

**Council Proceedings of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana**  
*February 26, 2013*

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana was called to order by Chairman Michael Corbin at 3:10 p.m., Tuesday, February 26, 2013, in the Government Chambers in Government Plaza (505 Travis Street).

Invocation was given by Councilman Corbin.  
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman O. Jenkins

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 S. Jenkins to approve the minutes of the Administrative Conference, Monday, February 11, 2013 and Council Meeting, Tuesday, February 12, 2013. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.**

**Awards, Recognition of Distinguished Guests, Communications of the Mayor relative to city business, and Required Reports**

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

Councilman Corbin: At this point, we will move into Council Member Awards, Recognitions of distinguished guests. And I would like to make a friendly reminder that Council Meetings start at 3:00 for all of us up here and let's try to be here on time for 3:00 if at all possible.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, thank you. I'd like to recognize Lynn Cawthorne and David Aubrey. If you all are in, come up just for a minute or two please? And David, I know you're not dressed like you usually do. You usually have on a suite and tie, I don't guess Dale will say anything.

Mr. Sibley: We'll let him go this time Mr. Shyne.

Councilman Shyne: To the Council, I want to give these two young men an opportunity and I want to thank them for the program that they put on, was that last Saturday or Saturday before last?

Mr. Cawthorne: Saturday before last.

Councilman Shyne: Yeah, Saturday before last. And I want to thank the Council and the Administration for the hand that they played in helping Lynn and his staff with David put on an excellent program, one that Lynn I hope you would do next year, the year after, the year after, the year after. Because it's a program that was good for the entire City of Shreveport. And Oliver, I saw a lot of our brothers.

Councilman Oliver Jenkins: I went by myself.

Councilman Shyne: Sure did, sure did. So, Lynn, thank you all and would you just say a word or two?

Mr. Cawthorne: On behalf of the Council and the Administration, thank you guys for being so supportive of what we did on last Saturday with the State of Black Shreveport. It was broken up into two parts, the Economic Summit, and the New Black Agenda. And I want to thank the Council people, Councilman Everson came out and Councilman Jenkins came out, and everybody else was very supportive. But I would also like to report to the Council that what it intended to do that was so successful, I've already had a couple of people who were vendors at the Economic Summit that we've been able to stress some business tools and people made some phone calls, and we've been able to make those (inaudible), and coming up in the next couple of weeks, we're going to be putting together the video for people who weren't able to attend and purchase that at a nominal fee. And I also will be putting out the booklet (inaudible) for the City of Shreveport. So like I say when you make Black Shreveport better, you make all of Shreveport better. Thank you.

Councilman Shyne: David is one of our natural resources here, and David, we're just so glad to have you over.

Mr. David Aubrey: Thank you Councilman Shyne and all of the members of the Council. Certainly the program and that Mr. Cawthorne has spoken of the State of Black Shreveport, we came on board this year. Particularly in my role as Vice-Chairman of the Shreveport-Bossier African American Chamber of Commerce as well as the Interim Managing Director for the Minority Supplier Institute. Those organizations certainly, the goals of that event are in line with what our broad scope and mission is certainly is all about. The program went over well, rather inclusive. It addressed a lot of issues, particularly that are pertinent to the inner city and more specifically to the inner city that affects the minority community, African-Americans specifically. And so the conversation was good, it was very healthy, it was very inclusive, and so any way that those organizations and we as a community can come together to talk about how to uplift a specific population, it certainly helps the entire city. So it was my pleasure to work with Mr. Cawthorne as Chairman to be a part of the organizing committee as well as the other organizations who were sponsors of the event. Thank you.

Councilman Shyne: I want to thank you all and Mr. Chairman, I have just two other people I'd like to recognize, Tim DeWayne and Joey Kent. Would you all come up and just take a minute or two. I think you all probably have some information from these two gentlemen. It's Beyond Galilee. You all want to just take a minute or two and tell us what you're about.

Mr. Timothy DeWayne Antoine: Mr. Shyne and Council, thank you for inviting Joey Kent and I here to speak.

Councilman Shyne: You want to give us your name so they'll - - -

Mr. Antoine: My name is Timothy DeWayne Antoine, I go by Tim DeWayne, 8802 Kensington Drive, Shreveport, LA.

Mr. Kent: Joey Kent, 5655 Candle Light Drive.

Mr. DeWayne: I'd just like to thank you Joe, just thank you Shyne for allowing us to speak now, and Chairman Corbin, thank you as well for allowing us this time in the regular meeting of the Council Members, thank you. What I'm here today is to speak about Beyond Galilee is Shreveport's struggle for civil rights here in the State of Louisiana, northern Louisiana. And what Joey and I have done and then Joey is the Co-Producer of this particular documentary, what we've done is we've put together the civil rights movement of Shreveport, Louisiana from the 1950s all the way to the 1970s. That documentary actually has rare footage that Channel 12 has been talking about. It's been advertising on their network, how they found or how we found that particular footage that's probably about 50 years old, that has never been seen or maybe was seen during those particular times. Does that footage highlight Dr. King at Little Union speaking as well as the old Galilee speaking as well. And the SCLC footage as well when Martin Luther King, Abernathy

and probably Thurgood Marshall are featured on that particular footage as well. And what we've done is been able to combine that footage with a speech by Martin Luther King done at the Old Galilee Church in the 1950s and come up with a powerful documentary that I think highlights what went on during that time in this city and how they were able to with the help of Martin Luther King change this government into what we have right now, this form of City Council, as well as changing the voting rights acts and various other things in the city. I'm not going to take much of the time, I'll let Joey take it from here.

Mr. Joey Kent: I think Tim spoke well to what we've created. A number of years ago, Dr. C. O. Simpkins presented me with a recording of Martin Luther King speaking at Galilee in August of 1958, which turned out to be the earliest full length recorded speech by Dr. King of just over an hour. We began to discuss at that time, the need for documentary to chronicle Shreveport's history in the civil rights movement. It took a number of years to finally get the equipment for me to stumble into Tim, and for us to decide to take this project on, early on in our film careers rather than make this something we'd get back to at a later date. We're pleased with the result. We think it tells a story that definitely puts Shreveport on a national spotlight if not international, and we hope that it will bring about the beginning of a healing process here in town. The feedback from the movie has been very positive and encouraging and we think we've accomplished our mission. We have a screening this Friday at the theatre at the State Exhibit Building at 7:00 p.m., and would love any and every one that hears this to come out and see the picture. Thank you.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, if you don't mind, Tim and Joey before you leave, I just want to join Councilman Shyne and the rest of the Council in commending you gentlemen for the work that you're doing. I think its very appropriate especially since we're graced today with young elementary and middle school students here in the audience and who knows others who may be watching by television that we have two gentlemen in the City who have given this current generation as well as those of us who've been around here for a few years a great gift in terms of having an opportunity to be able to learn more about our past. Because the only way you can have any appreciation for where you are and certainly any way or hope of preparing yourself effectively for the future is by having an understanding of where it is that you come from. And I think the timing of what you all are doing is quite appropriate because in context with America, lots of folks know about Montgomery and Birmingham and Memphis, but I think there's also a very compelling story in terms of what transpired in Louisiana in general and in Shreveport in particular. And as far as Shreveport is concerned, it just so happens that 50 years ago, 1963 was one of those critical, seminal eras for this community. That was as you reference Little Union, that was the year the horses rode up on the steps, dragged out one Dr. Harry Blake and left him a bloody mess on the steps. It's also the same year when students, which I think Clifton Powell may have been one, I'm not sure if he was given a pass to come out that day, no he's a little earlier than '63, I think he may have been '62 at Booker T. Washington, I think he missed it by a year. But the students who were at Booker T. Washington in 1963 marched in sympathy and in protest of the bombings that had taken place in Birmingham, just to the east of us. And those young folks were met with the full force and might of the City of Shreveport to quail that expression of concern. And so it's very comforting to see the progress that we've made in 50 years, that it has not been a perfect journey, but it's certainly one that I think has made Shreveport a better place and America a better place, so thank you all for giving us that blessing.

Mr. Kent: Thank you and we do want to point out that we do have footage of all those incidences that you speak of and photographs, and just a huge amount of graphics we were able to dig up for the purpose of a teaching tool, and we want it in the school and the universities to document what happened, because both Tim and I were extremely humbled by what we unearthed.

We went into this thinking we knew a little bit about what was going on and we were way off the mark. Three dozen people here in town that lived through it enlightened us and shared their stories that formed the background of the documentary.

Mayor Glover: And I want to commend you for the different venues in which you are showing *Beyond Galilee*. I know one offering was downtown here at the Robinson, and as you just mentioned, you guys are going to be in the neighborhood of Queensborough at the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum this Friday, and I look forward to being able to sit with you and enjoy as well. So again, thank you.

Mr. Kent: And then it's going on to Baton Rouge as well to the exhibit building there as well and on to New Orleans so we want to get it statewide, and we submitted it to the Canada Film Festival and we find out Thursday how we do there. So, thank you.

Councilman Shyne: And gentlemen, just before you all go I appreciate you all coming down. I'm not quite as old as the Mayor, so I read about it, I think he was taking part in it, but what I was about to say, and you mentioned it, I guess I was about to say I'm an 'old school teacher', but I'm not an 'old' school teacher, you know just retired from the system at a very young age. But I would hope that it would be some kind of way that you all could get this into the school system and get it up at Southern, get it at Centenary, get it at LSU. Because whether we like it or not, this is a part of our history, and I kinda feel like the people at Grambling or Tech would be interested in it, because it's part of the history of North Louisiana. And we need to know our history whether it's good or bad. And you all have done just a fantastic job. And I would hope that maybe some kind of way in days to come you all could maybe get this on the national - -

Mr. DeWayne: That's something that we're trying to do as we speak, so we think maybe in the next months or so we'll have some really good news.

Mr. Kent: This is King footage that's never foreseen King footage, so that takes it to a national level.

Councilman Shyne: Right. I hope so and I hope you all would be successful. But please, please get it in the school system here. Because this is history about our city, about our area, and you'd be surprise you have a whole lot of young folks who don't know anything about it.

Mr. Kent: In addition to the 90 minute documentary, we have probably over 50 hours of interview footage that we'll make available, get transcribed, because we told a big story, but there was a whole lot more that needed to be told.

Councilman Shyne: That's great. But you know you get into the school systems and some of these teachers can take this and do wonders with it. Thank you all hear?

Councilman S. Jenkins: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I do want to recognize Mr. Cliff Starks who is here with us today, he's the president of Central Trades and Labor and certainly a very distinguished citizen of District G. Glad to see him here today. Also want to remind everyone if you would, please keep our good friend, Commissioner Joyce Bowman and Rev. Danny Mitchell in your thoughts and prayers. And Mr. Mayor, I have message to share with you a little later concerning our good friend Commissioner Bowman.

Mayor Glover: Absolutely.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Thank you.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Yes, last but not least, I would like to at this time present to the Council Sgt. Johns who is employed with Green Oaks High School, that has come into our community in District A, and he has pulled together the middle schools, is that correct? Newton Smith, North Side and Pine Grove, what we call the MLK Dream Drill Team. And they wanted to come before us today and just kinda let us know what they're all about and do a little performance for us. And we want you to kinda keep it to three minutes if you can okay? Thank you so much. Sgt. Johns.

Councilman Shyne: Right, and let 'em know that was the Mayor's Jr. High School.

Mayor Glover: Absolutely.

Councilwoman McCulloch: And mine also.

Councilman Shyne: That's right Rose, you did.

Mayor Glover: A very proud Linear Wildcat.

Councilwoman McCulloch: But now, they're in Linear's colors, but they're made up of - - they're a derivative of the Newton Smith, North Side middle schools. So he's working at the high school, and also with the middle school. So I think that's a great task. So you're on Sergeant Johns, you want to bring your group up and have them state their names?

Sergeant Johns: Yes Ma'am. First to the Council, thank you very much for giving us an opportunity to be here with you. I just want to make Councilman McCulloch, a correction. I'm at the Linear Leadership Academy, and most of the students are from the Leadership Academy and Newton Smith and Pine Grove. So a community mixture. At this time, I'm going to introduce you to the MLK Dream Drill Team and ask you guys to come up. I want you guys to position yourself if you're going to perform. I'd also like to thank Ms. Irma Rogers who is a great supporter of our drill team and she's been supportive with the MLK CDC.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Is Irma here?

Sergeant Johns: Yes Ma'am.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Irma, raise your hand. Oh, there she is. Okay.

#### MLK Dream Drill Team:

Brianna Jones, LaPrecious Coleman, Sierra Carter, Jerrilyn Butler, Zunitria Butler, Olivia McGraw, Matthew Johnson, and Antonio Davis

Sergeant Johns: I'd also like to thank our coaches, Ms. Butler, and Ms. Davis, and Mr. Davis is also here today to represent us. We're headed to the National Championship. This is not all of our drill team here, but we have performed in many parades, Black History Parade, we've been in Mardi Gras Parades, we've opened up the "Let the Good Times Roll" festival. We've done at the Shreveport (inaudible) and our newest place that we have been and we're looking really for some support to help us go to the Dream. I'm a retired military from Shreveport, grew up in the Stoner Hill area, an impoverished neighborhood. My goal was to come back from Chicago to start a program so that our young people could have a way of life. So our program here is designed and tailored for them so that they could be dedicated, disciplined and be committed to our society. I welcome and present to you the MLK Dream Drill Team.

Councilman Corbin: Thank you all for being here. Sherricka, I know it was very hard for you to stay in your seat.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I think it's really the mayor. I was glad to see him restrain himself, and I know that was difficult.

Mayor Glover: I'm going to give them (inaudible) lessons outside.

Councilman Corbin: Thank y'all for being here. Any other recognitions by Council Members. If not Mayor Glover, you have any awards, recognitions or distinguished guests?

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

Mayor Glover: Yes Mr. Chairman, and we'll wrap all in with Communications as well if you don't mind. As is usual, I want to thank all those who are here today in attendance. Anybody

who is here I consider to be a special guest. You make the effort to come down and be a part of your local government proceedings is worthy of acknowledgement and recognition for those who are here in person as well as those who are watching via cable as well as Ustream. So thank you for being here, especially delighted Mr. Chairman at the presence of these young people. I think these chambers always infused with an extra degree/element of life when you have it filled with the youth of this city and this region. And so especially when they end up coming from places that I had an opportunity, decades ago, to be able to be a part of. In fact I spent three of the best years of my life at what at that time was the Linear Jr. High, and what is now today, the Linear Leadership Academy. Also the very proud North Side Bulldogs. Wonderful to have you all down here today. Appreciate the entertainment that you provided and I know that it will serve as a means to do bigger and greater things. Also want to take an opportunity Mr. Chairman and members of the Council to thank the folks in Shelly's department. This past weekend, they put on what number Shelly? The MLK Basketball Tournament, somewhere in the 20s. And as you all may remember, Councilman Jenkins and the rest of the Council, you all may remember, this is where I had a chance just last year to put on display and unfortunately video cameras all broke down when I had a chance to demonstrate my "Double Chocolate Thunder Dunk".

Councilman O. Jenkins: How I could have forgotten where you were going with this story. I apologize.

Mayor Glover: But unfortunately I was not able to make a repeat appearance this year. But hopefully the 2014 MLK Basketball tournament will afford me yet an opportunity to once again display those skills. But I want to commend Shelly and Ms. McKinney and Patrick and the whole host of folks who were a part of helping to put that effort all around the city. It brought lots of folks to Shreveport. Provided standing entertainment in our very own Morris Claiborne was special guest on this past Sunday, for the portion that was held up at the Southern University Athletic facility there. And so yet again, for SPAR to put on an outstanding event.

Councilman Shyne: And Mr. Chairman, before you get and if you do, please have Rose out there shooting a three-pointer hear? I'd pay to come see that.

Mayor Glover: Well now, no doubt.

Councilwoman McCulloch: I used to be a majorette.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I'd be happy to provide a little "White-Chocolate Thunder". But you know next year if you're not going to make it, you let me know and I'll bring some of my stuff out.

Mayor Glover: I know for a fact Mr. Jenkins that you can in fact jump.

Councilman O. Jenkins: There was a time.

Councilman Shyne: Wait a minute now Mr. Mayor, you ever seen that movie about White folks can't jump?

Mayor Glover: I know he can.

Councilman Corbin: Once again we've gotten way off track.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Sorry, that was definitely my fault.

Mayor Glover: Councilman Oliver Jenkins and I share a common heritage from the perspective, in that we're both former Southfield Eagles, while I spent my time on the gridiron, Mr. Jenkins was quite formidable on the hard court. In fact I think we had a team that made it to the playoffs a couple of years, and Oliver was a big part of that effort. So, I know he can in fact jump.

Councilman Shyne: I'd pay to see that.

Councilman O. Jenkins: That was a few years ago Mr. Shyne.

Mayor Glover: Also Mr. Chairman, want to take a moment to commend all the folks, Bonnie Moore and Richard Harrington and the members of the Shreveport Housing Authority

Board who were a part of helping to secure the funding for the Cypress Landing project being citizen of North Shreveport, when I grew up, it was called the University Oaks Apartments, and they are just to the west of Southern University. Councilman Jenkins was gracious enough (Sam Jenkins) to join us there this morning. It was rather cold and brisk for the groundbreaking. But it represents a significant re-development of an aging and deteriorating apartment complex that's going to be reborn now as some not just quality housing the very best high quality housing in an area that the demand is very great and it will end up being a great asset, not only to the neighborhood itself, but also to Southern University and the surrounding burgeoning business community that is there as well. So, it was very wonderful to be there this morning. Also Mr. Chairman and members of the Council, as I mentioned to you all on yesterday as a part of what we were going to have during Mayor's communication was an opportunity to hear an update from Providence Engineering. They are the company that's been responsible for the Phase I portion of the potential inner city portion of I-49, essentially from Murphy Street to the MLK area. That process has been underway for the last several months. As part of their efforts, they have held a series of meetings throughout the area of Shreveport most impacted by this particular stretch of highway. They've also had an opportunity to share information with the members of the NLCOG, and based on some of the discussion at the last meeting, I thought it would be appropriate to ask them to come and provide an update to this council and to the public in general in this particular venue, which affords all of us a chance to be able to hear that information all at the same time for those of us who are in person as well as those who are watching by television or computer as well. And so Kent Rogers is the (inaudible) of North Louisiana Council of Governments, and he has with him two of the principles with Providence Engineering, and I will turn this portion of my communications over to Kent and the wonderful from Providence.

Mr. Rogers: Thank you Mayor. Just to give you all a quick little update, we recently moved our offices too. We are now in the building that the Bar Association rehabbed, refurbished, we did a lot of work to it and we're in there on the second floor of that building, the beautiful building, and like being closer to this end of downtown. It makes it quicker to get over here. We have with us today, Kerry Oriol, Adam Davis, from Providence Engineering, and as y'all know we I guess it's been about two years ago, engaged Providence to begin the Stage 0 process for the I-49 inner city connector, following that process, we moved into what's this stage, DOTD Stage I process, which is the formal (inaudible) process for the project. I'm going to have them give a little update on where we are with the project and where we're going to date, but we're roughly maybe halfway through that process. And we recently late December had a series of public meetings, just literally as they walked in the door, they handed me the summary of all the public comments. And as you can see public comments were kinda thick, quite a few comments in all directions, and based on those comments, we've had some conversations with Federal Highways, DOTD, EPA and all the other federal agencies, sister agencies. We will be having another round of public meetings later in the year. Not quite sure of dates yet because we have to - - - there are some additional work we're going to be required to do from Federal Highways along with that. And with that, I'm going to turn it over to Kerry, and let her kinda go through the process for you.

Ms. Kerry Oriol: (*Project Manager, Providence Engineering*) We were retained by NLCOG starting about a year ago to work on the Stage I. What I was going to hold up for y'all cause it's a little bit smaller than those, is what Kent was explaining, that there is a process that you have to go through with any project, highway project. DOTD's project delivery process. There is a Stage 0 phase which was completed in May of 2010. And that was the feasibility phase where we held about 15 public meetings or a little bit more than that to determine whether or not it was a feasible project. Determined to be feasible, then we moved into Stage I, which is where we complete a (inaudible) document which is the environmental clearance that allows the project to

move forward where it can be approved or not approved, funded (inaudible) and constructed. That's how it's followed, but we must complete this stage and get a record of decision from Federal Highways in order to move down the process to construction and operation. And that's where we are in this project. We're about a year into the EIS process. We held a round of public meetings in December. Those public meetings were held to present four build alternatives, and a no-build alternative to the public and get their feedback. So these exhibits in front of you, represent the four build alternatives, on the urban area. On this one (inaudible) we're out of the urban area. This one next to it, gives you kinda a focus of the urban area in relation to the four builds. This one (inaudible), I'm sorry. The third one has the no-build shown in relation to where the build alternatives are to give you some idea of what the no-build which would be presently utilizing 3132 at 49 and looping around the city back to 220 where the new 49 interchange is proposed to be. And then the final one is a matrix of impacts. And we have copies of those that y'all hopefully will have that's a focus of the build and then the matrix. So that's the material we presented to the public as Kent showed y'all, this is the meeting summary of it. This does not have responses to all of the comments, we're working on that right now. And we have responded to some individual letters that were sent, but we have written comments, verbal comments, email comments. There is a lot of comments, a lot have been responded to, a lot haven't. We are creating a response document that will go on the website, and anyone who commented will be able to pull up what we say in relation to the comment. And for y'all that may not know it, there is a project website, [www.i49shreveport.com](http://www.i49shreveport.com). There is no punctuation between I-49 and Shreveport. This entire document can be downloaded as well as every one of these maps, and all the materials presented at the meeting. So all that's on there as well, as every other approved document so far in the project starting from Stage 0 to where we are now. So and that's for the public and everyone that can get to a computer at the library or wherever can have access to that. So I guess in general, Kent sort of summed up where we are, and where we're headed. We have four build alternatives, we have a fairly significant meeting with Federal agencies on these alternatives. As a result of those meetings, we will have another round of public meetings later this year. Most likely summertime to further the development to what would be a preferred which would be an alignment that would be the one to move forward to build. But again, prior to getting to that preferred, we will hold another round of meetings, that's primarily in relation to the comments that were received. There were a lot of concerned citizens, a lot of comments that were provided so we at the direction of FHWA and DOTD have decided to open it to the public one more time before we get down to a preferred alignment. So that's really where we are. We're still working on the studies. Adam is our lead engineer on the project. So if there are any specific questions on engineering, we certainly can respond to that.

Mayor Glover: Would you go over the various scenarios in terms of the options and what they do? The build alternatives for the no-build as well as, what it is in terms of the four build options, what they are and what they represent.

Mr. Rogers: Okay.

Mayor Glover: The no-build as well as the interchanges. And you're right. The interchanges is one of the areas of great concern and interest for me.

Mr. Adam Davis: (*Project Engineer, Providence*) We came up with initially it was three build alternatives. If you look on your map, I guess down here, you have build alternatives 1, 2, and 3. They are identified with the purple, blue and green. Each of those follow the criteria set by DOTD. It's an F2 classification, you have to have a 60 mph design speed, so all of those alternatives are limited by those criteria. Each alternative basically goes through the neighborhood missing different things. We initially had come up with alternative 1, which is the purple. After looking at that, we saw that right here is Our Lady of Blessed Sacrament, the only Catholic church

in the area. So we decided to come up with another alternative that missed that, that's alternative 2. They differ just a bit. It's not really that much different. And then alternative 3 at the green alignment, that was proposed to basically keep cohesion of the community. After all of those alternatives were submitted to DOTD for view, we had some comments from I guess some agencies that basically wanted us to take a look at an alternative that missed this specific piece of property here. This is the Shreveport Housing Authority property, and also that alternative missed most of the homes in the Fuller Center development which is around here. So that arose four build alternative. With all these alternatives, there's two interchange options that can be had. If you see right here, we have them boxed in these little dash lines. That's an alternative at Ford. An interchange at Ford, and the other interchange alternative is at Hearne Avenue. You can see that better over here. Traffic wise, each interchange works on their own. Once you introduce both interchanges, it brings down a level of service basically how well the interstate works, because it introduces more traffic onto the interstate. So it kinda clogs it up I guess. That's pretty much it. Design wise, the interchanges aren't that different, except for the impacts that are associated with each interchange, and you can see here on your impact matrix, what those impacts are. We've broken it down by a lot of different categories.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Will Murphy Street have an interchange?

Mr. Davis: Murphy Street? No.

Councilman Shyne: I have another question.

Councilwoman McCulloch: You say Murphy Street won't have an interchange?

Councilman O. Jenkins: Other than the existing.

Mr. Rogers: The existing (inaudible) of the interchange that are there now remain. Those don't go away. So there will be entrance there, and an exit off, but not the reverse of those.

Councilman Shyne: How will this impact our Choice Neighborhoods, that we're looking at doing?

Mr. Rogers: We've been working with Richard and with I guess the easy way to put that is, COG is also the fiscal agent, lead agent for the Choice Neighborhood. We have been working with that group and looking at it. You know, either one could impact the other project down the line. We are walking through Federal Highways, and EPA have very specific guidelines and steps that you have to take to go through this process. If you change a step or miss a step any of that potential federal money for construction of that road would be gone, so we have to be real careful through this process. Not quite as careful through the Choice process through the federal funding, but through this process, its some pretty hard lines that you have to stick by. Just to give you an idea when the green alternative, that was kinda derived to help minimize the impact to the Housing Authority's property. I'm working with them and again, that orange one was working with them and several other folks (inaudible) two different alternatives.

Mayor Glover: Is that the one that has the least impact on Housing Authority as well as Fuller?

Mr. Rogers: The orange has no impact on Housing Authority, or Fuller has more impacts on the churches and other businesses. The green one has less impact on Housing Authority, maybe a little more on Fuller, but less on some of the churches. I mean it's - - - as you can see when you look at the different matrixes, it's kinda a give and take as you go through. That's with any project.

Councilwoman McCulloch: I have a question. Based on the most recent meeting that was held at Mt. Canaan Baptist Church, these alternatives were in it, and I think my constituents were a little bit frustrated at the fact that they were not pulled collectively together and what you're explaining to the Council, I think they were expecting something sort of, of this nature to be explained to them collectively. I mean it was if though you had all of these maps, and of course

you had some resource people there to kind of explain different things, but at the end of the day, they were still like well 'we still don't know where anything is, we still don't know what the alternative is, we don't know what's happening at Murphy Street, or what's going to happen with Mt. Canaan'. My question is will you have a meeting whereby you will pull together the people collectively as a body and just as you are talking to us, you'll be able to talk to them as well?

Mr. Rogers: Yes, that - - - this next series, the additional series of meetings, we will have some of that and a final what's considered a public hearing, there will also be some of that. As I stated initially Federal Highways has some real strict guidelines on what you can and can't do, and when you can and can't do it. That was part of our discussion with them afterwards was, you really need to have that opportunity to do some of that earlier on. But according to their guidelines, we had to follow their guidelines.

Mayor Glover: And Councilwoman McCulloch and Kent, guys correct me if I'm wrong. I appreciate the frustration that Councilwoman McCulloch is referencing. But I think part of what also has to be understood, I believe, and correct me if I'm in fact wrong, is that those types of meetings, were the ones where the intention was for the community to speak to these folks to share what it is that they want with regard to the possibility of constructing the highway, and what their priorities and what they want to see protected, not protected, what's like Housing Authority, churches, businesses, interchanges and those sort of things. So while it may be frustrating that you don't have information being presented, and people being told things, the intention actually is to draw out what are the representative priorities of the people who live there and the folks who would be impacted by what's being considered. Am I correct in that?

Councilwoman McCulloch: I think what would have been helpful, because even me being the elected official when I got there, I went like 'okay, what's really going on here'? But maybe initially at the very beginning, you would have maybe given an introduction as to why you were there, and what you were looking forward to accomplishing. Because they were never told what the Mayor is saying now. We are here to hear what your concerns are. They just walked in and they just started looking at maps or illustrations. I think what would happen in the future is that you let the people know your purpose for presenting that day. I mean if someone would have said, we're gathered here today to hear from you, to see what your needs are. I don't think that was ever done.

Mr. Rogers: Correct, and that - - - I'll be honest, that was part of that discussion that we had with Federal Highways and DOTD and all the other resource agencies. There needs to be some tweaking to this process because of instances like that. And getting their approval to do some of that tweaking hopefully, we'll be able to do some of that next time.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Yeah, just kinda let them know what the purpose of the presentation or the meeting is for that day.

Ms. Oriol: We believed that threw people off because to date all the meetings are very different in setup and very active public meetings where we had maps on the table, and we were engaging people in an activity. This time was an open house style, which is typical of a standard public meeting these days that we're required to follow. As Kent said, you give them a meeting packet that explains what you just wanted verbally explained. And then we're there to direct them answer questions, but again, we're trying to get it from them. But the next round of meetings, we've definitely learned that it's hard to transition people from such an interactive process to here's all the stuff, what do you have to say? It was very confusing, and people were not sure what to think. So our intent and we have some approval to do so is to have a presentation at the beginning of the next meeting. And even though it will be an open house so you can come and go, we will leave the presentation to run say every 15 minutes. So that if you're not there at the beginning, you can watch it and understand where we are, what we're doing, and then come back

to the meeting and walk through and share to get it a little bit easier, especially for some of the folks that came to Mt. Canaan. Because a lot of them just couldn't keep walking around the room the whole time. And that was a lot to ask of them to keep ask them to keep walking and standing for all that time. It was very crowded. And we definitely learned from that, that we need to make it a little easier for them to get the information without them having to do that.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I guess I'm kind of a little - - - I mean I think prudent planning is always important, don't get me wrong. And I had a little struggle to find the ultimate objective or goal of the whole process if there's not pot of money somewhere out there. And maybe there is, and we're just not seeing it at the moment. But once this route is agreed upon, then there is some budgeting requirements if I'm not mistaken at the state level, just for land acquisition, not even construction, correct? Or, how does it work in terms of buckets of money?

Ms. Oriol: All of the money - - - I mean it can be allocated in phases, but this project is such a short mileage lets say as compared to I-49 North. You know it was cut into pieces, therefore each funded separately and approved separately. And this would be approved as a whole package. So there wouldn't be right of way money, and then construction money. It would be all the money up front for all of it. So it wouldn't be segmented like larger highway projects are. Once the project assuming it would receive (inaudible), and there would be a build alternative that would go to be funded. You know there's always a no-build, so it could at least not happen, but assuming that one of the four builds would move forward and be approved by FHWA, it would go into the funding pot, but it would cover everything. So there would be an allocation of money to pay for all of it. It wouldn't be, we're going to acquire the right of way, and then look for money for this part, they'd fund the whole thing, because it is an interstate connector. We will have an interchange at I-49 and 220, with technically no continuation to 49. So it makes it a very high priority project. Obviously we don't want to be the state with a non-continuous interstate, so you know it's a very highly visible project in terms of Louisiana, and really the whole corridor to Canada. And then Missouri it's (inaudible) parts of there, Arkansas is moving and we've got a part that doesn't connect. So you know I think there would be a definite move to find the money necessary to get it built. How quickly that would be done, I don't know Kent may have a little more insight on that.

Mr. Rogers: That's the biggest unknown of it all. You know the real problem is and it's been questioned, Richard's asked me several times is there an easy solution to build or no build for his project is just buy me out. Well I can't buy you out until we do the environmental process. Because if you do go acquire some of that right of way prior to finishing this process, then you kiss all that federal money goodbye. Yet, to be honest, that's one of the questions the community as a whole is going to have to look at down the line. It is not just with this project, it is with Inner Loop Extension, I-69, Barksdale Gate Access Road, some other widening and improvements to 20. There's a lot of big dollar projects out there, and to be honest, the last 20 years asking everybody what that No. 1 project was, was a whole lot easier. It was I-49 North. Asking everybody what their No. 1 project is now, it's not going to be as easy.

Councilwoman McCulloch: One more thing, are you, and maybe I should ask the Mayor and the Administration this question, but since you're here, and it's directed toward I-49, have you all been made aware of the housing project that's coming through on Murphy Street, where the old Jackson Heights used to be?

Mr. Rogers: Richard's project. Yes Ma'am.

Councilwoman McCulloch: So you've been made aware of that project coming through?

Mr. Rogers: Yes Ma'am.

Councilwoman McCulloch: And so have you encouraged them to proceed with that project or not to proceed?

Mr. Rogers: Well that's kinda that comment that I just made, that the real easy answer for Richard, for the Housing Authority was just buy me out. The hard part of that is I can't buy you out because we haven't finished this environmental process yet. He needs to move forward with, he's got some requirements on them to replace some units, they don't necessarily have to be there, but they need to replace some units, and he's moving forward to replace those units. I guess we fall in that kinda sticky wicky area of it'd be great if we had this process finished, and if the build alternative was the preferred alternative, then we could buy him out and move forward. Because we haven't finished this process and because we don't have a preferred alternative at this point, we can't buy him out. He's not required to wait until that process is done to move forward with his project. What it ultimately does is makes it more expensive if the build alternative is the preferred.

Ms. Oriol: And that's the purpose of the orange alignment because they have the Renaissance of Allendale development (inaudible) that they have acquired to, so we worked through the orange alignment to do our best to avoid the entire tract. And then of course in doing that we were also able to work with Mr. Jeter at the Fuller Center and do our best to avoid those unfortunately (inaudible) impact the local churches. But it does avoid those two developments, potential development on the housing property as well as the existing homes that are part of what the Fuller Center has done.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Now I had some constituents that were concerned about the actual time frame that this would be constructed. And I heard five years, 15 - - - I mean, what are actually looking at here as far as actual - - - and I hear Oliver talking about the money somewhere, but I mean if this guy is about develop - - - I mean are we really looking at five years?

Councilman Everson: Rose, I think the answer is we don't know and there's no way of knowing if it will happen in 20 years or two.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Well that's what a lot of my constituents are concerned about.

Mr. Rogers: Absolute, best case scenario with absolutely no questions asked, no problems down the line and somebody waves the wand and there's magically all this money there, probably 10-12 years out. And that would be an absolute best case scenario.

Councilwoman Everson: And it doesn't look like everything is going in the best case (inaudible) finances with the federal government these days. So.

Ms. Oriol: Maybe everything will be great after the next (inaudible).

Councilwoman McCulloch: Okay.

Ms. Oriol: You know, we're not sure of where things will go, but it's a long process.

Mr. Rogers: And we still have a big issue in Washington.

Councilman Corbin: One final question. Is there a target date for when we think I-49 will make it to I-220?

Mr. Rogers: To I-220? The up to LA 1 should be open summertime, fall? Roughly about two years after that, the portion to 220 will be opened. They let the construction contract for 1 to MLK December 18<sup>th</sup> I believe it is, the construction contract for the next piece I want to say is mid-March or mid-April.

Mr. Davis: The final design of the interchange at 220 is in final design now. I think the final design for that is aiming for September/October. So, that's when they can go to construction after that.

Mayor Glover: And Mr. Chairman, members of the Council, Stan and Ron with Engineering and Public Works have been working with State DOTD. We are desirous of as we have long expressed to the state, we do not believe we need to build another significant interstate interchange in this city, that does not afford us the opportunity to make it as aesthetically pleasing as possible. So, we've been in some dialogue with them as well as the folks at SRAC I believe, to help incorporate into that portion that will be coming into the city between Highway 1 and MLK,

and MLK and 220 to end up with something that schematically would reflect something along what you see in places like Texas and other parts of the country when it comes to the highway and their state development.

Mr. Rogers: FJM, i.e. Fenner, Jelly, McClellan, they have asked to make a presentation to our next NPO meeting on that design and on those context sensitive solutions and what not. So if y'all want to come, it's third Thursday in March, I don't remember the exact date right now. We probably will still be in these Chambers at that time. But they will be doing a presentation on some of those alternatives if they've come up with context sensitive things for that interchange.

Mayor Glover: Before you guys wrap up, two very quick things if you don't mind Mr. Chairman, the no-build option, please give a quick overview of what it is that, that entails with regard to considerations and what have you and a bit more specificity with regard to the considerations in play right now regarding the interchange. I know at one point and time, there were discussions of only one interchange being either Caddo and Ford, or N. Hearne. Subsequent conversations have indicated that there could possibly be two, just want to make sure that we've got some stuff on the record that gives the Council and community some indication of what it is, both no build and interchange process at this point.

Ms. Oriol: In reference to the no-build, obviously there's a lot of people that think the no-build is not going to cost a whole lot. 3132 is a highway, it's there, people drive it. It's not to interstate standards necessarily all the way. It doesn't meet the current standards that are being applied to the inner city connector. The shoulders are not necessarily appropriate. It has several curves that are not appropriate and it has some dysfunctional interchanges. So we are in the process, and that's one of the reasons that we're kinda pulling back a little and going to have these summertime meetings, and are looking at a no-build and determining exactly what cost is going to be associated with utilizing 3132 (inaudible) in general, what would it cost to get that to be signed as I-49. Right now, it doesn't meet the standards, it couldn't be signed that way, it wasn't built to handle interstate traffic. So, you know we're looking at dumping a lot more cars on it. We need to do a little bit more work on figuring out exactly what will need to be done there for it to take that traffic. In the event that none of the four builds is desirable or works, you know we have to have a very good comparison of what the no-build is really going to mean. So, we have not defined that to date. Normally in the (inaudible), a no build is literally not doing anything. In the case of an interstate, back in 1978 when this was defined as the no-build, it may not have required doing a whole lot. But as we all know it's been a long time from 1978 till now, interstate standards have changed, the curves have changed, and it's going to require some significant modification to meet that. So we're in the process of defining what that's going to be and what that cost will be. And also we're going to be looking at what development potential might be there. That road exist, so we're not sure how much additional commerce would be possible with the road as it is. As the Mayor alluded to the other four options, we do have two interchange or exit, internal exit options. There will obviously be an interchange at 220 and 20, and then within the 3 ½ mile area that you see on the maps, we have a possibility at Hearne and one at Ford. We are re-engaging in our traffic to look at a little bit more at the interchange at Hearne, where those people are going. We pretty much figure if they're going downtown, they're going to have to go down to Ford or up to Market. Neither of which is actually ideal, and is going to result in upgrades which are already somewhat necessary to market from Ford, when lanes drop off coming into downtown, dumping that kind of traffic is obviously going to create some issues on local surface streets from the Hearne perspective as well as it's a lot lower from an elevation perspective. It's going to require a lot more filling, corps permits, a lot of it is classified as wetlands, to do development off the Hearn interchange if that were selected. The Ford interchange, obviously much higher ground, and easier to develop, but lots of impacts. You know there are homes, any interchange at Ford is going to be

more of an impact on the (inaudible) than Hearne in terms of immediate obvious impact. It's going to be a lot acquisitions right there, that you won't see at Hearne because it's mostly land. You know we're looking at land over here, versus homes on the other side. The positive side of Ford is that it's immediate access to downtown, a lot of opportunity for development right there, a lot of visibility to developing Shreveport Commons plan and there's a way to tie Shreveport Commons into it, you know we've met with the Arts Council and have already started a dialogue with them on some design concepts that could tie Commons in with an interchange there. So there are positives but it again, there are also negatives again, at Ford, there are a lot more homes to be affected than Hearne.

Councilman Corbin: But I think in reality, I think we have to look at no-build as build option five.

Ms. Oriol: Basically. It is not representative of a true no-build as would normally be the case. So it is going to be looked at in more detail than would normally be. That's one of the reasons we're going to go ahead and have some more meetings. We're going to look more thoroughly at that.

Councilman Shyne: And to be truthful with you, we just might wind up with no-build if you look at what's going on in Baton Rouge, and if you look at what's going on in Washington, D.C. at this particular time unless there is a big change coming about. Because you know in Baton Rouge, I see what's going on to our health care system and to our colleges and our universities, and of course I don't know how the next governor will be. I don't know if he'll follow right in the footprints of Bobby Jindal or not, but I kinda think that he probably won't, but it'll kinda be down that line. And right now you really don't know what cuts are going to come out of D.C., and you don't know how much the Tea Party influence will be in Congress over the next 10 or 15 years. It might not be very much, and then it might be. So if their influence is dominant in the Republican Party, like Mike say, it might be a no-build. But I think you all have done an excellent job.

Ms. Oriol: Well, we have more work to do and hopefully we'll do right by the community and help them in our next round of meetings to be better informed about the decisions they make. We'll have a little bit more economic data we can share with them on the benefits, because clearly there's a lot of economic benefit that appears to be available with the interchange at Ford. But it has to be pretty significant for if we're going to be affecting a lot of people.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Mr. Chairman. You know this is one of those types of community issues that is very challenging just in general, and can also be very controversial. One of the things that we try to do in terms of this administration is to have things as transparent and as above board and as clear as possible. Because we want people to be empowered with information and to know what it is that is actually in play, at work as far as these types of considerations and deliberations. So I thank you all for affording us the time to be able to come and to have these folks who are based out of Baton Rouge actually, to come up and actually have this opportunity to be able to present this information to you all to make sure that you all are up to speed and in turn can be a resource for your various constituencies, and also those folks who are here as well as those who get a chance to watch us by cable and by the internet, they can hear this information as well. Because we all need them engage and involve with regard to these decisions, I even notice that we've got at least one gentleman back there who has an I-49 message on his clothing. I'm not sure exactly what that message is, but I know that there are folks who are interested and concerned about what's going to happen here. The one thing I think Mr. Chairman that you just pointed out, that is absolutely certain, that whether it is a build option of one of the four scenarios that has been developed at this point, or the no-build as you put it or as it is termed, the one thing that's going to happen is that it is going to be changed. We're either going to be one of those four options built or there's not. And if it's not then there's still going to have to be upgrades to the existing system to

ensure that it is up to interstate standards. So there is change coming in one way or the other, the question is 1) whether or not we'll have anything to pay for it with, which is in line with Mr. Shyne's point. But there's certainly a dynamic process that we're in the midst of right now and I think the best course is to have our citizens involved, engaged and inclined to participate as they are willing to. Thank you for your indulgence and guys, thank you for your time. And that Mr. Chairman, members of the Council barring any consideration that you would have or anyone who wants to make a comment about what was just presented, concludes my mayoral communications with the exception of acknowledging a recent addition to our gathering of Mr. Charles Philyaw, a former first round draft pick of the Oakland Raiders who is here with us today. I don't know if he was in the spirit of wanting to go out and run a 40, and do broad jump, because of the combines that's been going on the last few days, but it's good to have him here as well. And along that note and in that line, I have to send kudos to one of our own Jonathan Stewart, a Shreveport native, Byrd graduate, and recent Texas A&M alum, participated in yesterday's combine, and there's a fellow that everybody's been talking about who is supposed to be a pretty good quarterback, both he and Jonathan played against the eventual national champions, Alabama. And I think Jonathan I think on yesterday ran a 4.6 40 yard dash. This other fellow ran at least a 4.8 40 yard dash. And I think if you took the tape of the Alabama football game and had a chance to look at it and break it down, from a defense performance standpoint, particularly at the linebacker position, you might be inclined to draft one Jonathan Stewart before you would draft that other well-known individual whose name I won't mention right now. But very proud of Jonathan, and we certainly wish him the best with his aspiration to become a member of the NFL. The CAO just caught me, we have representatives of the Bass Life Group who are here. Shelly, please come with them. As they are making their way up, I just couldn't help but notice that over the weekend that the 2013 version of the Bassmaster was up in Tulsa Oklahoma, and they put on a pretty decent showing up there, but I don't think it in anyway came close to the great time we had here last year in Shreveport and we look forward to being able to make our case to bring them back, and the good work that these folks do, I think is a big part of helping to carry that work on.

Ms. Ragle-Stone: Thank you Mayor, Council. I wanted to come today and introduce you to Kyle Kennington. Kyle came to us last BassLife came to us, and wanted to make a generous gift to the City of Shreveport, and you have some legislation on your agenda today. It will be in Ms. McCulloch's district. She had an opportunity today to see the location that they would like to build a pavilion, very similar to the one that they had built at Red River South. And we want to thank them for that. As you can see from the legislation, it's valued at about \$28,000. And it's a really great gift and we'd like for people to come into our office and make those offers. We'll take somebody everyday if they would come with that. We really want to thank Kyle and BassLife for their gift and I wanted him to have the opportunity to see ya'll and to speak to you today.

Mr. Kyle Kennington: I don't know real quick, I'll just tell you, BassLife's been around since the '80s, which used to be Bass Life Research and we changed our name in '93. Of course I was a young lad then. And wasn't involved in it but we provide replica programs for people that catch bass over 8 lbs. in several lakes, including Cross. We also fund the fish hatchery program that y'all are probably aware of. They raise our fish every year that we stock the lakes with as well as we have "Hooked On Fishing, Not On Drugs" that we sponsor, the Aquatic Education, I think we're their largest donor that they have an annual deal, and give kids life vests and stuff like that. Anyway we would like to build this pavilion and in turn donate it to the city and several educational products I think would be available. Education classes. We fund all the 5<sup>th</sup> Graders now to go out there and get some education on marine life and (inaudible) and stuff like that, and of course they could use this. So we'd appreciate y'all acceptance of that donation.

Councilwoman McCulloch: I just wanted to say thank you, and when I looked at it today, I thought about it, I said this is going to be a great idea you know I'm in the process of celebrating my 40<sup>th</sup> class reunion. And in speaking with your team, I said, will I be able to reserve this spot, and of course he told me I wouldn't be able to do it based on some past history. But I think it's in a very nice location, and I'm really looking forward to it and of course, I've had my experience with the fish hatchery while working with Caddo Parish School Board. But I just wanted to give a special thanks to you. You remind me Shelly I do want to attend the next luncheon that they have.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Kyle. And that concludes Mayoral communication Mr. Chair.

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

Reports

Councilman Corbin: That brings us down to Reports. Does any Council Member have a question for Mr. Farnell relative to Property Standards today?

Property Standards Report (*Res. 7 of 2003*)

Councilman Shyne: Yeah please, were you able to check in, cause I know some people in Hollywood Heights might be listening to this, on Ralph's Place, were you able to send an inspector out to take a look at that?

Ms. Farnell: Yes, we did do that. The Chief Inspector went out and we are citing all violations, yes sir.

Councilman Shyne: And I hope that we will eventually get that on the demolition list, because that house is really not fit for anybody to live in it. So, please.

Ms. Farnell: Yes sir, I took care of it yesterday.

Revenue Collection Plan & Implementation Report (*Res. No.114 of 2009*)

Surety Bond Forfeitures Report (*Res 238 of 2010*)

EMS Transports Report (*Res 239 of 2010*)

Councilman Corbin: I believe that we have received our EMS report via email. At this time, Ms. Sanders, do you have a brief Master Plan Report?

Master Plan Committee Report (*Res. No. 132 of 2012*)

Ms. Sanders: Good afternoon. One of these days, I'm going to bring a very long one (inaudible). The selection process for the lead consultant for the Unified Development Code project has been modified slightly since my last report to you. And the Master Plan Committee will interview the four respondents to the request for qualifications that we received, and forward their selection recommendations to MPC. Interviews are scheduled for March 19<sup>th</sup> in this room, Government Chambers, that is a meeting that is open to the public, and we encourage you to attend if you can. We will be extending an invitation to the community advisory group as well as all those who had expressed interest in this project in addition to our normal notification processes. So, that's all I have to report to you at this time. So if you have any questions, please let me know.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Do you have a time?

Ms. Sanders: I'm looking at starting interviews at 1:00 with one hour time slots for each. We only had four, so that would be manageable for one day.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I'll send it to you in an email.

**Public Hearing:** None.

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

Adding legislation to the agenda (regular meeting only) and public comments on motions to add items to the agenda.

*The Clerk read the following:*

1. **ORDINANCE NO. 181 OF 2012: ZONING - C-71-12:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, The City Of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the east side of Pines Road, 387' on the dedication of Lawton Road, 1020' north of Jefferson Paige Road, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, **FROM B-1, BUFFER BUSINESS DISTRICT TO R-1A, SUBURBAN ONE-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT,** and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/McCulloch(*Postponed February 12, 2013*)) Minutes Staff Report Map Sub Map Ref Map PDF File

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, this ordinance was on the last agenda. It should have been on this agenda. It was not because of a mistake by our office. We would ask that it be added to the agenda and it can be considered for adoption today if it is added.

2. **Resolution No. 37 of 2013:** A Resolution to recognize Dr. C. O. Simpkins for his contribution to securing civil rights and health care for African Americans and the underserved community in Shreveport; declaring Thursday, February 28 as Dr. C. O. Simpkins Day in Shreveport, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto

Mr. Thompson: This was an item that was an item that was just brought to our attention about lunch time today. Mr. Shyne did not know about it until then. The event is Thursday. So if the Council is going to consider it, it is an item that should be added to the agenda at this time.

Councilman Corbin: Is there anyone in attendance today who would like to speak in opposition to adding these items to our agenda today?

Councilman O. Jenkins: For the record, for Ordinance No. 181, can we get on the record if either party (I'll call it a dispute or appeal) feels they haven't had sufficient time to prepare, because it is a significant issue, I recognize there may have been some errors with notification, but both parties here today to discuss that matter are comfortable with the timeline and have always expected this, I just wanted to make sure that's clear for the record.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, I'd just like to speak in favor of the Resolution No. 37, Recognizing Dr. C. O. Simpkins, I would hope that we could get this on the agenda, get it passed. Dr. Simpkins is being recognized by the Willis Knighton Health Care System, and Dr. Simpkins has been one of those people who has fought very hard in order to improve the quality of life within the City of Shreveport, so I'm hoping that we can get a unanimous vote.

Councilman Corbin: And I have asked if there's anyone here who wants to speak in opposition, I have not asked if there's anyone who wants to speak in favor of adding this to the agenda.

Councilman Everson: And you're just talking about Dr. Simpkins?

Councilman Corbin: No, 181 and Dr. Simpkins'.

Councilman Everson: Okay, because I was of the understanding that there were people here today that wanted to talk on either side of that 181 of 2012.

Councilman Corbin: This is just to add it to the agenda, we're not at Public Comments yet.

Councilman O. Jenkins: And all I'm asking is if either one of those parties with regard to 181 don't feel that they've had the proper time to prepare for this particular issue, now is your time to come forward and we would be happy to postpone that on their behalf.

Councilwoman McCulloch: On ordinance No. 181, I'm going to move to go ahead and add it to the agenda, can I get a second.

Councilman Corbin: If there's no one in attendance who wishes to speak in favor or opposition of adding Ordinance No. 181 and our Resolution to recognize Dr. Simpkins, then I will not take Councilwoman McCulloch's motion to add these two items to our agenda today, and the second came from our vice-chair.

**Motion by Councilman McCulloch, seconded by Councilman Shyne to add Ordinance No. 181 of 2012 and Resolution No. 37 of 2013 to the agenda. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.**

Public Comments (*In accordance with Section 1.11 of the Rules of Procedures*)

Councilman Corbin: We have a number of Public Comments today. I would like to ask because of our lengthy agenda and number of Public Comments, if you would do everything you can, to keep comments down to three minutes or less. There are multiple people to speak about different items on our agenda today, and I've tried to group these. So if there are some groups who would like to designate a spokesperson, then that is fine. Our first topic is regarding the closure of River Parkway Blvd, and I think Councilman Everson may want to just make a comment.

Councilman Everson: I do. I'll be proposing to postpone this till the second meeting in April, later in the meeting, so that some additional work can be done. But I said that as I believe Amanda is going to make comments on behalf of this group, and they may have a few other folks. But this is a situation that involves the development that's going along Clyde Fant Parkway. This would be the item that was before us was to abandon the right of way. What they're asking is that we postpone that until there's been significant time to study the traffic impacts of abandoning that right of way. So there seems to be very appropriate request to me considering that Magnolia School of Excellence will be opening near there. That's going to cause a very big change in the traffic patterns in the area, so it seems only prudent that we take a minute to step back and look at this and make sure that it's the appropriate action to take or if it may not be.

*Ms. Amanda Messa: (400 Convention Street, Baton Rouge, LA)* I'm here representing Wright Island, L.L.C., in connection with Item D11 on today's agenda. The ordinance as Councilman Jeff Everson just stated proposes the (inaudible) abandonment of River Parkway Blvd. And we're trying to get a map up, and I believe you're going to be provided a copy as well. Just wanted to point out what we're talking about here. If you look on the right of way, the River Parkway, it is designated right here. First of all, the track that's outlined in red is the Charter School property, then you have River Parkway Blvd, that runs (I'll try to point out for you on the diagram, right there it is the southern boundary of that charter school property, and our client would Wright Island Property is to the south. And it's designated as Wright Island on that map. We have a number of issues and problems with the proposed ordinance. And I just want to point out a couple of those because we believe this is an issue that has to be addressed. First and foremost, we believe that proper studies haven't been conducted to determine the potential impacts of the abandonment of River Parkway. And without these studies, we don't believe that there can be a determination that there's no public need for this right of way. Charlie Coyle with Coyle Engineering and Charles Adams with Neil Schaffer are going to tell you about the necessity and

importance of that traffic study, and our client's proposal to conduct such a study. Second, we have learned through this process that a permit has been issued to the charter school to proceed with construction within the public dedicated right of way, River Parkway Blvd. Before this Council has had an adequate opportunity to approve this ordinance and hear the issues that are going to be involved. In addition to the permit and the planning issues that I've just outlined, the fact is that in designing the Wright Island project which is a \$40,000,000 development that our client is in the process of constructing on that property, our client relied on that River Parkway Blvd as a future means for additional access for the residents there, finally and we think this is a significant important point that the Council should consider, is the abandonment of River Parkway would be inconsistent with the city's Master Plan that this Council has voted to approve. The Great Expectations. And some of the goals of that plan are interconnectivity and complete streets, and basically by abandoning this right of way, you will be eliminating some interconnectivity. And basically, what we're trying to do is we want to be good neighbors and we want to figure out a resolution, but we think that there needs to be additional studies and we've got to taken into consideration all of the issues that are going to be involved. And basically we want the Council to consider the big picture, not just this one issue. And we think that's important, and that's why we're asking for the deferment to allow those studies and issues to be discussed.

Councilman Everson: Does anybody have any questions that they want to ask at this point?

Councilman S. Jenkins: This is supposed to be an abandonment Councilman on this matter, it's in the yellow?

Councilman O. Jenkins: That's correct.

Councilman Everson: That's what's proposed to be abandoned, correct.

Ms. Messa: Yes, it's the portion of the right of way that is directly - - - it goes from the Clyde Fant frontage road, down past the charter school property, it's my understanding it extends a little bit outside.

Councilman Everson: And in fact if you've got your e-agenda up under - - - I don't believe the map was correct before, but there is a map that's accurately depicting where the abandonment would happen now it's attached to it. It's under Section D, No. 11, Ordinance No. 11. If you click on that map link there is a map there showing it as well.

Councilman O. Jenkins: And this really isn't a question for you Ma'am. It's more of a question for MPC or somebody from the MPC staff. Do we have a site? Have we approved a site plan or has the MPC approved the site plan for the school already?

Mr. Jambor: The school in contesting with the zoning ordinance the zoning rights for a school or a special exception use leaves the base zoning in place. The purpose of that is so that if the school were ever to be removed, and no longer exist, the base zoning rights of residential use would still be in place. It wouldn't allow any other sort of commercial use to be in its place. Although a school can go in commercial property, but the choice in this case was to pursue a special exception approval. That did go in front of the ZBA, (inaudible) of that is the approval of a site plan and it was done during that same process.

Councilman Everson: So, the ZBA was the one who approved the site plan?

Mr. Jambor: Right.

Councilman Everson: And that site plan was approved before we abandoned this? And it goes over?

Mr. Jambor: Well, it was approved with the understanding and I think actually the abandonment issue was brought in front of us separately, and in advance of that, that was brought to us actually by Engineering, and there was controversy as to whether the right of way even existed. And once again, it was Mr. Kircus and the representative of the Engineering Department that suggested this resolution of the property.

Councilman Everson: Why was there - - - what was the doubt as to if it existed?

Mr. Jambor: Well, it had been abandoned quite a bit ago. I mean it was put in place in the '80s, okay on a property that was abandoned, whether it was dedicated and accepted was in question.

Councilman Everson: It was there, it was just not - - -

Mr. Jambor: There's no improvement there, it's a piece of dirt.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay, but essentially, as part of their site plan approval process in front of the ZBA, this parkway was not depicted on that site plan?

Mr. Jambor: Correct.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay. And was it I guess, was it a function of the Wright Island development that all of a sudden, somebody was made aware of this particular problem, or was it a function of or caught the due diligence at the MPC staff level?

Mr. Jambor: Well, and I will make this comment. The recent expansion of the Wright Island development was in front of us, and my recollection is that there was no connection shown on that site plan to that right of way in any way, shape or form. Now I can pull those documents for you, but that's my recollection.

Councilman O. Jenkins: But could you answer my question that I just asked?

Mr. Jambor: Okay.

Councilman O. Jenkins: The question was, let's say that reviewing the fact that there was this potential dedication, you being aware of that, was that a function of the Wright Island development group, or was that a function of the MPC's staff due diligence as part of the site plan approval for the charter school?

Mr. Jambor: We are not aware of a very recent site plan approval on the part of (inaudible) . The most recent approval, we're not aware of any use of the right of way on somebody else's property.

Councilman Everson: I guess, I'm sorry, I can't get past - - - was the ZBA made aware of the fact that this goes over city property that hadn't been abandoned?

Councilman Corbin: Exactly.

Councilman O. Jenkins: And I tried to be about it, but this is what we're asking.

Councilman Everson: Yeah, I mean we're asking directly when the ZBA voted on this, did the MPC staff tell them you're approving something that doesn't belong to these people, and in fact belongs to city who is not (inaudible)

Mr. Jambor: To the best of our knowledge

Councilman Everson: (inaudible) the fact that this has been (inaudible)

Mr. Jambor: To the best of our knowledge, at the time that the ZBA rendered their decision, it was our understanding that the right of way did not exist. It was later brought to our attention, and I don't want to speak for Mr. Kircus, I'd rather have him speak for himself, but it was our understanding that it was his recommendation that we do this as a matter of due diligence, to make sure that nobody understands that the right of way was not there.

Councilman Everson: But it was there.

Mr. Jambor: You're presupposing knowledge that I don't have.

Councilman O. Jenkins: So in your mind you're saying - - -

Councilman Everson: If I have to abandon it, then clearly we have it to abandon?

Mr. Jambor: Once again, I'd rather Mr. Kircus answer that question for you and why his opinion was that we should abandon. But to answer your question as it relates to somebody else's use, to the best of our knowledge, there was no proposed use by any other property owner. And I can pull up site plans and verify that, if you'd like.

Councilman Corbin: I guess it just seems to me that in an area where we have a lot of pending development, somebody approved the charter school a little ahead of the ballgame, and it could affect the Wright Island development in some way.

Councilman Everson: And I mean, could their not have been amended to reflect the right of way, that we clearly own here? I just don't understand. They're in construction now. I mean this seems so late for this to be coming to us.

Mr. Jambor: Well in that construction permit, to the best of my knowledge, don't show any connection to that right of way. I assure you they were never notified.

Councilman Corbin: I think you're talking about the charter school construction.

Councilman O. Jenkins: But I'm interested in the rest of that whole development that's even further north up there. I'm not even sure what the name - - -

Councilman Everson: Riverscape.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Riverscape. I mean do they have a provision for that piece of property or not?

Mr. Jambor: The applicant for that you know, application for the Zoning Board of Appeal's special exception is in fact that same property. My point being we've asked - - - we have a master plan, okay from him that is quite old, that in fact does not reflect the charter school. We've asked him for our convenience to update it with the charter school. But my point being is the same (inaudible). He's selling that piece of property, but had not yet sold it when the application in question was brought in front of us

Councilman Everson: I guess maybe this map I'm looking at, it has what I think would appear to be the site plan scoped off on it and maybe this is not actually the correct site plan, but where the boundaries of where the site plan sits. And it just looks very clear to me that this could be done slightly to the north (inaudible) and sit only on the property of you know owned property that is not the city's property. So I just, but maybe I'm looking at the wrong (inaudible). I mean that's certainly that's why we're questioning (inaudible) so we can take a look at this closer.

Mr. Jambor: Again, I'm not going to represent to you the true (inaudible) of this statement, but it was the applicant's assertion at the time of the ZBA hearing that that right of way was not there.

Councilman Everson: Okay.

Mr. Jambor: And he objected to the whole abandonment and closure issue in its entirety. And he happens to be the owner of all the balance of the property that Mr. Jenkins is referring to.

Councilman Everson: Well we'll postpone it so that we can have some time to review what's going on in this situation is what I'm asking to happen.

Councilman S. Jenkins: But does it have an adverse effect on the charter school?

Councilman Everson: They've got their permit, I mean they're in the long run (inaudible). Okay.

Councilman S. Jenkins: This one was a doozy.

Mr. Jambor: Still is.

Ms. Messa: Mr. Coyle is going to be next, and I think he's going to be able to address some of your questions about the site plan issue that was just raised.

*Mr. Charlie Coyle: (3925 Benton Rd, Bossier, City, LA)* I have a map here that shows the River Parkway Blvd dedication. And as you can this is the entire property there, and as you can see, this shows the connection to Coates Bluff Drive in the Wright Island property right there. And this plat was recorded in 1986. Here it is in more detail that they had planned for a connection between these two properties going across this strip of land that is owned by the State of Louisiana in the future. And also, this is the plat for the Magnolia School of Excellence plus subdivision, and if you can see on that. It's got the right of way dashed in there. It does not label it, but they plotted

over that right of way as if it - - - and I'm not sure what the - - - what was going on there.

Councilman Corbin: Mr. Coyle, whose signatures are on that document there.

Mr. Coyle: This is the Planning Commission, City Engineer (inaudible) parkway. And BBC Engineering.

Councilman Corbin: Thank you.

Mr. Coyle: But what - - - course my client is Coleman Companies, and they are the developers of the Wright Island property. And you know they are concerned with the amount of traffic that will be generated by their addition to their property, the school, and there's an apartment complex under construction right here also. Not to mention the great amount of raw land that is still there to develop. And you know those three projects just on an individual basis may not warrant a traffic study, but we have all three of those that are going to be coming on line essentially at the same time, we believe it does. And our client has some issues about the traffic, and we think they're founded, and we appreciate the Council's consideration to hold up and let a traffic study be done. U. L. Coleman has agreed to fund a traffic study for this whole area. That study's not only the impacts of these three projects, but the full development of the rest of this land and share that with the whole area as a concern to see what does this do to traffic backing up, what does it do to the residents, what does it do from a safety standpoint, from getting fire and EMS vehicles in there? And we feel like if this right of way is abandoned, we don't need it to be abandoned at this point. Because it needs to be an (inaudible) in that traffic study. And so we appreciate your consideration to table this vote.

*Mr. Charles Adams: (6425 Youree Drive)* My firm's been retained to do the traffic study for Mr. Coleman. And if I could go back to the overhead if you don't mind, just briefly, I know we're pressed for time, what we're looking at - - - what Mr. Coleman is looking at doing is trying to utilize this portion of the roadway that's been addressed as to be abandoned, as another option for not only for the Wright Island development, but potentially could potentially (inaudible) study, for the school to have another means of getting out to Stoner, cause right now as was mentioned by Mr. Coyle, you've got all three of these developments gonna come on, boom, boom, boom, and all hitting the service road all at the one time. You only have service road at Stoner, service road at Dee Street. That's their only means of getting out.

Councilman Everson: Dee Street is backed up already.

Mr. Adams: Dee Street is kinda got its own issues currently without any additions to it. What this would allow is another alternative, another option to get you out to Stoner and also based on previous planning, could also give you an outlet potentially out to Olive. And Olive Street then would get you access to LA 1. Another avenue to possibly be studied, the extent of the traffic study that Mr. Coleman is looking at us to perform is not just strictly up to the service road, he is looking at the entire region covering the service road, with Stoner, Stoner at LA 1, Dee Street at the service road and potentially that corridor up and down Shreveport Barksdale Highway and what is the full impact of everything that is hitting that area, not just his own development. And with that I know we're short on time, so you got questions for me, I'd be more than happy.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, barring any other speakers, speaking from the administration's perspective, we would ask that you guys go ahead and, I spoke with Councilman Everson prior to the start of the meeting, we'd like to see you go ahead and postpone this one.

Councilman Corbin: Okay.

*Mr. Roger Moore: (3636 Greenacres)* Thank you for the opportunity to let me speak on this issue. I'm the in-house architect for U. L. Coleman. I have been involved in the discovery if you will, of the site planning issues. I've been involved in the design and construction of facilities over my 25 year career that involve primary and secondary traffic issues. And what we've discovered in the possible revocation and abandonment of the right of way, it would basically

prevent us from a secondary route of access to the north. This will create an issue where you could end up with 800 vehicles dropping off and picking up children twice a day. So you're talking about three hours of intense traffic at the service road. That's why we really need to study this further before we abandon anything or move forward.

Councilman Everson: Backed all the way up to the school.

Mr. Moore: Yeah.

Councilman Everson: I don't know if you all drive by this area often, but it is incredible to see this development happening. It's in an area that's been underutilized for some time. And it's a great thing. But even now with the current pace of development, the traffic is slow to merge into Dee Street and to Shreveport-Barksdale Hwy, and so there is already a bit of a backup there, if there is an event in that area. And then the Stoner portion hasn't really had a - - - it seems to be overbuilt at some point so it hasn't been overloaded yet, but this is such a substantial growth at one time, it's going to be challenging to see how that all comes into play, so you know a traffic study really is valuable to us on multiple levels.

Councilman Corbin: I agree and I believe not only do we have Magnet High right there from Stoner, my understanding is that the charter school would not be providing transportation, that it would be or at least initially, possibly, and that would be all vehicles (inaudible).

Councilman Everson: So you're talking about employees, parents, you know that's a - - - it's to be 800 students there, you know a large number of vehicles going in and out. Also keep in mind this \$40,000,000 development is going to have a lot of additional residences as well as the real estate development which has the apartment complex and you know at full development will be a mix of work and live space, and you know a variety of uses over there. So this is much more than a tiny service road. Seems like it would be able to provide access to. So appreciate y'all bring this to our attention.

*Mr. Linc Coleman: (207 Milam Street)* And I would just like to say to the Mayor and Councilman McCulloch, that my mother was a teacher at Linear for 20+ years. So she may have actually been your teacher at some point. But I won't go back and check the old report cards.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Did she teach biology?

Mr. Coleman: She taught Reading and English.

Councilman Shyne: Please do, please go back and check his old card. I want to know.

Councilman O. Jenkins: We're just interested in one of the two. One, we don't really need a report card on, but the other one, we'd certainly like to see.

Mr. Coleman: Let me just tell you that the Wright Island development that began in the middle '80s as was the River Parkway development, and those developments were master planned at the time for high density development. Those developments were comprehensive master plans, comprehensive traffic studies that were done at that time. The connectivity of those streets were invaluable to both developments. The connectivity of the Wright Island development to the Parkway development, and then further, there was an ingress and egress, a tie in, a stub in to the future extension of Olive Street. There was actually when the Bond Issue was being considered in the mid '80s, they wanted to include the extension of Olive Street. The engineering on that could not be prepared timely for the inclusion in the mid '80s bond issue, but it was that important to the city at that time. So that was to relieve the traffic of those future master plan developments that are now occurring. So those are very, very important. Let me just say that the Coates Bluff development that we are developing right now, is a lead and a green development. We think it's leading the way and a first in our area. It's a rental condominium development of resort quality. Something that we have not had in our community. It's truly to be a first. The Magnolia Charter School, we're very supportive of that. That charter is approved for some 2345 students. It opens in the first year K-6. They add one grade per year at the anticipation of 200 students per grade. So

within two years there'll be over 1,000 students, and with a goal of 2345 students. Their funding from the Department of Education is in the neighborhood of \$8-10,000 per student, so their total funding will be from \$20-24,000,000 per year. So incredible funding will be going to that school. There exist between Shreveport-Barksdale Highway, and Stoner, close to \$100,000,000 + of existing development. And what existing and currently under construction development, and what we need to do is we need to take time out and properly plan that so that the traffic issues are addressed. The concern just to give you an idea, 100 cars, I mean they're going to be probably hundreds of cars that are going to be coming between 8 and 3:00. Around 8:00 a.m., and approximately 3:00 p.m. Probably from 2:30 until 4:00, there'll be hundreds of vehicles. 100 vehicles alone is going to back up approximately ½ mile. So ½ mile and it's shown on some of these maps that I believe you have, a ½ mile will back up coming from Stoner roughly to the school, just for 100 cars. And 100 cars coming from Dee Street, going north will back up almost to the entry way of the Coats Bluff or the Wright Island Development. So you can see if there are more than 100 cars, then they're past those things, and then there's no way to get an emergency vehicles in or fire vehicles, that sort of thing. Our development is \$40,000,000. I mean there are not many developments. It's all private sector money, there is not government money involved. I mean this is real money being invested in our community, and we're trying to do this for the betterment of our community. So, we're asking that we follow the rules, and that we follow prudent planning guidelines. We're asking really, that we not cancel this dedication because it was an important factor. It was factored into the original planning, but least we ask that a traffic study be considered and that be done. We're willing to fund 100% of the cost of an in-globo study for the entire area, not just for any selected parts. We'll share that with everybody, and we encourage the city to engage its own independent traffic study and let the two be checks and balances off one another. We're encouraging that. That is a minor, minor investment in that area of town. And we think that's a smart thing. We would encourage the city to do that, and so with that being said, I thank you. I apologize, I may be over my time. But be glad to answer any questions that you might have.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Coleman, I think I might have been on the Council at that time, of course Oliver, I was quite a youngster during that time.

Councilman O. Jenkins: You must have been very young.

Councilman Shyne: Yeah. I was very young at that time. But I think that was one thing that we looked at years ago, that that would be a high density area, and that we would encourage development in that area. And I'm just tickled to death to see the kind of development that's going on in that area. So, I'm very pleased and very positive, and you know I just want to thank you all for what you're doing.

Mr. Coleman: Well Councilman Shyne, I want to corroborate your statement on two accounts. That you were very young, and you were on that council.

Councilman Corbin: Don't give him any fuel

Councilman Shyne: Thank you. Mike and Oliver is kinda you know a little jealous of my youthfulness.

Councilman Corbin: Thank you Mr. Coleman, and I know that there may be some more comments about this a little later on when it actually hits our agenda, and we take the vote or we postpone it. It is disappointing to me as much talk as we continue to have on our every two weeks about the Master Plan and filling those holes in, in our city, that we see in other instances where poor planning has led to a problem, and that aggravates me to no end. And that's not anything directed at you Mr. Coleman at all, that's our folks.

Mr. Coleman: Well, let me say one of the things about a development like this. And I believe sincerely in the green developments and sustainability. But this is inside the beltway. This

is a development that we already have our streets extended, our water, our sewer systems, all the systems are in place.

Councilman Corbin: That's what we want.

Mr. Coleman: So we're not going out beyond the city limits and asking you to bring those inside the city limits and annex those. This is the kind of development our city needs, an inner city development.

Councilman Everson: Absolutely.

Mayor Glover: Also Mr. Chairman, and Linc, I'll share this as well. This is also one of the most historic areas you'll see in the city of Shreveport. Really want to give some appreciation for the origin of this city. Take a little time and Google Wright Island in Shreveport and know that where Linc is developing right now is something that's been a part of this city, has a lot to do with the placement of the river at the time that the City of Shreveport was just developing back in the 1800s, and was honored to be there at the groundbreaking for what Linc is doing right now. And he is exactly on point. This is not going out and developing those areas outside the central portion of Shreveport, but a commitment to investing right inside. And I think as you mentioned, would represent probably the largest (inaudible) certified development that would be in place inside the City of Shreveport once it's completed.

Mr. Coleman: Yes sir. We appreciate it, we're excited to do this. This community's been great to us and we want to continue to invest in it. So thank you.

*Mr. Kim Mitchell: (333 Texas)* I was here today to talk about Resolution 36. First of all, I'd like to say that the tools for reinvesting in the inner city include such things as a special tax district and tips. What I would also like to say is that they have a very special way that they should be used in communities that have a lot to do with the way that money flows. Creating good money flows in order to borrow from the future, or borrow from our citizens in order to get an outcome. They have been misused terribly in Louisiana. They are not intended as a tool to subsidize big business in order to reduce their costs, and unfortunately that has been the case in Louisiana that they've been used to subsidized big retail national companies. It's very much not the intent of that type of a tool, and I would really like for y'all to consider not moving forward with the resolution that you have. I did look briefly at the loan. I do know that in order for the tax to take place, there has to be a vote of the citizens to support the tax. You can't just impose this tax. But it is a wrong message for those that are trying to invest in Shreveport who are resident owners of businesses. And non-resident owners of Shreveport really are not creating the kind of positive good money flow. They are part of a bad money flow in our community. So this is - - - I'm an average citizen about a lot of things but these sorts of redevelopment things, I'm not a very average citizen. I do know quite a bit about 'em. If there's any way that I can help it your thinking, and in further public discussion about these things, because reinvesting and rebuilding the inner city of Shreveport is very important to me. I've spent a lot of my professional life in developing those skills and tools to do it. So thank you.

Councilman Shyne: Just before you go, if I can sum this up, what you're asking us to do is maybe kinda slow down a little bit and postpone this until we can get some more information on it?

Mr. Mitchell: You know Councilman Shyne, I think that would be a wise thing. Having a little broader public discussion since these are tools, and since we have so much need for investment in our inner city. So I can see in the future maybe being a part of coming back and asking y'all for a similar thing, but I would be very quick to show you what the public benefits would be of doing it, and that the money flow would be very positive as opposed to reducing cost in order to send money to New York.

Councilman Shyne: I'm kinda like you. I guess I've gotten to the age too, where instead of just running into something, I'd like to walk into it.

Mr. Mitchell: It's a big one. As I said it's been so abused that the legislature you know (maybe they already passed it) took away our ability to do a TIF, because it was so abused and giving some big companies this tax increment financing in south Louisiana, so let's set a better example in this part of the state would be my encouragement.

Councilman Shyne: I appreciate you coming down.

*Ms. Samantha Anderson: (7401 St. Vincent)* I do not have any family members that are from Louisiana, so I can't start out there. Actually I'm only here to represent the North Allendale area. We have a convenience store that is located on the store that is trying to get a liquor license. And I'm actually here just to beg you guys not to let 'em. We have a school that's right behind there. My apartment complex is actually seniors, and the last thing we need is a bunch of intoxicated people standing on the corner. So, that's all I have.

Councilman Shyne: You sound like a very smart lady.

Ms. Anderson: I wasn't actually prepared for this.

Councilman Corbin: You did fine.

Ms. Anderson: Thank you, y'all have a wonderful night.

*Ms. Middie Farrow: (400 N. Dale Street, #805)* To our Mayor and to the president of this great Council, and to all of the Council persons. I'm here in regards to the Dale Street store. Their application for liquor license. The Dale Street store is on Alston and Dale Street, a block from the Academy Recovery and Career Discovery School. Big name for a lot of children who are living there because of their alternative behavior, and these children need much guidance to keep them on the right track. And also that's less than ½ block from the Dale Street store and Alston and Patzman is that particular school. But then within walking distance less than ½ mile is the J.S. Clark Elementary School. My problem here is that there are children who are standing on the corner waiting to be picked up by busses as well as those walking to the J.S. Clark School. And these children are between the ages of 5 and probably 10 or 12 because it's K-6, as well as there is Booker T, the high school. So you see that it does pose a problem. At Patzman and Marsh Streets, there is an apartment complex, probably better than 150, maybe 200 young people who are there, who are standing waiting for the busses to pick them up early in the morning, and as well as in that same community, we have a community renewal friendship house, and their services are between the hours of 3:00 and 6:00. So the children who will be leaving the community renewal friendship house have to walk in that area, so that this is very dangerous for our children. And just recently, we've had some bad things happen, and anytime that you have persons who are standing, this store will probably begin opening at 8:00 a.m., and there's a lot of foot traffic that will be coming there, so persons who are standing there, who are drinking, all of our young people as well as our women stand at risk to be raped and robbed. And also at our senior apartment complex, there better than 90 apartments with seniors going back and forth. So that also means as well. We stand a chance of being robbed, probably not raped, but at least robbed. So you do see many of these persons are in wheelchairs, trying to get to and fro, and of course there's a bus service in both of those areas. And let me just point out, less than ½ block from the Dale Street store sits the Mt. Canaan Baptist Church as well as Our Lady of Sacrament Catholic Church. So you see we are facing a problem that could be escalated and become even bigger than what it is. I would ask you please if you would, giving consideration the fact of our children who are at risk to this kind of liquor license in our community. Thank you.

*Mr. Robert Handy: (1821 Perrin)* Good evening Mayor and Councilmen and women. I'm also here concerning the store on Alston and Dale Street. I'm a long time resident of the Allendale/Ledbetter Heights Community. And I've used most of my time doing positive things in

the neighborhood. I'm against this, not just this particular liquor store, I'm against the store period selling liquor in the neighborhood. Because I've gotten to the point that I am now just tired of it being that easy for the people in my community to have easy access to buying beer, alcohol, whatever. I can remember as far back as 3-5 years ago. And let me say this. The lady that was up first, Ms. Anderson, she happens to be the acting manager of Canaan Towers apartments. She neglected to say that. In that apartment complex, as well as the Canaan Village apartment complex, less than 3-5 years ago, there was a lot of unapproved activity that was going on over there. We had young people over there getting killed. And I'm not standing here to blame it all on alcohol, but it does happen in direct response to when people are drinking like this. And not that community, we're getting better. We're not where we want to be, but we're better than what we used to be, and I like that. And I don't want to see us go back to where we came from. I'm all about trying to take the neighborhood and the residents forward. I don't have anything personally against the owners of the store, but I do have something against - - - like I say, it's making it a lot easier to bring alcoholic beverages to our neighborhood for the people in our neighborhood to get these alcoholic beverages. And I just hope that the council takes that into consideration, that the Allendale community is growing. We've got new and better things going on in our neighborhood. I heard y'all mention Choice Neighborhood earlier, the organization. And even ½ block from where this store is, there is going to be some more houses built there. I think going to be called Alston Place. And this is just not the time for it, and my main concern is our kids. We have a fairly new school down the street from this place. The Academy of Recovery and Discovery Center. That's for our kids that can't make it in regular schools. Not to say they may walk off campus to try to - - - but let's be real. It has happened before. We don't want to see this happen again. As well as like I say we've got the church down the street. And the seniors in Canaan Towers Apartments. Again, we're trying to do better things in this community, and we just ask for you to help us.

*Mr. Terry Davis: (1807 Clay)* How y'all doing this evening. I've been living there, I was born there, I was raised there I know a lot of faces there and you might recognize me. I have a letter that I'm going to read on behalf of my uncle who is a quadriplegic and couldn't be here today. His name is Claude Marshall (1807 Clay Street) He writes today, I am Claude Marshall, 1807 Clay Street, Shreveport, LA 71101. Due to the weather and my disability, I am unable to come outside and I know when we opened Dale Street Grocery in 2008, we said we did not want a beer license, however we tried for over four years, and it cost us everything. We closed the store in May 2012, and we now rent it out to some occupants. We still own the store, the building, but we rent it out to a different entity. We as a family have been working and own the building so that is as low as you can get on your overhead, and we couldn't survive without it. The store closing will hurt the community, but it won't hurt us. I can go wherever I want to because I'm fortunate and have transportation, however most of the community cannot. When they want or need something, they need the convenience, which we provide immediately in our neighborhood. I was told one man (Mr. Jeter), a formal baseball player was mugged walking that long walk to Fil-A-Sak which is on Pierre Ave, and he was moved to a nursing home later thereafter. He used to walk to the store and we talked all the time. He showed baseball cards, and told us about his life in the league, and thereafter. If he needed to go get beer or anything else, like going to the bank, we as a store personally took him, as we did for a lot of the residents. We did that for a lot of the residents in the area. We did that as a courtesy to our neighborhood. It was more than a business to us. We were a little naïve thinking that we could survive without it. The business eventually wore out and we had to close. We could not make enough money to help ourselves and survive. This is a business for these people. They cannot do the extra things that we did, and if they cannot get the license, he says he will let them out of the lease and the store will close. The people that are

complaining about this ordinance do not even live in this area. When it was Dale Street Grocery, we did hold voter registration and will continue to do so. With a signature for this petition, the lady went door to door and the residents of Allendale signed it for her. She talked to people and then more people called us to help. We told them we were already helping them. I told them to try and come, but most did not have transportation and some are here today. And I ask that you find that those oppose where they live, how many blocks or miles away if they do so. Thank you Claude Marshall. To Mr. Shyne and Jenkins, you both know me well, I would never do anything to hurt my neighborhood, where I was born and raised over 60 years ago. My family owns a lot of rental property, right here in Allendale, and we do support our community. Thank you Claude Marshall. That was on behalf of Claude Marshall, and I would like to speak on behalf of myself if I can, and I will keep it brief. I have about four nephews, three nieces, a son and a daughter myself. And they all attend these same schools that they're talking about, and I don't - - - me personally where some children going to J.S. Clark and Booker T. Washington in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade would be able to walk into a store and just buy liquor. I mean I just don't see it. I work there for four years myself. And not once did I ever get caught up for selling to a minor, whether it was tobacco or whatever it was. So I just don't see that as a quality reason to defer a license for liquor. Like I said, I live there and things that happen in the apartments that she manages, and she wasn't even the manager there. That has nothing to do with Dale Street Grocery. And the store is not even called Dale Street Grocery. We just own it as a family. And they keep referring to it as Dale Street Grocery, and had me doing the same, and I apologize. But I just wanted to say please take into consideration about the overall business entity, and not just emotional reasons for denying or approving it.

Councilman Shyne: Just one minute Mr. Chairman please. Tell your uncle I miss him and we love him. I just want to be truthful with you. We've got too much liquor in Black neighborhoods already.

Mr. Davis: And that's true. And that's going to Fil-A-Sak - - -

Councilman Shyne: Hold it and let me finish. I sat and listened to you. I've been down here a long time, and one of my objections when I first got down here was to try to get some of that liquor out of Black neighborhoods. This is nothing personal, I would hope the store would be able to survive, but if you want to sell some liquor, go out to Broadmoor, go out to Ellerbe Road, or go somewhere else. But please don't bring it in the Black neighborhood.

Mr. Davis: I understand that Mr. Shyne.

Councilman Shyne: We just don't need it. I understand where you coming from, and I think when you go back home and you read your bible and you sit down and you take a look at the quality of neighborhoods, and how we are spending millions of dollars trying to improve our neighborhood, I think that you will see that liquor is not one of the things that will improve our neighborhoods. But now if you come down with another plan on trying to improve the neighborhood, I'll be 100% with you as long as you don't have liquor involved. Now if you've got liquor involved, I'm totally against it. But if you come down with something else to try to improve that neighborhood in there, matter of fact, I used to teach and coach at Booker T. So a lot of kids that I taught lived in that area. So anything that I can do to help you to improve that neighborhood, it's really not my district, it's really Councilwoman McCulloch, but anytime you're about bringing liquor into the Black community, then it's my district. And I appreciate you coming out, tell your uncle I said Hi. Thank you sir.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Michael before you get started, I was questioned as to why I completed your form, but it was because I explained to Council a week ago, that you had expressed opposition to what this toward this as well from the Caddo Parish Commission as the representative. And so because of that Mike, the next time, I'll insist that he complete the form

himself, but he came in late and so that's why I said let him speak. So thank you for allowing him to come before the Council

*Commissioner Michael Williams: (2101 Carver Place )*When you come to my meeting, you ain't got to fill out nothing you're an elected official. To the Chairman, our honorable Mayor, you're looking better Mayor, and to my Councilwoman, and to our dean of our elected officials, and to all the others, Joe Shyne and the others that are assembled, I just rise to say enough is enough. We can't say that economic development and Coming to America mean coming to the hood being successful. I believe in the free enterprise, I believe in economic development, I believe in small business. I believe in improving the quality of life in our community. But alcohol is not the answer. It's been poisoning us for too long in our neighborhood. Drugs and alcohol have been bankrupting the Black and the Black community for too long. It's time that we look at other opportunities we can bring to our community to improve the quality of life to reinvest, to rebuild and revitalize, surely won't do it with alcohol. So not only them saying about the schools, but there's a head start center named after one of the legends in our community, Ms. Edie Jones. There's a head start center within a block. Babies. We're only sending mixed signals to them. It's okay to sell alcohol, and pass there every day. What do you expect when you send a mix signal out to the young people in America, to say it's okay to sell dope, drink, sag and hang on the corner, that's not the American dream that we have for the next generation. We need a cornerstone for of a community, a great school, a library, a head start center, a church, a good affordable home, a good paying job, go the church on Sunday, play in the park and start back over Monday. That's the American dream that I want to leave for our young people. We don't need no liquor store in our neighborhoods. We need a store to provide groceries, and bologna and cheese, vegetables and fruits, milk and eggs. That's what we need.

Councilman Shyne: Mike you're gone tell us what you've been eating.

Mr. Williams: That's what I've been eating, and I hope this council, that you wouldn't put this in your back yard, why would you continue to put it in ours? We don't need that, and I appreciate a unanimous vote against this process here today. It's nothing personal against the owners or against the people that want to do business in our community, but this is not the type of business we need no more in our neighborhoods. I appreciate a unanimous vote on this. I look forward to working with other projects with anybody that wants to invest in Caddo and Shreveport. We're open for business, but we're open for good business that benefits the entire parish and the entire city of Shreveport, that will benefit all of us. Appreciate your support. Thank you so much.

Councilman Corbin: Thank you Commissioner Williams. And just a point of clarification I want to be clear is that this is not the Council's idea to put a liquor store in here. This has come to us on our agenda, and we will vote on it. It's not anything that originated here on the council or by a council member. But it's been a continuous stream of requests to speak on this as more people have spoken, and I'm going to as Councilwoman McCulloch, with your permission, if it be okay if I called the names of the five remaining speakers and just ask them to raise their hands if they're either in opposition to the liquor store, or if they are in support of it, would that be okay?

Councilwoman McCulloch: Well I think you really need to hear from at least one or two speakers, since you heard - - I mean you've only heard from one speaker in support of, so give us another speaker who is in support of it.

Councilman Corbin: Then we're going to hear from everybody.

*Mr. Everette Banks: (400 N. Dale Ave, #607)* Good afternoon, I'm a lifelong resident of Allendale. Before I started school, I could stand on the front porch on R. Patzman Street, and I could see my brothers and sisters on their way to school. When they reached the top of Clay Street hill, and I could yell out and wave at 'em and speak to 'em. Eventually we moved to 1527 Buena Vista, and we've lived there since 1963, and as far as the stores around there that sell liquor and

the location to the schools and the churches, you've got - - we had Miciotta's Grocery on the corner of Pierre Ave and Buena Vista. And then down Pierre Ave, you had Pierre Avenue Elementary School. And you had Consumer's on one side and you had Kush Grocery on the other. Both of those establishments sold liquor. And it had no impact on the schools. And I think - - - you know I'm 58 years old now, and I think that if I wanted to be able to walk to the store and get me a drink, there should be a store within walking distance where I can walk to the store and get it. And as far as having the services in the neighborhood that you need where you live, I had a friend, I live in Canaan Towers by the way, I had a friend that lived in Canaan Towers, and one day he walked down to T. J. Medina's store which you are familiar with down in the Bottoms. And on his way back home, he got robbed and killed. And I think if he had gotten the services that he needed in the neighborhood, that he might still be alive. But when you've got to walk almost a quarter of a mile to the nearest store to get what you want, you're endangering your life, because you never know what you're going to meet, and you could have it right down the street from your front door.

Councilman Shyne: If it's liquor in the Black community, you ought to walk five miles if that's what you want.

Mr. Banks: Well I mean if that's what you want, and you willing to buy it, you willing to spend your money for it, you should be able to do that. I mean you know I understand people having oppositions to alcohol, but that doesn't make it wrong for everybody doesn't act the same. And for those who know how to control themselves, if that's what they want, then they should be able to have it. That's all I'm saying, if you tired of living and you're tired of having fun, and you don't want to do it anymore, that's your prerogative. If I still want to take me a drink every once in a while, and to and lay down and go to sleep, I should have that same prerogative.

Councilman Shyne: You do, but you will not have that prerogative if you have to buy it on Dale Street. Thank you.

*Ms. Lawanna Faulkner: (1821 St. Paul Street)* I've sat out here and listened to people say you can't have because we've got another school right down there on Ford Street, or because something bad happened in an apartment complex. Let me tell you something, a friend of mine lost her son in this very same apartment complex, that they're talking about and he was shot dead. Not because of alcohol, not because of anything that someone did that came to that store, but because of other children had guns. They're not saying anything, we're talking about them getting a license for that. What happened to those kids had nothing to do with that. You all are going to vote the way you want to vote. I understand that, and a lot of you have already made up your minds. I understand that. But the one thing that I want you to know is that just - - - and let me explain to you I don't drink. Never have, don't smoke, don't do drugs, never have. Why? Because I saw what it did to other people. I saw what it did to members of my family. So I choose not to. That's a choice that I made. That's a choice I told my children. I raised them and I showed them this is how you live. Now you might want to - - - you can come down to the casino, drink all you want. Nobody saying about having it there. We used to have houses lined up. I tell my grandkids about all the house that used to be lined up in Allendale. When I was little, the stores - - - there were lots of stores all the way around and you could get beer at every one of them. But I didn't you know - - - we weren't allowed to indulge in that and when I became an adult I didn't want to then. So the only thing I'm saying is I ran Dale Street Grocery when it was Dale Street Grocery. I gave my life to that store. Now I'm a little sicker and a lot broker because I gave everything I had to my neighborhood. Because that's what my brother wanted to do. So we went all out. I put in everything I had saved, everything I had worked for. And I worked for Ford Motor Company, so I had a lot to put in there. And now watching what they're doing. I can't help. The only thing I can do is when my neighbors come to the door, can you take me here, can you run me to the store, can you do this? I can do that a little bit now, I don't do it as much as I

used to when I was up at the store working, when I worked two jobs, and worked at the store in the afternoon, I can't do that anymore. But my thing is there's liquor at the - - - what is that store? The gas station? Day and Night there is liquor at Fil-A-Sak, and I understand they had an incident at Fil-A-Sak the other day. Didn't have anything to do with anybody buying a can of beer. She's not asking to serve hard liquor. She's only asking to serve beer. And some of these people that live in that tower, some of those people that live in those apartments over there, I became friends with them, when I came back here and when I was working there, and a lot of them will still call me, 'Ms. Lawanna, would you take me here, Ms. Lawanna, would you take me there'? They're going to get beer. You're not taking beer out of the area. Nobody's saying, we're not saying well we're not going to sell beer anymore, we're not going to do that. You're not doing that. Yes, they're going to get beer, it's just going to cost them more. 1) They've got to pay somebody to do it for 'em, or 2) They've got take the risk to walk that far in the rain or whatever to get it and they do. And my thing is the only thing I want to do is help my neighbor. Anything I can do to help them. Alright? That's all I have to say.

*Mr. Wyndle Ford: (400 N. Dale)* Kind of caught me off guard coming in here today. Because I didn't know were doing this. But anyway my opinions are my opinions, just like the Councilmen have theirs. You know we always holler we don't want this in our hood, well it ain't just our hood no more. It's Black, White and every other race. So it's our hood now, it's a whole new generation of people. And I think it's about growing and growing from different things, beer sales, or alcohol sales or whatever sales. And see I'm from the country, I'm from Texas. I can see the casino from the apartments, so that's part of the hood too. Ain't nobody saying nothing about drinking there. So I don't see why we got to walk all the way to the casino just to get a drink. But I you know I drink beer, and I'm at the age now when I want to relax, I shouldn't have to walk ½ mile to go get it and take a chance. Matter of fact, if I'm drinking, I'm not going to walk. But anyway that's about all I got to say, and y'all do what y'all gone do.

*Ms. Kiran Nazar: (1901 Alston)* I'm here on behalf of Y&J Grocery Store located at 1901 Alston Street, Shreveport Louisiana, 71101. I would like to start by reminding you all that the first three words of the great constitution of our nation are 'We the people'. This is about what the people want and the people of my community as you can see the more than 1,000 signatures I have obtained on my petition that people want Y&J to start selling packaged alcohol. I understand your concern about this possibly increasing violence or crime rates, but frankly if a person wants to buy a beer, he or she is going to walk two blocks down to my store or a mile down to the nearest convenience store. Either way, they will buy beer. Opening another location for customers to purchase alcohol is just another convenience for them. This will not affect our community negatively, because the people who normally buy beer will still buy beer, just that they will have the convenience of buying it nearby. If I am allowed to sell alcoholic beverages to my community, my store sales will increase, I will pay more taxes. Which in return will benefit my community in the long run. In this struggling economy, I've tried everything from selling common household goods, to serving fresh cooked chicken, trying to obtain alcohol permit is my last ditch effort to try and get back on my feet. I need this. My bills are piling up and I don't know how much longer I can take it. I hope you hear my plan and grant me the permission to sell alcohol beverages to me and my customers. Thank you.

*Mr. Jacob Fuller: ((400 N. Dale, #208)* I've been in Allendale all my life, when Shyne was going to school in Grambling.

Councilman Shyne: I'm glad to hear that.

Mr. Fuller: I've been around Allendale when (inaudible) opened, when St. Jules opened, Dale Street was open, Club Matinee, a whole lot of clubs opened up in Allendale, we didn't have not arguments, we didn't have no shooting. Now why y'all is against selling alcohol to this store

on the corner of Dale and Alston Street, when you can go down the street to Garden and Dale and get the same thing. What's the beef? We're here to get something convenient to Canaan Towers, not over (inaudible) everybody. Now if y'all want to talk about the schools. That school is over 300 yards from Inglesol School, over 300 yards from Mt. Canaan Church. Over 300 yards from any school in the area. If y'all going by that, you go to Zoning Commission and find out where the store located at before y'all (inaudible). I know what y'all gone do. Y'all gone vote what y'all want to do. Do what y'all want to do, I have said (inaudible).

Councilman Shyne: Let me make this statement to you before you go. I want to make myself clear. Not only this store, but anywhere in the Black community now, we're not putting no more alcohol. We've got enough alcohol in the Black community whether it's on Dale Street or whether it's on the Cooper Road, or whether it's in Hollywood, or whether it's Mooretown, to service this whole city. We will not, and I hope you will go back home and relate to this. We will not vote to put anymore alcohol anywhere. If you want to sell some alcohol, or you want to be close to some stores where they sell alcohol, I'll help you move out into Broadmoor, or to the Ellerbe Road, or somewhere.

Mr. Fuller: Move out where you're live at in your resident.

Councilman Shyne: We don't have no alcohol.

Mr. Fuller: Where you live at?

Councilman Shyne: I live in Mooretown.

Mr. Fuller: Mooretown got more alcohol than Shreveport got, or Allendale got.

Councilman Shyne: If you want to move out to - - -

Mr. Fuller: You got alcohol store on the corner of Broadway and Hollywood.

Councilman Shyne: If you want to move out there I will help you move out there, but we will not put anymore alcohol in the Black community.

Mr. Fuller: I don't want to move out there, y'all do what you want to do, thank you very much.

Councilman Corbin: Thank you for coming down Mr. Fuller. That is all the requests for public comments regarding the store that I have. I'm going to go on a limb and ask, is there anyone who wanted to make an additional comment who has not spoken about the store? Alright, thank you very much.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Councilman Corbin: One of the Councilman just referred to some petitions. If you'd allow me to just give a little history here? Is it okay, or do you want me to wait until?

Councilman Corbin: Would you mind bringing that up when we get to that particular item on the agenda.

Councilwoman McCulloch: When we get ready to vote on it? Okay. Well we do have a petition, and when we get ready to vote on it I'll address that. Okay we have petitions, and I'll address those.

*Ms. Gwendolyn Phelps: (6635 Santa Monica Drive)* Good afternoon, I'm here to speak against the rezoning request for Belle Cheri to add additional manufactured homes on Jefferson Paige. Is this rezoning request needed or justified? Other than just for what the property owner wants to do? That's the question that I ask you. At least on two other occasions this council had felt that it wasn't justified, and in Cases C1-1-06 and Case 22-07, and each of these cases were similar cases were property owners wanted to add manufactured homes to this area, the Council denied it and I'm asking you to do the same with this request. Thank you.

*Ms. Joyce Lawrence (4107 Scenic Drive)* Thank you. I am here asking that the Council deny the rezoning for a number of reasons. The first being - - - excuse me, I've been in the bed sick, and I was here yesterday briefly, and seem like I'm having a relapse. But first as Gwen

pointed out there were two other cases previous to this. Since the installation and erection of 12-14 manufactured homes that are already in place. Because the homes are already in place, we see that as no justification since their establishment two other times prior to now. First, I'd like to say that the residents who are immediately adjacent to where this site is going to be, we have obtained over 200 signatures from that immediate neighborhood, Jefferson Paige Plaza. We didn't want to inundate you because we could go up and down Pines Road, and get all seven of the other subdivisions involved, but we want to get the residences who are going to be impacted most, whose closest to the site where the rezoning is requested. We have over 200 signatures, and unfortunately one petition was late, so I did submit it today before the meeting started. The other thing is that the residents not only want it, but the residents are concerned that they are constantly in a period of every four or five years, it appears that this is coming up. So today I would like to say that we hope that we can come to some long term solution, because what I found out is I went back into the history of how the homes, the 12 or 14 homes got there already. It appears that that land was bought in 1999 and that somehow or another they began putting those homes in there in 2001 and 2002, according to the assessor's records and the conveyance records over in the courthouse. The application as Gwen pointed out, is really not specific. The applicant states in the application, and I do have copies of that here, and I'm really concerned about - - - zoning is a change of law, and I'm concerned that the application from December actually states that - - - it's checked that it's changing conditions, but there's no conditions listed. What are those conditions that make this now a more viable residential property than a business. It's unclear in the minutes from the MPC. We had the developer in a meeting. Again he was unclear and vague about what that meant. But having now known that there is a site plan pending to add additional homes on an R-1-A, which is a 7200 lot, and knowing the size of the property there, we're looking at having a manufactured home park. I want to clarify something. I am guilty of this and some of you are too. We said, trailer park, mobile home parks. Since 1976, according to HUD and the American Planning Association, they are now called manufactured homes. So my terminology has been off, and maybe we hold onto that because of some past stereotypes. We have some issues with the homes that are there, but for the most part, the residents seem to be very nice people. We met at least one of the gentlemen in our community meeting. The third reason that I think that aside from the application not being clear in submission is a number of manufactured homes that are already between 3132 and 20, in West Shreveport. We have a mobile home, a manufactured home park on Klug Pines, we have one on W. 70<sup>th</sup>, we have a development at Shreve Park off 3132, and then we have another one further down Jefferson Paige, past Twilight Meadows. Now, why is that important? To me as a resident and investor in my community, and those of us who are saying, please no again. The American dream for most of us if not all of us regardless of our race, creed and color is to own our piece of the rock that we call home. It's the single largest investment and asset that many individuals and certainly for me at this age and stage of life that I will have. So, why would I be in opposition to a person buying a manufactured homes or having more homes established in the community? It is because of the proliferation of manufactured homes in our community destroys our American dream, by destroying the value in our homes. This is not a slight, it is an investment. I'm looking at this from a business perspective. I took my savings from my retirement and I put it in my home, because I know that hey, I'm up on that mountain now, so very shortly you start downward. Many of my neighbors, we have a very diverse community, many of our neighbors are retired like myself, so I'm going to try to be brief, because I think my coughing is trying to crank up on me, so what I wanted to say is that we have 200 residents within, and then we got some of those residents who claim that they didn't get the notice. And I'm going to say this. I believe they didn't get 'em. Because I've been involved in another community issue where I was told by planning that notice were sent, but we couldn't have copies of the notice

because they couldn't find 'em. So now were there just some fluke? A mess up? Possibly. Were the notices sent? I don't know. I just know that there are residents who are directly on Dianne that said that they didn't get a notice. I would like to show you, this is a copy of a letter to my mom. I've redacted her name and address because she's a manufactured home owner. She invested in a manufactured home, because that's what she wanted. And basically what I want you to see at the bottom here. When you buy a manufactured home, it has a certification number and tag. It is not the same constructive process as a conventional brick and mortar home. If you notice here, there is a building number, which is the manufacturing plant that it came out of. There is a model number which identifies the model that she bought and there is a serial number. Why is this important? Because they are built in the same factories as what we used to call mobile homes. The correct political term now is manufactured home. So, why is that important? Because these number are used in a (inaudible) guide to value a home. Though an appraiser will come out, they use the same form, the federal uniform appraisal form, except it's coded C and it's a different document, and this information is dropped into there and it's just like a car guide. Anybody been to the bank to get a car refinanced or by a bank and they pull out the little gold book with the (inaudible) on the front? They have one for manufactured homes. Okay the second thing is my mother paid \$75,000 for this house against all of our wishes. It was her money. This is the appraisal for that same house she purchased. On this note here she purchased this house in May of 2006.

Councilman Corbin: Ms. Lawrence, if you could please be aware of your comments and try to wrap it up in this next three minutes.

Ms. Lawrence: I want to show you if the family and my mom decided to sell her house today, that \$75,000 is now \$41,000. That's if it's sold with the land.

Councilman Everson: What year did you say she bought it?

Ms. Lawrence: She bought it in May of 2006. It had depreciated 54%. Now on average, we had an appraisal here. He had to leave because time was of essence for him, and we didn't get on the agenda in time, but these are other values. It diminishes even further if it has to be moved. This value is the consignment value if I got someone who is a broker to sell it, this is the wholesale value, and this is the move value if we didn't have the land to give with the house and it had to be moved, this is the value. \$27,000. That's important to us, because when real estate appraisals and real estate agents look at the home values in the community, they go by zip codes, they start from the property that they are appraising and they work outward. And they go out until they find something similar. And FHA which is the insurance agency for mortgages says that if they don't find a mobile home that's been sold recently, then they can actually use a conventional home price. These drive down the value of our American dream. We simply do not want any more manufactured homes. We want to talk to the council and the planners about affordable housing. Brick and mortar housing that's going to appreciate or retain its value. That adds and becomes an asset to the community. So having said that we know that this has been turned down twice before, and we're here today to ask this council to do again what is justification and justifiable for those of us who have invested in the community. A lot of these are lease purchases. People can't make the payments, they walk away from 'em. There is some already over in Shreve Park sitting there vacant, growing up. It's just hurtful to the community, it's hurtful to our investment, and today we ask you to please, please protect our investment, protect this city and consider that we have five other manufactured home parks within the Jefferson Paige, the I-20, and what I did, I took I-20 at Pines, and you go outward. You go south, you got Klug Pines and W. 70<sup>th</sup>. You go north, you got - - - and then if you go west you've got Shreve Park. You go north, you've got two. So it's terrible, and we should not be in the position to try to keep fighting. I'm getting old.

Councilman Corbin: Thank you Ms. Lawrence for all the research you've done and for being up here to speak to us numerous times.

Councilwoman McCulloch: I spoke with our master plan, I spoke with Dara and I wanted her to come up for the record to speak on if this is consistent with the Master Plan. Could she just make a statement?

Councilman Corbin: If we could, I'd like to do this. We have one more public speaker on this topic. And then we have some other issues, it's getting late, I'd like for Dara to come up when we actually get to this if that's okay.

Councilman Shyne: And Mr. Chairman, Mr. Cary is a former city councilman, who worked with the Mayor at one time, we were all three new council members. We all three had just - - - now Mayor don't you say nothing wrong.

Mayor Glover: We're getting old, but we're not that old.

Councilman Shyne: I knew he was going to say something wrong Roy.

Mayor Glover: We worked well together.

*Mr. Roy Cary: (4615 Monkhouse Drive, Suite 103)* Thank you. To Mr. Chairman, the honorable Mayor, Council members, it's good to see all of you. Thank you for allowing me, I'll be brief as I possibly can. Most of you know that I made an investment out in West Shreveport some years ago, I think about six or seven years ago. And not only I made that investment, but I'm a member of Cross Lake South Neighborhood Association, and represent most of those people in that neighborhood. And of course we made a significant investment in West Shreveport. We would like to see that honored and respected. Mr. Shyne, I kinda like the adamant attitude you had about not bringing in more beer into the Black neighborhood. This is not a Black neighborhood, it is of course one of the most diverse neighborhoods in Shreveport, and I think one of the most lowest crime neighborhoods in Shreveport. And I would that if this council would consider, not only are we making investments, I've had an individual who just finished and just about closing on building a very nice home down the street from me. They're all up and down Pines Road. I was in awe when I found out those other houses got in there Councilman Jenkins, I don't know how they did but they got in there some kind of way. I think there was a loophole that somebody may have not noticed until it happened, but of course it messes up the continuity of that neighborhood. I would suggest to you that nobody would ask you to come and put any manufactured homes in Broadmoor, Ellerbe Road, or even Highland area. Because it just doesn't fit the neighborhood's continuity. I'm asking this council to look at that. I think Ms. Lawrence made some very good points about depreciating property value. I know that I've got a pretty nice home and if I should decide that I can't afford it anymore and want to go to a retirement center, I'd certainly want to get the full investment value out of it. But as you know West Shreveport is one of the most positive neighborhoods in our community and I would ask that if you will Council Members, you've heard some comments from all of these people. I think that they made a positive presentation. I just want to ask you to vote against this, and let's put a stop to this and I appreciate your support.

Mayor Glover: As he's coming up, I'll just offer Roy Cary has a nice home in the same way that Rolex makes a nice watch and Rolls Royce makes a nice car.

Councilman Corbin: I've got a vigil now, thanks.

Mayor Glover: Just so you have an understanding.

*Mr. Chuck Adkins: (7840 Shreve Park Drive)* I tried to meet with these folks, and that lady talked longer than she did just now, and she did it four times over there. She is absolutely wrong with all due respect, West Shreveport, we have a major interest in West Shreveport. My office is out there right down and I have commercial property adjoining to Shreveport Industrial Park, I have a gated community subdivision. I have an upscale subdivision, Windemere Estates, houses go up to half-million dollars. And then we also have manufactured houses, and it irks me and I'm being respectful for them to think that people living in manufactured houses are inferior. They are not. You better have a 700 credit score when you go do a land/home package if you're a

manufactured house. Most of them have six-figure income. They just opt to live and pay \$8 or 900 a month instead of \$1500 a month. These folks are good citizens. Now this property in question is north of Shreveport, I mean Jefferson Paige and Pines Road. At one time, it was all commercial property, every bit of it. And then when they objected, was when they approved it initially. That was about 12 or 13 years ago. And when I went before the MPC, one of the Metropolitan Planning Commissioners, sitting right where Mr. Shyne is said that was the time to object then. Not now. We helped (inaudible) I asked for one house, we got one lot. I asked for one manufactured house, one lot. Now if this body opts to overturn the MPC's approval which was 7-1, I'll leave 'em with this question. Can I legally put a manufactured building on there at the commercial space, and if I have to do that, I got to open that road all the way to Pines Road, which will have traffic, and I can put a veterinary office in there, I can put a dry cleaning facility in there, a number of things I can do under B-1. The gentlemen just said it doesn't fit. That don't fit, and I would respectfully ask this body to uphold the MPC's prudent ruling. And I was a little upset. Thank you.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, I don't really have a rebuttal, but I would want this council to understand that I wouldn't want no manufactured homes out in Mooretown where I live, even if my mama was gone buy one and put it there. And my mama is a good person. It's not about good or bad people, it's about what's best for the neighborhood. And if this would ever come up, and I'm not on the Council about putting manufactured homes out in Mooretown, especially close to Alton Street where I got a little piece of property, please turn it down. I'm not against manufactured homes. But I think it's a place where they should be, and I don't think that they should be in neighborhoods where people have brick homes, where people have invested everything. And Roy if you ever get to the point where you have to sell yours, I think that the Mayor might be interested in it, and I know he wouldn't want no manufactured home right down the street from that \$600,000 house you got. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Corbin: And that does to the end of Public Comments. Mr. Thompson, if we could, I would like to make a motion that we suspend the rules and bring up the introduction of Resolution No. 36. We have some gentlemen from the property company here who have a 7:00 p.m. flight and would like to.

**Motion by Councilman Everson, seconded by Councilman McCulloch to suspend the rules. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.**

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman I assume that what - - - you know the question is whether or not you're going to adopt 36 today. If you recall yesterday we made the point that it can be adopted today if that's what the Council wants to do.

Councilman S. Jenkins: It says it can't be adopted until March 12, 2013.

Councilman Everson: That's when we could actually publish the notices of an intent so that we could adopt it by March 12<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Corbin: But we could adopt it today or we could just introduce it, that's our prerogative.

Mr. Thompson: That's correct. If you will recall, yesterday I brought to the Council's attention that the original fact sheet said that it could not be adopted until the next meeting. But the City Attorney said that the fact sheet was in error and she submitted a new fact sheet which says that it can be adopted. It's a one-reader. It can be adopted today. So even though it is on the agenda as a two-reader, I've also talked to Ms. Glass about this, and it did not have to be re-introduced as a one-reader, because it is on the agenda and it can be adopted today, the Council

can take that action, or the council can simply introduce it and lay it over to the next meeting. It's the Council's prerogative to do either. I did want you to know that you can adopt it today if that's what you wanted to do.

Councilman Corbin: And just for clarification, if we do adopt it today, it does not establish a taxing zone, all we do is start the process - - -

Mr. Thompson: Start the process of notifying the public that this is what the Council intends to do, or to look at or to consider.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I have a question. Can we change that language to say Authorizing the publication of a one-notice of you know your other terminology. That says creating. We're interested in starting a discussion on this. And the way that language reads it says that we're committed at this point.

Mr. Thompson: The discussion I think is whether or not you are going to create.

Councilman Corbin: It would take additional legislation to begin that tax increment.

Mr. Thompson: Terri, you might want to come forward.

Mr. Sibley: There's a series of at least two or three other pieces.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I understand that. Now I understand that. I'm just saying that this way it reads currently, it's a one notice of intention to create it.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, Council members, we have Terri Scott whose here, who can offer some insight. You also have David Wolfe who is here with the Adams and Reese Law firm. David along with his partner, or one of his partners, Ray Cornelius have worked extensively in this area across Louisiana. I know we had some comments that were offered editorially by one of the previous speakers that chose not to speak in the interest of time. In addition to that, you also have Kevin Connell who is here with the Rouse Company. Kevin if you will make yourself known to the Council. And you have Cliff (inaudible) who is representing the Rouse Company in this process and he is local with Weiner-Weise. So any questions that you have in that regard, these four individuals are in a position to be able to answer, both in terms of this particular measure as well as what's in vision.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay, and just so we're clear, what I guess my quasi-objection is, and I'm not trying to send this down into a rat hole, the way the language reads is 'A notice of intention', and maybe that's a technical term. Because I'm interested in entertaining a discussion on the creation of this economic development district, but I'm not interested in making my intention clear today on whether I'm for it or against it.

Ms. Scott: And this does not do that. The only thing this resolution would do would be to satisfy one of the requirements of the statute that authorizes the creation of these types of economic development districts. The statute requires that a notice of intent to create the district has to be published first. The council will be asked to take or to look at adopting a resolution at the March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting that actually allows and establishes the creation of the district. The notice requirement however is to start the ball rolling so that the public notices can be run in the paper as a requirement of the statute. It does not signify your action to actually approve the district. It only allows us to start the process, to publicize the notices that have to be run, and that's a statutory requirement.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I was prepared to do an introduction of this today, you know I want some more information.

Ms. Scott: Mr. Chairman, if I may, Mr. Wolfe is here. As the Mayor said, he's with the firm of Adams and Reese. There is a resolution on the agenda, that is a two-reader that you'll be asked to consider at the meeting, to actually authorize the city to retain Adams and Reese to represent us in regards to this matter. If you would allow Mr. Wolfe to explain the process to you, kinda step you through this process.

Councilman S. Jenkins: That would be helpful.

Councilman O. Jenkins: So are you suggesting by that that this is free legal advice at the moment since he's not currently under contract.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Free to us but maybe not to who he's going to represent.

Mr. Wolfe: Free to you. Thank you. My name is David Wolfe, I'm with the firm of Adams and Reese Law Firm in New Orleans, and I've been working with the administration and will be representing the city to help the city implement a proposal that Rouse has brought to you which you all are aware of the general parameters. Would be to create the special district at the Mall St. Vincent that would levy an additional one-cent sales tax. The proceeds of which would be divided between the city and the owners, Rouse. 80% of which would essentially reimburse them over a period of years over their cost of renovating the mall, and they can give you some more information about the cost and the nature of the renovation. The second economic development mechanism is something that is provided for in Louisiana law. It's been used numerous times around this state in similar situations. The procedure for implementing this requires first, that the governing authority of this city or parish, in this case, the city, adopt a resolution giving the public a notice of intent that you will consider the creation of the district. As Ms. Scott said, a notice will then be published in the paper twice. The notice will contain a map showing the boundaries of the district and a legal description. You'll then meet according to the current plan at your next meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup> to hold a public hearing and receive, officially receive public input on that. At that meeting you may also consider and ordinance creating the district. That ordinance is also on the agenda tonight for introduction. That's a separate item. You don't need to create the district. You can vote that ordinance down, you can table it, you can defer it, you can do anything you want at that point, but in order to start the process you're required to adopt this resolution giving the notice of intent to create the district. It doesn't (inaudible) you to create the district. It doesn't oblige you to levy the tax or to enter into the cooperative endeavor with Rouse. All that will happen down the line. This is simply to start the ball rolling. The law requires that a public hearing be held before the district is created. And then another public hearing be held before the sales tax is levied. So, there'll actually be five separate opportunities for public input on this. At the next meeting, at the public hearing on the creation of the district, and a public hearing under your own rules on the adoption of the ordinance creating the district. At the next meeting if everything goes according to the schedule, which may or may not happen. There'll be another public hearing pursuant to this same notice of intent, to levy the tax. Then there'll be an ordinance under your procedures on the ordinance levying the tax, and another public hearing on the third ordinance approving the cooperative endeavor with Rouse. Let me correct one thing that was said by a speaker earlier tonight. Because this district doesn't contain any registered voters, the law does not require that an election be held on the levy of the tax. The district is drawn strictly to include the part of the mall in which the tax is proposed by Rouse to be levied. Since there are no residents in the mall, there are no registered voters and so you rule out to levy the tax without an election. That's not a rule that I made up, that's what the legislation provides. You're not required to do that, this is all just what will have to happen if you decide to go ahead with this proposal that you've heard some about, and more about in the future. But for tonight, the only action that would necessary just to start the ball rolling, is this notice of intent resolution that would allow the notice be published in the paper the required number of times. The companion ordinance which is also on the agenda is the ordinance to create the district, and I've asked that that be introduced tonight so that after the public hearing at your March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, should you decide to create the ordinance that the ordinance would be properly procedurally ready to be adopted. You don't have to adopt it, you can take the comments that you receive at the public hearing under advisement if you choose to do so, or you can adopt the ordinance at that time.

Councilman S. Jenkins: So you're saying at the next meeting, there will be a public hearing, and an ordinance that will actually create the district.

Mr. Wolfe: If you choose to do so after the public hearing.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Alright so, if I'm looking at this right, if we move forward with the notice today, how long does that notice have to be published?

Mr. Wolfe: There are actually two separate requirements. Before the district is created, notice of intent has to be published twice in the official journal. It just says twice.

Councilman S. Jenkins: It could be two times in one week?

Mr. Wolfe: Yes. It just says twice. There is a separate section that deals with the levy of the sales tax, says that the notice of intent to levy sales tax has to be published in two consecutive weekly issues of the official journal. So my plan is basically to combine those two requirements, so that the notice of intent that covers both the creation of the district, and subsequently the levy of the tax will be published in two consecutive weekly issues of the official journal. Hopefully this Friday and the following Friday. And then that will satisfy both sets of public notice requirements because the two requirements are a little bit different.

Councilman S. Jenkins: So what No. 36, what we're talking about today, will do both of those things you said, publication notices to do both of those? To give the notice and to be able to levy the tax?

Mr. Wolfe: Correct. And if you look at the notice, it has two dates in it. It says the council will meet on March 12<sup>th</sup> to consider an ordinance creating the district, and separately it says the council will meet on March 26<sup>th</sup> to consider an ordinance levying the tax. That second ordinance is not being adopted tonight, that'll be introduced at your next meeting.

Councilman Corbin: And ultimately, we if we choose to adopt this tonight, we still control how fast everything else happens by other legislation that's before us that we can (inaudible)

Mr. Wolfe: Right, you have to start somewhere, and this is the resolution that starts the whole process.

Councilman Everson: David, if I could, when is the - - - would there be a problem if the language was just amended to say "Authorizing the publication of the notice of intention to consider the creation of - - -". Is that acceptable?

Mr. Wolfe: That's fine.

Councilman Everson: Then I'll make that motion to - - -

Mr. Thompson: It has to be in writing.

Councilman Everson: Okay.

Councilman Webb: Mr. Chairman, I would like to speak on this. It's like we're trying to fast forward this for whatever reason. I mean it was advertised that it was going to be for introduction, although the actual vote don't come til the 12<sup>th</sup>, and now everybody's wanting to change it where we vote on it tonight, which is against what we advertised. For that reason alone, I don't know what difference two weeks is going to make. I'm sure there's gone to be several steps, but why? It's like we're skipping a step as far as what we advertised to the public. So there may have been people if they knew we going to vote on this that might have come today, where they're not going to come til March 12<sup>th</sup>. That's just my thinking on it.

Councilman S. Jenkins: I'm just trying to be clear on what I'm doing, because when you get this information, you know it comes before us, and it's on us to kinda digest and get the best understanding we can to take back to our people on it. And I really got my first look at it to be honest with you when it made the agenda last Friday. Overall, I can understand the concept. I certainly don't want to see a major real estate investment like that either go down and decay or pull out or anything like that, but at the same time we want to be careful that what you're stepping out on that you have a real good understanding of. So, I mean I was prepared to introduce it today, to

be honest with you, I thought that's what we were doing. I wasn't prepared to be adopting anything today, but if the language is going to be a little bit more settled down, it'll be a little bit more comfortable. But you know we need time to go through these things and make sure you understand them so you can kinda represent your constituents as best you can. I mean y'all do this stuff every day. You probably understand it you know what you're doing, and the people that worked on it for months, they understand it and know what they're doing and then we get it on Friday, like we ain't got nothing else to do all weekend, and we're asked to come in and start making decisions on the situation. But I think there's a motion. I'm prepared to deal with an introduction of it.

Councilman Corbin: We would need a substitution motion because a motion is on the table now is to adopt.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Well I believe the motion on the table is to propose an amendment.

Councilman S. Jenkins: No motion was made to that affect. The motion was to introduce.

Councilman Everson: What is the last motion?

Mr. Thompson: I believe that Jeff started to make the motion, and I told him that it had to be in writing, so Julie is now preparing a written amendment.

Councilman Everson: So there is no motion.

Councilman Corbin: Bea, can you clear our voting?

Ms. Johnson: Yes sir.

Councilman Shyne: So Sam, your motion is to - - -

Councilman Everson: I think maybe there was a motion on the table.

Councilman S. Jenkins: There was a motion and a second for the introduction.

Councilman Webb: I don't know who seconded it.

Councilwoman McCulloch: You can say I seconded it.

Councilman Shyne: Okay, Rose will second it.

Councilwoman McCulloch: On introduction.

Councilman Everson: So it's prepared now, so I'd like to make a motion to amend the

Ms. Glass: Mr. Chairman, it'd actually be a substitute Resolution and that would be the easiest way to do it. Do you want me to kinda - - -

Councilman Everson: Go for it.

Ms. Glass: What it would change, the title would now read "A resolution authorizing the publication of a notice of the intention to consider the creation of the Shreveport Mall St. Vincent Economic Development District, the State of Louisiana, and to consider the levy of an additional 1% sales and use tax (and the rest would be the same)" And the Section 1, the same language 'to consider the creation of an economic development district' is added and 'to consider the levy of a 1% sales tax' is added. The same change is made in the proposed notice to be publish, and I would note that the notice as written already said that the city proposes to consider the adoption. So that supposes language was already in the notice.

Councilman Corbin: And I don't mind adopting that language today, because what that does is we have media here, that's going to get word out to the public who may have comments and can come to our next meeting, and it does get the advertising process started, yet we still put noting in place that moves this forward necessarily other than the logistics of advertising. Now there is a motion for introduction on the table, do we have a - - -

Mr. Thompson: I did not hear that. There was a discussion about it, but I don't know if there was a motion and a second.

Councilman S. Jenkins: I think Councilman Everson - - - let me say this, first let me say this. What you have there is more comfortable to me than what you were asking me to adopt. I mean I don't care which one.

Councilman Everson: I think what we have right now is we had a motion for introduction, but then now there's been a substitution motion made for the adoption of this substitute resolution. That's what's currently out there. I don't think there's a second.

Councilman Shyne: Hold on one minute. It's the adoption of the changing of the language that's in there. Not the whole motion from what I can understand. Because I think Oliver wanted to change the language that's in this resolution, not to adopt this resolution, but to adopt the change in the language.

Mr. Thompson: I believe the first question is whether or not there was a motion to introduce the resolution, and that was by Mr. Everson. I think the easiest way for us to resolve that problem is for him to withdraw that particular motion.

Councilman Everson: I withdraw that motion.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Very obediently.

Mr. Thompson: Now I think the resolution is on the table for consideration for adoption, and as I understand it there was a motion for a substitute resolution by Mr. Everson. Is that correct?

Councilman Everson: Correct.

Councilman O. Jenkins: And I'm happy to second that.

Mr. Thompson: And the substitute resolution is the resolution that was read by Ms. Julie Glass.

## **SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION**

### **RESOLUTION NO. 36 OF 2013**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PUBLICATION OF A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CONSIDER THE CREATION OF THE SHREVEPORT/MALL ST. VINCENT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, STATE OF LOUISIANA AND TO CONSIDER THE LEVY AN ADDITIONAL 1.00% SALES AND USE TAX THEREIN, UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF PART II, CHAPTER 27 OF TITLE 33 OF THE LOUISIANA REVISED STATUTES OF 1950, AS AMENDED (LA. R.S. 33:9038.31, *ET SEQ.*); AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

WHEREAS, Part II, Chapter 27, Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 33:9038.31, *et seq.*) (the "EDD Act") authorizes municipalities, parishes and certain other local governmental subdivisions to create economic development districts to carry out the purposes of the Act, which economic development districts are political subdivisions of the State of Louisiana and possess such power and authority and have such duties as provided by the EDD Act and other law; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana (the "City"), acting through this City Council as its governing authority, desires to avail itself of the EDD Act to create an economic development district to be called the "Shreveport/Mall St. Vincent Economic Development District, State of Louisiana" (the "District"), in accordance with La. R.S. 33:9038.32, from which District local and State sales tax increments are expected to be determined and then used to fund the Shreveport/Mall St. Vincent Economic Development District Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 33:9038.39 further permits such economic development districts to levy sales and use taxes at a rate up to two percent (2%) above and in addition to any other sales taxes in existence or permitted to be in existence within the district for authorized purposes; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the EDD Act, particularly La. R.S. 33:9038.32, the City now desires to give notice of its intention relative to the proposed creation of the District and to hold a public hearing thereon, which notice shall be published two (2) times in the City's official journal prior to the date of the public hearing on the creation of the District; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the EDD Act, particularly La.R.S. 33:9038.39, this governing authority desires to further give notice of its intention to levy a sales and use tax in the District and to hold a public hearing thereon, which notice shall be published once a week for two (2) weeks in the official journal of the District prior to the public hearing, the first publication to appear at least fourteen (14) days before the date of the public hearing on the levy of the sales and use tax.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana, that:

Intention to Create Economic Development District. In accordance with the EDD Act, and particularly La. R.S. 33:9038.32 and La. R.S. 33:9038.39, this governing authority does hereby give notice of its intention (a) to consider the creation of an economic development district to be called the " Shreveport/Mall St. Vincent Economic Development District, State of Louisiana," and (b) to consider the creation of levy therein a one percent (1%) sales and use tax pursuant to La. R.S. 33:9038.39 for the purpose of paying the costs of economic development projects as defined in La. R.S. 33:9038.34(M) and La. R.S. 33:9038.36. The boundaries and a map of the proposed District are attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Notice of Intention. The Clerk of Council is authorized and directed to publish a notice of intention, in substantially the following form, which notice shall be published in the City's official journal (a) two (2) times prior to the public hearing on the creation of the District and (b) once a week for two (2) weeks prior to the public hearing on the levy of the proposed sales and use tax, the first publication to appear at least fourteen (14) days before the date of the public hearing on the levy of the proposed sales and use tax:

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CONSIDER THE CREATION OF AN  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
IN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT, STATE OF LOUISIANA,  
AND TO CONSIDER THE 5 LEVY OF A ONE PERCENT (1.00%)  
SALES AND USE TAX THEREIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana (the "City Council"), acting as the governing authority of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana (the "City") proposes to consider the adoption of an ordinance, pursuant to La. R.S. 33:9038.32, creating an economic development district within the City to be called the "Shreveport/Mall St. Vincent Economic Development District, State of Louisiana" (the "District").

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that upon the creation of the District, the City Council, in its capacity as the governing authority of the newly created District, further proposes to consider the adoption of an ordinance, pursuant to La. R.S. 33:9038.39, levying in the District an additional one percent (1.00%) sales and use tax, for the purpose of financing economic development projects, as defined in La. R.S. 33: 9038.34(M) and La. R.S. 33:9038.36 (the "District Tax"). The proceeds of the District Tax will be deposited in a special trust fund to be used for the furtherance of economic development projects in and adjacent to the District, pursuant to the authority of Part II, Chapter 27, Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 33:9038.31 *et seq.*).

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the City Council, acting as the governing authority of the City, will meet in open and public session in Government Plaza Chambers on Tuesday, March 12, 2013, at three o'clock (3:00) p.m., at the Government Plaza, 505 Travis St., Shreveport, Louisiana 71101, to hear any objections to the creation of the District as described above, and to hold a public hearing on the adoption of an ordinance creating the District.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the City Council, acting as the governing authority of the District, will meet in open and public session in Government Plaza Chambers on Tuesday, March 26, 2013, at three o'clock (3:00) p.m., at the Government Plaza, 505 Travis St., Shreveport, Louisiana 71101, to hear any objections to the proposed levy of the District Tax as described above, and to hold a public hearing on the adoption of an ordinance levying the District Tax.

A description of the boundaries of the proposed District, and a map of the proposed District, are attached to this notice.

[LEGAL DESCRIPTION & MAP TO BE ATTACHED IN PUBLICATION]

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Public Hearing. At the dates, times and places mentioned in the aforesaid Notice of Intention, or at such other date, time and place as may be determined by the City Council and included in the published notice, this Governing Authority will meet in open and public session, to hear any objections to the proposed creation of the District and the levy of the sales and use tax described therein, and may consider the adoption of an ordinance creating the District and levying the District Tax therein.

Authorization of Officers. The Mayor and Clerk of Council are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to do any and all things necessary and incidental to carry out the provisions of this resolution.

BE IT 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 ordinances or resolutions or parts thereof in conflict are hereby repealed.

**Motion by Councilman Everson, seconded by Councilman O. Jenkins to adopt the Substitute Resolution No. 36 of 2013.**

Councilman S. Jenkins: Now I can support that, because the introduction gives you an opportunity to make a consideration on what you're doing. And that's what I didn't want to do. I didn't want to make a consideration on what you're doing today, that's what I didn't want to do. I didn't want to be adopting something today that would be creating something.

Ms. Glass: I thought what Mr. Corbin said was that he understood Mr. Everson's motion to be a motion to adopt the substitute resolution. I think he said it seems like we're talking about introducing it. So y'all need to clear that up.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Let me be clear on - - - you help me to make sure I understand what I'm saying. Hopefully in the future we won't have these type problems. Okay? Get the stuff to us in enough time for us to understand especially something like this, get it to us in enough time to understand what we're doing. We won't have these kinds of discussions. Here's my point. The amendment basically says, what we're adopting a consideration of this matter, right? That's what it says. I would just simply say it's kinda the same way I see an introduction is that you're giving

yourself time to consider. When you introduce something you give yourself time to consider something before you adopt it right?

Ms. Glass: But you would be adopting the resolution saying that we're going to publish notice, that we're going to consider doing this. So you would be adopting that, but you're right. You'd later be considering the rest of the steps.

Councilman S. Jenkins: By separate legislation.

Ms. Glass: Right.

Councilman S. Jenkins: That's all I'm saying. You're not adopting, you're not creating anything at all. All you're doing is saying you fixin to consider what you're doing and then you're going to do the notice to let the public know that's what you're getting ready to do.

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

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I have a question. Is it Mr. Wolfe?

Mr. Wolfe: Yes.

Mr. Thompson: Are you going to prepare the actual advertisements

Mr. Wolfe: Yes, that's part of the resolution.

Mr. Thompson: And will you send those directly to the paper or will you send 'em to us. I just want to be sure.

Mr. Wolfe: I talked with Ms. Scott about that, and she asked us to coordinate that with the paper directly. The publication of the notice itself, you'll take care of the normal publication of the resolution and then the introduction of the companion ordinance which also on introduction.

Mr. Thompson: Okay I got it.

Mr. Wolfe: So yes, I will take care of that, we've already spoken to the paper about getting it in, hopefully on Friday. So just to be clear all this does now is you've adopted this resolution giving notice that you will consider the creation of the district and consider the levy of the tax. Both of those actions will require an ordinance, separate ordinances. The first of those ordinances is also going to be introduced this evening. I'll stick around for that if you'd like me to. But I think you probably heard enough about the process. That introduction doesn't commit you, it just starts the process under your charter for the adoption of an ordinance that will come up at the March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. You'll have a public hearing and at that point, you will decide whether or not to adopt that ordinance and move forward or to consider taking it under advisement. So nothing is committed, nothing is written in stone tonight. Thank you.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, first of all I want to thank you all for that affirmative vote. Also want to make sure that everyone is aware as it's already been expressed, this just simply gives us the opportunity to be able to move this process forward. We had the opportunity, as the administration to meet with the Chairman and with Councilman Everson. The chairman as the head of the council. Councilman Everson represents the area where Mall St. Vincent is located. Met with Mr. Wolfe, Mr. Connell from Rouse, and had a chance to go over the vision for Mall St. Vincent. Now this is the time that we need to be able to make sure that you and the rest of the Shreveport community has a full, more complete understanding for what's envisioned so that this process being the fully vetted, fully critiqued, fully evaluated, and ultimately be in a position to hopefully meet with the approval of this council. So again, thank you all for your willingness to move forward in this regard and know that this is essentially the beginning of the process and not the end of it at this point, and (inaudible) without doubt we will ensure end up being fully answered.

Confirmation and Appointment: None

**Consent Agenda Legislation**

To Introduce Routine Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolutions: None.

Ordinances: None.

To Adopt Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolutions:

Mr. Thompson: If you would like to at this point, you could adopt the resolution to recognize Dr. C. O. Simpkins.

*The Clerk read the following:*

**RESOLUTION NO. 37 OF 2013**

**A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE DR. C. O. SIMPKINS FOR HIS CONTRIBUTION TO SECURING CIVIL RIGHTS AND HEALTH CARE FOR AFRICAN AMERICANS AND THE UNDERSERVED COMMUNITY IN SHREVEPORT; DECLARING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28 AS DR. C. O. SIMPKINS DAY IN SHREVEPORT, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

By: Councilman Joe Shyne

WHEREAS, Dr. C. O. Simpkins is widely recognized for his Civil Rights efforts and activities; and

WHEREAS, in 1994 Dr. C. O. Simpkins as a State Representative tried to bring comprehensive health care services to the medically underserved community of the Martin Luther King area; and WHEREAS, in 1995 to see his dream become a reality, Dr. Simpkins donated 3.5 acres of land at the corner of Dr. Martin Luther King Drive and Hilry Huckaby Avenue to the Willis Knighton Health System to build a community health and education center; and

WHEREAS, Willis Knighton built a \$1.2 million facility, and since its opening, more than 100,000 patients have benefited from health and dental services, regardless of their ability to pay, and thousands more have participated in Education and Wellness Programs; and

WHEREAS, not only has the center brought health and dental care to the area, it has had a positive economic impact as well; and

WHEREAS, Willis Knighton Health System on the 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the groundbreaking of the Willis Knighton Community Health Center wishes to pay homage to Dr. and Mrs. Simpkins for their generous endowment by renaming the clinic, *The Simpkins Community Health Clinic*.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due regular and legal session convened, that the Shreveport City Council joins Willis Knighton Health System in recognizing Dr. C. O. Simpkins for his contribution to improving health care and the human condition in Shreveport.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Thursday, February 28, 2013 is recognized as Dr. C. O. Simpkins Day in Shreveport.

BE IT FURHTER RESOLVED that if any provision 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 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, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.**

Ordinances: None.

### **Regular Agenda Legislation**

#### **Resolutions on Second Reading and Final Passage or Which Will Require Only One Reading**

*The Clerk read the following:*

1. **Resolution No. 20 of 2013:** A resolution authorizing an amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Bossier City, the Parish of Caddo, the Parish of Bossier, and the Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau relative to the Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission and to otherwise provide with respect thereto

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

Councilman Corbin: If I could make a quick comment about that I think those of us on the Council are still waiting for a little more information about attendance records, more information about what's bringing this up.

Mr. Sibley: Mr. Chairman, if I'm not mistaken, y'all are asking if we can get someone here from the Bureau here for the next meeting to talk about that.

Mayor Glover: It's our assumption Mr. Chairman and members of the Council, that they would be the custodians of any of that information. So at this point.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Minutes or whatever they have from their meeting should be.

Mayor Glover: Minutes, attendance, what have you. We assume that all that would be maintained by someone that's within that umbrella. So.

Councilman Corbin: So I just want to be sure that they know what we're looking for when they show up.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 21 OF 2013**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT BY THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY FOR THE BOSSIER RELAY FOR LIFE AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

BY:

WHEREAS, the City desires to participate in programs which directly benefit the citizens of the City, particularly those programs and events that provide health awareness education and other benefits to the public and that serve to benefit the health of the entire community; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society, will sponsor the "Relay for Life" in Bossier City, Louisiana at Airline High School Stadium on April 26-27, 2013 and has requested the use of city-owned staging for the event; and

WHEREAS, the event serves to spread information on cancer awareness to all persons; and

WHEREAS, proceeds from the event are used for cancer research and to assist cancer patients, which is a benefit to the public and serves a public purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that the use of city-owned staging by the American Cancer Society on April 26-27, 2013 for the Bossier "Relay for Life" is hereby authorized subject to execution of an indemnity and hold harmless agreement by the American Cancer Society in favor of the City of Shreveport in a form acceptable to the Office of the City Attorney.

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 application, 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 O. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman S. Jenkins to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 23 of 2013**

#### **A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF STATE LEGISLATION INCREASING THE JURISDICTIONAL AMOUNT OF THE SHREVEPORT CITY COURT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO**

By: Councilman Sam Jenkins

WHEREAS, House Bill 9 has been prefiled for the 2013 Louisiana legislative session, which would increase the jurisdictional amount of the Shreveport City Court set by Code of Civil Procedure Article 4843 from \$25,000 to the amount set by Code of Civil Procedure Article 1732(1), which is presently \$50,000; and

WHEREAS, this legislation would improve the service the Shreveport City Court provides to the residents, small business owners and legal community of the City of Shreveport by providing an additional convenient location for litigation of matters not requiring a jury trial.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that it supports the adoption of HB 9 or any similar state legislation to increase the jurisdictional amount of the Shreveport City Court from \$25,000 to the amount set by Code of Civil Procedure Article 1732(1), which is presently \$50,000.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision 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 repealed.

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

#### **RESOLUTION NUMBER 24 OF 2013**

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY'S INTEREST IN CERTAIN ADJUDICATED PROPERTY 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 City of Shreveport has an adjudicated tax interest in the properties described in Attachment "A-3" for the non-payment of City property taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, the purchasing agent has inquired of all City departments regarding the properties described in Attachment "A-3" and has not received any indication that they are 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 properties described in Attachment "A-3" are hereby declared surplus.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that pursuant to Section 26-301 of the Code of Ordinances, this declaration that these properties are surplus satisfies the requirement of Section 26-301(1)(d), therefore the MAYOR, Cedric B. Glover, is authorized by said Section 26-301 to do any and all things and to sign any and all documents, including Acts of Cash Sale, in a form acceptable to the City Attorney, necessary to effectuate the purposes set forth herein.

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

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 25 OF 2013**

**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 for non-payment of ad valorem taxes; 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 City of Shreveport has an Adjudicated tax interest in the properties described in Attachment "A-2" for non-payment of City Property taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, the purchasing agent has inquired of all city departments regarding the properties described in Attachment "A-2" 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 properties described in Attachment “A-2” are hereby declared surplus.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that pursuant to Section 26-301 of the Code of Ordinances, this declaration that these properties are surplus satisfies the requirement of Section 26-301 (1) (d), therefore the MAYOR, Cedric B. Glover, is authorized by said Section 26-301 to do any and all things and to sign any and all documents, including Acts of Cash Sale, in a form acceptable to the City Attorney, necessary to effectuate the purposes set forth herein.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is 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 ordinances or resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 26 OF 2013**

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DEDICATION FOR BASIN STREET IN BIENVILLIE PATH UNIT 6 IN TWELVE OAKS AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal, and regular session convened, that the dedication for Basin Street in Section 9, (T16N-R13W), Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and as shown on the plats attached hereto and made a part hereof, be and the same is hereby accepted as dedicated to the public for public use in the City of Shreveport.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the original plat reflecting the dedication for Basin Street be recorded in the official records of the Clerk of Court for Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

**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 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 RESOLVED** that all ordinances or resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 27 OF 2013**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION VALUED IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$28,000.00) FROM BASS LIFE ASSOCIATES, INC. AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport desires to support and provide services to the citizens of Shreveport by providing facilities for citizens and visitors to use for recreation and to provide leisure opportunities which serve the public and render a public service; and

WHEREAS, Bass Life Associates, Inc. desires to support these activities of the citizens and visitors to the City of Shreveport's Cross Lake boat launch; and

WHEREAS, Bass Life Associates, Inc. desires to construct a thirty foot by thirty foot (30 x 30) pavilion at the City of Shreveport's Cross Lake boat launch valued at Twenty Eight Thousand Dollars \$28,000 to be utilized by those who use Cross Lake for recreation and leisure activities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has established an Enrichment Fund as a trust fund for donations of funds and/or goods by any persons or groups. The Enrichment Fund ordinance is contained in Section 26-186 et seq., of the Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the ordinance provides that donations over \$10,000.00 shall be accepted only with the approval of the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that Cedric B. Glover, Mayor, is hereby authorized to accept a donation of a pavilion valued in the amount of Twenty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$28,000.00) from Bass Life Associates, Inc.

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 28 OF 2013**

**A RESOLUTION TO REQUEST A CONCERTED EFFORT BY ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTING COUNTIES/PARISHES AND CITIES TO URGE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDING FUNDING FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION OF AGING WATER, SEWER, STREETS AND DRAINAGE INFRASTRUCTURE LOCATED IN COUNTIES/PARISHES AND CITIES, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO**

BY: COUNCIL WOMAN ROSE MCCULLOCH

WHEREAS, Council Woman Rose McCulloch will attend the National Association of Counties 2013 Legislative Conference to be held in Washington, DC, from March 2<sup>nd</sup> through March 6<sup>th</sup>; and

WHEREAS, ageing infrastructure is a challenging public safety and public health issue for cities and counties across this nation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has been contacted by EPA Region 6 staff and the Department of Justice and has been informed that litigation is contemplated against the City seeking penalties and an order requiring the City to take actions to prevent Clean Water Act violations, including Sanitary Sewer overflows; and,

WHEREAS, this legal action is contemplated even though the City of Shreveport, with a population of 200,000, has spent some \$122,000,000 in the last 10 years for capital projects to improve its aging sewer infrastructure, and currently has \$70,000,000 committed to ongoing sewer infrastructure improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the City will be required to spend an additional \$250,000,000 for sewer infrastructure improvements in the next 8 to 10 years to prevent costly litigation; and  
WHEREAS, in order for the city to generate \$250,000,000, sewer rates will have to be increased to amounts that many citizens of Shreveport cannot afford; and  
WHEREAS, water and sewer services are needed by each citizen to insure the health of the citizen and the public health of the community; and  
WHEREAS, the City and/or some of its residents need federal assistance to insure that the requirements of the Clean Water Act are met and that all citizens have water and sewer services.  
Now therefore be it resolved .... That the National Association of Counties and all ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTING COUNTIES/PARISHES AND CITIES are requested to URGE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDING FUNDING FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION OF aging WATER, SEWER, STREETS AND DRAINAGE INFRASTRUCTURE LOCATED IN COUNTIES/PARISHES AND CITIES throughout this country

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman McCulloch, seconded by Councilman S. Jenkins to adopt.**

Councilwoman McCulloch: I did have something I wanted to request from the Clerk's office, and that is I spoke with Stephanie Lynch who is the Ambassador for NABCO, that's under the umbrella of NACO, that this resolution be forwarded to Stephanie Lynch if possible by email. Is it possible to forward it to her by email? Because what she's going to do is she's going to present it to NABCO on tomorrow. She's actually on her way there now.

Mr. Thompson: Okay, we can do that, but it will not, probably not have the signatures unless we can get the signatures tomorrow morning.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Okay, well as soon as we get signatures, could we forward it to Commissioner Lynch in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Thompson: I will have our office submit it to the Mayor's office tomorrow morning.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, I don't know - - - I know sometimes you guys print stuff off is it too late tonight?

Mr. Thompson: I doubt if - - -we'll call and see if anybody is in the office, but I doubt it.

Mayor Glover: Well look behind you.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Lynette!

Mr. Thompson: Okay.

Councilman Shyne: That means you can make some overtime Lynette.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I don't think she's going home anytime soon.

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

**Introduction of Resolutions (Not to be adopted prior to March 12, 2013)**

*The Clerk read the following:*

1. **Resolution No. 29 of 2013:** A resolution authorizing the use of certain equipment by the American Cancer Society for the Shreveport Relay for Life and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

2. **Resolution No. 30 of 2013**: A resolution authorizing the use of certain equipment by Shreveport Green for the Great American Clean Up, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
3. **Resolution No. 31 of 2013**: A resolution authorizing the Shreveport Police Department to accept a donation of two integrated tower communications systems, communication towers with installed camera systems valued at \$78,665 each from the Caddo-Bossier Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, total value of Equipment is \$157,330.
4. **Resolution No. 32 of 2013**: A resolution authorizing the Shreveport Police Department to accept a donation of \$11,070.45 from the Shreveport Police/Special Response Team Citizen Support Group for the purchase of six (6) fully outfitted M4 weapons to be issued to members of the Department's Special Response Team.
5. **Resolution No. 33 of 2013**: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a donation agreement between the City of Shreveport and Knicely Properties, Inc., hereinafter called "Owner" and acting herein through Jeremy Knicely, Manager, for the private water and sewer improvements for Norris Ferry Crossing Subdivision Unit 7, and related facilities, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Corbin)
6. **Resolution No. 34 of 2013**: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a donation agreement between the city of Shreveport, and Cottage Ridge, L.L.C., hereinafter called "owner" and acting herein through Gus Mijalis, Manager, for the Cottage Ridge Subdivision, Unit 1 Sewer Lift Station, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Councilman Webb: The lift station, who can explain that to me? Engineering?

Mr. Sibley: Here comes Ms. Featherston

Councilman Webb: This is a private community, gated community. Homeowners Association and the streets in there belong to them.

Ms. Featherston: The water and sewer has been donated to us. The Lift Station, there was an issue with the lift station and we would not allow them to donate that to us until the problems with that station were repaired.

Councilman Webb: And they have been corrected?

Ms. Featherston: Yes sir. We've inspected it, we had them make several changes. Practically a whole brand new lift station.

Councilman Webb: Okay, alright.

7. **Resolution No. 35 of 2013**: A resolution adopting the System Survey and Compliance Questionnaire required by the Legislative Auditors Office of the State of Louisiana and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.
8. **Resolution No. 38 of 2013**: A resolution authorizing the employment of special legal counsel to represent the City of Shreveport in connection with the creation of the "Shreveport/Mall St. Vincent Economic Development District, State of Louisiana;" and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman S. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman**

**Everson to introduce Resolution No(s). 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, and 38, of 2013 to lay over until the next regular meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: None**

**Introduction of Ordinances (Not to be adopted prior to March 12, 2013)**

*The Clerk read the following:*

1. **Ordinance No. 14 of 2013:** An ordinance amending the 2013 Police Grants Special Revenue Fund Budget, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
2. **Ordinance No. 15 of 2013:** An ordinance amending and reenacting certain sections of Chapter 94 of the Code of Ordinances relative to Utilities and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
3. **Ordinance No. 16 of 2013:** An ordinance creating the “Shreveport/Mall St. Vincent Economic Development District, State of Louisiana;” defining the boundaries thereof from which area local sales tax increments will be determined and used to finance economic development projects in accordance with and as authorized by Part II, Chapter 27 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended; and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
4. **Ordinance No. 17 of 2013: ZONING - C-13-13:** An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, The City Of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the NE corner of Monkhouse Drive and Hollywood Avenue, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA., **FROM B-3, COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT TO B-3-E, COMMUNITY BUSINESS/EXTENDED USE DISTRICT LIMITED TO “THE UNDERGROUND STORAGE OF PETROLEUM” ONLY** and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (F/Shyne)
5. **Ordinance No. 18 of 2013: ZONING - C-14-13:** An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, The City Of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the SE corner of Jewella Avenue and Hardy Street, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA., **FROM B-1, BUFFER BUSINESS DISTRICT TO B-2, NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT** and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (G/S. Jenkins)
6. **Ordinance No. 19 of 2013: ZONING - C-15-13:** An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, The City Of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the NW corner of Greenwood Road and Emory Street, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA., **FROM I-1, LIGHT INDUSTRY DISTRICT TO B-3, COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT** and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (G/S. Jenkins)

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman O. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Everson to introduce Ordinance No(s). 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 of 2013 to lay over until the next regular meeting.**

Councilman S. Jenkins: Mr. Chairman, on No. 15, I believe that’s the legislation increasing water and sewer rates. And as the Councilman, I mean I know we got a problem there that needs to be addressed. I’m still not comfortable with the idea of raising the rates. And the

reason I'm saying something about it now, I believe we have to get things introduced, I'm not one of those that likes to try to stop anybody from introducing whatever it is they're trying to do, but whatever it is they're trying to do, but (inaudible) vote today to introduce this to be inside that when it comes up, some kind an analogy, that this would be something that I would support. I'm still concerned about increasing the rates, still concerned as to whether or not, there are going to be some provisions here, if these rates are increase, to deal with low income or fixed income, low volume users, I still have some concerns as to whether or not this plan is the only option that's available to us . I know we have been being briefed by the administration on the issue, that is appreciated. I'm still concerned that no council member is actually involved with the negotiations with the Department of Justice yet, we're being asked to carry the burden of voting on an increase. I still have some concerns as to whether or not, some funds are going to be diverted from our street funds, to come in and begin to try to deal with the issue of water and sewer. I guess what I'm saying is there is still a lot of unanswered questions in my mind when it comes to supporting something like this. And I just want to be on the record today, someone is looking at this or thinking about it, at introducing it, or allowing it to be introduced from my perspective, certainly should not be a sign that you know I intend to support it. I think there needs to be some more information shared with the council about this. I have not seen not one piece of paper from the Department of Justice with my own eyeballs about this. So I know a number of questions were tendered to the administration by way of a letter. I think emanated from Councilman Shyne, which I seized this opportunity to review, I think it was also pertinent questions that need to be answered as it relates to this particular legislation. I guess I'm taking 10 minutes to say, I'm going to introduce it, but please don't take that as an indication from Councilman Sam Jenkins that this is something that he's going to support.

Councilman Webb: We can introduce them individually, it's not that many of 'em, and that way you can vote no on that one.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Well, like I say, I don't have a problem. I never want to be a stumbling block to someone putting the matter before the council to consider and that's why we have introduction of legislation. But I do want to say all of the above that I just said is something that still concerns me about what we're doing. And that's not to say that an effort has not been made to try to get this matter resolved. I know efforts are being made to get it resolved, but when you begin to say that you want to say that you want to increase these fees on our citizens, I want them to know, and I'm speaking for me right now, I take that very seriously, and I'm very concerned about it, and I hope going forward more information will come out of it. I wish I had a better answer myself today. Obviously I don't. I do know it needs to be addressed. I still got concerns about the money that came from the bond issue, the 2011 bond issue, and how it plays into what we're going to do. I met with a group last night that kinda bombarded me with some of the same questions that I'm sharing with you today. And just remember, the Council Members have to go out and try to sell this thing too. So it's not an isolated situation. People call us up, they email us, and they ask us about what's going on, and I really don't like having to say that I have not really seen anything from the Justice Department, I really have not. If I'm wrong, somebody correct me now. But people start talking about time tables and what the Justice Department said, and what our priorities are, or where you coming from with this figure of \$250,000,000 to get it done. All I can say is this is what's being told to me. What I'm being briefed on, not that I want to discount any advice certainly coming from our administration or from our city attorney or our special counsel that's on it. I don't want to be misinterpreted on that, but I'm just simply saying I'm passing on second hand information, pretty much what I do. It's an uncomfortable position to be in when you're talking about doubling and tripling people's water rates and sewer rates. So, at any rate, that's enough of that, but I just wanted to be in the minutes

Mr. Chairman on where I'm at with this entire process at this particular stage.

Councilman Corbin: Thank you Councilman Jenkins, and I think that we are certainly all are looking forward to more discussion and more information, and possibly some public hearings before we make our final vote on this.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Well I think you touched on a very important point that was very clear. You know in our meetings when we discuss this at the Infrastructure meeting, we feel strongly or the sentiment was, we need to introduce the legislation so we can start doing public meetings, public comments. Start having some data points that we can share formally with the public. Now all of us you know we had our private sessions in there that we weren't really in a position to discuss. You know how that whole process is going. But at some point, we need to have facts and figures that we can show to the public, and I think this is a first way to - - - the easiest way to get that process formally started. So I like you, I certainly have my concerns about this legislation, but I think this is the way we've got to start, and the second thing just administratively, that actual link (inaudible), could we possibly have a red-line version of what is being changed. And I'm not sure I can sit back with 20 pages next to each other and go through it, but somebody had a red-line version of that and that would be very helpful to see what we're actually proposing to change in that.

Councilman S. Jenkins: I think it was 35 pages wasn't it?

Councilman Everson: If you looked at it on the continuous pages, scroll down (inaudible) just get to the bottom. And I agree, I think you both made great points that this obviously going to be something that is of substantial impact and is something to address what is a substantial problem. And it deserves some substantial conversation. And this is what I see as a way to begin this conversation. I think that you know we have on the Infrastructure Committee, and with the administration, in some of our executive sessions, of course we've looked at this issue a lot, but I don't know that the general public has had the exposure to this information that they need to have in order to engage in this conversation which is a good reason for us to move forward with the introduction of this. Another thing that I do want to just bring to the attention of the Council. I know that we receive a lot of documents. I know that if you're on the Audit and Finance Committee today we received a document that thick, but in the volume of documents that we have received, I don't want anybody to overlook a document that we received yesterday afternoon. Because it's very pertinent to this conversation and it's our State of The Infrastructure Report, that's comes out twice a year. That report was just delivered to us yesterday. I didn't have an opportunity to read it last night, it does have some very interesting figures in it, so very interesting suggestions and it also is referenced in some of our other documentation, be it from the 2011 General Obligation Bond, those discussions from the master plan, there's a number of things that are addressed in there that may begin to answer some of your questions, some of the initial questions that we may have about this process. So it's a valuable document, I do recommend that everybody take a look at it, and take the time to read it over, but you're both certainly right and I just want to echo the statements of both of you that spoke before me to say that this is a big impact, and it deserves a big conversation, so I'm ready to get that started, and hope that we'll all be able to work together to involve the public in that discussion as well.

Councilman O. Jenkins: And that State of the Infrastructure is in hard copy Mr. Shyne, so you don't have to worry about finding it on your I-pad.

Councilman Shyne: Thank you, but I have to go and find my I-phone. But Mr. Chairman, I would like to state, I'm kinda little reluctant about when we begin to raise rates and sales tax on poor people. Looking at this, this is Rev. Mays, this is almost your water bill will be going up from \$45 to \$90 or right at \$100, and I know you and I are good friends, but you would probably would lose friendship with me. So, I'm saying that to say this, that I'll have to take another look at

this, although I do know that something is going to have to be done for water and sewer and like I said, before we have some street problems, they are bad, but the pressing problem is our water and sewerage. Cause I hate to knock my car out of line and especially my wife's car out of line. Now I don't mind Pastor Mays knocking mine out of line, but I don't want to knock my wife's out of line, of course you understand how that is. And Mr. Mayor before I can actually vote yes, I'd like to have an answer to the letter that I sent you, and the reason why I did that because I was in a meeting, kinda a diverse meeting and I'm very reluctant about answering questions pertaining to the administration, and that's why I'd like to get those answers to those questions in writing, so when I do have public meetings, I can say now, this came directly from the administration. This is not my answer. Now there was a time I might would answer a few questions for the administration, but I'm very reluctant about doing that now. So, I want to make sure that when I stand up in front of them Joyce, I can say that this came directly from the Mayor. This is not something that I came up with. And Ron, sometimes I might want to put my, (I don't know whether I need to say this low or loud) I might need to put my Republican hat on when it comes to voting to increase fees and taxes, Oliver you understand what I'm saying.

Councilman O. Jenkins: We always have a hat available (inaudible).

Councilman Corbin: What color do you want?

Councilman Shyne: Cause Roy, I don't know whether they would accept me in the Republican party or not.

Councilman O. Jenkins: We take all kinds, we're very accepting party.

Councilman Shyne: Oh, okay then. Okay. But you know I'm a little reluctant when we start talking about raising fees and taxes and especially on a lot of the people that I represent. A lot of the people that I represent are on fixed income, and they send me down here to make sure that I look out for their best financial interest. I'm not a representative for Broadmoor or the Ellerbe Road. Hollywood and Mooretown and part of the people on Pines Rd. So, Mr. Mayor I would appreciate it and I'm not rushing you, and if you get a little tired of answering those questions, I know Dale would be more than happy to help you. But I would appreciate it, and I asked Art to send a copy. Did all of my Council Members get a copy of it?

Councilman O. Jenkins: Well-written Joe.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Well transposed.

Councilman Corbin: I got an electronic copy.

Councilman O. Jenkins: You must've sent it because I got it electronically.

Councilman Webb: Where are at on the agenda?

Councilman Corbin: On Introduction of Ordinances. Is there any more discussion on introduction?

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, I'll just offer a general response to start with Mr. Shyne. Councilmen we are in the process of drafting a response to your letter. We certainly appreciate the questions. We think that that's the kind of circumstances that will allow us to be able to address the issues and problems and concerns that you all have as well as the public. This is again an above the table, transparent process that we want to have everyone in a position to be able to have access to what it is that they need in order to be able to see how we develop and going forward. What I will also say Mr. Shyne, I appreciate it, but we've always been reluctant to have you speak on behalf of the administration, so I guess (inaudible)

Councilman Shyne: That's why I don't. I mean that's why I don't. Before he got down here, I could speak on behalf of the administration. As soon as he got down here with no experience as an administration, then wow!

Mayor Glover: So we appreciate that. And certainly the sentiments that's offered by Councilmen Jenkins, Jenkins and Everson, we are in line with as well. There is no question that

this is not an easy process. There is never an easy way in which any city wants to be able to handle and take on these challenges. I do know despite what may be the thoughts and sentiments of some folks in terms of this situation, part of what was envisioned, going all the way back to when the previous council, the citizens committee and this administration having to address this problem that we (inaudible) for the first time at a significant time level, sewer work and water work be included within a General Obligation Bond. And there's a very specific reason as to why that had never been done before, and that's because these are enterprise funds, being water and sewer. They have the ability to generate revenue in order to be able to address their operating and their capital needs. That's entirely distinguished from the street system, from your parks and recreation systems and what have you which have usually been the mechanisms by which those types of capital improvements have been made. But we realize that this was a large, significant, looming problem that we wanted to make sure that we came up with a combined ratio that would give us some from GOB, some from rates, and whatever else that we could come up with. So that's where we are. And I think part of what we're (inaudible) from you all and the public in general is that what's being considered here in terms of increases and what have you would be considerably more had it not been for the fact that our vote on April of '11 approved that \$70,000,000. That takes about 25% or so of this actual burden that the federal government is ultimately going to place on us off the table in terms of what has to be come up with from other revenue sources. Now, we still have about \$300+ (million) in General Obligation Bonding capacity. But I don't think the will of our citizens or of this council is there for us to go back in that regard. There's no manner coming from Washington, D.C. that's going to give us a nine-figure sum of money to go and address this item. It's an expectation as Steven Jackson, a staffer who is with the LMA Conference last week, that heard from Senator Vitter, who essentially basically responded to the question that came from various members of the Louisiana Municipal Association about these same kinds of clean water issues that they're facing in their communities, all across this state and across the country (inaudible) as local government always has to do. We've got to come back and figure out how to come up with the means and mechanisms to address and solve our own problems. And the idea that we're going to get significant help either from Baton Rouge or Washington, beyond the kinds of grants and other things that we're constantly out there looking for. Some of which we've gotten with a low interest rate, loans from DEQ, and some of our other Brownfields scenarios with the EPA and what have you, but none of that's going to ultimately end up being sufficient enough to give us what's needed to go out and undertake a course of work that's ultimately going to be required of us to do. And again, we welcome the questions, the concerns, because these are obviously not small considerations, and we are very sensitive to the fact that they will have impact on everyone all across this city. And this represents a chance to try and get it as right as we can.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, excuse me. Just one thing. I just want to make sure that all of this is not putting poor people in this city in an undue financial situation. If you've been getting the latest financial information about the citizens in this city, you will see that a great number of citizens in this community is almost drowning in financial obligations. So this is what I want to make sure that this is not an undue burden on the citizens in this city. The verbiage is good, but we want to get at the bottom line is we don't want to overburden and overtax the people in this city. Mr. Chairman, thank you.

Councilman Corbin: Now Mr. Shyne while you and Councilman Sam Jenkins cast your vote for introduction, let me ask the Mayor a question. Do we know when we may have our next update from the team working with DHA?

Mr. Sibley: They called this week, Thursday.

Councilman Shyne: And I you know what, Administration, I wish that the Chairman could be involved, and let me tell you this. I know we don't want a lot of this to get out, but I've found the Chairman to be a person who can keep a secret. You know who isn't going to go out, cause I asked for some information and a little early, and he say well you know we don't want that cause it might get out to the taxpayers. That's who we work for. So I'm asking this administration, maybe to put Mike on there, because he might be able to hold things better than I can. Cause you know me, I'm gone go out and tell it. Mike might not go out and tell it. But we do need somebody like Sam mentioned before, we do need somebody from the Council to be involved in all of this negotiation. Generally and I'm not comparing this administration with other administrations cause I've been down here long enough to know about other administrations. Some of you might not. Pastor Mays, I've been down here almost 30 years, so you know I've seen some administrations go and come. And so that like Sam said, so we can make sure that we're hearing it from the horse's mouth so to speak. You might not want me on there because you know I tell everything. Mike can keep a secret, so if the other council members don't mind it, I would hope that the administration would at least consider putting the Chairman on there.

Councilman S. Jenkins: I echo that sentiment also. I do think there needs to be some Council participation, and I think the most likely choice should be the Chairman of the Council to participate in some of these negotiations, and at least to the point of observing what's going on. And I want to say again, it's not a matter of the information that's coming from the Administration or from our City Attorney, or Special Counsel or anything like that. I hope people do understand, this is something that's really kinda coming from the federal government. This is not something that the Mayor or the Mayor's office is setting up to try and impose on someone just to be doing it. We have an issue that has been brought to us or some mandates that have been brought to us from the federal government, and we're having to deal with it. But the things that I have pointed out earlier in my conversation, and I won't go back through 'em again, still weighs very heavily with me in the decision making process. I would suggest that some consideration be given to at least the Chairman of the Council be involved in some of these first hand, so to speak, negotiations in observing what's going on and coming back and letting members of the Council know exactly what's going on also. I can see the wisdom of not having the whole Council sitting there listening and participating in something like that, but I would think at least the Chairman of the Council should be involved in this process. So I just want to echo that sentiment.

Councilman Shyne: Cause he can keep a secret, I can't.

Councilman S. Jenkins: You know because he told you.

Councilman Shyne: Yeah right. And Roy, you know when you were down here, you knew everything that was going on.

Councilman Corbin: Obviously Mr. Shyne's never been around me at Christmas time.

Councilman S. Jenkins: But I hope some consideration can be given to that Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, we appreciate that suggestion as it has been made before. We have given it some thought on this decision, comes down to me. We're comfortable with where it is right now quite frankly Mr. Chairman. Mr. Shyne may be right, you may be able to keep a secret. But since Mr. Shyne is Vice-Chairman, you may not be available one day and he may show up.

Councilman Shyne: Wow.

Mayor Glover: Because he's already told us, he can't keep a secret.

Councilman Shyne: Whatever goes on down here, I want 'em to know.

Mayor Glover: But Mr. Chairman in all seriousness, the reason as to why many of the meetings that have been held to this point with the Council in terms of briefing on this matter have been held in Executive Session because this is a matter that is involving the court. To extend upon

what it is that Mr. Jenkins just said and that is, this is a situation that we're in because the city of Shreveport for decades have been in violation of the Clean Water Act. That's legislation that was enacted under the Nixon administration more than 40 years ago. And this is not something that just showed up. This is something that has been knocking at our door for a very long time. It is a can that we have kicked block to block to block to block. And we tried to negotiate and work our way out of it as much as we can, and frankly, we're getting to that point now because we probably have not been as large of an offender as some of our sister cities here in the state and around the country. Because it's already arrived in Baton Rouge, it's arrived in New Orleans, it's arrived in Monroe. And so we're here today because of the fact that we did not of our own volition ultimately come up with sufficient remedies to be able to ultimately address and resolve the problem. And because of that the federal government is exercising the power that they have given themselves. Based on actions of Congress and supposedly signed off by the President, and it has been sustained from Republican and Democratic administration for 40 years, are now telling us this is the situation that we're going to require that you all ultimately end up complying with. And if we want examples of what happens when you don't, we've got others, lots of those that do. But we've shared the information that we have, because these are at this point legal proceedings. We want to be able to share and be as transparent as possible, but we also have to be sure that we do so from the perspective that ultimately ends being in the interest of our citizens as well. We've got some folks within this community who have a different value on the situation than we do. They may think that the City of Shreveport instead of having a \$250,000,000 settlement for this thing or \$200,000,000 settlement, they may think we need to have a billion dollar settlement. Because we haven't done some other things they want us to do. So we need to make sure that we don't end up allowing this thing to end up being where we cannot affectively end up minimizing the impact and giving ourselves as long of a window to ultimately get it resolved and to do so for a dollar amount that is acceptable as possible in terms of addressing the problem, but not unnecessarily punitive against the city as a whole.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, I would again ask you to re-think your position. I know you're the smartest somebody down here. I would again ask you to re-think your position and consider having the Chairman of the council who I realize might not be as, well I was about to say as smart as some of the people in the administration, but Mike I won't say that, but I would ask you again Mr. Mayor if you would re-think your position, and at least include the Chairman of the Council, and if I'm so fortunate to get to be the Chairman of the Council, if you can't make it sometime, I'll ask Councilman Jenkins, because I think he might be able to keep a secret. But I would ask you again Mr. Mayor to re-think your position and at least include the Chairman of the Council in on the negotiation.

Mayor Glover: And again, duly noted.

Councilman Corbin: And Mr. Shyne, I do need your vote for introduction.

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

**Ordinances on Second Reading and Final Passage (*Numbers are assigned Ordinance Numbers*)**

*The Clerk read the following:*

1. **Ordinance No. 11 of 2013:** An ordinance closing and abandoning the dedicated River Parkway Boulevard running west from Clyde E. Fant Parkway located Shreveport, Sections 4 and 5 (T17N-R13W), Caddo Parish Louisiana. (C/O. Jenkins)

Having passed first reading on February 12, 2013 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Everson, seconded by Councilman S. Jenkins to postpone until April 9, 2013. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.

2. **Ordinance No. 12 of 2013**: An ordinance declaring the City's intention to acquire full ownership of certain adjudicated properties for the Riverfront Park Extension Project and otherwise providing with respect thereto

Having passed first reading on February 12, 2013 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Everson, seconded by Councilman McCulloch to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.

3. **Ordinance No. 13 of 2013**: An ordinance to amend and reenact Section 3.01 of Ordinance No. 96 of 1980 relative to exemptions and exclusions from Sales and Use Taxes and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on February 12, 2013 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Everson, seconded by Councilman S. Jenkins to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman No. 180 at the last meeting was remanded to the MPC, so it needs to be removed from the agenda.

4. **Ordinance No. 180 of 2013**: ZONING - C-67-12: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, The City Of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the north side of Pierremont, 284 feet west of Fairfield Avenue, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA., FROM R-1D, URBAN ONE FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO B-1, BUFFER BUSINESS DISTRICT, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (C/O. Jenkins) (*Postponed February 12, 2013*)

Having passed first reading on December 27, 2012 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 S. Jenkins to remove Ordinance No. 180 of 2012 from the agenda. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.

Mr. Thompson: No. 181 was on the agenda at the last meeting and it was added to the agenda for this meeting.

5. **Ordinance No 181 of 2013**: ZONING - C-71-12: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, The City Of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property

located on the east side of Pines Road, 387' on the dedication of Lawton Road, 1020' north of Jefferson Paige Road, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, FROM B-1, BUFFER BUSINESS DISTRICT TO R-1A, SUBURBAN ONE-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/McCulloch(*Postponed January 22, 2013*))

**Having passed first reading on January 8, 2013 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman McCulloch, seconded by Councilman S. Jenkins to adopt.**

Councilman Shyne: Question Mr. Chairman. And this is not really in my district, and I believe Councilwoman McCulloch is asking for a no vote. And I hope that you would consider - - - it's nothing against manufactured homes, but you wouldn't want one in your neighborhood. I would not want one in my neighborhood. And you know I wouldn't want a liquor store in my neighborhood.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Can I add something also? And I just want to - - - I believe the Council has been presented with some pretty good research and information that will show us what's being proposed by the manufactured homes. It's not only incompatible with the character of the community where they're trying to go, but it would also diminish the value of the existing homes in that area. I think that's very important to get in the record. It's not just an arbitrary act. I think we've been given some pretty good information on that including how rapidly the manufactured home can depreciate. When it is depreciating like that, you can imagine what it may be doing to neighboring properties and other properties around in.

Councilwoman McCulloch: And I'm asking Council for a no vote.

Councilman Webb: Now this is a zoning change is it not?

Councilwoman McCulloch: That's what they're trying to do, change the law. But I'd just like to say I expressed to this council yesterday how I felt about this issue. I actually had the opportunity to take a tour with Belle Cherri, and after taking that tour, I actually had the opportunity to go in the actual communities and interview the constituents in the community. It seems as if over a period of years, these constituents have been deceived. Based on what I've seen in the manufactured home parks, it's an eyesore. And of course I wouldn't want to be surrounded by it in my neighborhood as well. I do agree that it depreciates the value of a home. Again as I spoke on yesterday. I was reared that you know your place of residence is a lifetime thing, and so for that reason I'm asking you again today to support me on overturning the decision of the MPC.

Councilman Corbin: If we would as we sit here with the fire alarms blinking, just do a hand vote.

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

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman we're taking notes. As I understand it, the recording equipment is down. I hope that the television is still recording so that we will have - - -

Councilman Corbin: We have no idea if Comcast is even on the air.

Mayor Glover: Are you still recording in the back Charles? It's running.

Councilwoman McCulloch: If you would allow me to Chairman Corbin, I'd like to thank Ms. Lawrence and Gwen and the rest of them for coming out and the Honorable Roy Cary for coming out as community activists, thank you so much and maybe the next time - - -

Councilman Shyne: Isn't that the Rev. Roy Cary?

Councilwoman McCulloch: Yeah.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, we just got a report from Dwayne Huddleston, Deputy Chief, that we may be experiencing a downtown power outage. Just checked outside, all the lights downtown are out except for us.

Mr. Sibley: The generator kicked in.

*The adopted ordinances and amendments follow:*

**ORDINANCE NO. 12 OF 2013**

**AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE CITY’S INTENTION TO ACQUIRE FULL OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES FOR THE RIVERFRONT PARK EXTENSION PROJECT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Shreveport, has a tax interest in the herein below described properties which have been adjudicated for the non-payment of City property taxes, said properties being more fully described below along with the names of the last known owners of record of the properties; and

**WHEREAS**, under La. R. S. 47:2236 et. seq. when property has been adjudicated to a political subdivision , the political subdivision may declare by ordinance that is intends to acquire a full ownership interest in the property; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that it does hereby declare its intention to acquire the following properties in full ownership:

<b>Geographical #</b>	<b>Physical Address</b>	<b>Legal Description</b>	<b>Assessed Owner</b>
181437-161-002300	24342 None	Lots 13, 14, 15 & 16, the NE 10 ft. of abandoned alley adj. said lots & the SW 10 ft. of abandoned alley adj. lots 6, 7 & 8, less railway, Blk. 55, Shreveport	Muy Alto Corporation
181437-161-002400	109 Spring Street	Lots 4, 5 & 1/2 of abandoned alley adj. same, Blk. 55, Shreveport	Muy Alto Corporation

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that in accordance with La. R. S. 47:2236 (B) this ordinance shall be filed with the recorder of mortgages, who shall index the names of the tax debtor and the City of Shreveport as mortgagees.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that in accordance with La. R. S. 47:2236 (C) AND (D), notice shall be given to all persons whose interests the city intends to terminate, and notice shall be published in the official journal. Both notices shall state that the tax sale parties (defined by La. R. S. 47:2122) shall have sixty days after the date of the notice, if five years have elapsed from the filing of the tax sale certificate, or six months after the date of notice, if five years have not elapsed from the filing of the tax sale certificate, to redeem the property or otherwise challenge the acquisition in a court of competent jurisdiction.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that in accordance with La. R. S. 47:2236 (E), if the properties are not redeemed within said time limits, this ordinance shall become operative and the City of Shreveport shall acquire full ownership of the properties, subject only to such rights as determined by a final judgment rendered in an action filed within the time limits set forth above.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that in accordance with La. R. S. 47:2236 (E), the City shall file a notice in the conveyance records indicating that it has acquired full ownership of the properties in compliance with the statute.

**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.

**ORDINANCE NO. 13 OF 2013**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT SECTION 3.01 OF ORDINANCE NO. 96 OF 1980 RELATIVE TO EXEMPTIONS AND EXCLUSIONS FROM SALES AND USE TAXES AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

By: Councilman Everson

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal and regular session convened that Section 3.01 of Ordinance No. 96 of 1980 is hereby amended and reenacted by adding subsection (16) to read as follows:

3.01. Exemptions and Exclusions.

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(16) (a) The sales and use tax shall not apply to the amount paid by qualifying radiation therapy treatment centers for the purchase, lease, or repair of capital equipment and the purchase, lease, or repair of software used to operate capital equipment.

(b) For purposes of this Section, the words used herein shall have the meanings set forth in La. R.S. 47:305.64(A)(2).

(c) An exemption certificate shall be obtained from the secretary of the Department of Revenue in order for a radiation therapy center to qualify for the exemption provided for in this Section.

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.

**Tabled Legislation.**

1. **Ordinance No. 89 of 2011:** An ordinance amending and reenacting Chapter 74 of the Code of Ordinances relative to Solid Waste Collections, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (G/S. Jenkins) (*Tabled September 13, 2011*)
2. **Ordinance No. 25 of 2012:** An ordinance amending the 2012 Capital Improvements Budget, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (*Texas Street Turn Lanes*) (B/Everson) (*Tabled March 27, 2012*)
3. **Resolution No. 205 of 2012:** A resolution approving the application of citizens regarding the organization of the Shreveport-Caddo Economic Development Authority; Designating the Economic Development area therefore; Approving the Economic Development Plan therefore; Making certain findings in connection therewith; and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (*Tabled December 11, 2012*)

4. **Ordinance No. 170 of 2012:** An ordinance amending and reenacting portions of Chapter 90 of the Code of Ordinances relative to Residential Parking Permit Zones, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (*Tabled December 11, 2012*)

## **Appeals**

### **Property Standards Appeals**

PSD0900275 140 Pennsylvania Avenue, Shreveport, LA (C/Jenkins) Mr. & Mrs. Robert A. Powell, 819 ½ Boulevard Street, Shreveport, LA 71104 (B/Everson) (*Postponed December 10, 2012 until March 11, 2013*)

PSD1000086 2837 Logan Street, Shreveport, LA (G/S. Jenkins) Ms. Carolyn Ivory Wilson, 3646 Del Rio Street, Shreveport, LA 71109 (G/Jenkins) (*Postponed January 18, 2013 until June 24, 2013*)

PSD1000141 728 Austin Pl, Shreveport, LA (B/Everson) Ms. Deborah Bryant, 9640 Tammy, Shreveport, LA 71106 (Caddo Parish) (*Tabled April 11, 2011*)

PSD1100017 3634 Sumner Street, Shreveport, LA (G/S. Jenkins) Mr. Roberto Strickland, 3740 Jackson Street, Shreveport, LA 71109 (G/S. Jenkins) (*Postponed January 7, 2013 until March 11, 2013*)

PSD1200100 3545 Michigan Street, Shreveport, LA (G/S. Jenkins) Mr. Carl Colvin, 6618 Burke Street, Shreveport, LA 71108 (E/Webb) (*Postponed January 18, 2013 until February 25, 2013*)

PSD1200016 6938 Nevada Avenue, Shreveport, LA (G/S. Jenkins) Ms. Erika Thompson, 7517 Grass Valley Trail, Fort Worth, TX 76123 (*Postponed January 7, 2013 until March 11, 2013*)

PSD1200196 3106 Murphy Street, Shreveport, LA (B/Everson) Mr. & Mrs. T. J. Johnson, 1168 Pelican Street, Shreveport, LA (D/Corbin) (*Postponed January 7, 2013 until February 25, 2013*)

PSD1100277 647 W. 69<sup>th</sup> Street, Shreveport, LA (F/Shyne) Mr. Lloyd Guevara, 2846 Long Lake Drive, Shreveport, LA 71106 (D/Corbin) *New*

PSD1200229 262 Vine Street, Shreveport, LA (B/Everson) Ms. Barbara White, 262 Vine Street, Shreveport, LA 71101 (B/Everson) *New*

### **Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance Appeals**

Ms. Carolyn Banks, C/O *Uncle Bucks BBQ*, 2920 Jewella, Shreveport, LA, Denial of application for Renewal of Alcoholic Beverage Permit at 2920 Jewella Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71109 (G/S. Jenkins) (*Postponed January 7, 2013 until February 25, 2013*)

Mr. John Harris c/o Benny Louis DePingre, *Benny's Get N Geaux*, 4461 Pines Road, Shreveport, LA, Denial of application for Renewal of Alcohol Beverage Permit at 4461 Pines Road, Shreveport, LA (G/S. Jenkins)

### **Metropolitan Planning Commission Appeals and Zoning Board of Appeals**

*The Clerk read the following:*

APPEAL – BAC-97-12: Yasir Khan, 1901 Alston Street, Shreveport, LA, SW corner of Alston and N. Dale Street, Shreveport, LA (A/McCulloch) (*Postponed February 12, 2013 until February 26, 2013*)

### **Motion by Councilman McCulloch, seconded by Councilman Shyne to uphold the decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals and deny the application for Special Exception Use in an R-3-E District.**

Councilwoman McCulloch: What I'd like to do is just give you all an overview of I guess you'd call the competition between the appellant and those that are in opposition. As it's been presented in your packets, the opposed as far as the opposition goes with this case. We got letters from one of the constituents Mr. Anthony James Walton, we also received a letter from the Manager of Choice Neighborhoods representing Allendale/Ledbetter/West Edge. We also received a letter from the President of Lakeside, Allendale and Ledbetter Association. We also had speakers to come before us from the Caddo Parish Commission, Commissioner Michael Williams, the Director of Canaan Towers, Ms. Middie Farrow, one of the community activist, also another community activist was Mr. Robert Handy of Allendale, and also a petition was submitted of approximately 100 names. For the appellant, we received a letter from the actual applicant/owner. Also a speaker came up today as one of the owners with four other representatives to speak in favor, and a petition was presented of 1,300 names. Now I wanted to speak on the petitions. I've shared the petitions with other councilmen as well as had the assistance from the City Clerk's office and the Voter Registration office. What we did, we had 1,000 and some names on the appellant's petition and 100 and some names on the opposing team's petition. So what I did, I went in along with the City Clerk's office, and I randomly pulled out 25 names from each petition okay? Because what I really wanted to do, what I share with my constituents is (inaudible) petitions and I did share this with the owner, the young lady that came up, when she asked about how she could go about casting her opposition. And I said, well petition is one way. Well when you do a petition, you have to get names of registered voters, they have to be registered voters. Now based on a lot of the names that are in that petition, they're not registered voters, there are no addresses, what we found was there was one person signing off for 8 or 9 other persons, and of course, that shows some inconsistency, but this is what I did. If you'll look in your packets, you'll see where I actually did the random check of 25 from each petition. I went through page by page. And I selected 25 from the opposition, and 25 from the appellant. I sent that to the Voter Registration's office. When I got the response back, the appellant's petition of 25 names, only 2% of the names sent to the Voter Registration's office were actually registered to vote, and I had a number here of how many that was. I think only about - - - of that 25, only about I think four of them were registered to vote and it gave them 2%. Then from the opposition's side, I pulled 25, (inaudible) but I went through each page, and 17 of the people were registered to vote, which left the other 4% wasn't registered to vote and the other per cent was. So I'm trying to tell you the point I'm trying to make, the petitions were not consistent. I mean based on how a petition is supposed to be done, signatures are supposed to come from only registered

voters. We can't consider the petitions so, based on the opposition that's been presented and everybody has spoken, that's why I'm upholding the decision of the MPC to vote against this particular application.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I'd like to say a couple of things. Ms. McCulloch, I'm sure that's somewhere in there, there is probably some language or an article that's been written in that a petition signer has to be a voter. But I'd be surprised because frankly anybody can sign a petition, and whether they're a voter or not doesn't have anything to do with whether they want to buy beer or alcohol or whatever. So I mean we're kinda confusing apples and oranges from my perspective. The other part of it is while I sat here today, I did notice that everybody that spoke in favor of this store selling alcohol, happen to live there. And everybody else that was against it did not live there, though they had interest in there, whether by employment or whether by neighborhood association or whatever. So that's probably to me if I was gonna use a reference point of what is more significant, I'd certainly look to the people that live there. I don't want to spend a lot of time jumping into your district, I'm sure you have a very good idea of what's going on. I did have the opportunity to speak with this owner on your suggestion originally.

Councilwoman McCulloch: I asked her to speak with all of you all.

Councilman O. Jenkins: And either I was the one who took the time, and I'm sure there were others that spoke with her. She said that the people that lived around her store were in favor of this particular product that she was proposing to sell, so to me, I'm going to support their plea for overturning this particular BAC.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Let me say this. Ms. Farrow lives in Allendale, Robert Handy, the people that came up and spoke, they all live in Allendale. Those people do live in Allendale. Yes they do, so I don't know where you got your information from, I mean maybe you're taking the word of - - - but they do live in and they work in Allendale.

Councilman Corbin: We have had a long line of people speak about this, we have talked at multiple council meeting. I believe we have a motion and a second on the table, and if I can recap the motion, the motion is to uphold the MPC's decision.

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

Councilman Everson: Can I make a brief comment? You know there are places where they sell hard liquor, hard alcohol, that still maintain really nice surroundings and environments, and one comes to mind is in the Cuban Liquor in the south Highland neighborhood. Just steps away from very high value, very high dollar homes. So, I just say that to say alcohol is not always the thing that causes the problem. Like sometimes it can be a good problem, I mean it can be a good neighbor. So, you know I supported it on this and you know I think that was the right thing to do cause obviously it's what the constituency wanted and that's what you as the representative (inaudible) so I supported you on that. But I say that to say we should give some thought to you know maybe there's something else that allows it to be a good neighbor in some parts of town and not in others. So maybe we should give that some additional thought at some point.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman and I don't want to prolong this, but Jeff you could be right, but I've been down here a long time, and I've noticed that in minority neighborhoods where alcohol is so - - - you have people who buy this alcohol and go right out behind the store and urinate, you wouldn't want your wife passing by there, I wouldn't want mine passing by there.

Councilman Everson: Maybe urination is the problem, not the fact that they're selling alcohol.

Councilman Shyne: No, no, what I'm saying is these kinds of establishments have a tendency in these kinds of neighborhoods to create these kinds of problems. We just don't need it. Like I told the gentleman and I will have to agree, I don't live in that neighborhood, but I'm trying to get every liquor establishment in the neighborhood, and I've been successful with quite a few, where I live, I don't want it. We don't need that. You would be surprised at the psychological impact that these kind of neighborhoods have on our young folks who are growing up. How they have a tendency to hang around them. You know how gangs and that kind of stuff is created. So I would hope that when I'm gone, if it's any of this comes up in a neighborhood please, please and Jeff that's why a lot of those people left Allendale and they're over in Highland now. That's why you got a good constituency of neighbors over there. Because at one time, you could go through Allendale, it was just flooded.

Councilwoman McCulloch: As I shared with this Council prior to this, I've been in politics going on 15 years. When I was elected, that was one thing that I pledged to my constituents that they ask in the minority neighborhoods, of course Councilman Shyne wants me to say in my neighborhood, but that was one thing that the MLK associations asked of me was not to allow anymore liquor back into the neighborhood. And that has gone on for 12 or 13 years. No additional liquor has come into the MLK area. Okay? Now I shared with you also since I've been elected as City Councilwoman, I've taken on Allendale and Lakeside. Now if the wishes of the community activist and the associations that represent is asking the same of me, then what's good for MLK is good for Lakeside and Allendale as well. So that's how I stand. Thank you.

Councilman Corbin: I'm not sure we've had an item that we voted on and had that much discussion after the vote.

## **Other Appeals**

### **Taxi Appeal**

### **Reports from officers, boards, and committees**

### **Clerk's Report**

### **The Committee "rises and reports"** (reconvenes the regular council meeting)

**Adjournment** There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:07 p.m.

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*//s// Michael D. Corbin, Chairman*

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