corbin) (*Postponed December 28, 2010 until January 25, 2011*)**

**Having passed first reading on November 23, 2010 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Corbin, seconded by Councilman O. Jenkins to postpone until February 8, 2011. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.**

3. **Ordinance No. 178 of 2010**: An ordinance amending the 2011 Budget for the General Fund, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (*Postponed December 28, 2010 until January 25, 2011*)

4. **Ordinance No. 179 of 2010**: An ordinance amending the 2011 Budget for the Metropolitan Planning commission's Special Revenue Fund, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (E/Webb) (*Postponed December 28, 2010 until January 25, 2011*)

**Having passed first reading on December 14, 2010 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman O. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Shyne to table Ordinance No(s) 178 and 179 of 2011.**

Councilman O. Jenkins: I just think that we have to move closer to moving forward on the Master Plan, and we don't need to vote on it every two weeks. So, lets table it.

Councilman Shyne: Now I agree - - - we're together on that.

**Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.**

5. **Ordinance No. 185 of 2010**: An ordinance granting to the Southwestern Electric Power Company the right, privilege, and franchise to acquire, construct, erect, maintain, repair, reconstruct, and operate a system of electric power lines, wires, transformers, communication cables,, and other related and necessary or desirable appurtenances in, under, over, across, through, and along any and all of the present and future streets, avenues, alleys, thoroughfares, roads, highways, sidewalks bridges, and public properties of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana for the purpose of transmitting and distributing electric power to the city and it inhabitants and any other person or persons, firms, and corporations for a term of twenty-five years, regulating the use of streets by the company and repair and restoration of the streets disturbed by construction; Providing for compensation to be paid to the City; Providing that this franchise shall not be exclusive; Providing the company's obligations to furnish efficient service; Providing for indemnity by the company to the city; Providing for conditional forfeiture in event of default by the company; Making miscellaneous provisions relative to this grant of franchise; Providing for acceptance by company; Providing a severability clause; Providing an effective date, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (*Postponed December 28, 2010 until January 25, 2011*)

**Having passed first reading on December 14, 2010 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman S. Jenkins to postpone until February 22, 2011. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.**

6. **Ordinance No. 1 of 2011**: An ordinance revising, amending and enacting Section 90-309 of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances relative to stopping, standing, or parking vehicles on a limited access highway. (E/Webb)

**Having passed first reading on January 11, 2011 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Webb, seconded by Councilman O. Jenkins to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.**

7. **Ordinance No. 2 of 2011**: An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport by adding Division 9 of Article V of Chapter 26 relative to establishing a Solid Waste Collection Fee Special Revenue Fund, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

**Having passed first reading on January 11, 2011 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman O. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Everson to postpone.**

Councilman Corbin: Fees being collected now. My reason for introducing this is to keep it out of the General Fund.

Councilman Webb: Being collected right now?

Councilman Corbin: It's being collected right now.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, I agree with the distinguished gentleman from Council District D. Since the fees are being collected at this particular point, we need to set this up so that it will not be comingled in the General Fund.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Will we go back to - - - now this fee was being collected as of January 1 of this year, right? Are we going to go back to that point and identify those funds and move them over to the new - - - ?

Councilman O. Jenkins: They haven't been billed if I'm not mistaken until the end of January bill cycle.

Councilman S. Jenkins: But it will go back though, I know we're working on it now.

**Motion failed by the following vote: Nays: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 6. Ayes: Councilman O. Jenkins. 1.**

**Substitute motion by Councilman Corbin, seconded by Councilman Shyne to adopt.**

**Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 6. Nays: Councilman O. Jenkins. 1.**

8. **Ordinance No. 3 of 2011**: An ordinance authorizing a temporary Franchise Agreement with Southwestern Electric Power Company (AEP SWEPCO) and to otherwise provide with respect thereto

**Having passed first reading on January 11, 2011 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman S. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Everson to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.**

*The adopted ordinances and amendments follow:*

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 94 OF 2010**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT SECTION 22-3 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO DEMOLITION DELAYS AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

By: Councilman Walford

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal and regular session convened that Section 22-3 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport is hereby enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 22-3. Demolition delay in the Downtown Development District.

Any application for a demolition permit involving a structure in the Downtown Development District, as defined in La. R.S. 33:2740.38, shall be delayed 180 days in an attempt to secure an alternative purchaser/use.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this Ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this Ordinance which can be given affect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 94 of 2010**

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Explanation of amendment:

Creates an exception to the demolition delay period when the demolition has been authorized by the City Council.

**ORDINANCE NO 1 OF 2010**

**AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE, AMEND AND ENACT SECTION 90-309 OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO STOPPING, STANDING OR PARKING VEHICLES ON A LIMITED ACCESS HIGHWAY.**

BY: COUNCILMAN RON WEBB

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal and regular session convened that Section 90-309 is hereby amended and revised as follows:

**Sec. 90-309. - Stopping, standing or parking on a limited access highway.**

**(a)**

*Definition of limited access highway.* A limited access highway is one which can be entered and exited only by way of ramps placed periodically along its length. Speed limits are generally over 40 miles per hour. For the purposes of this section, limited access highways are I-20, I-49, I-220, Clyde Fant Memorial Parkway and LA Highway 3132.

**(b)**

*Prohibited parking.*

**(1)**

Except at the direction of a police officer, no one shall cause or allow a vehicle to stop, stand or park:

- a. So it blocks any part of a traffic lane of any street or limited access highway; or
- b. On the shoulder of any limited access highway except in an emergency and as specified in this section.

(2) If a disabled vehicle cannot be moved from the traffic lane, the driver will activate the vehicle's emergency flashers or mark the vehicle with reflectors, flags, fuses or lights as allowed by R.S. title 32:141 and notify the police department immediately.

(3) Disabled vehicles may be parked on the shoulder of a limited access highway if:

- a. No portion of any traffic lane is blocked; and
- b. The vehicle's emergency flashers are activated and working or the vehicle is marked with reflectors, flags, fuses or lights as allowed by R.S. title 32:141; and
- c. The disabled vehicle is removed within ~~one hour~~ twenty-four hours.

(4) Any vehicles parked in violation of this section shall be impounded and removed from the roadway or shoulder not less than 24 hours after posting of the notice required by La. R.S. 32:473.1.

(5) Additional limited access highways may be added after the chief of police publishes a list noting the addition in the city's official journal at least twice in 30 days.

***(Ord. No. 37, 1995, 4-11-95)***

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provisions or item of this ordinance or the application

thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2 OF 2010**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT BY ADDING DIVISION 9 OF ARTICLE V. OF CHAPTER 26 RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A SOLID WASTE COLLECTION FEE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**BY: COUNCILMAN MICHEAL CORBIN**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened that Article V. of Chapter 26 of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by adding Division 9 to read as follows:

Article V. Funds

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**Division 9. Solid Waste Collection Fee Special Revenue Fund**

**Sec. 26-210.10 Establish; purpose.**

(a) Established. A Solid Waste Collection Fee Special Revenue Fund is established to account for the receipt and expenditure of solid waste curb side collection fees. All funds received by the City from solid waste curbside collection fees shall be deposited in Solid Waste Collection Fee Special Revenue Fund.

(b) Purpose. This purpose of this fund shall be to dedicate these monies to the purchase or garbage package, refuse trailers, knuckleboom loaders, and other equipment used by the Solid Waste Division of Public works to collect solid waste.

**Sec. 26-210.11. General.**

For the purpose of this ordinance solid waste collection fees shall be defined as the service fee for curbside collection authorized in Section 74-29 of the Code of Ordinances, and added to the customers water and sewer bill as authorized by Section 94-162.1 of the Code.

**Sec. 26-210.12. Investment of Funds.**

The funds shall be invested in such investments as the Director of Finance may deem prudent and advisable and in accordance with the provision of Sec. 26-55, the cash management and investment policies for the City of Shreveport.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provisions or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions,

items or applications and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**ORDINANCE NO. 3 OF 2011**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A TEMPORARY FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY (AEP SWEPCO) AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO**

**BY: COUNCILMAN OLIVER JENKINS**

WHEREAS, a Franchise Agreement (the "1985 Agreement") with Southwestern Electric Power Company (AEP SWEPCO) was authorized by Ordinance No. 98 of 1985; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement had a twenty-five (25) year term which was set to expire on July 1, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport (the "City") and SWEPCO extended the term of the 1985 Agreement until December 31, 2010, under the same terms, conditions and stipulations set forth in the 1985 Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City and SWEPCO agree to enter into a temporary Agreement under the same terms, conditions and stipulations authorized and set forth in the 1985 Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, regular and legal session convened that a temporary Franchise Agreement with Southwestern Electric Power Company is authorized under the same terms, conditions and stipulations authorized and set forth in the 1985 Agreement until August 31, 2011, or until a new multi-year Franchise Agreement has been adopted and executed by the parties, whichever occurs first.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the term of the temporary Franchise Agreement shall be retroactive to January 1, 2011.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Mayor of the City of Shreveport is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Shreveport any and all documents necessary to evidence the authority contained herein.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid

provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

*\*\*\* No matters were considered under Unfinished Business*

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Property Standards Board of Appeal**

**PSD0800252:** 1446 Harvard Avenue, Shreveport, LA (A/McCulloch) Ms. Elizabeth Willis Caper, 1090 Seven Pines Road, Benton, LA 71006 **DECISION RENDERED January 24, 2011**

**Alcohol Permit Renewal Appeal**

Mingles Grill, 2711 Alkay Drive, Shreveport, LA 71110 (E/Webb) Mr. Ronald Hayes, 2711 Alkay Drive, Shreveport, LA **DECISION RENDERED January 24, 2011**

**REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES**

Councilman Everson: We did discuss in addition to the demolition delay, we did discuss the nature of the committee, if it is appropriately designed in light of the fact that the Red River District Committee has been meeting, and we need to make sure that the City Council has (inaudible) informed and active in that. Currently it is able to happen because I'm on both committees, but it's been structurally said that way, so we may need to add some structure to it in that sense. But we're reviewing that. And there were some other good conversations about some of the activity going on in downtown and who else needed to be included. It seems that there may be a couple of people that we want to add to that committee to make sure that they're invited to the next meeting, and another meeting date was set.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I will say one would probably have a committee or a meeting to discuss later next week with SWEPCO, the SWEPCO fee. My intent is to use the "infrastructure committee" as the vehicle, but certainly encourage anybody else on the Council to show up. And that's just what it's going to be called primarily to discuss the SWEPCO franchise fee. And I'll coordinate that sometime after the 1<sup>st</sup> of February.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, I don't know if Councilman Everson wants to do so at this time, but I wanted to make sure that we are aware that we've got some very positive things

happening with regards to Shreveport Commons effort that's part of Mr. Everson's district. Didn't know if you wanted to, as they said in the legislature, to look at that.

Councilman Everson: Sure. Actually there are just to update everyone a little bit without getting too specific, or getting ahead of ourselves on some of what's going on, there are some fantastic things going on in downtown right now. There is a group from New York who is looking at matching a grant that the Shreveport Regional Arts Council received for planning in the Shreveport Commons area. There are also some very exciting real estate deals that will be announced in the common days that will put buildings back into active commerce, that have not been in active commerce in some cases over 30 years. So - - - and possibly longer than that really, I can't remember when some of them got out of being actively used. But there are some very exciting announcements coming up in days to come and there seems to be a good bit forward movements on the Shreveport Commons, the Red River District and our downtown in general. So it's an exciting time to be a part of that.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Councilman. I'll just suffice it to say that some places that should be receiving some attention in the not too distance future that have not, as the councilman put it, been in commerce since I was a little boy watching Mr. Shyne buy his double knit suits.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, wait, wait, wait.

Councilwoman McCulloch: The burgundy and white huh?

Mayor Glover: The burgundy - - -

Councilman Shyne: Rose remembers.

Mayor Glover: And matching platforms Mr. Chairman.

## **CLERK'S REPORT**

Mr. Thompson: Well I don't know if the Chairman wants to mention the special Master Plan meeting that has been called for 4:00 p.m. on Thursday. And I believe you already talked about the special meeting concerning Pratt on the 1<sup>st</sup>.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Yes. Thank you for the reminder. 4:00 this Thursday, we'll be at an executive summary of the Master Plan being presented upstairs in the conference area. That is the Mayor's conference room.

Councilman Shyne: And Mr. Chairman, you left off one thing. Mr. Sibley will provide us with some sandwiches.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I'm sure he'll be looking to you for revenue funds, since you're very focused on the revenue sources these days. But I'll let you all work that out between the two.

**THE COMMITTEE RISES AND REPORTS:** *(Reconvenes Regular Council Meeting)*

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at approximately 5:57 p.m.

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*//s// Oliver Jenkins, Chairman*

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*//s// Arthur G. Thompson, Clerk of Council*