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March 12, 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 3:07 p.m., Tuesday, March 12, 2013, in the Government Chambers in Government Plaza (505 Travis Street).

Invocation was given by Chief Wolverton.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Everson.

On Roll Call, the following members were Present: Councilmen Rose Wilson-McCulloch, Jeff Everson, Michael Corbin, Oliver Jenkins (Arrived at 3:10 p.m.), 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 25, 2013 and Council Meeting, Tuesday, February 26, 2013. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 6. Nays: None. Out of the Chamber: Councilman O. Jenkins. 1.

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

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

Councilman S. Jenkins: Thank you Mr. Chairman. What I would really like to do at this stage is address some of my constituents out in West Shreveport. I know that you recently learned that a court decision has stated that the developers of the Dollar General Store at the corner of Jefferson Paige and Greenwood Road, that they can't proceed with getting a store in that neighborhood. I have heard from a number of you. I share your disappointment. I do understand and respect the legal ramifications that are involved here, but I still think it's a bad idea to put a store at that particular location. I believe that some valid points were made to suggest that the site plan for that location would not work. It is a bit disappointing to know that we have a process where the citizens, an overwhelming majority of citizens in that neighborhood came out and voiced their objections and said that the site plan would not work in that location. The MPC staff as well as the MPC Commissioners, a citizen appointed committee also said that that site plan does not work at that location, and this elected body here at the City Council indicated that that site plan would not work at that location. It's very disheartening to know that in spite of all that and in spite of a process like that, that someone can move forward with the store and someone can basically just force their way into a neighborhood and on a community that is not supportive of that idea. I just wanted you to know that I share your frustration. I know that there are some legal

ramifications that are involved, but as your elected representative, I want you to know that it was my desire that the city would move forward with an appeal for that trial court decision, with all due respect. But wisdom seems to think maybe that would not be a good idea. Under the circumstances because of the number of recent cases. I hope that you will take the time to read some of the emails that are floating around out there. That would give you a pretty good understanding of what occurred in this particular case. This was a site plan approval. It wasn't a zoning, wasn't an approval for an exception of alcohol or something along those lines. And unfortunately the way our code and our planning, and our (inaudible) is set up right now, those site plans are something that (inaudible) can move forward. But I still think we put forth some valid reasons for doing. Mr. Chairman, I have asked the City Attorney privately, and I'm asking publicly that we can look at this process beginning with the time someone walks in with an application to the MPC asking for approval. Lets just make sure that everything is done decently and in order, and that if something makes it here to the Council, that we'll be able to (inaudible) the proper pros and cons as well as the proper legal advice about what we can and cannot do. Because I think it's better to say something in the beginning, if it's something that cannot work out, than to let it get to a stage like this where people can believe that their voices are not heard or their voices are not being heard or not being respected. I believe right now the City of Shreveport from a planning and development prospect, a lot of our communities are just simply having things forced upon them, and I'm hoping that as we move forward, that we will do a better job of planning and development and make certain that we are looking at the things that people want in their neighborhoods. West Shreveport is looking for stores, they're looking for restaurants, they're looking for shops and things like that they can go to. They're tired of dollar stores and liquor stores. This appears and that's the only thing that's coming to some of our neighborhoods, and I think that's totally unacceptable. So as we move forward, I certainly hope that we begin to look at the process and that if some changes need to be made, I hope that we will make those changes. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Everson: I want to just start today, I have two groups that I wanted to recognize, but I wanted to start by recognizing a group from the Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce who is here with us and they have some good news for us today, so if I could call them up to the mic right now.

Mr. Murray Viser: Good Afternoon Mr. Mayor, members of the Council. I am the Chairman of the Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce for 2013. We'd like to talk with you guys this afternoon about the Shreve Park Industrial campus. It's a great example of a public private partnership. We appreciate your support in years past, and since I'm the new kid on the block, I'm going to turn it over to Dick Bremer, who is the expert.

Mr. Dick Bremer: Thank you Murray, a couple of years ago, the City of Shreveport gave to the Chamber \$200,000. The Caddo Parish Commission also gave \$200,000 and the Chamber also used its funds and we were able to buy some additional acreage at the Shreve Park Industrial campus. Today that Shreve Park Industrial campus is 500 acres in total. We worked with Dale Sibley a few months ago, and we presented Dale at that point and time a check and we turned in a portion of your investment, the city's investment, but today we wanted to do it before the entire Council and the Mayor, because we have another check for you today. And by presenting this check, the city will have recovered all of its investment. In fact it will be \$203,000. And the city should also take pride in the fact that we have five wonderful companies in the park today, companies that you're familiar with - - Fry Master now owned by Manitowoc is there. Coca

Cola, Tire Rack, Ivan Smith furniture and of course LA Tech University. So we'd like to have Lindy present this check to the Mayor, and in total now, we will have paid back \$203,000, but more importantly, you also, the city will also enjoy the opportunity for future checks, because we have about 250 acres yet to develop in that park. So as we have additional land sales and so forth, we would fully expect to be back here. I'll work with Dale, and present the checks to them. But today we did want to take this opportunity to thank the city for its investment of \$200,000 a long time ago. We're very pleased that we're able now to return that total investment plus and look forward to an opportunity to do more even in the future. I will share with you also that we're doing whatever we can to elevate the visibility of this park. We're going to have it certified by the State of Louisiana. That will be done sometime early this summer. And we also have engaged our commercial real estate brokers. We pay a commission on land sales, so we certainly want to get them and use their national contacts to bring us additional companies that might attract to locate in that park. We'll also work with the Louisiana Economic Partnership for opportunities there. So, today, Murray and I and Lindy, we want to thank the City of Shreveport for the investment that you made several years ago, and as Murray said, it's a really good example of two organizations working together for the benefit of our city. And although, it's not going to be a surprise, we're going to do this at the next Parish Commission meeting also. And also share with them the result and present them with a check. So thank you very much for the opportunity to do this today. Thank you.

Councilman Everson: Absolutely. And I want to just take a minute to thank the Chamber for being a good steward of our investment as well as coming here today to sort of show us what a good public/private partnership looks like. You know these can really leverage the strengths of public sector and private sector together to come up with something that creates jobs, that creates investment and really stands up a strong economy in our area. And so it's just great to see a good positive example of one working out for us, returning our investment in its entirety as well as some additional, and we've got room to grow. So it's just such exciting news and we really thank you all for managing it in such a way.

Councilman Corbin: Thank you Mr. Bremer, and anytime you want to come and bring good news to the Council (inaudible).

Mr. Bremer: We look forward to those opportunities.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Opportunities or checks?

Councilman Corbin: Checks are always good.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, I just simply want to join the Council in echoing our support and appreciation for the presentation of this check today and to piggyback on the comments that were offered by Councilman Everson and other members of the Council with regards to the partnership that this represents. I think myself and Councilman Shyne, and correct me if I'm wrong Dick and Lindy I think we may have been on the Council back in the early '90s when this vision first stood up.

Mr. Bremer: I believe you're exactly right.

Mayor Glover: I believe at the time, and if I recall, the actual interchanges along 3132 at that time were still not yet complete. So as you drove along that corridor, you still had to stop at the red light there at W. 70th Street in order to be able to go and access this property. But it was a very forward looking visionary effort on the part of the city as a whole, and as you mentioned has certainly paid off with excellent performance, and some very strong appreciated, well respected, very civic minded and employers that are doing business out there. And I think the only thing that

I would to all that has been said, is I think our next challenge is to figure out either what's the next phase of Shreve Park, so that we can have additional room for the future growth or figure out where it is that we end up citing that next high quality business park/industrial park, so we can continue to be able to effectively attract businesses to Northwest Louisiana.

Mr. Bremer: Something to consider going forward. We (inaudible) that the City and the Parish Commission has been looking at the opportunity of having an economic development person or group focusing on Caddo Parish. That is something that we need. We need some individual that focuses on Caddo Parish, jobs for Caddo Parish. Well think about possibly the City, the Parish Commission, the Chamber again working together pooling some resources and getting that person or maybe two place with their primary responsibility to focus on Caddo Parish. As we get prospects from the Northwest Louisiana Partnership, the umbrella organization that focuses on many, many parishes, we've gotta prospect that would be interested in Caddo Parish, then this group would make sure that they do the best job they can to sell Caddo Parish. That's something to consider going forward. We would like that opportunity, and I think we could make a go of it. So, thank you for your comments Mayor, and as you very well know a lot of you worked very hard to get the railroad crossing that we needed, and that was a real, real difficult piece of work, but if you have a chance to go out there sometime, drive through the park, and take a look at the signage that we now have in place and I can assure you that Tire Rack is a good example as well as others. Had we not worked with the city to get that crossing, and get that entrance, we wouldn't have the companies out there that we have today. So it really helped the park a lot, and again, we worked together, and it worked. So thank you very much.

Councilman Corbin: I just have a couple of quick things, staying on the good news train here. I know that Mayor Glover will probably make a few comments about this as well. Some of these things as well. I attended the news conference for the Advocare V100 Bowl, and it was certainly good news of where that bowl is headed, and the continued commitment from our friends at Advocare. Also attended the (inaudible) Shreveport announcement of the Greater Shreveport Fund, and Mayor, you are going to say something about that, so I won't elaborate on that right now. And I want to recognize the Emberwood Neighborhood Association simply because along with Councilman Sam Jenkins' comments earlier. Emberwood is a subdivision that's been here a long time, and their subdivision is bordered by commercial property. And that commercial property is about to be developed and that association got together with the company that wants to develop that property. And we met for about 2 ½ hours on a Saturday afternoon, and we worked out a lot of details. And I think that's how things should work. Just to kinda piggyback on Councilman Sam Jenkins' comments. There are many areas around our city where commercial development or retail development may be close to a neighborhood, and if we can work some of that out before hand, and I think that solves a lot of problems later on down the road.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Yes, I wanted to just give a report on NACo (National Association of Counties) Conference that I attended March 1-6, legislative conference in Washington, D.C. I want to first give thanks to this Council for supporting Resolution 28, requesting the National Association of Counties to urge the federal government to provide funding for reconstruction and rehabilitation for aging water, sewer, streets and drainage located in the City of Shreveport, Parish of Caddo. As some of us know, the City of Shreveport has been contacted by the EPA, Region VI staff and Department of Justice, and has informed us of litigation 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. The City of Shreveport

with a population 200,000 has already spent \$122,000,000 in the last 10 years for capital projects. Currently, we have \$70,000,000 committed to ongoing projects. It's been anticipated that the city will be required to spend an additional \$250,000,000 for sewer infrastructure improvements in the next 8-10 years. In order for the city to generate \$250,000,000, sewer rates will have to be increased to amounts many citizens of Shreveport cannot afford. My attendance at this particular conference, legislative conference afforded me the opportunity to actually walk Resolution 28 into the EELU steering committee consisting of approximately 50 members. It was placed directly into the Director's hand of the committee. I also had the opportunity to visit the senate building to meet with our congressional leaders. I was again able to place Resolution 28 in the hands of Senator Mary Landrieu, and also in the hands of Senator David Vitter. Unfortunately I didn't get to speak with Congressman Fleming, however I was able to speak with his secretary, and as I speak Resolution 28 is being forwarded to his office. Also in your packets today Councilmen, I had the opportunity to sit in on a session on Monday, the 4th. And it was entitled, I don't know if you have these, or if you've seen them, but it's entitled "The Next Fiscal Cliff and the Longer Term Outlook for the States". I know many of you here today are familiar with the Sequestration 2013. We've already had Sequestration I, where the budget has been amended for over \$85,000,000,000. What I would like to urge you to do to be conscious of the next sequester will come March 27th. And that sequester will probably address teaching jobs, over 10,000 positions. 500 and some thousand citizens that are receiving meals on wheels and right at 700 and some thousand mothers and children that will programs that will be cut out. I don't know if that's going to be specifically welfare, WIC or whatever. But over 700,000 mothers and children could possibly be cut from the second sequester that's coming up March 27th. I also included the outline for April 15th the House and Senate Budget resolutions, and of course there's going to be a late summer debt limit. But again it's all in this particular packet and if you would like to, I recorded the entire session. And as you review the power point, if you would like to also listen to the session that I attended explaining the schedule for the sequesters in the near future, you're more than welcome to do so. Just wanted you to know that I just didn't take a trip to Washington, I went down to handle my business and handle your business Oliver, and hopefully (inaudible).

Councilman O. Jenkins: Didn't know I had any business in D.C.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Barbara Featherston, each resolution that I submitted to our congress leaders, I did use you as a referral person to communicate with. And I'm going to be considering for District A, pushing a district-wide petition to support this resolution as well in the future. Thank you so much.

Councilman Webb: Do we have a representative here from Comcast to speak with us today?

Councilman Corbin: We are going to have representatives from Comcast just a little bit later, and before I hand it over to the Mayor, I would like to just say a couple of things about that. We have some folks here from Comcast today, and I know there are some people in our audience today who are here to hear those comments. Comcast representatives will be making a presentation to the Council and to the Administration. We are not currently negotiating a contract or signing a contract today, nor is it an item on our agenda. I know that a few of you signed up to speak about Comcast. What I would ask with Council's permission, is that if you signed up to speak on Comcast, if you would make sure that you contact your Council representative, and let them know your specific complaint so that we can forward it on to the Comcast reps and see what we can do about that, rather than have everybody on a hot seat today. And I appreciate that.

Mayor Glover?

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Mayor Glover: Thank you Mr. Chairman, members of the Council. We do have several items of business. I want to start however with I guess first our first responders. We have a group of firefighters. Chief Mulford, would you come forward and bring this group with you as well? Mr. Chairman, members of the Council, we all know the benefits of teamwork, and nowhere is that better demonstrated here throughout Shreveport on a day-in and day-out basis than would be the men and women who make up our Fire and Police Department. Those folks who take care of our citizens every day, and I don't think we can pat them on the back enough for what they do day in and day out. So at this point and time, Chief before we move into the rest of Mayoral communications, I want to start with recognizing these outstanding individuals so we can tell you about a great story involving 10 outstanding members of both the Shreveport Fire Department and the Shreveport Police Department. Chief, we're in your hands.

Chief Mulford: Absolutely, and I think Mayor Glover and the members of the Council for allowing us this time to recognize these honorable men, and I can only hope that I do these presentations justice, and sell it to you guys, just like it happened. Briefly, I'll read the summary of the events. On January 11, 2013 at around 3:00 a.m., Sgt. James Germain was patrolling in the area of Fairfield and E. 81st Street. He noticed smoke coming from a residence at 356 81st Street. Sgt. Germain immediately called for SFD to respond and went back to the back of the residence, broke the glass out and tried to make entry, but was unable due to the smoke and the heat. He then went to the front of the residence, and kicked in the front door. Once inside, he found two people and was able to get them safely outside of the home. The people he removed told him there was another male inside who was paralyzed and still in the back bedroom. Sgt. Steve Arnold, Sergeant Steve Arnold, Corporal Jason Saiz, and Officer Rodney Jones arrived and were able to assist Sgt. Germain with trying to get the third occupant out. Corporal Saiz and Officer Jones went to the back of the residence, where they located a window with an air conditioning unit. They began ripping the AC unit out and pulling shelves and blinds down. Sgt. Arnold and Cpl. Dan Sawyer came to assist Cpl. Saiz and Officer Jones in rescuing the occupant, but were unable to do so due to the smoke and intense heat. They called for the occupant and got no response. Cpl. Sawyer leaned inside the window and Sgt. Arnold - - - and I want you guys to picture this, Cpl. Sawyer leaned inside the window and Sgt. Arnold held his legs in an attempt to pull the bed closer to the window, but the bed would only move about a foot. It was then the Shreveport Fire Department Engine Company 9 arrived on scene with Fire Engineer Richard Davidson began securing a water supply and providing water to the hose lines to attack the fire. Fire Fighters, Nick Garza, Brian White began stretching fire hose. Cpl. Sawyer directed Captain Kenneth Frazier to their location in the back, and advised him that the victim was trapped. Captain Frazier directed Fire Fighters Garza and White to enter and attack the fire from the side door, to the kitchen that was fully involved with fire extending into the attic. Captain Frazier, donned his breathing apparatus, and with the assistance of Sgt. Arnold, and Cpl. Sawyer, entered through the window to make access to the smoke filled bedroom where the victim was trapped. Captain Frazier immediately began a search of the bedroom and found an elderly paralyzed male. He then wrapped him in a sheet and bedspread and carried him to the window where Fire Engineer, Jeff Teer, Sgt. Arnold, Cpl. Sawyer assisted him with getting the victim out and transferred him to the Shreveport Fire Department

Medic Unit. These acts are just one that we share that happened on a pretty common space that's in the City of Shreveport. But I felt like it was my obligation as well as Chief Shaw to bring it to your attention. These are the things that these men and women do a daily basis to protect our community, and we are all very thankful to them. And Mayor Glover, you spoke about teamwork. And I know that teamwork is a goal that we strive for in the Shreveport Fire Department and it's a goal that Chief Shaw strives for as well. There aren't a lot of communities across this country that can say that the Police Department and Fire Department can show up at the same scene and not have an issue. But our citizens in our community should find comfort in knowing that not only do their police officers that are patrolling on whether it's the graveyard shift or the day shift, are always alert and aware of those things that could possibly be a detriment to their safety, but that the fire department is doing the same thing. And you know John 15:13 says that greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friend. And that's what we have with the Shreveport Fire Department and Shreveport Police Department, and again, we're grateful. We've got some Certificates of Accommodation, and I'll just read one for the sake of time.

Mayor Glover: Chief, let's read each one of 'em into the record.

Chief Mulford: Okay, we'll do that. Shreveport Fire Department Certificate of Accommodation. Sgt. Steve Arnold – For your selfless actions in the rescue of occupants from a burning residence at 356 E. 81st Street on January 11, 2013. Your heroic acts led to the saving of three lives that could have been lost without your immediate intervention. Thank you for your selfless service to your community. Sgt James Germain - - for your selfless actions in the rescue of occupants from the burning residence at 356 E. 81st Street on January 11, 2013 Your heroic acts led to the saving of three lives that could have been lost without your immediate intervention. Thank you for your selfless service to your community. You know when you think about what was stated in this summary of what these men did, I know when I approached the Firefighters at Station 9 on the day following this rescue, you know one of the things that Firefighters are called to do sometimes is go into a structure unprotected by a hose line. And that's what Captain Frazier did. Although the fire was being attacked and had extended into several parts of the home, to say that the environment that he put himself in, and that some of these police officers put themselves in, was a detriment, and could have cost him his life. But it speaks volumes. Cpl. Jason Saiz? He's not here. Shreveport Fire Department Certificate of Accommodation - - Captain Kenneth Frazier, for the professional utilization of your knowledge, skills, and abilities in the rescue of an immobile, occupant from his burning residence, at 356 E. 81st Street on January 11, 2013, along with the efforts of members of the Shreveport Police Department who were first on the scene, your actions led to the saving of life. Thank you for another outstanding performance of your duty. And I think everybody knows where Station 9 is in Cedar Grove. Station No. 9 is the busiest fire station in the state. Shreveport Fire Department is the busiest fire department in the state. And when I visited those guys, I was telling you a while ago, I was visiting , I was trying to give them accolades, and you can see these stoic look that some of these guys have, Captain Frazier says, Chief, this is what we do. And he's right, this is what we do. Fire Engineer Jeff Teer, for the professional utilization of your knowledge, skills, and abilities in the rescue of an immobile, occupant from his burning residence, at 356 E. 81st Street on January 11, 2013, along with the efforts of members of the Shreveport Police Department who were first on the scene, your actions led to the saving of life. Thank you for another outstanding performance of your duty. Firefighter Nick Garza - - - for the professional utilization of your knowledge, skills, and abilities in the rescue of an immobile, occupant from his burning residence, at 356 E. 81st Street on January 11, 2013,

along with the efforts of members of the Shreveport Police Department who were first on the scene, your actions led to the saving of life. Thank you for another outstanding performance of your duty. Last but not least, young firefighter Brian White for the professional utilization of your knowledge, skills, and abilities in the rescue of an immobile, occupant from his burning residence, at 356 E. 81st Street on January 11, 2013, along with the efforts of members of the Shreveport Police Department who were first on the scene, your actions led to the saving of life. Thank you for another outstanding performance of your duty. You know what the fire department and the police department do, could not be done with the support of Mayor Glover and his commitment to public safety, as well as the commitment of all of the members of this Council. And the support of our community, and we recognize that the community supports his police and firemen and we're proud to serve. Thank you.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Chief. Mr. Chairman, I yield to any comments before I make mine in this regards.

Councilman Corbin: Go ahead.

Mayor Glover: Chief, I want to thank you and these brave men and women for the work that you all do every day. People often ask me firemen and policemen are city workers, and they're human, mortal just like the rest of us. Why do you think they're so special? Well it's true, you guys are flesh and blood, normal folks. But the one thing I tell people consistently, that makes it special to be a first responder, to be a firefighter, to be a policemen is that you guys do exactly what it is that Captain Frazier said is a part of your job on an every day basis. The national inclination in the face of danger is to run, to seek safety, to protect yourself, and your love ones. You all do just the opposite. You run towards danger, you come to those situations and circumstances where others are trying to save their lives, and you save them. And so for that I think it's appropriate that we honor and recognize the exemplary effort of these men and let them know how much they're respected and how much they're appreciated, and thank you for bringing it to my attention so that we can share it with the Council and the rest of the City.

Chief Mulford: Thank you Mayor Glover.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Members of the Council at this point before we move on with the rest of communications, I want to take a moment to recognize and extend upon our economic development discussion. I'm not sure if you all had the opportunity yet to meet the acquaintance of someone who has recently come to our area from the Austin community. He is now here as a part of the economic development spectrum of North Louisiana. His name is Scott Martinez. He is here today specifically to make comment, if schedule allows and I'm sure if his will, but I want you to come up at this point, because he may be having the opportunity to meet the acquaintance of some of you for the first time, and certainly for some of our citizens.

Mr. Martinez: Thank y'all so much for having me. As the mayor said, I'm Scott Martinez, I'm the president of the North Louisiana Economic Partnership. I've been on board since the first of January, and for those of y'all who are not familiar with us, we're a 14-parish regional economic development group. We have five staff members, based about a block and a half from where we're sitting here. And we do economic development. I'm here today and I signed up to make comments on the Mall of St. Vincent improvement district because I think that's important, but also I want to tell you a little bit about me and what we do. I've been fortunate to do economic development in three states. This is my first assignment in Louisiana, and I feel very blessed to be here. I'm a native of Laurel, MS. Went to college, went to public schools in Mississippi, and spent most of my career in Texas, primarily in Houston, and most recently in the Austin market.

I've seen the value of regional economic groups. I've been part of it in the Austin area, and the Houston area, and it brings a lot of value to the table, because it leverages your assets. We've got five staff members based here in Shreveport. Two project managers that specifically look at this part of the region, primarily at Caddo and Bossier Parishes. Liz McCain on our staff brings over 20 years. Most of y'all know Liz McCain, as she's touched almost every industrial project that's happen in this part of the state in the past two decades. Tim Miles lives in West Shreveport, who is a native Shreveporter, he's on the ground every day here doing economic development. Angie White, again a native Shreveporter, a Centenary College graduate, very involved in workforce development. We've been working a lot with Angie's program with Benteler Steel, in fact trying to get those executives acclimated to the community and had the good fortune two weeks ago of hosting the CFO for the company and some of their key executives in showing them neighborhoods in the area. But we go beyond that. Our group tries to be proactive when we're dealing with our local companies, for instance at the end of the week, Mayor Glover and I will be in Toledo, visiting with Libby Glass. As you know, they've had a significant layoff recently they've announced. But we planned that trip before the layoff was announced. Because we're going to be proactive in going to those corporate headquarters and talking with those decision makers that have an investment and employment in our community. That's important. I've been here since January, and I think you're going to see a very vigorous marketing effort for our region. It's going to be very proactive, It's going to be very focused, it's going to be realistic, and most of all, it's going to be effective. So, what we've done in the past where we've had success, that's not - - - that's in the rear view mirror, we're looking through the windshield. So I look forward to working with you, I look forward to comments later related to the mall.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Mr. Chairman and Scott. Certainly a pleasure to have you here, and I think that connected all together, you heard Dick make reference earlier to a concept that's contained within the Shreveport/Caddo 2030 Master Plan of doing a Shreveport/Caddo focused economic development entity. And you all know we have been working for the past or since the 2009 start of that master planning process, and since its full adoption, that's been one of the provisions that we have been working towards trying to implement. We are working with the folks at the Parish level to see if we can't ultimately end up being able to pull that provision together. We welcome the interest and the involvement of the Chamber. We believe that it is something that will give us the kind of Shreveport/Caddo specific focus entity that can partner up in an effective ongoing consistent fashion with NLEP, Scott and his staff as well as the folks in Baton Rouge at LED. And we think it will give us the chance to be able to continue to elevate and advance Shreveport and Northwest Louisiana in particular up the positive list when it comes to economic development. Also want to ask Stacy to come up at this point and time. She has a presentation along with one of her board members, our own Sam Voison who while they're making their way up here, I wanted to commend them for an outstanding job that Sam and his staff did this past week hosting the regional meeting of the NAACP. Our President here, Lloyd Thompson was just in Chambers earlier and wanted to directly pass along, oh he's still here, he's out of my site line, he's getting so small on me over there, I can't hardly see him.

Councilman Shyne: Don't, don't. Please don't say that Mayor.

Mayor Glover: Lloyd was offering kudos on the outstanding job that the staff did in hosting President Jealous and other members of I think it was five states as far away as New Mexico and Texas and Arkansas and Oklahoma who were here for that regional meeting, and Sam, you do an outstanding job, and continue to appreciate the work you're doing. In fact, I think I

may have mentioned to you that the folks up in Tulsa still came in 2nd for the all-time record Stacy for attendance for Bass Master Classics, still have not yet been able to eclipse the number that you guys have established here in Shreveport and Stacy we know you have some comments to make so we'll give you the podium at this time.

Ms. Stacy Brown: Thank you Mayor, thank you Council for allowing us to come today. We wanted to tell you a little bit about the Louisiana Sound Track Program. Many of you were able to come to that at the Municipal Auditorium a couple of weeks ago. What that was all about, the State of Louisiana is celebrating music for 2013. That is the major push for the Louisiana Office of Tourism in generating interest in tourists coming to Louisiana. So they partnered with a publication called Oxford American. It is if you're heavy into the music world, you know Oxford American, it is a great publication. So they partnered together to do five performances throughout Louisiana. When we heard about it, we said, first one needs to be here in Shreveport, LA at the Municipal Auditorium obviously because of the history here. So one of the first things we did was contact Sam and his team and say I know y'all are going to be closing for some renovations so we need to get on your schedule quick. And it worked out, the timing was perfect. We were able to generate a huge crowd for the event, and we had many partners to thank for that, and y'all are one of them. So we wanted to bring today a special poster for you. This was signed by all of the artists that were there, but of course you can't have an event like this without sponsors. And SMG, not only put on the event, had all of their staff there working the event, but they also sponsored the event. So we want to say a special thank you to Sam and his team for the great work that they do, and their participation in the event in a number of ways. Also a special thank you to Maggie Warwick, and the Louisiana Hayride Band. Maggie and her team helped to coordinate the program and helped to get a number of terrific artists involved in the program. So you saw a number of different genres of music, so matter what your interest were, there was something for you that evening at the Louisiana Sound Track performance. Brandi Evans on our staff really stepped up to the plate and helped to coordinate everything, get everybody on the same page and make sure all the details were taken care of. And especially doing some local promotions as well as outside the market promotions, we did have a number of people that came in from outside the area to come and see this performance. Because they saw the terrific historic value of that of that performance. Dirtfoot was also a performer at the event, and I'd like to give Sam a moment to say a few things too.

Mr. Sam Voison: Well thank you Stacy. It was a successful night. A very good diverse group was there. We had about 1800 people show up. It was a free concert to the general public, and it was a showcase for the facility, but also just the talent of North Louisiana music, and that goes to leaps and bounds to what Stacy is doing to brand music as North Louisiana as destination for music. So we're going to go ahead and make sure everyone understands the history, make sure everyone understands what the value is, and whenever the building closes for renovation and it reopens, we'll tell you a little bit about that. March 26th, I'm going to come back and give you a little outlook on that. But it's going to be an industry-wide event, and it's going to be real fantastic. But thank you Stacy for allowing this to happen. A lot of groups including Lt. Gov. really stepped up and let Shreveport be the inaugural kickoff to the Sound Track experience which was five stops in the State of Louisiana, still going on right now. To date, we are the most successful one that I've been tracking. So that's good news.

Ms. Brown: Thank you very much, and your commitments in the bond issue for the advances in the Municipal Auditorium really shows how much you appreciate the music history,

and the history of that building, and not only that, but its future use. So we really appreciate all that you're doing there.

Councilman Corbin: Thank you Stacy and Sam. I know a number of us attended all or part of the evening, and you're exactly right. It was diverse, everybody was smiling. I had another event to be at, and ended up having to make a phone call and making up an excuse so that we could stay, because the music was so good. The building looks great, It was just nice being there and knowing that you're surrounded by all the history, but it was a great event.

Councilman Everson: It really was. Just to follow up on that, the interview that was going throughout the building was really heartening at a time when we were about to invest major investment in that building. To see people young, old, Black, White, from all parts of Shreveport and outside of Shreveport together celebrating the heritage that some only knew through books, some lived through it, and then to hear the sort of inspiration and creativity that those people had use it in the future going forth, really lended a degree of excitement to the event, and it just sort of reinforced that that was the right decision to make to include that as a bond project. And that investment is going to be one that's appreciated by folks across our city and our community.

Ms. Brown: And I think it's a perfect testament to the fact that you have not only the right person managing that, but the right company that's putting the resources behind it as well, and they do a terrific job. We love our partnership with SMG and with Sam and his team.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, I just want to extend on those comments if you don't mind. Stacy and Sam there's been a big focus here in the last several years in fact I think it goes back to the very beginning of my administration. I can remember as a candidate talking with members of this community about the need to try and help Shreveport retain and better attract the creative class. And that a big part of that was developing a deeper and broader appreciation for the arts, and to make sure that was the perspective that was embodied as much as possible, that the Mayor's office and certainly see it reflect from the Council as well. And I think one of the big reasons as to why that could be something that could be very important for a place like Shreveport is something that is unfortunately has taken folks who don't live here or who aren't from here to consistently point out to us, and that is that there is a real true and genuine authentic history and culture that is very unique and specific to Shreveport, and much of it is embodied and centered in Municipal Auditorium and the surrounding community. That February 23rd night, I think was an outstanding reflection of the history and legacy and the realness and the genuineness of it. When you have a range of artists and a range of history that goes from Huddy "Ledbelly" Ledbetter to the Louisiana Hayride embodied in this modern incarnation today with the presence of young Will Jones who was there that evening as well I understand. A tremendous talent, and he along with Dez Duron, both who are off doing things at the national level, but who all sprang from this Shreveport milieu is a testament to the uniqueness that we have, the authenticity that we have, is something that we need to make sure that we continue to focus on, to cultivate, to generate (inaudible) and use as a basis of continuing to be able to attract people to Shreveport. And much of that as I mentioned is embodied within the building that is the Municipal Auditorium itself. And as it has already been stated, it is going to start with a rebirth with its closing this coming May. I know you'll get more specifics of that at the next Council Meeting. But for those who I guess a quick refresher, that \$4 ½ (million) that's been committed by the citizens of Shreveport in the April 2011 bond issue. The design for that is completed. All has been put out to bid. Contractor is ready to go to work, and in addition to that Mr. Chairman and members of the Council, that \$4.5 (million) in bond money is going to be increased by almost an additional million dollars. Based upon the ability for us to be

able to make use of the historic tax credit program that's offered here in the State of Louisiana. And so that vision has the opportunity to be bigger and broader. Councilman Everson has added to it by appropriating a portion of street dollars that will help to enhance the boulevard within that region. We were just there last week as a part of the Shreveport Women's Commission with the 2nd Annual Cora Allen Day celebration and it had young people doing performances inside the venue. The second floor ballroom served as the location for the lunch, and an inspiring speech given by Allison Jones, and from the windows, you can actually look out and see Calanthean Temple, the actual adipose that Cora M. Allen herself had built here in the City of Shreveport, and the significance of it, and the poignancy of knowing that that's the building that came up even before the Municipal, is something that is again, an example of the unique authentic history that is Shreveport. So we're looking forward to the continued work that you guys do and know that we're going to have a big celebration as soon as that work is completed. And music is without question will be a significant part of it. Now Mr. Chairman, I'm going to ask Ms. Frances Smith with Comcast to come forward. She is here with two of her area staff members as well. We all know that the 25 year franchise agreement with the City of Shreveport and local cable television provider expired this past December. We look forward to moving forward with a new agreement with a provider. As we have previously indicated, we're going to work with the Parish of Caddo in helping to identify some consultants who will be able to help give us some assistance and some advice with regard to how best to proceed with regard to maximizing the interest and concerns of both the City of Shreveport and Caddo Parish, so that the agreement that we have going forward will be one that provides excellent value and service to our citizens. It gives us hopefully a resolution to many of the issues and challenges that we have been sharing and working on with the current providers here at Comcast. Our current arrangement right now is month to month, until either some future arrangement with them can be established or we determine which direction that we end up going. I know that Mrs. Smith and her team of folks are accustomed to finding themselves in these types of sometimes interesting heated passionate environments, but as Mr. Chairman has established, this has been a relationship based in mutual appreciation and respect that we're going to keep professional and cordial. And we simply look forward to the process going forward and ultimately putting ourselves in a position to end up with better and greater service and quality for the citizens of Shreveport and Caddo Parish. With that, Ms. Frances, welcome to Shreveport, good to have you here and please proceed as you would be so inclined.

Ms. Frances Smith: (Comcast) Thank you I appreciate the opportunity to be here today and update you a little bit about what's going on. I have with me today, Ray McDarden who is the technical manager for Shreveport. He came here in August when we made some management changes. He's now permanently lives in Shreveport. He has moved here and we have made some significant improvements under his leadership. A lot of you have heard his name and wanted you to see his face.

Councilman Webb: What's his name again, I didn't hear.

Ms. Smith: Remick Darden, and I have a business card for each of you for him and me that we'll share. Also he's had 15 years in the industry. Also with me is Florence Jackson. She assist at the office and constituent situations when we have concerns that are sent to us, Florence helps run those down and tracks them for you. And I wanted you to also see her, she's been with the company about 23 years. So there's a long history with cable here. I want to again recognize and thank the Council and the Mayor's office. I started working in Shreveport the middle of last summer and I really - - - we recognized there are problems, and we are working on 'em, we are

making some improvements. And I just want to thank y'all for the cooperation that you have given me. I have asked you to forward individual concerns to me as they come to you so that we can troubleshoot as we go along. You're doing that. We have made some progress in your area, and it really is helping a lot. Just kinda to start out, the beginning of October, I sent a letter out after we really identified major issues that we could put a plan together to try to fix for the technical side of the company, and kinda of told you where we were from the summer. I kinda want to update you on some of those figures to show that we are making progress. One of the concerns that has been identified to us was that when a technician came to the home, they weren't really fixing the problems. We had to have multiple service calls to fix the problems. We implemented a training program. We had 4500 hours of training last year, and that's about 85 hours per employee. We're doing another 4500 this year, of which about 2900 hours of training has been done to date. We also have hired nine new technicians. Four of those are in training as we speak, the other five I assume have just been brought on board, and will be going into training fairly soon, which will only help us again get the service call handled faster, and also just provide better customer service in general to have more people on the ground doing that work. We have the middle of last summer, our call volume, in other words the number of calls we were getting from customers was really high. We by October 1 had reduced that 60%, we've now reduced it 70% so we're continuing to make improvements there. We have a 32 hour turn around for service calls and again, I want to emphasize this isn't every single calls. Yes there are some that take longer for us to get to. It might be a bigger problem, or it may be a situation where the call just wasn't scheduled as quickly as it should have been, but our goal and our turn around time in what we're seeing in most cases is a 32 hour response time. That should get better with the additional technicians on the ground. We also have reduced the need for repeat service calls. In October, we had reduced it by 50%. We've now reduced it by 65%, which means they're fixing the problem when they get there. So that's some good news. This is a process, it's going to continue to take a little more time and I know it's frustrating, and we share your frustration. I want to stand here and tell you we are committed to making the situation better in Shreveport. We have five engineers at the office, as we speak from our regional and division office. Again analyzing the plans, seeing how we're doing, what else needs to be done, doing some improvements to the head end. I was going to bring 'em with me, just to illustrate the commitment we've made to Shreveport, but we decided that their time would be better spent back at the office instead of standing here in front of you. However, they did ask me to issue an invitation to you that any of you that might like to come out to the office and go tour the head end, see what they're doing, we'd love to have you come out there. We can coordinate a meeting, or do it individually, you know we'll work with whoever, but we would love to have you come out there and really see what we're doing in the head end. I know Councilman Webb has some questions about the investments, and with apologies, I don't know everything that you were told in 2006 about what we do, but I do want to just briefly tell you a few things that we have done in the system since then. 1) We've gone all digital, which is a better picture quality to everyone out there. Also by going all digital, it enables us to add more on demand service, it enables us to add faster internet speeds, we now have speeds up to 50 and 100 MGB per second. You would think that's why would anybody need that But everybody is streaming these days. They're doing Netflix, they're taking their tablets. We have applications for all of those and we're keeping up with that technology and it requires band width to do that. We have introduced our home security product. We have new channels that have come on board. So we have done a lot of that, but primary investments have been in the plant. Because

we did recognize that there were pieces of cable out in the field that did not meet our specifications, it needed replacing. We recognize that perhaps we needed to split nodes and I think most of you are aware that a node technology, it's kind a small set of brains that's in a neighborhood. And we can monitor those, and if you find you get a lot of internet customers in there and it might slow their internet speed, we can split that node so that we can make sure everybody is getting more consistency in their speeds. So just briefly, I'm not going to give you a lot of detail. I'll provide as much detail as you want individually, but I know that y'all's time is precious. But in 2011, we invested about \$1.8(million) in the areas of just plant materials, storm damage, tap replacement and things like that in the field. We did some what we call CMTS capacity changes which has to do with improving the consistency of the speed and reliability of the system. We improved our - - - we have something called a C-RAN, which is how we reach the web to do what we need to do within the system. And it gets us to the cloud and all those kinds of things to get services to our customers, we've made improvements there. We have created interconnects and some fiber redundancy. We have a fiber ring that now helps if one thing goes down, we have a backup for it, We've done a lot of things actually in our head end to get ready for the digital ops, and we have done some nodes splits again, which increases our capacity for data. And in some sense, it reduces our reliance on commercial power. One thing we are in the process of doing, and this is a situation that, had this been completed, we wouldn't have seen the situation during the Oscar's. That was a totally anomaly, and so sorry it happened. Really had nothing to do with our system, it was a power surge that burned up the ability for us to switch to generator, but what we're doing and a lot of head ends are doing this now, and the head end again is the brains that I've invited you to come see, is they're going all battery. They're huge batteries. These are not the little things you put in a flashlight. Huge batteries, they're going completely battery operated, so that the only reliance on power to your head end is to keep the batteries charged. But in the event that you have a power outage, we have a switch to generator that will keep the batteries going. So, it is a really reliable system and that is in process as we speak. It's about a - - - I believe it's about a half-million dollar investment to do that, and we're in the process of making that happen. So again, we share your frustration. I know it's hard for you to sit up there and believe that. We want the customers to be happy that Comcast is in Shreveport. We are working diligently. Any of the customers who happen to be in the audience that might have wanted to speak today, we would love the chance to talk to them in the lobby when we leave. There are three of us here, we'll take the information and get right on any of those concerns that they may have. Certainly things are not perfect, and I'm not going to stand here and ever promise you it will be perfect. We deal with miles and miles and miles of cable. We deal with tons of electronic and thousands of pieces of electronics out there, and we are continuing to do some - - - we have an active project replacing some electronics that are wearing out, that's going to create a huge difference. And I know that y'all are hearing from the customers who are not happy, but we're actually starting to hear from some customers who are recognizing the difference. I mean we've actually had customers say, 'Hey I had a technician, and I could tell the difference. They knew what they were doing and they fixed my problem'. We typically don't hear from the people who are doing okay, but it also takes a little time to turn around public perception. But I just wanted you to know that we're committed to fixing this problem, I'm going to continue to keep you updated as we go along, and I also do - - - I have my business card with my cell number on the back and I have Remicks business card and I'd like to have somebody give these out or I'll give these out, I don't know the protocol. I'm happy to answer any questions you may have.

Councilman Corbin: And thank you Ms. Smith, we're certainly glad that the three of you are here today. I think I made a comment at the last meeting, that maybe y'all drew the short straw at the Comcast party and had to be here, but I understand. And I do mean that in jest. And I'm glad that you're here to both speak with us, speak with the Mayor's office, and let the citizens hear some of this as well. I think you can certainly understand and you verbalized that many of the citizens are frustrated. They're frustrated with continuing or repeating of the very same issue. And that seems to be billing issues, where just charges show up on a bill. And if they call somebody, they can't get through to somebody, or whoever they get through is not qualified to give them an answer or can't give them an answer. So I think that call center issues ordinary that we need to look at and maybe get a follow up report on that. Certainly I think we all understand that with a system like this, there's gonna be outages. I can't remember a time when that there's been system wide outages. I do know the house I was at for a Super Bowl party, and they lost all their HD channels. And if whoever was on the phone with them to try to talk them through that, if they were not overseas, they certainly had not mastered the English language. And that was frustrating. So you know outages are one thing, but we seem to have areas of town that are prone to outages, week after week after week. And I think we've got to do a better job of identifying those parts of town and those neighborhoods, and sometimes it's just a street in a neighborhood, that continually has a problem. I think that the other thing and you touched on this as well, is with the service. I'm no longer a Comcast customer, but when I was I bet there was a two month period where I had six technicians come out, and everyone blamed the problem on what the prior technician did. And training cures that I believe, and I'm glad to hear that you're putting some dollars into training, and you're hiring some new people, because the service part of it is the other thing that we certainly knew about. You know I had an 8-12 appointment, and nobody showed up, or different situations like that. We don't need to go into that a lot deeper. The other thing that and maybe you could just say a couple of brief sentences about this is I know in the past few years, we've gone from analog to digital and many of our citizens still have analog TVs, and there's confusion over analog converter or digital converters. Are they being charged for those, how many should they be charged for. Both in a residential, and I brought an issue up to you earlier, but on a larger scale. But some of our residences are contacting us about, you know I was told this would not be on my bill, it wasn't for a couple of months, now I'm being charged for adapters again. So, if you could maybe say a little bit about that, and again, just as you said earlier, you're exactly right, people rarely contact us or the Mayor of Mr. Sibley, and say 'Let me just tell you good that Comcast service is', we do hear from the people who are frustrated and we understand that. But our call volume is pretty darn high.

Ms. Smith: And our goal is to lower that. Absolutely. And I'm hoping and I know in some cases we have, but you know again, it's not where it needs to be by any stretch of the imagination. And one of the difficulties Councilman Corbin that we have in customer situations is we're bound by subscriber privacy that is a federal law. So when I get a concern from one of you, I can't necessarily tell you the whole story of what we find. And I will say the majority of the concerns are legitimate. They are certainly there. I do find some where someone says, 'I was home, I was home', and when you talk with them for a little bit, 'Well I actually went for a run', so they actually weren't there when they get the call an hour-30 minutes prior to, to make sure somebody's home, so that we don't waste truck rolls, billing situations where in fact, 'Oh I forgot I ordered that movie, or I forgot I did such and such', and whatever, but we can't get into a lot of detail. However, the DTA is the digital adapters. We did offer those on a complimentary basis as

they were being introduced to bridge people into the digital world. They are \$1.99 each with the latest - - - I'm trying to think when in Shreveport cause it's been various times, depending on when the conversions were all done, but we do now charge \$1.99 for every piece of equipment that is in the home. And again, I know people are not used to paying for that, that's standard in the industry the equipment is paid for, but they are \$1.99 apiece.

Councilman Corbin: And that would be until they get a digital TV? Or is that always?

Ms. Smith: That is always. The digital adapter is our means of communicating with the home, even the digital TV needs our adapter to receive our signals. It delivers that digital signal, it is also a security mechanism. The old traps we used to use out on the lines and everything, they wear out, they're easily removed by third party, which keeps you from getting the franchise fees that you're supposed to get. One person is paying for cable, and next door is not. So they are an additional security measure, and cuts down on having to audit the system because we know people cannot get the services unless they get the adapter.

Councilman Corbin: I certainly don't mean to tell you how to do your business, but it seems like it might be easier if everybody is going to be required to have that digital adapter, if that was just worked into their package.

Ms. Smith. One is. The first one, everybody gets one piece of equipment complimentary into their package. And we have sent out probably as we were preparing for all this, probably (inaudible) people would throw it away in the mail, because they were getting three and four pieces, they were getting phone calls. Please be sure to pick up your digital adapter. We had trailer set up so that people could come in and see how to hook 'em up. We also did it on a proactive basis. As we were sending technicians or installers to people's homes, we would go ahead and install it, because they were going to be needing it, and try to do it that way, but there's always some that have difficulty just having to have equipment when they haven't had to have it before.

Councilman Corbin: And I think all of us understand as well, there usually is another side to some stories.

Ms. Smith: I know you do. Y'all - - - being in government, you would certainly understand that. I can't say this enough. We are committed to Shreveport in making things better. We want to make your phones stop ringing. We want the calls to come to us, we want to cut down on the number of calls, and we are making progress, it just is a process the system didn't get broken overnight, and we can't fix it overnight. Unfortunately I think I told you it started back in the Time Warner days when the system was up for sale twice, and the investments slowed down and things - - - and we are pumping money into it. I gave you individual numbers there, and didn't even give you anything for 2013. But there was an additional million dollars spent the last two years just on replacing spans of cable that were damaged. So, it's been a total of about \$5.54 (million) in 2011-2012. And we have significant dollars budgeted this year. I don't have the exact number, but I know it's in the millions to continue what we're doing. And again, I will continue to keep you updated. I would be remiss if I didn't mention too, just this one last thing. I want to end on a positive note. We are also dedicated to the community. We have been a good partner to the Red River Revel, if I can say that. I enjoyed meeting those people, partnering with them. We had a really, really good United Way campaign this year. And on April 27th, we'll have our Annual Comcast (inaudible) day, which is our annual day of service, where our employees and their families all get together and volunteer at a local agencies and do work. I've had seven applications from the RFP I sent out in the Shreveport area, and we'll be meeting in the morning to decide what our project's going to be. And we invite other organizations in the city to partner with us and just

trying to get a bunch of volunteers out there to do some work. We pay for the materials, provide the volunteer labor, and it's a really fun day for us. So, I'll let you know when we pick our project.

Councilman Corbin: Thank you and thanks for not bringing those engineers here.

Councilman O. Jenkins: First, I've gotten a group of complaints, I'll use the term complaints, though they don't fall into the same category, about people with phone numbers that have not shown up because their Comcast phones haven't shown up in the new yellow yp or whatever it's called, phone book. Was that intentional?

Ms. Smith: We sent out notice in October 2011, that we would not be putting phone numbers in the AT&T telephone director. They're available online, and through 411. But they are not being put into the phone company's telephone directory.

Councilman O. Jenkins: And do you - - - and I guess the reason I was a little surprised maybe, they were in it in 2012, and they were not in it, whatever the most recent version must have just come out, because that's when I got a large volume of calls. And then of course, in concert with the Oscar issue, that's probably - - - you know time is everything. But Okay, and do you when somebody signs up for service, do you let them now then that they will not be in the AT&T Yellow Pages or phone book?

Ms. Smith: That's a question I've been pursuing as well. They should let them know that. I'm not sure. I know that we notified all existing customers, and I need to find out how they're being informed of that as they are taking the phone service. And they were charging us a lot of money to list those. It was a financial decision. Since there are other ways to get telephone numbers that people have. So, I'm checking on that, and I'll let you know as soon as I find you how they are informing people. That was my first question.

Councilman O. Jenkins: (Inaudible) very surprised, I think for certain generations and we'll be clear here, there are some more inclined to look up telephone numbers than others. Okay, so they felt that largely their service was undervalued once they realized they weren't in the phone book. So I think that is important from just an administrative point that we make that clear, that if you choose to use phone service through us, you're not going to be in - - - okay. How many technicians do you have in Shreveport?

Ms. Smith: 49.

Councilman O. Jenkins: And how many customers?

Ms. Smith: I'll be happy to share that with you. We typically don't announce that in a public forum for competitive reasons, but I will be happy to share with you the number of households.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I'm a little bit laughing about a competitive form, where there isn't another cable service provider here.

Ms. Smith: There are satellite providers though, and AT&T is talking about coming into the various markets, so.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I mean, basically I'm interested in technician to customer ratio, that's my interest. And you can say that's not a valid metric, but I can assure you, that for the people I get complaints with, they believe that is a valid metric.

Ms. Smith: Well, and that's one of the reasons we've hired nine new technicians as well, is to make sure we have enough technicians out there. We do our measurements more - - - we've got tons of history on the percentage of customers that place service calls at any given time. And what our normal backlogs are and how long it takes to get there. And we based our need for employees on that. Because believe it or not, and I know it's going to surprise you, but I can tell you, we've

got customers who haven't had a service call in six years. And then you know they may have a blink every now and then, but it's not a problem, they don't need a technician to come out there, and then you've got some who've had a service call every month. And for some reason again, maybe it's neighborhoods, and certain areas that the electronics are a little more sensitive than others, but you really don't base those kinds of numbers specifically on the number of customers you have, but you base it on the history and the service call history to insure that you can when you get a service call, that you can answer it in an appropriate amount of time.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay. Certainly curious of that number. Maybe that would be something that I'd use as a metric going forward evaluating other essential service providers. How does - - - you're over a region, not exclusive Shreveport, how does our area compare in terms of service calls or customer complaints on a proportionate number to some of your other service areas?

Ms. Smith: Honestly right now, it's higher than most of the markets that I oversee, and again, it's because it started - - - you know it's been going on for a long time, and the problems' built up, and we had some managers here who weren't telling us the whole story, and then we brought in the new management team, January of last year, who sent some senior folks over just for visits, and suddenly discovered things weren't exactly what we thought they were, and that's when kinda of when everything went into high gear. So, again for now, and that's one of the reasons we're concentrating on Shreveport is I do get more concerns in the Shreveport area right now than my other areas.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Well I guess since I like numbers, are we the worst? Are we about 10% worst, where do we fall?

Ms. Smith: Just within this region?

Councilman O. Jenkins: Of all that you oversee, how would you say we fair?

Ms. Smith: That's a hard thing to quantify, but for me personally the things that I'm dealing with, I would say I get more concerns out of Shreveport than any other market that I service right now. And again, that's why we're concentrating so much on it. Because we want to bring that down.

Councilman O. Jenkins: And then when you look at, and I know this is a little bit of a not clear question, but our rate increases over the last five years, and whether you use basic service or premium service, can you give us an idea of what those are, either annually, or averaged annually, or however you want to do it.

Ms. Smith: They're typically annual. Rate adjustments, I didn't bring percentages, I didn't realize that was gonna - - - that wasn't one of the things I was asked to speak about. So I actually didn't bring information specifically on what the percentages had been. I'm happy to get that for you and share that with Council, but typically they are annual increases that go along with when we get increases in health insurance, and gasoline, and what the programmers are charging us and all those kinds of things, we do pass some of that along in an annual rate adjustment.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Yes, I'd certainly like that, and I guess those are kinda my point on numbers.

Ms. Smith: I'll get you that information Councilman.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Thank you Mr. Chairman, appreciate you all coming down. The cards that you all gave us with the cell numbers on it. Now someone will answer these numbers not during regular business hours? They will answer them on weekends?

Ms. Smith: Yes.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Because nothing is more embarrassing to a Council Member than to have constituents call, and we call and we can't get them either.

Ms. Smith: I understand. I keep my Blackberry with me at all times.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Alright so these are numbers that somebody is going to answer on Sunday.

Ms. Smith: Unless I'm in church. I won't answer the phone.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Alright, okay, I'll give you an excuse on church, I generally don't call during church.

Ms. Smith: Yes sir, I don't mean to be facetious, yes I understand your concern. We do keep those phones with us all the time, that's why they provide them to us.

Councilman S. Jenkins: I'm going to give you a pass on church, honestly. Okay? I want to go back to a couple of things. See my cousin to my left here asked one of my question about the technicians, but let me ask this. Are these technicians employees or are they contract, you know when you contract and they go out and they have to have their own equipment and everything to answer a call?

Ms. Smith: The 49 employees are in place. I mean they work for Comcast with full benefits. We do occasionally employ contractors to do some work for us. Particularly if it starts peaking and it's high, and we don't feel like we can get to people quickly enough. Remick might be able to speak to that a little bit more, but we do have contractors that we do sometimes rely on.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Because I know some of the complaints that I have heard more so recently, sometimes the technicians come out, and they don't seem to be equipped to address a problem.

Ms. Smith: And if we find out about that, we will address that, because we have somebody in every system that's specifically oversees the person that has the contract company. We have very detailed contracts of what we require for them to be able to work for us, and if they are showing up and they don't have the tools that they need, or they don't have the experience that they need, we will absolutely address that with the contractor.

Councilman S. Jenkins: So you do keep track of that, if a customer calls in and says well he or she came out, but they were not able to explain to me what was going on or not able to address my problem and keep up with some record on that particular individual or technician.

Ms. Smith: Absolutely. Our records on every customer we call on, we know exactly what technician went out there. They all have a number code, and so we know it's a contractor or if it's one of ours, we know exactly who was there, and we can track that. So if a customer calls and says this person doesn't know what they're doing, we know exactly who it was.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Okay, I want to ask something about the technology, you talked a little bit about this earlier. I understand the night of the Oscars when we had the interruption, and I just seem to remember that one for some reason, but to be honest with you, I'm talking to people who said their service could be out for days at time, when they have their telephone, their internet, and their television bundled through Comcast. But let me ask this question here? What happened on that occasion? And I understand it was supposed to be a backup system in place, and that didn't work either?

Ms. Smith: We are actually working. One of the engineers that's here that's working specifically with SWEPCO to figure out very specifically what happened, and also other ways to perhaps bring the power to the building for more stability. We have what we call - - - our head end has a back up system with is generator, and there's a switch that when the power goes out, it

switches automatically to generator to keep the system on. What we have ascertained happened, and we have a center, called the XOC center, I'm not sure what that stands for, Operations Center, I'm sure, I'm not exactly sure what the 'X' stands for, that actually is monitoring our head ends all the time. And if there's a power outage, they see it, they know it's happened, and that indicated to us, there was a power outage coming into our building, it seemed to create a power surge that burned up the switch that switches us to generator, and I've got a picture of the box with the switch, whatever. And so they're still doing some work there to determine a little more detail about how that happened, what we can do to keep that from happening in the future. SWEPCO to be perfectly honest, they're not showing they had an outage at that time. All of our systems show that there was, but they have been wonderful working with us. They partnered with us to try and figure out what is going on here. But again, we're in the process and already going in the process of taking the head end to battery. But that's what happens and normally power outage to the building wouldn't have created a blink, because it would have automatically switch to gen, but we couldn't even physically go in and switch it, because the switch burned up.

Councilman S. Jenkins: You getting some new equipment to try to address a problem like that in the future? I mean I'm just trying to make it make sense to me and anyone else who - - -

Mr. Remick Darden: Actually we've gotten some new diesel generators. We have one that is hooked up now, and we've got all the way hooked up now. Like I said the generator, if the power goes off, it'll go through that transfer switch and it would switch over to the generator power. But since that transfer switch burned up, it's not just a small switch, it's actually in a big encasing. And it was nothing that we could do at the time. When I made it to the office at that time, it was still smoking on the outside, so we had to actually wait on the electricians to get there.

Councilman S. Jenkins: This is what I'm really asking. You all are investing in some (inaudible)

Mr. Darden: Yes, we're actually investing in another generator also, and we've also had the electricians to upgrade the wiring up to the building. And we also the batteries that are inside the head end.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Let me ask you another question, and this is something that's been asked of me. When say for instance when the television is down or if their telephone and internet is tied to it, days to weeks at a time, do those customers get a credit on their bill? You don't charge them for that period of time that your service is out, do you?

Ms. Smith: We don't always know up front exactly how long their service has been out, but yes, we will give credits if they request a credit, we will give them a credit on their bill for that. Again, this is a hard thing to address because I'm hard pressed - - -

Councilman S. Jenkins: Do customers know that they can ask for credit if their service is out like that?

Ms. Smith: Yes, they do, yes, yes, it's part of our guarantee.

Councilman Everson: On occasion when a customer would not want a credit for their service being out for weeks at a time, because - - -

Ms. Smith: I don't know that the customer

Councilman Everson: A lot of the complaints that I get are from people who call in and they say, they go back and forth with service providers who are with Comcast for months to schedule somebody to get there, and then they don't get there, and then they have to come back take another day off work. And then they finally come there, they finally get a resolution or whatever to their services, and then their bill doesn't reflect it, and then they call some number, it

goes to somebody who couldn't find Shreveport on a map if they were paid to, to save their life, you know and they feel like they have nobody to talk to, to address their concern. Their concern takes a long time to find somebody who can actually answer their question. They can never find that person the second time once there was a failure in the system, they could never find that person to give attention to their case, and then when they finally get a hold of somebody, they've been charged for something the whole time that hasn't been working for an extended period of time, and I get this complaint from people across the city.

Ms. Smith: Well, and those would be helpful to know, because I have not dealt with a customer who had service out for multiple days or weeks. And certainly yes, I mean if we get a customer whose service has been out for two weeks, they're going to get full credit for that. That is not even a question, but that would be an anomaly because the call center, I understand that people say that they have difficulty with the call center. But I mean, we've had service calls, we know people are getting through. Time of day affects it, weather affects it. It may be beautiful in Shreveport, but the call centers work for 12 states, there could be a snow storm going somewhere, so there is a high volume of calls. But certainly we would give people credit you know in a situation like that without a blink of an eye to do that. Again, I'm 95% of the customer concerns are absolutely valid, I had one last week. That same thing. My service has been out for a week, and nobody's helping me. She'd unplugged the cord to the modem. You know, so everything in our system shows the services are fine. But she'd been out for a week, because she had unplugged the cord. That again is a very unusual situation. But we do like to run the service call, find out exactly what's going on.

Councilman Everson: There's enough of this to be a recurring theme, and I'm sure the other Council Members get the same kind of communication I do.

Ms. Smith: Well with all due respect, that's the first time I've heard that one, so I would really like to get some specific names and addresses. We'll look at it, we'll give them credits under that circumstances and see what caused it to take that long.

Councilman Everson: And a lot of it is really just that the frustrations that people get when they cannot find somebody who remembers their case, who understands, when somebody makes a payment option with them for maybe some billing - - - some billing discrepancy and they work out some payment resolution and then they go in to pay it and they're given a different amount, and then they receive a bill a week later with a different amount on it, and then they go to pay that, and they're told there is some other amount that they have to pay. I mean there is so much inconsistency and when they call these phone numbers, they're getting people who have no idea about it and no one can answer it for them. There is so much - - - they get of - - - it's just up in the air for these customers that they get frustrated, and that's when we get the calls.

Ms. Smith: I understand.

Councilman Everson: You know it's when, and for instance one that comes to mind and when I said months, I'm referring to - - - there's a guy who - - - he lives in Mike's district, who a neighborhood pecan place out there that they're trying to get a line installed to this house since September of 2012. He was told it would cost \$5,000. He said fine, I'll pay it, whatever. Still isn't done from September of 2012. Paying a very high premium to get service at this address and it's been seven months.

Ms. Smith: Somebody send me his address and we'll look into that, and see what the situation is for sure.

Councilman Corbin: I think Councilman Sam Jenkins still has the floor.

Councilman S. Jenkins: That's why I'm saying, that's why it's so important that Council Members calls get answered. Because we can give you some of these.

Ms. Smith: Sure, well and trust me, that's our preference.

Councilman S. Jenkins; We can give you some examples that you say you don't hear anything about. You know when people say my service has been out for a week, that's why I'm calling. Right then and there we say call this person right here and see exactly what's going on. Let me ask a couple of things and I'm going to let it go. Well I want to make a suggestion is really what I'd like to do. Do you all have representatives that could come out to like neighborhood meetings and community meetings? I noticed that SWEPCO, Centerpoint and some of the other utilities companies, they will make people available to come out and sit down with the neighborhood groups and talk some of the issues out. Do you all have people?

Ms. Smith: We could do that.

Councilman S. Jenkins: This generally happens in the evening time, you know after 6. Do you have people that would be willing to come out and meet with the Neighborhood Associations or Community Groups to talk about Comcast and the services. Plus you're right, you do a lot of good things, but at the same time, you're in business, you're making money and you want to be in this area, and you're the only person that people can turn to for their cable service, there's not a competitor. And so we don't want people to feel as though no one cares because it's nothing else you can do about it, because I'm the only provider of service. So do y'all have people who could come out and meet with the community?

Ms. Smith: We do.

Councilman S. Jenkins: When you're invited to come out to those meetings?

Ms. Smith: Yes sir, we do.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Is that a promise being made to us that someone will come out and meet the community?

Ms. Smith: We can do that. All we request is enough time to arrange it and to do a little research on what's going on in the neighborhood, so we would have some information when we got there, but certainly we'd be willing to do that. Do want to clarify one thing though. Even though there's not another hard line competitor right now, satellite dishes are still a huge, huge competitor for us.

Councilman S. Jenkins: They're going to become a bigger competitor for you if you don't get your business in order. Okay, that's what we're here to try and help you do. Mr. Chairman, I'll let it go at that.

Councilman Corbin: Thank you. And if you would just on something that Councilman S. Jenkins said, on some of these extreme cases that Council may call you about, if you would have somebody follow up, phone call or email to us because certainly if it's a situation where somebody has told us they haven't had service in two weeks, and it is something like a cord is unplugged, it's helpful that we know that because that person is likely to call us again in two more weeks.

Councilman Webb: Ms. Smith, how long have you been in Shreveport?

Ms. Smith: I've been working in Shreveport since about June 1.

Councilman Webb: Of when?

Ms. Smith: June 1st of last year.

Councilman Webb: Of last year, okay. Who was the gentleman that took Fred Fuller's place?

Ms. Smith: I'm sorry. Whose place?

Councilman Webb: Fred Fuller, when he was in Shreveport.

Ms. Smith: Tom Rice.

Councilman Webb: He's no longer here?

Ms. Smith: He's no longer here.

Councilman Webb: When did he leave?

Ms. Smith: February of 2012.

Councilman Webb: How long was he here?

Ms. Smith: About two years.

Councilman Webb: When Fred Fuller came down here about six years ago, I'd say it's been about six years ago, and he let us know just like you're doing today, told us all the money they spent, and what we could expect, and things were going to get better. That was six years ago, and they're absolutely worse than they were six years ago. And I mean we could sit here all day long and I could tell you about all the phone calls and emails I get from people, which I know you don't want to hear. Just one little example. I heard from a gentlemen today, that he had a new line put in 13 months ago, and it's still laying in his backyard. And it hasn't been buried yet, and he's called twice, the technicians come out, take a look, and they leave. But the cable is still on the ground. And I had something similar to that happen when they buried my new cable and I called about three times within four months, but I got it buried. But those are the kinds of things that just aggravates people. But it's nice to know we've got somebody to call on. Because I know I used to call Fred Fuller when people would call and tell me I took the day off, they said they would be here before 12. It's 3:00 and nobody's here and I can't afford to take another day off. I'd call Fred Fuller, and he'd have somebody out there within an hour. And those are the kind of things that we can do to help alleviate this. But I'm telling you right now, and I cannot tell you how many people have told me, when they go down to the cable office, the people down there are rude. And y'all need to give these guys a 101 lesson on communications and smiling at the customers. I know they probably hear a little bit of everything, and they probably get tired of hearing it from hearing it over, and over, and over again. But still when you're in business the customer is always right, and that's what you have to live by. And I just - - - here we are. We're negotiating y'all's contract on a month to month basis until we come to some kind of agreement. And I'm one of the Councilmen and my constituents, they don't - - - they're the ones that I talk to, and they say they don't even want to renew your contract. You know and I'm not wanting to run y'all out of town, I want y'all to get better. You know I have everything bundled at my house, I have the phone, internet, everything. I pay over \$200 and something a month. And we can sit here all day and just talk about my complaints at the house, but I'm not going to go there. And you wouldn't want to get my wife on the phone with you. You have one supervisor down there Dave Mullin I believe. That guy is fantastic, and that's who my wife calls. And he always resolves all our problems, and y'all need to make him the General Manager down there, I think and give him a pay raise because the guy is fantastic. And I know your workers, I've talked to a lot of the technicians, and they seem to be knowledgeable. I've had a bunch of 'em at my house, and they seem to know what they're doing. But I think it's the equipment. Y'all got - - - I don't - - - you mentioned you spent \$1.8 (million) or five million or whatever on - - - I don't think it's enough. I mean I don't know what your plans are in the future for pouring some more money into this, but I think you're falling behind instead of gaining ground.

Ms. Smith: We actually were behind, and we spent last year catching up with this money. And just kinda to reiterate again, we recognize we had cable in the field that was damaged, that had not been replaced. We're spending well over a million dollars to do that. Did last year and doing it again, and the tap change out program, the taps that are out in the field are end of life and the vendor is out of business. It was a Time Warner product that was put in. Again, not bashing Time Warner, but it's a product that turned out to be what was presented to be and so we're in the process of changing out every one of those. And as we go through neighborhoods and do that, people are seeing much more improvement and stability and consistency in their signals. So those are the things we are concentrating on Councilman.

Councilman Webb: I had a constituent call me up I want to say it was last year, maybe August or so, I can't remember exactly when, but they put in a privacy fence on their property, and they busted a cable line I guess when they dug a hole. And they were trying to charge them like \$6000 which I found to be extremely outrageous. But I called whatever the gentleman's name was that you mentioned - - -

Ms. Smith: Tom Rice?

Councilman Webb: Yeah, I called him, cause I had his card just like I have your card. And I talked to 'em on the phone and I told him about the situation, and I gave him the customer's name and phone number, and I asked him if he would give me a follow up call to let me know what they did to resolve it. And a couple of weeks went by and I didn't hear anything. So I called the constituent, and she said they never heard from anybody. And that she'd gotten a letter since that they were going to turn it over to collections. And so I tried to call again, got his voice mail, left a message, 'This is Councilman Ron Webb calling, please give me a return phone call'. And I'm not exaggerating when I say this. I called that gentleman over 30 times, and that's not an exaggerated number. I called him every day for a month and left a message asking for a courtesy return phone call and never got one. Now even if he was gone from this area, the fact that he was still Comcast employee, I should have gotten that phone call.

Ms. Smith: Tom? He's not a Comcast employee anymore. He left the company.

Councilman Webb: Okay, well maybe that's the reason I didn't get a phone call.

Ms. Smith: I apologize. I will stand here - - -

Councilman Webb: You know, I'm out here trying to help my constituent, and I can't even get him to return a phone call, and.

Ms. Smith: I will stand here and apologize for all of those past problems, but I can't solve those past problems because I wasn't aware of 'em. And I'm promising you here today, you've got three people here who are going to work with you on any concern you get.

Councilman Webb: How long you've been here in Shreveport?

Mr. Darden: I've been here since August 6th.

Councilman Webb: And how long you've been here in Shreveport?

Ms. Jackson: All my life.

Councilman Webb: All your life. With Comcast, how many years?

Ms. Jackson: Since 2006.

Ms. Smith: She's been in the industry 23 years, but we've all been with Comcast since 2006.

Councilman Webb: On a 1 to 10, what do you give Comcast on customer service today compared to 5 years ago?

Ms. Jackson: I would agree with Frances that we do have some communication issues that we're working on, and trying to do a better job. And so with any transition, you're going to have some communication barriers, until everybody gets in sync. But overall I believe that I know Comcast is doing everything they can to work with the customers. I deal with a lot of complaint calls. And I know that I personally contact everyone back that I'm working with. So I believe that they're doing everything possible to get us up to standards.

Councilman Webb: Well I hope things will get better, I don't know what y'all got to do. And you know people when they call the service center, we don't even have a local service center any longer. We can't talk to anybody locally, we've got to talk to somebody halfway across the United States, and some of 'em you can't even hardly understand what they're saying. You know, is there any plan in the future that we can have people that we talk to right here in Shreveport that know what's going on in Shreveport and talk about our problem. They don't know what's going on. Where is our call center?

Ms. Smith: There has not be a local call center in Shreveport since prior to Comcast, because Time Warner answered those questions in Jackson as long as 10 years ago. We've got call centers in Memphis, Huntsville, Nashville, Jackson, Atlanta. Throughout the southeast and what they've been doing over the last couple of years as we've added products, is instead of trying to train every single new employee or every single customer service rep on everything that we do, they are now specialized. There's a call center if it's a billing concern, if you press billing on the ARU, it goes to a particular call center. It's new service, it goes to another one, if it's repair, it goes to another, if it's retention it goes to another. We do have some remote call centers that were initially established to take overflow calls, and they are as we speak evaluating which calls those call centers should actually be able to receive because of the (inaudible) area. So we are working on that. I want to ask again, and I know it's not your responsibility and it's not your job. But we need your help fixing these problems. Remick just reminded me that we do have people going neighborhood to neighborhood now on the tap situation and the spans of cable. But I can't fix something that happened a year ago or two years ago to somebody's satisfaction. And I sent a letter in October asking please work with me, please. If you get a concern, send it to me. I've not gotten those. I've gotten quite a few from the city that they pass on. And a lot of your constituents, you're asking them to call the Mayor's office. So we probably are getting some of those. But I sincerely need your help. You see more people than we do on a daily basis, and we do want to fix these problems. And it does help us identify if we can get them at the time. I'm sorry Tom Rice didn't return your calls. That's not going to happen. That's one of the reasons we changed management. We changed management because things weren't getting done. And the numbers I'm giving you since we changed management the beginning of last year, and since Remick has been here, we have reduced our repeat service calls by 75%. That's huge. We have reduced our call backlog by 60%, that's huge. Because that means fewer people are calling. No it's not perfect yet, there are people out there who are frustrated, but we are making progress, and we are going to turn this around.

Councilman Webb: Well do y'all have more customers today than you did five years ago, or do you have less?

Ms. Smith: I haven't looked at the numbers, I think it's pretty much stay pretty steady. I haven't seen any huge variations in the number.

Councilman Webb: Well you may be losing a bunch. Everybody says they're switching to satellite, if y'all don't improve. And I say well? I hope you do, because I enjoy cable and things you can do on cable in recording that you can't do on satellite, but.

Ms. Smith: And then some people recognize a difference, because they're telling us that. We have heard some good things, and as I get those in then I'll share those with you as well.

Councilman Webb: Well, I'm hoping - - - I think what I'm going to do next year about this time, I'm going to request y'all to come back down again, and we're going to see where we're at from the last year.

Ms. Smith: Okay. Be happy to do that. We'll do it sooner than a year.

Councilman Corbin: I think that'd be a great idea. And I think that understand Councilman Webb's concern about where the call center is, I think as long as the train is going in the direction it's going, and we have responsiveness, I don't care where that train center is, we're solving problems. And that's I know what y'all want to do. Councilman Webb, is that it?

Councilman Webb: I'm finished, thank you.

Councilman Corbin: Councilman Everson, did you have - - -

Councilman Everson: Oh no, I'm done.

Councilman Shyne: Ms. Smith, I'm going to make mine short because you've been up here long enough. But I hope you've gotten the message that people are dissatisfied with their cable service in this city. And I'm not going to ask you to try to explain X, Y, and Z. Cause I know you're going to do it, because that's part of your job. But the only thing I want you to understand is that people are dissatisfied. Now whatever you all need to do to render that, please do it. I've been down to Comcast myself. Matter of fact, I don't live too far from Comcast. I live in one of those high rent neighborhood.

Councilman Corbin: (Inaudible) mansion.

Councilman Shyne: Yeah, around Comcast, we don't have anything but big homes around there. So, I have been down and I don't know whether you've been in one of those lines, but they do have lines sometimes all the way out the door. And I've been in one of those lines, it takes you two hours to - - - Otis, I thought one day I was to have to call you to pick me up, because my wife got tired of waiting on me and she almost drove off and left me. You all do have some problems, so please look into it and see what you can do to work it. And generally the ladies there are pretty nice, but on some days when they've got the lines, lines, lines, let 'em know that you work for the company, and whether your feet are hurting you, still smile, still be nice. Now there are a lot of folks who come in there and act ugly. They can act ugly because their TV went off. And some of 'em

Councilwoman McCulloch: That's all they got.

Councilman Shyne: Yeah right, that's all they got. So when they come in there and act ugly, let 'em know that they're on the payroll and you know how women are, cause you all are ladies, but you can't show that back. You just got to smile and take it. Now some of 'em I'd hate to be their husbands, because I'd hate for 'em to come home and take it out on their husbands, but you ought to have something there they can take their frustrations out before they get home. But we do need to improve our service here in Shreveport, because I get lots of calls. So I'm not going to tell you how to do it. You all are professionals in the field.

Ms. Smith: I hear you, and we do - - - you know I got to the office today about 1:30, there were two people in the lobby. And some days their lines as usually it's about the time to pay the bill, but we do have payment centers, we have - - - you can call in and pay it, you can mail it in. I

mean we have numerous ways to pay the bill. You know and it's hard to control though that's why sometimes but we all had - - -

Councilman Shyne: Wait, hold it, hold it, let me stop you on that. It wasn't about no payments now. So let's don't lose the reason why the lines are there. The lines are there not because they're trying to pay a bill, they lines are there because they have problems with Comcast, with the service. So that's what I'm saying. Understand what we're saying. I don't want you to justify, or I don't want you to give me nothing sweet. "Well, the lines were long that day Councilman when you were there because it was probably during bill paying time." That wasn't the reason why the line was there. And I'm not going to let you stand up there and tell me that the lines where long because people were there to pay their bills. Because I talked with a lot of folks in the lines and they complained to me. I almost left because I got tired of hearing the complaints about what you all ought to do about cablevision. Y'all ought to run them out of town. Now, they were there - - - that's why I say, I hope you will promise you all will look at improving your service. This ain't nothing about paying bills, am I making any sense to you? So don't tell me that the line was probably long because it was probably during bill paying time. I'm not going to accept that. It was about your service. And I'm not going to ask you to give me any more details on how you going to improve your service, just go and do it. But they were there because the service was poor. Not because they were there trying to pay their bills. Not because you all got bill paying centers where they can pay their bill. That was not the reason. I've been there three times, and that was not the reason because they were trying to pay their bill. They were there because your service was poor. So whatever you need to do to improve your service, please do it, hear? Because I enjoy having y'all in Shreveport.

Ms. Smith: And we have expanded hours on Saturday. That's one thing I didn't mentioned when I opened, we're now open til 5:00 on Saturday, so hopefully that will help people out too.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Yes, I have to echo some of the complaints that have been presented by my colleagues. And the record will reflect from previous Council Meetings, that I have given reports based on my constituency in District A, which is pretty much 79-80% minorities. And you know sometimes in my district, we feel like we're picked on the most of all. But I have for the record submitted those complaints to this council. Also personally, about a month ago, I called. We had a power outage. But I was out of service for about a week. And again, I was scheduled for somebody to come out. I'm retired, I was there, nobody ever showed up, but of course, after a period of time the television came back on. But that was my personal experience. I had a constituent that was just here yesterday, that I invited to come down and actually present his problem to the council. And the way he was describing his situation, it was almost unbearable. So I have written and I want the record to reflect, and I'm asking you to please contact Mr. Don McLeod. This is his number right here. He was here yesterday and he spoke with our Chairperson as well. And all of his information is right here. Please contact Mr. McLeod for me. And I want to admire your character, how you maintained your character. How you maintained your character as you have stood before this council body today. I admire that and like Councilman Shyne said, I enjoy having you in town.

Ms. Smith: Thank you. Well we want everybody to feel that way. And really I know it sounds like lip service, I know you've heard it before. We're dedicated, we're committed, and we're going to make things better. And we are making improvements. It just hasn't turned around the public's perception yet and we haven't gotten to everybody, so we're getting there.

Councilman Corbin: Thank you Ms. Smith, Ms. Jackson and Mr. Darden. You're good troopers, and I just have to say, I think all of us in our own way have said this at some point in our comments, thank you for recognizing that there's issues, letting us know what you're doing and I do hope that this is an ongoing dialogue regardless of when we start contract negotiations, I think it's a good thing for y'all and a good thing for us, and I encourage Council Members to use the contact information on these cards, because the information or the problems that I have forwarded to Ms. Smith, they've been handled quickly. And I appreciate that.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Ms. Smith, Mr. Darden and Ms. Jackson, thank you all for your presentation. Would also Council Members as you are so inclined, since we are keeping a comprehensive list of issues and complaints at the Mayor's office with regard to cable issues, if you're so inclined, make sure you send a copy to us as well. That way we'll be able to keep it as a part of the compendium of issues that we have been compiling over the last several years or so. I also want to say Chairman Corbin, I'm still accustomed and have been so since one way or the other since the 1970s. I'm old enough at 47 to remember the pre-cable days and in fact know what it is like to have a pair of pliers that you use to grab the broken knob of the television to be able to change the channel. And unfortunately very well acquainted with being the youngest child in my family, being the one designated to stand there and hold the arm up as you jiggle the television antennae and get the signal just so - - -

Ms. Smith: With the aluminum foil.

Mayor Glover: With the aluminum foil wrapped around it, and so that everyone can get a perfect picture. So I remember those days of cable being laid and the new channels coming in and having a chance to expand beyond 3, 6, and 12 and LPB and what have you. And in fact I'm also surprised because I cannot get developed a level of comfort sufficient enough to put all of my communication eggs in one basket. So when I hear folks who say like Councilman Webb and others say when you have television, your internet, and your telephone all with one provider at one point, one place, I'm not yet that comfortable. Because I still like to be able to think that if Comcast sinks, that maybe the AT&T folks may still be swimming, and if AT&T falls down, then Comcast may be able to at least let me know what's going on in the outside world. I also know that as you mentioned Ms. Smith, you all have broadened your business model in getting areas I think going to be very exciting, and probably quite profitable for you in getting into new home security and monitoring surveillance, systems control, ADT, one of your competitors already advertising the ability to be able to pick up your smart phone, and watch the video camera that monitors your front door, the interior and what have you, and turn the heating and air conditioning on, and your alarm systems and what have you. So I know all of that is what is forthcoming. What you've heard here today I think, however are all the legitimate concerns that even those of us who have seen this technology evolve and sit back and marvel that I could have missed Big Bang Theory and in 24 hours later, can be sitting there with Sheldon watching that show once these council proceedings wrap up today and remembering when I had to put in a VCR tape and because I couldn't program it, I just had to put it on slow record and let it record for five hours until the show came on and then fast forward through those five hours of things I didn't want to watch so that I could see the half hour of what I did. It's truly an amazing, amazing age and time in which we live. But we have got to figure out how it is we manage to be able to meet the expectations that our constituents have of quality service, especially when they know that there are other systems out there that they can compare (inaudible) here in Shreveport, and believe that they deserve and should be getting better. We look forward to being able to explore those issues with you all in

conjunction with the council's, we attempt to try and figure out whether or not this is how we're going to go forward. And do know that we intend for the issues and concerns that have been expressed today and those that have not come into the room could be a part of how it is that we try and put that agreement together, and hopefully figure out how it is that we end up being able to make this situation better, and see you all continue your presence here in Shreveport and continue to grow and evolve the quality of our service. Last thing I want to say to pass along one of the positive things, that you all have done. I was one of those folks who was very much in this complaint bucket along with many of our constituents and what have you, and spent many a day calling and waiting and the pulse coming through, and getting up and rebooting the DVR and all those different things. And finally, decided to yield to the request from the technician, or the customer service to actually send out a technician and made an appointment. Didn't say that I was the Mayor of the City of Shreveport or anything, but we set a time, and to you all's credit, that young man was there within that time frame. And told me what we needed to do in order to stop having the problem that we were having was to put in another line from the box to the house. And he changed that out in about a half-hour and I'm very glad to say that the quality of service that we have personally received at my home has been exemplary from that point forward. Promise that within two to three days that the line would be buried, and it in fact was. And so please accept and pass along cause I've not yet written the thank you note that I should have on behalf of the quality work that was provided by Adrian Linear if memory serves me correct, was the young man's name. He was prompt, he was professional, he was very effective and efficient, and he also got me and my wife off multi remote controls for our two televisions. Never read enough of the owner's manual to know how to get to one Comcast remote to operate both the TV and the cable box. And young Adrian helped this 47 year old, manage to be able to figure out that as well. And so now I only have to use one remote as opposed to two these days. So we look forward to going forward with you all in dialogue resolving and regarding the future franchise agreement. Thank you for your time today. Know that one of those issues that we're going to have as part of that discussion is exactly what sort of time frame you guys may have in mind with regards to going from hopefully significant portions of the system still being coaxial to fiber because we know that some systems are putting that in. But that's an issue that we'll be looking to get some feedback from you guys as well. Because we see that maybe hopefully as something that may be a part of those considerations also.

Ms. Smith: Our entire system is a coax-fiber blend, but we've got fiber everywhere. The fiber backbone that's not direct to the home, and we're not doing it anywhere. Verizon's done that in some markets, but we're not doing fiber to the home. It really doesn't get you (inaudible)

Mayor Glover: (Inaudible) Comcast mix at this point?

Ms. Smith: Yeah, we have fiber to the node. But not to the home.

Mayor Glover: Okay, alright. Well I'll continue my research and we look forward to the process going forward and I'll turn it back over to you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Corbin: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Thank y'all, you've been troopers. Alright, does any Council Member have any questions or concerns relative to Property Standards?

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

Reports

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

Councilman Shyne: I do. Well, let me say this. Not really Ms. Farnell, but Mr. Harris. Is Ron still here with you? Ron Norwood.

Mr. Sibley: We can get it to 'em Mr. Shyne.

Councilman Shyne: Okay, Mr. Harris, if you'll come forward, and Mr. Sibley, if you don't mind. Mr. Mayor, if you don't mind, I think the letter was addressed to the Mayor from Paradise Baptist Church, you remember that?

Mr. Sibley: I think it came in today.

Councilman Shyne: Right, and let me say this now, and Jeff knows that I'm not trying to his district. This is in Jeff's district, but it's kinda right across the road from mine, and we work together. Because we understand that.

Councilman S. Jenkins: On that road.

Councilman Shyne: Right. We understand that we have to work together. But now Mr. Mayor, what I did though, by me being an old slickster, Jeff being the young one at the meeting I let him take all the criticism. I just sit back and smile.

Councilman Everson: And that was very kind of him.

Councilman Shyne: That's right, it was very kind of me.

Councilman Everson: I won't learn if I don't - - -

Councilman Shyne: That's exactly right.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Training opportunity? Absolutely.

Councilman Shyne: That's exactly right. Trained him well Dale, I let him sit at the head of the table. You know and be the big man.

Mr. Sibley: And so we should respond to him then?

Councilman Shyne: That's right be the big man.

Councilman Everson: And actually I had been in touch with Terri and Alan Clarke

Mr. Sibley: On this one?

Councilman Everson: On this matter.

Councilman Shyne: Hold on one minute, now this isn't what I want Mr. Harris up here for. Now Jeff, I'm going to let you talk to Dale about the other matter. Because the other matter you all were talking about is going to be a little harder to solve. So I'm going to let you and Jeff solve the hard matter. But Mr. Harris on the street, now one day Jeff and I are going to call you. And Dale if you don't mind, you might want to come out too. They're getting ready to spend about \$4,000,000 right in that area. That's a lot of money for those people. Because I see the Chamber is gone. Now that might not be a lot of money for the Chamber. But you're a Black church, and you're spending \$4,000,000 in a neighborhood, that's a lot of money. Now what they need, they need some improvement. It's actually Jeff's district, but I told them I would support Jeff. We need you and probably Ron or somebody else that you want to bring out because there are a few things that need to be done in order to improve that area with them spending \$4,000,000. We're not talking about a big area, we're probably talking about a block, so one day, Jeff and I will call you when Jeff can take off a little time from selling real estate. You know he's probably the hottest real estate agent in time. Dale, he's got that crew cut and that baby face, so you know how it is. So we'd like to get you out. And this is not anything that's you probably gone be able to do real quick. Cause I'm gone probably be off the Council, and the Mayor will probably be out the Mayor's office when they get through with what they want to do in there. Because it's something Mayor that they've been working on for a long time, even when they were in my district. But

we'd like to get you out, show it to you, so you can start looking at what we need to do, to get that done for those people. Because they're going to spend about \$4,000,000. Now if you were going out in Mike's area, and they were going to spend that kind of money, I'd say aww, nothing for those folks out there to spend \$4,000,000. But in that area \$4,000,000 is going to be a big investment and to that community, and we want to help them out.

Mr. Harris: Okay. Be more than happy to come out and look at it.

Councilman Shyne: Thank you Mr. Harris. And I told them the reason why I bringing you up here is because I found out Dale, they've been watching the City Council Meeting. That Deacon Board, and then we met with about 22 good men on that Deacon Board. So I didn't realize that they had been watching us that much. And so they are watching today, and that's why I wanted to hold this up. Hey look, we're going to do our best to take care of you all out at the Paradise Baptist Church. And let me say this, and I know they're listening. They have spent a lot of money already, and Dorothy they appreciate some of those old houses that you've taken down in that area. You know around the Paradise Baptist Church, you all have done a good job of taking down some of those houses in that area, and they appreciate it. And Mayor, they want to know any adjudicated property might have in that area, they want to look at buying it because they want to develop it, if it's nothing but putting houses and apartments on it for the elderly, and Rose, they looked at me and said, it won't be long before you might need one. I looked at them and told them all y'all in here gone need one. So, Mr. Harris, that's why I wanted to call you up so they can understand that we can get on that. And I'm going to turn it over to Jeff because Jeff got another problem with them. And Jeff I know they're looking, so that they can know that you did let the CAO and the City Attorney know about this. And Ms. Scott, they spoke very well about you. One of them said they had been knowing you for a long time, and I told 'em well I wished I had known Ms. Scott back in those times.

Councilman Everson: And when I mentioned it to Ms. Scott, she immediately knew the names of a few of the gentlemen that we had met with. So I can tell that she has known them for a while. And so they did have another concern which about some signage.

Mayor Glover: What's this concern before we get to the next one?

Councilman Everson: Joe is talking about they're planning on an addition of a Family Life Center on the back of their building and there's a street that's fairly narrow. It could use some drainage to be underway which would widen the street, so I think what they wanted to do is get a

Councilman Shyne: And needed a paved street. That's what I want to take you out there to show you.

Councilman Everson: Some street improvements that would provide access to their Family Life Center. So that was the issue that Councilman Shyne was just referring to. The other issue that was mentioned was some signage at a local business that was offensive to some in the area. It does appear that thankfully, the signs have been removed right now. But the City Attorney and the MPC, Alan Clarke both are looking into to make sure that if it's a continued problem, we'll know what remedies are available to us.

Councilman Shyne: And the other thing now, I didn't want to tell what they need, I want to show you. It's - - - you get a little bit different. I guess I'm an old school teacher and if you can use concrete things when you're teaching, students learn better.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Visually, visually.

Councilman Shyne: There you go. You want to do that.

Mr. Harris: We look forward to your call.

Councilman Shyne: Now she's from the modern concept. That's right visual. In my day, it was you know something concrete, you could put your hand on and you can see and feel. That's why I want to get you out there. I don't want to tell you about it right now, want to get you out there, so the preacher can be there, and his Deacon Board, and Mr. Harris, it'll be a whole lot better.

Mr. Harris: Okay, I look forward to meeting you at the site.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Mr. Chairman, let me apologize, I did not know that we had left Communications with the Mayor relative to the city, if I could just revert back there for just a moment. I have a number of projects Mr. Mayor, and Mr. CAO in my district that my constituents are asking me about. In fact this weekend, I attended some meetings about these projects, and I know I sent out some communication about the status of them. And for the sake of my constituents, so they'll know that I asked about 'em. Because I generally ask for these thing off the record, but I doing it on the record today so they will know that I'm asking about it. One is the Murphy Street Park project. That's a capital project in the 2013 budget. To my knowledge all the legislation has been done, and the money has been set aside. We're ready to see the property being acquired to move forward. There are some concerns there. Second is the Bilberry Park renovations, I know that we had contracted someone to do the design work at one point, and we had to go back and redo it again. And we're trying to get some status on where are we on the designs of the aspects of the Bilberry Park project. And the third is the Fire Station, what we call the super station.

Mr. Sibley: 814?

Councilman S. Jenkins: Yes, the combination of those two stations and what affect it may have on the community or whatever now. I'd like to collectively get that information, I may call a meeting in the general area of Queensborough to bring some people together who are asking about this so we can talk about those three issues. Because they're coming up pretty often right now. And I know I've asked about 'em either through email or direct requests. So, I'm on the record saying today, these are some projects we need to know where we are from the Administration standpoint. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman? I'll offer just as a general response. We'll give you specifics Mr. Jenkins with regard to the Murphy Street Park project. I know that's a non bond issue project that was established by a vote of the Council, I know Ronnie Hammond is here taking notes to pass along to Shelly Ragle in her absence with regard to Bilberry Fire Station, 814 as well as all other issues that were before the voters in the April 2011 bond proposal, if you will go as well as to our citizens, to www.ShreveportBond2011.com, that information there has been updated for the (inaudible) quarter of 2013, so there is a current status on all 35 street projects. There is a current status on each individual park project, there is a current status on all the things pertaining to the water projects, sewer projects and what have you, but we'll also give you the direct specific information with regard to these. But for the sake of your citizens and the public in general, anyone who wants to know the status on any project related to the bond issue from 2011, that information is now updated and is on shreveportbond2011. We'll be sending out a press release as well to make sure the public is aware of that. But that information is there, it's quite detailed, and we'll be continually updating as we have been over the past two years as well.

Councilman S. Jenkins: And that's appreciated Mr. Mayor, and I have referred constituents to that website, but I think we're at the point where it's going to take a little dialogue. That's why I'm saying now, why don't somebody take a look at it, because we're going to sit

down and have some dialogue about how this affects the community.

Mayor Glover: And more specifically we need to go forward with the sales of the second half of the bond from that bond issue, so that we'll actually have the construction dollars to move forward with (inaudible)

Councilman S. Jenkins: On the construction side. These are design issues and I think there may be some concerns as it may go towards how it affects the community. So I'm saying there's going to need to be some dialogue here, that's going to take place. It's going to be something a little more than just taking a look at a computer.

Mayor Glover: Absolutely, look forward to it.

Councilwoman McCulloch: I have something. Mayor Glover, I guess the Administration, you won't believe that while on my visit to Capitol Hill, while I was visiting with the congressional leaders, I was informed that the equipment that was moved from the 'Y' on Pierre Avenue, that it might still be available. Now since I returned back home, I received a phone call from Allendale/Lakeside/Ledbetter (inaudible) Association. And I was able to share that information with them. Because and Jeff I wanted to share this with you as well. What they're interested in is possibly upgrading that particular 'Y' to meet the needs of the senior citizens. And they're wanting to know Mayor Glover if that equipment is still available as a part of the \$1.4 (million) that was set aside Jeff, if they could possibly (inaudible) that equipment to go into the 'Y'.

Mayor Glover: What equipment are you referring to Councilwoman?

Councilwoman McCulloch: That was taken, removed from the 'Y' on Pierre Avenue?

Mayor Glover: To my knowledge, I can't believe there was anything that would have been removed or altered.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Just the cooler, the heater?

Mr. Sibley: The heating unit for the cooler.

Councilman Shyne: You couldn't remove the swimming pool

Mayor Glover and Mr. Sibley: Right.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Well I think it's the heater, because (inaudible) it's the swimming pool that the senior citizens wanted access to. But I guess I'm wanting clarification or confirmation that this is actually what happened. Because you know like I said, fortunately, this came up and it was like, 'Well, after the building wasn't sold to the city, the equipment was removed.' And that equipment that was removed would only go to that particular facility. And so when I returned back I talked with associations and I gave them the same information, and I suggested that maybe we might consult with the Mayor and his administration to see if whatever equipment was removed, it's available for purchase. I mean if that's possible.

Mayor Glover: Well to take a step back and give this some context Councilwoman McCulloch, prior to the decision on the part of the YWCA to sell the Pierre Avenue facility to someone other than the City of Shreveport, we had an arrangement where the city covered the expense of operating the swimming pool, the indoor swimming pool at that facility. Part of what that pool needed was a heater in order to be able to heat the water for the swimming pool. We also covered the \$10,000 per month gas bill that went along with providing the heated swimming pool for that facility. When that contractual agreement was brought to an end based on the decision of the YWCA to shut down, cease operation and in turn sell the 'Y' to someone other than the city, then yes, we were obliged to go and remove all city property and equipment from the facility. So that heating element was removed. To my knowledge it is still somewhere within the

city inventory. In order for us to be able to make any other use of it, outside of city use, it would have to be declared surplus, and then auctioned to the highest bidder. That's the way in which we would go about being able to do that. We may be able to declare it - - - I don't know if it could be donated or what have you. I do know the idea of us doing so, comes with some liability, concerns, and issues, that I would have to turn over to the legal folks to give some consideration to. But when that arrangement and partnership was unfortunately brought to an end, and not brought to an end by any action or desire by the city, then we had to remove that equipment. Anyone else who would look to come in and operate that pool, should be prepared and expect to encumber considerable expense in trying to do so. Because 1) It has deteriorated in the year since then. 2) That equipment is needed and then 3) As I mentioned, based upon feedback from staff, the gas bill that we also covered averaged somewhere in the neighborhood of about \$10,000 a month in order to be able to provide that particular service.

Councilwoman McCulloch: So Jeff, what I did, I requested that they put that request in writing, and I guess whatever we can do with it, you know from

Councilman Everson: We can look at it, I'm not sure I quite understand what the request is right now, but once we have it in writing.

Councilwoman McCulloch: A \$1.4 (million) that was set aside

Councilman Everson: I mean I remember the - - -

Councilman Corbin: If we can do this, we have gotten way off where we're supposed to be on the agenda.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Communications that I had for the Mayor.

Councilman Corbin: This needs to be discussion that happens at a later date with all the parties involved. So we're going to get back on our agenda now, if we're finished with Property Standards concerns.

Councilwoman McCulloch: I'm not finished with Property Standards. Dorothy, is she here? Actually the issue that we had on yesterday, it was forwarded to zoning and regarding the fence Dorothy on Maple Street, and I think it was Roy, is he not here either? Did he communicate with you all regarding the zoning issue on Maple Street?

Ms. Farnell: There was an email that was sent. They had already notified the owner of that property and had asked them about lowering it three feet. So they had done that and it appears that they may have to do something else. But they've already made contact with him.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Roy, you have something?

Mr. Jambor: Yes Ma'am, I talked to Alan and he was - - - in conversations with the gentleman who had originally voluntarily make the corrections. Alan is not of the opinion that that is the current status. So, he will take action to cite the gentleman to court and see if that motivates him.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Okay so now Dorothy you're saying that they were asked to -

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Mr. Sibley: No, no, it's a zoning enforcement.

Mr. Jambor: The fence - - - the zoning ordinance prohibits a site obstructing fence taller than three feet in the front yard setback, which is typically the first 30 feet. They vary in some neighborhoods, but generally, it's in the neighborhood. Which means it has to be lower than that for that portion. No higher than three feet, or it can be a chain link fence. But that picture as you can see, you now it's a full high six foot fence all the way to the property line or approximately to the property line.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Okay.

Mr. Jambor: And that portion of it is a zoning violation, has been for six or seven years.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Alright, thank you Roy, I appreciate it and thank you Ms.

Farnell.

Councilman O. Jenkins: While he's up here, I have something for Roy. As I understand this is the new procedure with the MPC, I would like to make a formal request so it will be in the record to the MPC, the Commissioners of the MPC to conduct a study on the increase in development along Pierrmont Road of what I feel are inadequacies with regard to the current zoning and development regulations there. Specifically, I have some issues on development that I don't believe can wait til the new UDC is out. I have reviewed several of the SPI 3, 4, 6, I believe are the various ones. So what I'm requesting at this point is for the MPC to schedule a mid-month meeting to I guess for their hope to request a draft of an SPI6, which having some nearby subject matter expertise with me here, to consider an overlay district similar to the SPI 3 with regard to the signage restrictions.

Mr. Jambor: I think you mean 4, but - - -

Councilman O. Jenkins: I'm proposing a - - - I guess I'll call it a new type of special use.

Mr. Jambor: Right, I understand, but I think you mean similar to SPI 4. SPI 3 is the one Broadmoor (inaudible) along Youree.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I understand that. So and I guess the reason SPI 3 appeals to me is that he has some level of reduced parking, a little more walkability, that type of - - - you know frankly, it could be an amendment to SPI 6, it could be an amendment to SPI 3 as long as it covers the intent, so that at least I could have a draft of this by the April 3rd or the whatever April 10th meeting. So that I could at least see a draft by whatever our first meeting in April is. Let me think, one other part is I'm not so sure why we have to do it this way now, but I'm making that formal request for you to bring that to the MPC Commissioners, and hopefully they would move forward with that. I'm happy to discuss with anything with them at length or you all for further guidance.

Mr. Jambor: Yeah and I mean the only issue, and we can discuss that at length later, the procedure is these things are done at the MPC, they have to schedule public hearings to get public input on this matter, before forwarding something to you. So that the timing may not be such.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Well that's why I'm proposing that they do their own mid-meeting so that April 3rd or something that's when their full - - -

Mr. Jambor: Right, but typically they don't use the mid-month meeting for full public hearings.

Councilman O. Jenkins: And I'm proposing that they have it ready by April 3rd for their public meeting. Correct?

Mr. Jambor: Correct.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Then based on that, they could have it here by the first week or the second week of April. That's my theory on my timeline.

Mr. Jambor: Yeah, and it may be doable, with the advertising requirements, I don't know off the top of my head, I'll have to check it.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Thank you very much.

Mr. Jambor: You bet.

Councilman Corbin: If there is no more concern for Property Standards, I think we received our Revenue Collection report and our Surety Bond report being emailed. Does any Council Member have any questions about those two reports? If not Mr. Thompson, I think maybe

that brings us to public hearing.

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*)

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

The Clerk read the following:

Public Hearing: 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.

Councilman Corbin: Thank you Mr. Thompson, the public hearing is now open. Is there a presentation from the Administration?

Mayor Glover: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Going back again to those house and days of the mid ‘70s. When cable television was first installed around the city of Shreveport, and my dear and cherished South Park Mall was at its heyday, I am excited to be able to be here today as Mayor of the City of Shreveport to have these gentlemen come and make a presentation to you all, that hopefully 30 years hence, that while we’ve seen it, we’ve lost South Park Mall, and we see our cable television situation evolving, that the Shreveport of 30 years from now will be one that still has a part of its core a well performing if not thriving Mall St. Vincent. An institution that is a significant part of the bedrock of Shreveport as well, and one that throughout the course of my tenure as mayor and even prior to that, I have had some concerns about whether or not it would ultimately find itself on a path that led it to a fate similar to where South Park itself ultimately ended up. God bless the folks at Summer Grove Baptist Church, for if it were not for them, there’s probably a very good chance that that particular facility would be completely dark and that particular area of our city would be facing even larger challenges than it does right now. Thankfully as I think Councilman Everson did an excellent job of detailing on yesterday our situation here with Mall St. Vincent, has evolved I think in some respects because of the evolution, some might say demise of its prior owners, General (inaudible) Properties, which divested itself of a number of properties, some of which were acquired by a group of folks here today represented by Ben Shaw and Kevin Connell with the Rouse Group. They have a system of properties that’s about 30+, which is probably on an nth of the size of the former General (inaudible) chain, and part of what I believe that allows is for them to be able to focus more time, more attention, and develop a clearer, better and hopefully more successful vision for the future growth and development of the individual properties. They have been in dialogue with the city for some time now. I have to give credit to Arlena Acree in stepping forward along with Dale and Terri in helping to facilitate that dialogue. They’ve also had an opportunity to reach out and expand that dialogue to Council. They’re tenants at Mall St. Vincent and now with the community as a whole of a vision that gives an opportunity based and grounded in provisions in state law, to be able to move this particular property towards a grander and greater future. So at this point I want to turn the meeting over. The presentation over rather in terms of administration’s presentation to Ben

and to Kevin and to David and to the other folks they have here with them. They also have Steve here who is a part of the local management for the Mall St. Vincent facility. David is counsel who will be representing the city in this matter, who I think we'll start with some of the legal aspects of it, and then we'll get to some of what's envisioned in terms of the mall property in particular, and at that point, it will be open for questions, comment and what have you.

Mr. David Wolfe: Thank you Mr. Mayor, Mr. Chairman, and members of the Council. I'm special counsel with the Adams and Reese Law Firm in New Orleans, and we're representing the city in connection with this proposal that's been brought to you by the owners of Mall St. Vincent to enter into a public/private partnership to help them finance improvements to the mall that will increase the mall's sales, employment economic activity in the area, through the use of an economic development district that would levy and additional sales tax. The proceeds of which would be shared between the city and the mall to help them with their expansion efforts, and also to help the city with financing some infrastructure improvements in connection with the mall. You'll recall at the last meeting, I appeared before you and explained the process and I will just summarize that very quickly for the members of the public again, explain where we are today and what's on the agenda. There are a number of items to keep this process moving along. At the last meeting the Council adopted a resolution giving the notice of intent to consider the creation of an economic development district. And that ordinance was also introduced at the last meeting, and the public hearing that's being held now is on that ordinance, and the creation of the district. The ordinance appears under item D 16 on your agenda, you'll take that up I assume later on unless you suspend the rules, and consider that at the conclusion of the public hearing. The district when it's created will be a political subdivision. The City Council will sit as the governing authority of the district. The boundaries of the district are set out in the resolution giving notice of intent and in the ordinance. You've all seen it, notice of intent to create the district was in the official journal of the city two previous Fridays. Basically the district encompasses the middle part of Mall St. Vincent. It excludes the Dillard's at the north part of the mall and the Sears at the south part of the mall. The district once it's created, as I said will be a political subdivision with you as the governing authority. State law gives economic development districts the authority to levy up to 2% sales taxes without a vote of the people as long as there are no electors residing within the district. And in this case, there are no electors residing within the district. So you have the authority to levy a sales tax up to 2%. The owners of the mall have requested or proposed that the district levy 1% sales tax that would run for 20 years effective July 1st. The proceeds of the sales tax would be divided 80% to the owners and 20% to the city. And that division would continue for 20 years. The mall owners are proposing to spend approximately \$16 ½ (million) on their project and they'll tell you a little bit more about what they plan to do at the mall after my remarks. Over the 20 year period, the proceed, their 80% share of this 1% tax would compensate them for some, but not all of that capital investment. The remaining 20% would be paid to the city as it comes in and the city would retain that. And essentially use it to reimburse itself for some infrastructure improvements that have been requested in connection with the mall improvement. Primarily improved access to the mall, some street alignments surrounding the mall and potentially some lighting utilities that might be necessary in connection with that. But basically the 20% would all be public infrastructure in and around the mall. As I said the sales tax can be levied by ordinance of the Council, it doesn't require an election because there are no registered voters in the district, there has been - - - we have obtained a certification from the registrar of voters to that effect, and that's been filed with the Clerk of Council and will be part of the ordinance that'll be introduced

today. Once the ordinance is adopted today creating the district, if you do that, then the district exist. The next step will be to implement the plan by two additional items that are also on the agenda that will be introduced tonight, and laid over and reconsidered at the next meeting two weeks from now. The first of those items which is B 47 on your agenda, is the introduction of a resolution that would authorize the city and the district to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with Rouse. That agreement basically sets out how this 20% division of proceeds will take place. A project budget is attached to the agreement. Rouse will be required to furnish the city with documentary evidence of its expenditures as the project progresses, and with that information on record, the city will basically reimburse Rouse over the next 80% of the tax revenues as they come in. Taxes will be collected by the Caddo/Shreveport sales tax commission along with all the other sales taxes that are collected in the parish. It'll be collected only in the stores in the mall, in the mall part of the mall, not the two anchors at the north and south end. The second action which is on the agenda today which is C 21, is the introduction of the ordinance that would actually levy the sales tax effective July 1st. This is a more or less boiler plate ordinance, it's the same type of ordinance that's used in other parts of the state and also in Caddo Parish to levy these sales taxes. As you know local sales taxes are all collected pursuant to a uniform local sales tax law that the legislature enacted about 10 years ago. It applies uniformly throughout the state. This ordinance I've run it by the sales tax commission and it's council. They had few tweaks to the form that have been incorporated in the ordinance that's on the agenda for introduction tonight and so that should be a fairly routine should you decide to go ahead with this plan as is being suggested. The actual numbers on the sales tax or that in about three years, it'll take about three years for the sales tax to fully ramp up, but at that point, the owners of the mall are projecting that it will generate at 1% about \$625,000 a year. That will continue to grow about 2 or 3% a year thereafter, they hope. So, their 80% share of that would amount to about \$500,000 in that first year. Your 20% share would be about \$125,000. And those proportions would continue through the 20 year term of the tax. If the tax grows to the point that Rouse is reimbursed for their \$16 ½ (million) investment or whatever it is up to that amount, prior to that 20 years, then they get no more than that. So, for example, if they spend say \$15,000,000 at the mall, it only takes 15 years to reimburse them that \$15,000,000, that would be the end of that reimbursement. At that point, the 80/20 split would end, and the district would be entitled to collect and retain 100% of the proceeds. Conversely, if by the end of 20 years, they have not been reimbursed the full amount of their capital investment, the tax terminates and they simply have got what they've gotten to that point, and won't be entitled to any more than that. I'd be happy to answer any questions about the procedure, about the terms of the cooperative endeavor agreement. I know the Rouse folks would like to tell you more about their plans. I will say one thing in particular, the terms of the cooperative endeavor agreement which is an exhibit to the authorizing resolution are nearly final, but there're still a few points that we're talking about, and before the next Council Meeting, we'll be able to give you a final version explaining the changes that have taken place and of course, y'all will have an opportunity at the meeting on March 26th to ask further questions, also at your work session before then, and have additional input into the terms and if you have any questions today, of course, I'd be happy to answer those.

Mr. Kevin Connell: (*Rouse Properties, 6225, Hwy 161, Irvin, TX*) I'm here to provide more insight and description about our plans for Mall St. Vincent. Just to reiterate a few comments regarding Rouse, again Rouse is a publicly traded real estate investment trust that went public in January of 2012. Rouse owns and operates 32 enclosed regional malls totaling about

22,000,000 square feet, including Mall St. Vincent and also Pierre Bossier Mall here locally. With that Rouse is certainly committed to the long term liability of Mall St. Vincent and the Shreveport community in general. A few comments regarding the need and purpose for this renovation. We recognize that a mall renovation and an enhancement to this property is necessary to re-energize the property. To reposition the mall in the market place. We look to make the mall relevant again, to attract and retain preferred tenants including retailers and with an emphasis on attracting high quality casual and full service dining restaurants as well. We're also willing to provide a real sense of place for customers visiting the mall, which is something that really does not exist there today. We want to create a destination oriented shopping environment, for the purpose of obviously increasing customer traffic, but to really expand the regional draw. Really expand the trade area which would support the mall. This would really help drive or help increase occupancy, and sales volume among the Mall St. Vincent retailers. Certainly improve the financial performance of the mall, individual tenant stores and certainly add to a net new revenue increases for the city as well. Before I get a glimpse of the plans, I just want to make a few comments about this compared to Pierre Bossier Mall that I mentioned we also own in the market place. Rouse did execute a renovation project to Pierre Bossier starting early in '12 soon after we went public. It was kind of our first step out to really start investing and enhancing our properties. But there is a clear distinction I think in that property and our investment in that property and what's needed in here at Mall St. Vincent. Pierre Bossier was just in need of a cosmetic upgrade. It was tired, the tile was dated, it basically needed a new paint job, enhanced lightening and features like that. So, we executed that really just to keep it relevant, keep the customer base satisfied with the asset, keep the tenants pleased to be operating there. That is distinctly different from Mall St. Vincent. We're here, we recognize that there is a need for a much greater investment, again, it's more a repositioning of the property, because our concern is if we don't invest in the property to this extent, it will likely continue a decline, you know with loss of tenants, obviously loss of revenues, and inability to attract, and that's what we want to bring to the property. So with that, the mall renovation and enhancement project is really an interior cosmetic renovation. Again, the purpose is to modernize the interior finishes, and the amenities within the mall and certainly to make it more attractive to the customers. It will include new brighter floor tile, ceiling treatments as you see in this rendering, enhanced lightening, especially in the mall courts and in the areas, the transition courts and all that have the sky lights that gets really dark in there at night. Willing to improve the amenity areas in the transition courts. This represents an imagery and ideas around the center court area. We're looking to retain a water feature of some sorts, but enhance it dramatically. Again creating that sense of place and that focal point on the interior area of the mall. Again with enhanced lightening throughout. Upgrades to the floor tile, lighter, making the flooring lighter just to give it all a much brighter perspective. And this just represents one of Dillard's specifically, but in the anchor courts, again just continuing the theme with the new tile, the amenities, soft seating, enhanced interior landscaping, and just a brightening of the area within the department store courts as well. The other key component of our enhancement is focused on the exterior. And this image represents a dramatic improvement to the mall's pedestrian entrance locations on the west facing side of the mall. What we're going to do here is this represents is really reconfigure and expand the enclosures around the mall entrances. This represents translucent glass or acrylic paneling that we're looking to eliminate. And again to brighten and update these entrances and almost create a beacon effect to the mall and give it added interest and a sense of entry to the mall location along the west side. And just continuing on with the exterior

enhancement, what we're looking to do is create an exterior street scape along this west facing elevation. What this entails is creating new store (inaudible) some of the existing retail spaces almost inside out to create store fronts, a street scape environment with enhanced (inaudible) structures, exterior landscaping, rerouting and adding some interest to the (inaudible) that runs in front of this elevation of the property, and all that with the intent to attract retail stores and provide them both exterior and interior entrance location should they prefer that. But again, to also attract the restaurants, both full service and casual dining establishments again, giving them exterior access proximity to the parking fields on the west side of the property with patios and enhanced landscaping and just a softened streetscape environment along that elevation. As David mentioned, our project capital budget is \$16 ½ (million) for this work. That value includes both the hard cost of construction for this work represented here, as well as a cost associated with the tenants war, to bring tenants in and provide tenants with improvements and allowances in the individual spaces. Restaurants are very capital intensive, and in order to attract the right brands, the national brands, and the preferred restaurants that we want to get into this property, it will take fairly significant capital investment on the tenant side. So that is included in the \$16 ½ (million) budget. And again, this graphic is an aerial view, or planned view of the streetscape enhancement just to give you a sense of how we're looking to pull out. Some of the areas along this frontage again to allow for patio dining, trellis shade structures, etc. With this project, Rouse will enter into a construction contract with a general contractor, and we are working in reasonable efforts and good faith efforts with that contractor to identify and qualify local, contractor, subcontractors and suppliers and to allow them to competitively bid the project. Just a few comments also about just sort of the existing use of local contractors and the employment base associated with the property. The mall and basically both of our properties here in this communities, do utilize a local contractor base for basic all construction trades. A number of these contractors are minority or women owned businesses. So, again as a corporation, we do recognize the importance of working closely in hand with local contractors and the resources available here. The mall itself with the individual retail stores employ about 450 individuals on site at Mall St. Vincent. So it just gives you a sense of sort of the employment population associated with the property. There are a number of examples of other public and private partnerships that have been forged and have utilized or created economic development districts. And I think Mr. Wolfe can probably speak to those in more detail should that be necessary, but just a number of examples and when I was directly involved with this county in Mesquite, TX. Very similar situation where there was some public funding available, and the scope of the work associated with that property was very similar here, where we turned what was chronically retail space inside out and created two restaurant locations that are now very successful on either side of new entry feature into the mall. So, from a construction scope standpoint, we've executed this type of work before and it's proven very successful. Some other private/public partnerships maybe closer to home include Tanger Outlet Mall in Gonzalez, a COSTCO project in New Orleans, Target Store in Kenner, LA and a Wal-Mart project in New Orleans. So again, there are examples of this within the retail environment or industry. So I guess just to summarize a lot of the discussion that we've heard, the proposed economic development district and the levy of the sales tax is requested to help offset a portion of the intense capital investment necessary to affect these changes, and again reposition Mall St. Vincent. Again, without that investment, without this level of investment, we feel the mall is at risk of decline in occupancy and sales volume over time, and become and under performing asset for us, and we would continue to see chronic vacancies and a continued loss of the tenant base that

we want to retain. So again, in order to improve its performance, Mall St. Vincent needs repositioning in the market place. We need the synergy associated with new retail and restaurants to again continue to attract those types of tenants and enhance and expand that customer base that we're looking to attract here. So, that's a glimpse of what we're proposing here. Certainly we're here to entertain any questions that Council may have, and I just look forward to continued partnership.

Mr. Ben Shaw: (*Chief Operating Officer, Rouse Properties*) Start by thanking Mayor and thanking you Council for having us. We appreciated the dialogue to date. We're very conscious of it, and work to incorporate your feedback and hope the project and the structure that we're proposing here today. But it's simply our goal with Mall St. Vincent, and we see it as a very much tangible opportunity as to create a true retail destination, not just in Shreveport, but within the lighter regional area. So this is a project that in our minds, people will travel hours and hours to come and shop this specific project. And put a number of people that visiting your town either to us or to otherwise, to be able to capture more of that sales, here and at Mall St. Vincent. So we see it as an opportunity to increase the sales tax base substantially at the project, even on the existing sales tax revenue generated for the city would have to go up substantially, and giving the significant investment that it's going to take. This is what we consider a somewhat major transformation and capital requirements can take. We appreciate your support in partnering with us to make this feasible. We've been very actively, particularly over the last six months putting ourselves in a position working with our architects, working with our general contractors, working with our consultants, working with this group to put ourselves in a position to be able to have this be a project that is actionable this year. And that leg work's been done, but it's contingent and hinges on the ability to be able to enter into this type of partnership with the city. So again, we very much appreciate the opportunity to be here with you and I'll be taking any questions, and thank you.

Councilman Webb: Thank you Mr. Chairman. The gentleman that was up earlier, the other gentleman that came up, Kevin. In comparison to size, what is your Mall St. Vincent compared to Pierre Bossier?

Mr. Connell: In terms of the leasable area, Mall St. is 185,000 square feet of GOA, and Pierre Bossier is 230,000.

Councilman Webb: How many restaurants do you have at Bossier?

Mr. Connell: We have a food court, and we have a couple of in line restaurant operators.

Councilman Webb: Okay, so you're talking about bringing in restaurants, I know mall contracts, there's so much legal language that's in there, that y'all can almost run a tenant out if something better comes along so to speak. How do you propose - - - you don't have that many empty stores in Mall St. Vincent.

Mr. Connell: Well, there are some vacancies, and there are some tenants that have term, where their lease is coming up this year and certainly within '14. So, there are a number of approaches we're taking to either if necessary reposition them within Mall St. Vincent, should they be the preferred tenant that we want to retain on that property. There's options to relocate tenants to Pierre Bossier, because we can leverage the fact that we own both properties should both parties be willing and it's in our best interest and their best interest to relocate. If its tenants opt to terminate under the terms of their lease. So it's a bit of a mixed bag of the approach we would take in dealing with the tenant base.

Councilman Webb: What are the other store owners, renters say about what your plan is with the increased sales tax. Is it going to hurt 'em or help 'em or - - -?

Mr. Connell: Once the tenants - - - understand we have conducted tenant meetings to get this information out. We've had to keep things a little closer because of the competitive nature of this until we are obviously here going public with things. But we (inaudible) to advise them of our plans, to show them our scope of work and enhancements that we're proposing. And with that, when they see the full picture with the planned improvements to the property, they're on board with it. They're generally on board with it.

Councilman Webb: Because I know y'all are wanting to exclude Dillard's and Sears, because we also have a Dillard's and Sears at the Bossier Pierre mall, and your reasoning for doing that from what I'm gathering is you don't want to make it where people - - - if they want to buy something, they can just go to Bossier and get it instead of St. Vincent because they'd get it 1% cheaper.

Councilman Everson: I think it's because they don't own Dillard's.

Mr. Connell: Yeah, well the reason they're excluded from the district is really related to property ownership. They own their parts, both Sears and Dillard's. So they're purposely excluded for that reason. We don't feel that one cent is going to force customers to go to Pierre Bossier for that same item when they can shop Mall St. Vincent, likely close proximity is our current customer base. But again our goal is to enhance the property and make it attractive and attract a new customer base, expand our customer base into this property. Where they're likely willing to spend that extra one cent in order to have that experience, to have a wider selection of restaurants, to have a wider selection of new national retailers that are coming to the market for the first time.

Councilman Webb: But the language in this thing is 1%, but that's not to say you can't go to 2%. We would make that decision? Okay. That's all I have right now. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Corbin: Kevin, the 230,000 leasable space roundabout in Bossier, does that include that area by the college?

Mr. Connell: I don't believe so. It is not. That is more of an anchor or junior anchor space. So the 230 (thousand) is what we consider small shops base. Small shops within the mall itself, excluding the junior boxes and anchor stores.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Typically, how much did you all spend on Pierre Bossier Mall, the renovations over there? How much - - - I forgot the amount.

Mr. Connell: Well, normally we're somewhat reluctant to disclose our capital investments on renovations, but it was certainly a fraction of what we're spending here. You know really less than one-third of what our planned expenditures are here.

Councilman Corbin: Thank you Kevin.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, If I may add to the - - - or amend to the presentation, two things. 1) David mentioned examples of other public/private retail efforts, both within the state and across the region, one we left off the list is right across the river. For those folks who enjoy as do I occasionally visiting the Louisiana Boardwalk. That is an effort that is only possible because of and it's very different from what's being proposed here. But it's only possible because of \$21 ½ (million) in local Bossier City spends that went into the cost of the parking structure. So when you go into that particular development, the parking garage that you're a part of is being paid for not by John Goode's company which owns and operates Louisiana Boardwalk, that's being paid

for by the City of Bossier City and its citizens. And I cannot speak for what the staffing level is now, but there was once a point and time, when there were six police officers assigned as a part of security detail for the Bossier boardwalk during its operating hours. I think they may have shifted away from that to some extent, but there is still a significant full-time ongoing presence of post certified police personnel. So direct expenditures coming from the local government for that effort is substantial and serves as an example of what's done in an effort to ensure that particular effort going forward. This is a different approach, but certainly I offer that as an indication of these types of partnerships with regard to retail not being unprecedented within not just the state and the region, but within this immediate area as well. And also we are working with David and the members of the Rouse group, Ben and Kevin on language since it was referred to I believe in David's comments with regard to local participation as well as Fair Share participation that we'd like to be able to work with them and the Council to see included within the cooperative endeavor agreement as well. So as they mentioned, it is logical that a good bit of the work will end up being done by local contractors and vendors, we just want to try and see if we can be in a position to make sure that that ends up being in a position to make sure that that ends up being as impactful as possible.

Councilman Corbin: At this time, I think is for public comments during our public hearing. I have a couple of requests to speak. Council will now recognize Mr. Scott Martinez.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, before Mr. Martinez begins, I asked him to be here for 3:00 and it's a quarter after 6, so I want to thank him for clearing his calendar.

Mr. Scott Martinez: I'm here today to speak in support of the creation of this district. I've not met the Rouse group or had dealings with them. But retail development is economic development. When we're recruiting companies, large companies and industries into this area, they expect certain retailers to be present. There is a quality of life issue, and it's an economic issue. We talk about the jobs that are already present at the Mall St. Vincent, and hopefully, they'll grow with this project, but what they're proposing as been echoed here today is not unique. I was fortunate to lead economic development efforts in Round Rock, TX for several years, where Dell computers is headquartered. While I was there, I led an effort to get IKEA, a Swedish home furnishing store there. That project cost us \$5,000,000. It paid for itself in three years with that capital outlay that we made, with that public/private partnership we developer with that retailer. We worked with Simon Chelsea group on a premium outlet mall there. Again, we put \$9,000,000 in infrastructure into that project. What happened with that whole area was a real renaissance for that part of the community. It became a real focal point, not only for retail developers, but for housing, for healthcare and for some other things that happened there. I'm excited to have a group willing to make that investment in our community in such a large way. And from my understanding of this agreement there really eating what they kill. They're producing it within this district. What a win-win from our perspective. We're not going out and taking a tax from another part of the community to put into this area. So from my perspective and from my background in economic development and being involved with retail development, I'm fully supportive of this. I live in Shreveport, I've got four staff members that live in Shreveport and for us, it's not only an economic development issue, it's a quality of life issue. As I mentioned earlier that North Louisiana Economic Development Partnership, I've been on board since January. We've got a group of I guess three staff members, and about 10 community members from around the region at and an International Council of Shopping Centers Trade Show in Birmingham that started today. So we're going to be much more engaged as an organization and a retail development because it's

not just about real estate and making a deal, it's about a sense of place, a quality of place, that involves your downtown, that involves retail opportunities, that involves education. So I see this as a positive part of the mix. Thank you.

Mr. Randy Doss: (9765 Emberwood Lane) I'm the owner manager of A-1 Charter Service. We operate the green trolley and the white mini busses that you see around town. A-1 has a long outstanding relationship with the Mall St. Vincent. The mall has allowed us to operate shuttles there for the Advocare V100 Bowl, Red River Revel, Mudbug Madness, (inaudible) online and many other occasions. The mall management maintains that they need this economic development district to attract several big name retailers that might not normally come to Shreveport. I walk four to five days a week in the malls, both Mall St. Vincent and Pierre Bossier Mall. I would love to see Mall St. Vincent remodeled to match or exceed what they have done to Pierre Bossier Mall. You all need to see Bossier Mall, it's beautiful. I am asking you to consider this economic district. Thank you.

Councilman Corbin: Thank you Mr. Doss. Is there anyone else in the Chamber today who would like to speak in favor of Ordinance No. 16? Is there anyone here who would wish to speak in opposition to Ordinance No. 16? If not this public hearing is now closed.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Mr. Chairman, thank you members of the Council. I'll also add on to that, that as Scott mentioned, he's got staff whose up in Birmingham for the regional International Council of Shopping Centers Conference that started today. We intend, hopefully with the support of this council, with the approval of this effort, to be at the annual meeting of the International Council of Shopping Centers that takes place every year in Las Vegas where 50,000 folks involved in all levels of retail come out to meet every year. We hope to be there at that event with a fresh brochure talking about the new Mall St. Vincent and the opportunities available and working with Scott and with Ben and his folks, hopefully to help bring back those (inaudible) of retail that we have been pursuing all these years and I won't call any names right names, but my wife will remind me of 'em when I get home. So hopefully, we won't have to drive to Tyler, TX so often. But we've got a list of things that we're still looking for in Shreveport. Hopefully, this effort is one of the steps that gets us a little closer to achieving some of those goals.

Councilman Corbin: I think that sounds like a good thing for us to do. Mr. Thompson, is there any legislation to be added today?

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. **Resolution No. 49 of 2013:** Requesting and urging the Mayor to notify Council Members of the date and time of all negotiation sessions – whether in person, by phone, by electronic means or any other way – concerning violations of the Clean Water Act, with the EPA, the Justice Department or any other person or agency; To give one or more (but less than a quorum) Council Members the opportunity to participate in and/or observe the negotiations, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (G/S. Jenkins)

Mr. Thompson: This is a one reader, it can be considered for adoption if it is added to the agenda.

Councilman Corbin: Thank you Mr. Thompson. Is there anyone present who would like to speak in favor of adding this item to the agenda? Is there anyone who would like to speak in opposition to adding this item to the agenda?

Motion by Councilman S. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman McCulloch to add Resolution No. 49 of 2013. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.

Councilman Shyne: And Mr. Thompson, you did say that we could vote on this?

Mr. Thompson: (Inaudible) for adoption today.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Jenkins, would that be - - -

Councilman S. Jenkins: Yes, that is the direction that I would like to move on it. I guess it will come up at the appropriate time on the agenda.

Councilman Shyne: Okay.

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

Ms. Stacy Brown: (*Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourism Bureau*) Good afternoon once again. At this time I'm here to speak to you on behalf of the Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission. First of all, I'd like to say thank you very much for your continued support of the commission, and the work that we are doing. We have a full schedule of events this year. Just this past weekend, we hosted the High School Bass Championships out on Caddo Lake. And our attendance more than doubled from last year. The weekend before we hosted the Louisiana High School Athletic Association Semi-Final Basketball Tournament, and our attendance exceeded expectations of the High School Athletic Association.

Councilman Shyne: It was great.

Ms. Brown: It was a fantastic event. Really good attendance, we had both Southwood and Bossier in there.

Councilman Shyne: I looked for Oliver out there with a basketball in his hand, but Stacy I didn't see him, I don't know what happened.

Councilman O. Jenkins: That was because I was with the 2nd Grad Basketball Team this weekend, of which my son played.

Ms. Brown: This coming weekend, we have the High School All Star Basketball Games out at Centenary College. So, we're trying to utilize a number of different venues throughout the cities and the parishes, as we work on different events. We also have two events this year that feature national television coverage. One is the FLW Forestwood Cup and the other is the National Collegiate Wake Board (inaudible) games. They will be on CBS and NBC Sports. Those specific events. Both great events that will feature a lot of participation from those in the event as well as those coming to watch those events. Today I'm here to discuss the expansion of the board by allowing the ex-officio members to become voting members. WE have a very active board. These are very professional people who travel quite a bit. The five voting members currently, if they're not able to be there in person, they're great about being there on the phone. The challenges when they're by phone, they can't be counted for a quorum or vote on matters. However we do have the ex-officios that have been appointed by the governing bodies, that are all excellent experts in the different sports areas and bring a lot of value to the Sports Commission, and have

been very faithful in their attendance every month, even though they've not been able to vote, and what the commission would like to do is ask that they become voting members. We have taken this same resolution before the City of Bossier, Bossier Parish, Caddo Parish and they have all passed this resolution so far. Just wanted to see if y'all had any questions for me, or any concerns that I might be able to address.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Right now, there is a - - - at this present time, I want to make sure I understand this, there is one voting representative for each one of the four governmental bodies, and one ex-officio member for each, so it's two of each?

Ms. Brown: Two of each, yes that's correct. And then there's also on the voting side, there is one at-large member that all four bodies agreed on, and then there's myself on behalf of the Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourism Bureau as an ex-officio.

Councilman S. Jenkins: I received some information today, I'm just trying to make sure I get some clarity on what that information was about. It came from Ms. Glass.

Ms. Glass: That related to Mr. Oliver Jenkins' question yesterday about whether instead of doing it that way, you could just say that if the main member appointed by that body was not present, then the ex-officio member could vote instead. But we found several attorneys general opinions that seem to think that that would be a violation of the open meetings law which prohibits proxy voting. It wasn't crystal clear, but that was our best interpretation on that.

Ms. Brown: We did have a situation that kinda precluded this. One of the members, the voting members has had an illness and has been out a good bit. She's doing better and should be getting back soon. We've only had one month where we did not have a quorum, we've always been able to get that quorum, but it gets pretty tight with only five voting members.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Well, let me ask this question. When I believe (inaudible), but the idea of if an agency is not represented by its voting member, that voting member can only allow the ex-officio member for that agency to stand in their place, that can't work either?

Ms. Glass: That's correct. That's our best interpretation of the attorneys general opinion. Yesterday, we were thinking that perhaps if it was put into the by-laws in advance, that that would make it okay, but it was an attorneys general opinion that said even when it was in an industrial district's bylaws to allow that, they felt it was a proxy vote, and therefore a violation of the open meetings law.

Councilman S. Jenkins: So our options today (inaudible) agree to expand the number of members on the board or nothing at all basically? Alright, thank you Mr. Chairman.

Confirmation and Appointment: None

Councilman Corbin: At this point, I do not believe we have any confirmation of appointments.

Councilman Everson: I'd like to make a motion to take an item out of order, which is suspend the rules so we can take an item out of order on the agenda?

Councilman S. Jenkins: What's the item?

Councilman Everson: No. 16 in section D, which is the creation of the economic district. I think I mentioned yesterday about the necessity of doing this one before the introduction of some of the other items because of the legal - - - the way this is set up, anything else we would introduce to discuss on this matter would be from our position as the Board of Directors of this political sub district, so we would have to first create this political sub district before we would have the

discussion.

Councilman S. Jenkins: I'll second taking the matter out of order.

Motion by Councilman Everson, seconded by Councilman S. Jenkins to suspend the rules to consider Ordinance No. 16 of 2013. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.

Councilman Everson: So David, if you could just quickly and I think I just sort of mentioned, but if you could reiterate maybe why we have to do this one prior to - - -

Mr. Wolfe: Sure, as I explained before the district that you're going to create this evening if you adopt this ordinance will be a political subdivision. The City Council will be the governing authority of this political subdivision. It will be separate and apart from the city, but you are the governing authority. Actions by the district will be taken by you in your capacity as the governing authority of the district. You don't need to hold special meetings, or have a special section in the City Council meeting to adopt actions in connection with the district. The action itself will say Shreveport City Council in its capacity as governing authority of the Shreveport Mall St. Vincent. Because two of the - - -the two items that are being introduced this evening, the sales tax ordinance and this cooperative endeavor resolution are actions that will be taken by the district, rather than the city, I think it would be preferable if you actually created the district before introducing those. The adoption won't be until next meeting, so clearly the district will be in existence by then, but I just think as an abundance of caution, it would be better if you adopt the district before even introducing an ordinance purporting to be the adopted by the district later on.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I just want to be sure. We don't need separate minutes or anything for this, is that correct?

Mr. Wolfe: That's correct.

Mr. Thompson: We just take it up in a normal order of business?

Mr. Wolfe: Correct.

Mr. Thompson: Alright.

The Clerk read the following:

4. **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.

Having passed first reading on February 26, 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 O. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Everson.

The Clerk read the following:

Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 16 of 2013

In the fifth Whereas clause, delete the phrase “Resolution No. ____ of 2013” and substitute the phrase “Resolution No. 36 of 2013.”

Motion by Councilman O. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Everson to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 16 of 2013.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Yes Mr. Chairman. I have no problem with the amendment or the legislation that we’re dealing with today. It’s only creating the district, but you know I’m going to want more information when we get to the point of talking about approving an agreement. This right here just creates the district and the amendment takes care of a technical error, and I know it’s something else that’s going to be here on the agenda that deals with it. I’m just simply saying I’m going to want more information when we get to a point in this process when we talk about levying a tax or approving an agreement.

Councilwoman McCulloch: I just wanted to ask Jeff something. Based on the nature of the conference call that we had last week, and the concern that I had based on calls that I had gotten. Was that not to be addressed today or later on?

Councilman Everson: No, that’s going to be addressed in the cooperative endeavor agreement which is the same thing that Sam mentioned. So again, I appreciate Sam making the comments he just made and you asking the question, because it is important for us to understand that since this is a multi-layer requiring several actions. This action that we’re voting on right now is not agreeing to the cooperative endeavor agreement yet. It’s not levying a tax, all we’re agreeing to now is creating the district.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Actually we’re just agreeing to put 36 in the amendment.

Councilman Everson: Yeah, right now, we’re just agreeing to a change in language in the thing (inaudible)

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

Motion by Councilman Everson, seconded by Councilman McCulloch to adopt Ordinance No. 16 of 2013 as amended. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: None

Consent Agenda Legislation

To Introduce Routine Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolutions: None.

Ordinances: None.

To Adopt Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolutions:

The Clerk read the following:

RESOLUTION NO. 39 Of 2013

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUSAN M. SELF LOCATED AT 10348 GOLDSBERRY ROAD TO CONNECT TO THE WATER & SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, Susan M. Self has agreed to secure all permits and inspections required by the Shreveport Comprehensive Building Code. Said party having submitted a petition for annexation to the City of Shreveport, and having agreed to fully comply with the regulations of the City of Shreveport in connection with said property, all as set forth in Section 94-1, et. Seq., of the Shreveport City Code. Said request and petition are attached hereto.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that Susan M. Self be authorized to connect the structure, located at 10348 Goldsberry Road to the water & sewer system of the City of Shreveport.

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

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

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Corbin, 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 40 of 2013

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LISA CRAFT LOCATED AT 273 HARDERS CROSSING BOULEVARD TO CONNECT TO THE WATER & SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, Lisa Craft has agreed to secure all permits and inspections required by the Shreveport Comprehensive Building Code. Said party having submitted a petition for annexation to the City of Shreveport, and having agreed to fully comply with the regulations of the City of Shreveport in connection with said property, all as set forth in Section 94-1, et. Seq., of the Shreveport City Code. Said request and petition are attached hereto.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that Lisa Craft be authorized to connect the structure, located at 273 Harders Crossing Boulevard to the water & sewer system of the City of Shreveport.

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

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

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Corbin, seconded by Councilman Webb, 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:

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

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement in 2011 with the City of Bossier City (“Bossier City”), the Parish of Caddo (“Caddo Parish”), the Parish of Bossier (“Bossier Parish”) (collectively “governing authorities”) and the Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau relative to the creation of the Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission (“Commission”); and

WHEREAS, among its other roles, the Commission was created for the collective benefit of the governing authorities their citizens primarily to attract, promote, sponsor and underwrite professional and amateur sporting events and related activities in northwest Louisiana;

WHEREAS, Section 1.3 of the Agreement states that the Commission shall have an advisory board consisting of five (5) members appointed one (1) each by Shreveport, Bossier City, Caddo Parish and Bossier Parish (collectively “governing authorities”), and a fifth member to be appointed jointly by the governing authorities with the Directors of the Parks and Recreation departments of Shreveport and Bossier City or their authorized representatives and one (1) appointee each by the Bossier Parish Police Jury, the Caddo Parish Commission, and the President of the Bureau serving as ex-officio, non-voting members; and

WHEREAS, the parties now desire to amend Section 1.3 of the Agreement to increase the membership of the advisory board to nine (9) persons to be selected as provided in the Amended Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, regular and legal session convened that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute 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, substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions of the draft thereof which was filed for public inspection, together with the original copy of this resolution in the office of the Clerk of Council on February 12, 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held to be 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 to be 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 Webb, seconded by Councilman Everson to adopt.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I'll just say I wish we could have done it the other way. I'll just go so far as saying that, but - - -

Councilman Corbin: But it made sense.

Councilman O. Jenkins: It made sense and (inaudible). And from an attorneys general opinions on stuff that I'm not sure is exactly relevant to the Sports Commission. But all that being said, I certainly want 'em to be able to enact legislation and do their job, and I wouldn't want some artificial barrier like this to prevent 'em from doing so on a regular basis.

Councilman S. Jenkins: And if I may comment also, if everybody is going to get two, there is some equality with it. And I recognize that we're asking people to volunteer for these positions. Sometimes I feel like that's what we're doing on this Council to be honest with you.

Councilman Webb: Now we got to have more people to have a quorum.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Absolutely, so I don't know how well this is going to work, but I certainly hope that those persons who have stepped forward and said they're willing to serve will do what they can to take care of the business of that commission.

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

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.

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 annual "Relay for Life" at Loyola's Messmer Stadium on April 5, 2013 through April 6, 2013 and has requested the use of city-owned equipment 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 equipment by the American Cancer Society on April 5, 2013 through April 6, 2013 for the "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 McCulloch, seconded by Councilman Webb 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. 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.

WHEREAS, the City desires to participate in programs which directly benefit the citizens of the City, particularly those programs and events that provide environmental awareness education and other benefits to the public and that serve to benefit the health of the entire community; and WHEREAS, Shreveport Green, will sponsor the annual "Great American Clean Up" at Fairgrounds Field parking lot on April 13, 2013 and has requested the use of city-owned equipment for the event; and

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

WHEREAS, the benefit created from the event is an increased awareness of a clean environment, 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 equipment by Shreveport Green on April 13, 2013 for the "Great American Clean Up" is hereby authorized subject to execution of an indemnity and hold harmless agreement by Shreveport Green 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 McCulloch, 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 NO. 31 OF 2013

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SHREVEPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF TWO INTEGRATED TOWER COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS COMMUNICATIONS TOWERS WITH INSTALLED CAMERA SYSTEMS VALUED AT \$78,665 EACH FROM THE CADDO-BOSSIER OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS. TOTAL VALUE OF EQUIPMENT IS \$157,330.

WHEREAS, the Command Staff of the Shreveport Police Department has documented a specific need for these communications towers with installed camera systems in furthering the mission of the department by providing a much needed asset to law enforcement authorities when implemented during operations at major events throughout the city and

WHEREAS, the Caddo-Bossier Office Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness is offering to donate the two communications towers with installed cameras, with a total value of all donated equipment being \$157,330.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, regular and legal session convened, that it does hereby authorize the Shreveport Police Department to accept the donated communications towers with camera equipment installed with a total value of \$157,330.45 from the Caddo-Bossier Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.

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 affect 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 Webb, seconded by Councilman McCulloch to adopt.

Councilman Webb: Discussion. I'm in favor of this, but is the Chief or one of 'em here that can tell us a little bit about this camera?

Councilman Everson: They do sound interesting.

Councilman Corbin: They may be top secret.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Certainly, we have to maintain them.

Mayor Glover: Councilman Webb, we could tell you, but we'd have to - - -

Councilman Webb: Well that's what I'm scared of.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I have a clearance, I still have a clearance.

Chief Goodin: They're two trailers that we have used in the past, and at the top of that tower, they've got a camera on there. It's got some pretty amazing capabilities. It can zoom in close. We use 'em for events like the Mardi Gras parades, the Independence Bowl. It gives us the ability to cover large areas, we have officers to monitor those as well.

Councilman Webb: Can you see all the way to my house with it?

Chief Goodin: (Inaudible) Councilman Webb.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Which means you need to be on your best behavior at your house.

Chief Good: But they really are a good tool, and we've used them in the past. And like I said, most of the large events that we have.

Mayor Glover: Independence Bowl, State Fair. They caught me having a candied apple.

Councilman Webb: Well, we're lucky to get 'em, sounds like.

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

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 FULLY OUTFITTED M4 WEAPONS TO BE ISSUED TO MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM

WHEREAS, the Command Staff of the Special Response Team of the Shreveport Police Department has documented a need for a more modern, interoperable weapons system for members of the Special Response Team who are tasked, in service to the citizens of the City of Shreveport, with responding to and mitigating serious incidents that often involve violent, heavily armed felons and

WHEREAS, the Shreveport Police/Special Response Team Citizen Support Group, being cognizant of those needs, has offered to donate \$11,070.45 specifically for the purchase of six M4 weapons in 5.56mm caliber to replace an aging inventory of weapons.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, regular and legal session convened, that it does hereby authorize the Shreveport Police Department to accept the donated funds of \$11,070.45 from the Shreveport Police/Special Response Team Citizen Support Group to purchase six M4 weapons in 5.56mm caliber.

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

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, just for the sake of those folks who may ask, Chief Shaw is one of the officials in the parish who is authorized to accept fully automatic weapons.

Councilman S. Jenkins: I just want to make sure our guys are equally equipped to what's going on out there in the street today. I don't want them showing up with a BB gun and somebody else got a (inaudible).

Councilman Corbin: These sound serious.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 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

WHEREAS, Knicely Properties, Inc., hereinafter called "OWNER" and acting herein through Jeremy Knicely, Manager, desires to donate to the City of Shreveport the private water and sewer improvements for Norris Ferry Crossing Subdivision Unit 7 and related facilities; and WHEREAS, these improvements have been installed under the inspection of personnel from the Office of the City Engineer, reviewed by the Shreveport Fire Department, and determined to meet all city codes and specifications; and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened, that Cedric B. Glover, Mayor, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Shreveport a Donation Agreement with Knicely Properties, Inc., represented by Jeremy Knicely, Manager, substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in the draft of said agreement which was filed for public inspection with the original draft of the resolution in the office of the City Council on February 26, 2013. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provisions or items of this resolution or the application thereof are 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 herewith are hereby repealed.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Corbin, 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 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 WHEREAS, Cottage Ridge, L.L.C., hereinafter called "OWNER" and acting through Gus Mijalis, Manager, desires to donate to the City of Shreveport the Cottage Ridge Subdivision, Unit 1, Sewer Lift Station.

WHEREAS, It has been installed under the inspection of personnel from the Office of the City Engineer and determined to meet all city codes and specifications.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened, that Cedric B. Glover, Mayor, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Shreveport a Donation Agreement with Cottage Ridge, L.L.C., represented by Gus Mijalis, Manager, substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in the draft of said agreement which was filed for public inspection with the original draft of the resolution in the office of the City Council on February 26, 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provisions or items of this resolution or the application thereof are 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 herewith are hereby repealed.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Corbin, 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.

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.

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport received a questionnaire from the State Legislative Auditor which is to be completed as a required part of the audit for which we have engaged certified public accountants, BKD LLP; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of the questionnaire it must be presented to and adopted by the governing body of the City of Shreveport by means of a formal resolution at an open meeting; and WHEREAS, the completed questionnaire must then be given to the auditor engaged by the municipality who will, during the course of his regular audit, test the accuracy of the answers to the questionnaire and submit to the municipality and the Legislative Auditor a report containing his opinion as to the validity of the answers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened, that the attached Systems Survey and Compliance Questionnaire for the City of Shreveport be and the same is hereby adopted.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all 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. 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.

WHEREAS, LSA-R.S. 33:9038.31, *et seq.*, (the "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 Act and other law; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport desires to avail itself of the authority contained in the Act to create an economic development district to be called the "Shreveport/Mall St. Vincent Economic Development District, State of Louisiana" (the "District") and to levy an additional 1.00% sales and use tax within the District; and

WHEREAS, the incremental increases in the sales taxes generated from within the District shall be deposited into the Shreveport/Mall St. Vincent Economic Development District Trust Fund, which funds may be loaned, granted, donated, or pledged in furtherance of economic development projects within the District; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to retain the services of Adams and Reese LLP, of New Orleans, Louisiana, through David M. Wolf and O. Ray Cornelius, Attorneys at Law, to serve as special counsel to the City in connection with the creation of the District, the levy of an additional sales tax therein, the negotiation, authorization and approval of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the owners of Mall St. Vincent, other matters related thereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, regular and legal session convened that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to execute, for and on behalf of the City of Shreveport, a retainer agreement with Adams and Reese LLP, Attorneys at Law, of New Orleans, Louisiana, to represent the City of Shreveport in connection with the creation of the "Shreveport/Mall St. Vincent Economic Development District, State of Louisiana," the levy of an additional sales tax therein, the negotiation, authorization and approval of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the owners of Mall St. Vincent, and other matters related thereto, substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions of the draft thereof which was filed for public inspection, together with the original copy of this resolution in the office of the Clerk of Council on February 26, 2013.

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

Councilman S. Jenkins: Now, just for clarification, this special counsel is not going to be paid taxpayer dollars, correct?

Councilman Everson: Correct yeah, it's not being paid with taxpayer dollars, it's being paid by third party.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 41 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-4" 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-4" 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-4" 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 S. Jenkins, 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.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 42 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-3" 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-3" 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-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 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 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. 43 OF 2013

A RESOLUTION SUSPENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 10 RELATIVE TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON APRIL 14, 2013 RELATIVE TO DISPENSING, SALE AND/OR CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT 4801 LINE AVENUE FOR THE WINE COUNTRY BISTRO'S, WINE AND SWINE EVENT AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

By: Councilman Oliver Jenkins

WHEREAS, The Wine Country Bistro located at 4801 Line Avenue will host a Wine and Swine event on April 14, 2013 between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the establishment desires to dispense, and allow the consumption and sale of alcoholic beverages on the parking lot of the establishment, between the hours of 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, Section 106-130(6) provides that unless otherwise excepted, all uses shall be operated entirely within a completely enclosed structure; and

WHEREAS, any special exception approval granted to the establishment for alcoholic beverage sales, consumption and/or dispensing does not specifically authorize outside sales and/or consumption on the premises; and

WHEREAS, Section 10-80(a) makes it unlawful for any person to sell, barter, exchange or otherwise dispose of alcoholic beverages except within those sections of the city wherein such sale is permitted by the applicable zoning ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Section Chapter 10-103(a)(5) provides that the city council may suspend or revoke any permit if a retailer allows any person to consume any alcoholic beverage on the licensed premises or on any parking lot or open or closed space within or contiguous to the licensed premises without a proper license; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of this resolution would allow the dispensing, sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages on the parking lot of The Wine Country Bistro, 4801 Line Avenue, on April 14,

2013 for the Wine and Swine event.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened Sections 106-130(6), 10-103(a)(5) 10-80(a) and 10-172 are hereby suspended on April 14, 2013 for the Wine and Swine event, between the hours of 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., at The Wine Country Bistro, 4801 Line Avenue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other applicable provisions of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances shall remain in full force and effect.

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 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 NO. 49 OF 2013

A RESOLUTION TO REQUEST AND TO URGE THE MAYOR TO NOTIFY COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE DATE AND TIME OF ALL NEGOTIATION SESSIONS - WHETHER IN PERSON, BY PHONE, BY ELECTRONIC MEANS OR ANY OTHER WAY - CONCERNING VIOLATIONS OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT, WITH THE EPA, THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OR ANY OTHER PERSON OR AGENCY; TO GIVE ONE OR MORE (BUT LESS THAN A QUORUM) COUNCIL MEMBERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN AND/OR OBSERVE THE NEGOTIATIONS, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY: COUNCILMAN S. JENKINS

WHEREAS, the Administration has placed Ordinance No. 15 on the City Council Agenda; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 15 increases water and sewerage rates by 71% over the next 9 years, requiring residential and corporate citizens to pay an additional \$421,000,000 in water and sewer fees during the next 9 years; and

WHEREAS, according to the most current census data, 7.1% of families who live in Shreveport earn less than \$10,000 per year; 5.6% earn \$10,000 to \$14,000; 12.3% earn \$15,000 to \$24,000, and 12.6% earn \$25,000 to \$34,000; and

WHEREAS, City Council Members are in daily contact with the citizens we represent: We see and talk to citizens in grocery stores, in houses of worship, in schools, at community meetings and social gatherings; and

WHEREAS, both census data and actual contacts with citizens reveal that it will be very difficult, if not impossible, for some citizens to pay the proposed rates; and

WHEREAS, the Council is informed that the new rates grew out of negotiations between the City, and United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the United States Department of Justice (Justice Department), but City Council members have seen no written evidence of these negotiations and no member of the Council has been invited to participate in, or

to observe, these negotiations; and

WHEREAS, City Council Members are being asked to raise water and sewerage rates by 71% - one of the most important **policy** decisions the **City Council** will be required to make – without any direct involvement in the negotiations that led to the proposed rate increase; and

WHEREAS, the EPA and the Justice Department should have the benefit of the unique knowledge and perspective of Council Members during the negotiations, and it will be too late to bring the perspective of Council Members to the table after the City negotiators have made a preliminary agreement with the EPA and the Justice Department; and

WHEREAS, City Council Members cannot make informed decisions without better information, and without understanding the circumstances surrounding any agreement they are requested to approve.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, regular and legal session convened, that the City Council requests and urges the Mayor to notify Council Members of the date and time of all negotiation sessions – whether in person, by phone, by electronic means or any other way – concerning violations of the Clean Water Act, with the EPA, the Justice Department or any other person or agency; and to give one or more (but less than a quorum) Council Members the opportunity to participate in and/or to observe the negotiations.

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 affect 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.

Motion by Councilman McCulloch, seconded by Councilman S. Jenkins to adopt.

Councilman S. Jenkins: May I speak on that Mr. Chairman? This resolution is being put forward because I think all of us up here represent citizens who won't be affected by the proposals that are being made to increase our water and sewer rates. I had the Council staff to kinda look at the numbers behind what was being proposed, and we're basically looking at a 71% increase over a nine year period of time which would generate approximately \$421,000,000 in new money. This is not the money that is already budgeted to Water and Sewer. This is additional money, additional fees. That is going to have to be paid by citizens that all of us up here represent. And some statistics are included in the resolution that talks about families in the Shreveport area that earn less than \$10,000 a year Councilwoman McCulloch. 7.1% of families in the Shreveport area earn less than \$10,000 a year. 6% earn somewhere between \$10,000 and \$14,000 a year. And then you've got 12.3% that earn something somewhere between \$15,000 and \$24,000 a year, and then you've got about 12.6% that are between \$25,000 to \$34,000 per year. And I'm saying we're going to be asked to make a decision that's going to directly impact the finances of many of our citizens that we represent. I know that we've made some verbal requests of this council for some council presence to be involved in the negotiations. I think as representatives, we cannot allow ourselves to just sit on the sidelines of an important matter like this is being considered. Let me hastily say that I do understand that the proposal to increase the rates are somewhat being driven by the federal government, not so much anybody here. I don't think anybody is just anxious to go out and do

that. But at the same time, I do think that there needs to be some Council presence in the negotiation process and point of view coming from Council members who are interacting on a very regular basis with our constituents. Ever since this proposal has been made, I'm sure I'm not the only council member that's getting emails, or getting phone calls, or going to meetings where people are talking about how the proposed increase would impact them. I think the time for the Council to be involved is now, while the negotiations are going on, not at the end (inaudible) basically vote on the matter and have to spend a lot of time being educated. It just makes good sense to me that someone from the Council ought to be involved in these negotiations. As I said at our last meeting, I don't doubt the information is being furnished to us. You know the accuracy of that information, but I do think we have a duty to the people that we represent to have some firsthand information if at all possible. I'm not hearing a real good clear cut reason why there should not be some Council presence, either the Chairman of the Council or the Chairman of the Infrastructure Committee that's leading us through this process, or the Vice-Chairman if the Chairman is not available. I'm not hearing any real clear cut reasons why a council member should not be involved in it. I know that the staff is doing the best they can to work with this, but at the end of the day we were elected to represent the people. And I think it's our job, it's our obligation to get in here and bring the voices of the people their point of view to these negotiations. So that is the reason is sent forward and I'm asking for the support of our colleagues on it. Mr. Mayor, I'm asking you with all due respect to take a look at this resolution to see if this can be accommodated in some form or fashion for the reasons I just stated. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Shyne: Thank you Mr. Chairman, Mr. Jenkins, I agree with you wholeheartedly, I thought this should have been extended to the council without even a resolution, but you're a little bit more lenient than I am, I kinda thought the only way we could get the Mayor's attention was to vote this whole legislation act, just vote it down. Sometimes you just have to do that in order to get somebody's attention. But I agree with you. You know basically we're the ones who is going to have to vote on it. I've gotten some feedback from citizens that I represent. Some cannot afford this. And it's hard for me to explain to him why we need to have this, and for some reason nobody that's got the vote on the raise is involved in the negotiation. I just didn't think it would be that secret. But I do know one way to get their attention is to vote it down. Now I'm hoping that your resolution will be adhered to by the administration, but if not, I'm going to be truthful with you, my vote on increasing the water reason is going to be voted down. Because if I'm not trusted enough to have one of my colleagues involved in it, then I'm not going to be voting to increase some water rates on some people who eventually, their water bills will be up to \$80-90, and three or four years later, it's going to be up to \$100. Three or four years later, it's going to be up even more than that. I think we're all elected by that people. I think that we all as they say, Sam out on the golf course where you play golf, where you and Oliver play golf, I think we all ought to have a little skin in the game. Is that how y'all say it Oliver?

Councilman O. Jenkins: You know the attorneys play golf.

Councilman S. Jenkins: And y'all play basketball.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I'm inner city, let's make sure that's clear.

Councilman Shyne: But I think we all ought to be involved in this negotiation process, even if we don't say anything. Because we're the ones whose going to have to vote on the raise on people who are on fixed income, who make \$5-600 a month. So I would hope the administration would adhere to your resolution, but like I say, my solution to it Sam is just to vote it down.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, let me offer you the administration's position. And certainly we respect the intent and desire of Councilman Sam Jenkins with his resolution and certainly the Council can vote however it is that you all are inclined to vote. However, we'll stress again, that it is without question my intention for this administration to maintain the appropriate role for the administration and to respect the appropriate role for the Council. Having been a Council Member, having been a part of the State Legislature, I understand and respect, and honor the role of the legislative body within our governmental system. It's a separate and co-equal branch of government, but it's also vested with separate powers (inaudible) and responsibilities. And it's not my intention in any way to comingle or intersect those in my capacity as mayor of the City of Shreveport. There are already some aspects of our current charter that we are quite liberal and understanding of with regard to how it is that we manage the administration up to this point. For instance, Section 4.26 of our city charter directs that any communication between Councilmen to any Department Head of the City of Shreveport is to be directed directly either through me or through the Chief Administrative Officer. We understand that that can be more cumbersome and it calls sometimes larger problems. But it also creates a considerable number of problems for us as well when we have communications being made directly to Department Heads from Council Members that result sometimes in a desire to see some action taken that may not be in line with what has been authorized or approved either by myself or by the CAO. But that's an area where we understand having been in that position and that capacity before. IN this particular case, these are matters that will ultimately come down to a (inaudible) process and a decision and a vote by the City Council, that can be fully explored, examined, turned over, upside down and ultimately as Mr. Shyne has indicated, either vote it 'For' or 'Against'. And when that time comes that is certainly what you all will have the authority and the capacity and the vested power to be able to do. If you vote it down, it won't be because we have not put you in a position to ensure that you all have had an opportunity to have more than your full, complete and appropriate role with regard to asking challenging questions, changing this process and its conclusion. But we're going to maintain the posture that we're in because it's what our system calls for and what we believe to be proper and appropriate.

Councilman Shyne: Excuse me. I want to take my vote back. Sam, this is no reflection to you. But the Mayor just told us this is moot. I mean he's going to hold his position, so I'm going to vote 'No'.

Councilman S. Jenkins: But before you do that Mr. Shyne, I would like for the record to reflect that this Council unanimously put forth this resolution saying that we need to be involved in these negotiations. Because as he said, when it comes back around, I'm just simply saying and people are not comfortable with what's there, it won't be because we didn't ask.

Councilman Shyne: I'll agree. Sam I agree with you because sometimes common sense is very important, and a lot of folks don't use common sense when they're trying to get things done. I've found out that you can get a whole lot more done with a little common sense, than you can if you want to just stick by what you think the rules are.

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 26, 2013)

The Clerk read the following:

1. **Resolution No. 44 of 2013**: A resolution authorizing the execution of a cooperative endeavor agreement with the State Constables Association, Inc., and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
2. **Resolution No. 45 of 2013**: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to donate to the Caddo Sheriff Bus 422, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
3. **Resolution No. 46 of 2013**: A resolution authorizing the use of certain equipment by the Department of the Air Force-Barksdale Air Force Base and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
4. **Resolution No. 47 of 2013**: A resolution authorizing the Mayor and Shreveport Fire Department to enter into a cooperative endeavor and mutual aid agreement/lease with the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission to provide Fire Protection at the Port of Shreveport Bossier.
5. **Resolution No. 48 of 2013**: A resolution authorizing the execution of a cooperative endeavor agreement by and among the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana, the Shreveport/Mall St. Vincent Economic Development District, State of Louisiana, and Mall St. Vincent, LLC relating to the collection, use and expenditure of a one percent (1%) sales and use tax to be levied in said district, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Everson, seconded by Councilman O. Jenkins to introduce Resolution No(s). 44, 45, 46, 47, and 48 of 2013 to lay over until the next regular meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: Councilman Webb. 1.

Introduction of Ordinances (*Not to be adopted prior to March 26, 2013*)

The Clerk read the following:

1. **Ordinance No. 20 of 2013**: An ordinance amending the 2013 Community Development Special Revenue Fund Budget, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
2. **Ordinance No. 21 of 2013**: An ordinance levying an additional sales tax of one percent (1.00%) in the Shreveport/Mall St. Vincent Economic Development District, State of Louisiana (The "District"); Designating the full amount of such additional sales tax as the sales tax increments in the district from which local and state sales tax increments will be determined and used to finance economic development projects in the district in accordance with and as authorized by Part II, Chapter 27, Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended; Designating the initial annual baseline collection rate and establishing a monthly baseline collection rate for the district; Pledging and dedicating such tax increments to reimburse economic development costs and providing for other matters in connection with the foregoing.

3. **Ordinance No. 22 of 2013**: An ordinance amending the 2013 Budget for the General Fund, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (*City Court*)

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Everson, seconded by Councilman O. Jenkins to introduce Ordinance No(s). 20, 21, and 22 of 2013 to lay over until the next regular meeting.

Councilman S. Jenkins: On No. 20, I just want to commend the Department of Community Development for what you're doing there. I think that is a great thing. Keep up the good work.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 6. Nays: None. Out of the Chamber: Councilman Webb. 1.

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) (*Postponed February 26, 2013 until April 9, 2013*)
2. **Ordinance No. 14 of 2013**: An ordinance amending the 2013 Police Grants Special Revenue Fund Budget, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on February 26, 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 Webb, 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. 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.

Having passed first reading on February 26, 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 O. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman S. Jenkins 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.

5. **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)

Having passed first reading on **February 26, 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 **Shyne**, seconded by Councilman **McCulloch** to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen **McCulloch, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7.** Nays: None. Out of the Chamber: Councilman **Everson. 1.**

6. **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)

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 **S. Jenkins**, seconded by Councilman **McCulloch** to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen **McCulloch, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7.** Nays: None. Out of the Chamber: Councilman **Everson. 1.**

7. **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)

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 **S. Jenkins**, seconded by Councilman **McCulloch** to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen **McCulloch, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7.** Nays: None. Out of the Chamber: Councilman **Everson. 1.**

The adopted ordinances and amendments follow:

ORDINANCE NO. 14 OF 2013

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2013 BUDGET FOR THE POLICE GRANTS SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend the 2013 budget for the Police Grants Special Revenue Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that Ordinance No. 139 of 2012, the Police Grants Special Revenue Fund Budget, is hereby amended as follows:

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

In Police Grants Special Revenue Fund, decrease the State Narcotics Fund Sub-Object 4560 by \$23,900 and increase Sub-Object 1304 by \$23,900.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance 139 of 2012 shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof shall be 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 to be severable.

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

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.

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 "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 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 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 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, La. R.S. 33:9038.34(O) provides that this governing authority may create a special trust fund for the furtherance of economic development projects, as defined in the Act, into which the incremental increases in such sales taxes shall be deposited and loaned, granted, donated, or pledged in furtherance of economic development projects as defined in the Act; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Act, particularly La. R.S. 33:9038.32(B) and La. R.S. 33:9038.39, and Resolution No. ____ of 2013, adopted by the Shreveport City Council on February 26, 2013, the City has given notice of its intention to create the District, and notice that it will hold a public hearing relative to the proposed creation of the District and the proposed levy of an additional 1.00% sales and use tax therein, including a description of the boundaries of the

District and containing a map showing the boundaries of the District, which notice has been published two times in the City's official journal; and WHEREAS, on this date, prior to the adoption of this ordinance, this governing authority did hold a public hearing pursuant to the aforesaid notice of intention, at which public hearing no objections were received with respect to the creation of the District. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana, that:

SECTION 1. All of the above "Whereas" clauses are adopted as part of this ordinance.

SECTION 2. Creation of District. Under the authority of La. R.S. 33:9038.32 there is hereby created an economic development district within the City, to be named the "Shreveport/Mall St. Vincent Economic Development District, State of Louisiana," having the geographical boundaries set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto, which Exhibit A is hereby incorporated in and made a part of this Ordinance, all pursuant to the Act. As provided by the Act, the governing body of the District shall be this City Council. As provided by the Act, the District shall be a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana and shall possess such powers and authority and have such duties as provided in the Act and other law.

SECTION 3. Creation of Trust Fund. Under the authority of La. R.S. 33:9038.34(O), there is hereby created a special trust fund, to be named the " Shreveport/Mall St. Vincent Economic Development District Trust Fund" (the "Trust Fund") the purpose of which will be to fund economic development projects selected by the District in the manner provided by the Act. The Trust Fund shall be established by the Director of Finance of the City and maintained as a separate fund, apart from other funds and accounts of the City or other entities, and shall be used strictly for the purposes set forth herein and in the Act.

SECTION 4. Authorization of Officers. The Mayor, Chairman of the City Council 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 ordinance.

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

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

Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 16 of 2013

In the fifth Whereas clause, delete the phrase "Resolution No. ____ of 2013" and substitute the phrase "Resolution No. 36 of 2013."

ORDINANCE NO. 17 OF 2013

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 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

SECTION I: BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA, in due, legal and regular session convened, that the zoning classification of property legally described below, located on the NW corner of Monkhouse Drive and Hollywood Avenue, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA be and the same is hereby changed from B-3, Community Business District, to B-3-E, Community Business/Extended Use District limited to “the underground storage of petroleum” only.

A portion of Lot 28 of the subdivision of the J.B. Lewis Land in the S/2 of Sect 17, T17N, R14W, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA, more particularly described as: From the SE corner of Sect 17 run N89°37'W 3574.7 feet, thence run N0°23'E 40 feet to the north R/W line of Hollywood and POB of the tract herein described; thence run N0°23'E 195 feet; thence run N89°37'W 249.8 feet to the east R/W line of Monkhouse; thence run south along the east R/W line of Monkhouse 195.7 feet to the north R/W line of Hollywood Avenue; thence run S89°37'E along said north R/W line of Hollywood 249.78 feet to the POB.

SECTION II: THAT the rezoning of the property described herein is subject to compliance with the following stipulation:

1. Development of the property shall be in substantial accord with the site plan submitted with any significant changes or additions requiring further review and approval by the Planning Commission.

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 effect without the invalid provisions, items, or applications and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 18 OF 2013

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 106 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT ZONING ORDINANCE, BY REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE SOUTHEAST 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

SECTION I: BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA, in due, legal and regular session convened, that the zoning classification of property legally described as Lots 23 & 24, Blk.1 replat Forest Glen Subdivision located on the southeast corner of Jewella Avenue and Hardy Street, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA be and the same is hereby changed from B-1, Buffer Business District, to B-2, Neighborhood Business District.

SECTION II: THAT the rezoning of the property described herein is subject to compliance with the following stipulation:

1. Development of the property shall be in substantial accord with a revised site plan showing a 6' screening fence along the east property line. This plan shall be submitted to and approved by the Planning Director. Any significant changes or additions shall require further review and approval by the Planning Commission. No permits shall be issued until the revised site plan and/or replatting of lots has been approved by the MPC Director or the Planning Commission.

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 effect without the invalid provisions, items, or applications and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 19 OF 2013

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

SECTION I: BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA, in due, legal and regular session convened, that the zoning classification of property located on the NW corner of Greenwood Road and Emory Street, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA more particularly described below, be and the same is hereby changed **from I-1, Light Industry District to B-3, Community Business District.**

A portion of Lot 4, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA., more particularly described as: Beginning at the NW corner of Lot 4, Cora E Smith Sub., run south along the west line of said Lot 4 a distance of 245' : thence run east 95.5'; thence run north 72.5', thence run east 69.5'; thence run south 72.5'; thence run east 96'; thence north 18.5'; thence east 69'; thence run north a distance of 226' to the south R/W of Greenwood Road; thence run west along said R/W 365' to the POB

SECTION II: THAT the rezoning of the property described herein is subject to compliance with the following stipulation:

1. Development of the property shall be in substantial accord with a revised site plan showing additional landscaping. This plan shall be submitted to and approved by the Zoning Administrator. Any significant changes or additions shall require further review and approval by the Planning Commission. No permits shall be issued until the revised site plan and/or replatting of lots has been approved by the MPC Director or the Planning Commission.

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 effect without the invalid provisions, items, or applications and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or 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

A. 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*)

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 February 25, 2013 until March 25, 2013*)

PSD1200229 262 Vine Street, Shreveport, LA (B/Everson) Ms. Barbara White, 262 Vine Street, Shreveport, LA 71101 (B/Everson) (*Postponed until February 25, 2013 until March 25, 2013*)

Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance Appeals

Metropolitan Planning Commission Appeals and Zoning Board of Appeals
Other Appeals
Taxi Appeal
Reports from officers, boards, and committees

Councilman Corbin: Mr. Mayor, I would like to follow up on a request I had made earlier in January and ask that at the March 26th meeting, if we could have a brief report of where we are with the dog park and any conversations that you've had to move that forward.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, definitely look forward to being able to do that. Obviously, as you all have seen probably within some recent media reports the position regarding the Waterway proposed appropriation from the Administration is still the same. We have carried on discussions, both with some members of the council as well as within the administration about some of the other options regarding the dog park that citizens would like to see us potentially avail ourselves of and we expect to have something to discuss with Council between now and the 26th and certainly we'll be in a position to comment further for the meeting on the 26th.

Councilman Corbin: Thank you Mr. Mayor.

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 7:34 p.m.

//s// Michael D. Corbin, Chairman

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