

CC 3827  
05 02 13

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

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana was called to order by Chairman Michael Corbin at 3:07 p.m., Tuesday, March 26, 2013, in the Government Chambers in Government Plaza (505 Travis Street).

Invocation was given by Councilman Shyne.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Everson.

On Roll Call, the following members were Present: Councilmen Rose Wilson-McCulloch (Arrived at 3:09 p.m.), 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, March 11, 2013 and Council Meeting, Tuesday, March 26, 2013. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 5. Nays: None. Out of the Chamber: Councilmen McCulloch and O. Jenkins. 2.**

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

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

Councilman Everson: I just wanted to thank the Fire Department, you know it's that time of the year where we start seeing a few things pop up in increasing numbers, and yesterday, there was an event over in Hollywood/Caddo Heights area, there was a family and their house caught on fire and they were able to make it out all unharmed, and you know it was followed up very quickly by the Fire Department. So we just appreciate their service, and you know as we continue to have these events, just want to take this opportunity to remind everybody to try to be fire safe. To be aware of what your risks are and try to minimize them.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Thank you Mr. Chairman, I want to express appreciation to Property Standards and everyone associated with Operation T-Bone for the sweep that they performed this morning in West Shreveport and other communities involved with that. I received the numbers a few minutes ago, and it seemed that they had a very productive day. I just want to remind our citizens that when Property Standards and Operation T-Bone is in the neighborhood, they're there for the right reasons and doing the right things. I do get a couple of calls from time to time and they go out in the neighborhood that way, but we get even more calls from your neighbors who are complaining about the condition of the premises. So I just want to take this opportunity to thank them for what they've done out there in West Shreveport today, it seems to have been a very productive day. I'm glad everyone was able to go out and do what they did. I

see Ms. Farnell here, thank you so much for what you all did out there this morning under your leadership. And I'm happy that everybody was able to come back (inaudible). Secondly Mr. Chairman, I want to ask that we all continue to keep in our thoughts and prayers our Internal Auditor, Ms. Leanis Stewart. I was told that Ms. Stewart lost her mother. I believe that was yesterday evening Mr. Chairman, and you know she works closely with the Council. So let's just keep her in our thoughts and prayers and her family in our thoughts and prayers, and also keep our good friend Commissioner Joyce Bowman and the Rev. Danny Mitchell in our prayers. They're both going through some health concerns right now. So hopefully we will keep those families, those individuals in mind. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Webb: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I also want to recognize one of my constituents Wanda Wright, ex-School Board member in attendance today, and I'm here (inaudible) to run for City Council, so.

Councilman Shyne: Wanda, I thought that was you, cause you look so young.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Yeah, thank you, and this is more about some of the business I discussed yesterday with regard to the (inaudible). So yesterday after leaving here I met with some of the folks at Barksdale as they had requested the meeting, and wanted to know kinda where we stood on that. They are certainly concerned and they recognize that maybe they didn't put forth their best foot or put their best foot forward at the time, or clearly indicate in their correspondence how important it was, so they are reviewing it. And maybe issuing something different than they did. You know, don't speak to how that's going to fall out, I'd just say that there's varying levels of interest there in terms of moving forward with some other ideas they had, but they would certainly like to stress in any form how important it is from their perspective to have that as a manned tower. They have had - - I guess there's an interim period where it was an unmanned tower, and frankly they had significant amount of incursions into the Barksdale airspace during a three or four year period when downtown was not manned. They brought that in and those you know mid-air or incursions into their tower airspace improved significantly. So they're interested in pursuing that more formally. Some of their staff has been in discussion with some people at the congressional level in regards to that as well. I will say that some of the other people that I've spoken to regarding (inaudible) aviators that fly out of that airport, that the reason that the Chennault Airport, essentially came back into play was the argument that that airfield serves the helicopter community significantly for offshore oil and gas. And so under the caveat of national interest, that's their national interest. I might argue that an Air Force space like Barksdale probably has an even greater national affect particularly with their readiness requirements and the nuclear mission that they have. So I think that argument remains very valid. There's another idea that I've been made aware of, that there are about 15 or 20 airports, one of them Seattle that have now filed suit against the FAA. And certainly not an attorney, but when they're looking for a collective list of people to join the team and explain it, I think it's certainly something that we should consider. Now I'm not saying I know anything about it, I just know that this list exist and there is a group of airports across the U.S. that's filing suit, and that's something that I think we should at least consider. I don't know the merits of the lawsuit, and I (inaudible), but it's another overture that's out there that's certainly worth looking at. So those were kinda you know a summary of the way that meeting went yesterday. They're concerned and interested, and I'll say from my perspective as an aviator and a military aviator and looking at BRAC (Base Realignment Closures) closures, one of the things that always comes up when they do BRAC closure evaluations is how many other airports and air traffic related issues are associated with bases. So

you wouldn't want to - - - on the next BRAC closure list, to all of a sudden have a growing number of near mid-air collisions or incursions because somebody'd say 'Although this may be an important air base, can we not do it somewhere else where there's less air traffic control'. You know I'm not saying that's really what leads to it, but that's certainly a consideration. So I would never want to be in a position where we don't do everything we can to keep ourselves off of that list or even consideration for closure. So, that's all I have to say. I certainly look for feedback from collective administration and the Airport Authority on some angles moving forward.

Mr. Sibley: We appreciate that.

Mayor Glover: Bryant I'm going to ask if you make follow up contact with Councilman Oliver Jenkins as well once the meeting is over, and then give him some recommendations as to whether or not it makes sense for us to sit and visit with Base leadership as well. And may also be appropriate to include some representatives from the various congressional folks as well. We might want to try and heighten our efforts. The insight you just provided with respect to the level of response that the Barksdale folks initially gave to the effort, I think is something that adds a different dimension. I know we were all working very busily trying to get myself and Mayor Walker and others lined up to get signed off on communications that we forwarded to the folks at the federal level to try and help them have an appreciation for just how serious and grave we believe the situation to be. If there's another degree or two that we can add to that that I think would certainly be something that we would be more than interested in helping to help them understand.

Councilman Corbin: And I'd like to thank the super Fire Department for the invitation to their Annual Awards Banquet. Councilman S. Jenkins and I were there, and I didn't know that there were that many awards that could be given out by the Fire Department.

Councilwoman McCulloch: I was there also.

Councilman Corbin: But we had a good time, and we appreciate the invitation, and yes Councilwoman McCulloch was there in her Western Attire I believe.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Yeah.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Black hat, black pants, black boots- - -

Councilwoman McCulloch: Black Widow!

Councilman Corbin: That's why I didn't recognize her.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Mr. Mayor, I told her somebody was going to ask her to marry her that night, the way she was dressed.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Yeah.

Councilman Shyne: Rose say have them to show their bankbook first.

Councilwoman McCulloch: That's right.

Councilman Corbin: We'll get back on track on that. I also want to say congratulations to Millennium and Epics Worldwide. If you've not had a chance to see Olympus Has Fallen yet, several of us had the opportunity to see it Friday night, and great movie, and if you really pay attention, you get to see a little bit of downtown Shreveport in there numerous times, and that's kind of what Richea did is sit there and go, 'Where is that, what's that' and that was fun, and I'm sure the Mayor is probably going to make a few comments about that.

Councilman Everson: More importantly, it was a great opening to the movie.

Councilman Corbin: According to the box office, so we'll look forward to No. 1 this weekend maybe. Any other comments from Council Members?

Councilman Shyne: Yeah. Dale, when I leave the council, that's what I'll be doing.

Mr. Sibley: Hollywood?

Councilman Shyne: There you go.

Mr. Sibley: I hear ya.

Councilman Corbin: I can see you and Gerard Butler kinda switching out parts there.

Councilman Shyne: Thank you Mike.

Councilman Corbin: Mayor Glover, do you have any awards or recognitions?

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

Mayor Glover: Thank you Mr. Chairman and members of the Council. Would like to start to by following up Mr. Chairman on what you were last commenting on, and that is was delighted to join you and your lovely Mrs., and a theatre filled with folks partially hosted by myself and Diego Martinez with Millennium Studios here in Shreveport's Ledbetter Heights on Friday night for the opening of Olympus Has Fallen. And it was an outstanding movie, a very impressive crowd there that night. What was even more impressive was the line of folks who were lined up to come in for the next feature as we were all exiting the theatre. And I had my fingers crossed that it would be the No. 1 movie in the country over the weekend, unfortunately, I think the kids outvoted us and the Croods ended up in the No. 1 spot. But \$30,000,000 in your opening weekend is still a very impressive number. Olympus Has Fallen represents the single largest budget for production that we've had here in Shreveport so far of over \$70,000,000, and like you I want to express great thanks and appreciation to Diego and Ivy Lerner and all the folks with Millennium for continued confidence and faith that they've put in Shreveport making the investment here and continuing to make movies in this area. One of the things I would add to that for those of us who are a part of the governing community here at the local level as well as folks who are simply concerned about all things happening inside the State of Louisiana is that these particular types of efforts I think are of a bit of jeopardy right now. Based upon some of what's being considered down in Baton Rouge. And so I think it's going to be very important that we all collectively communicate just how important it is that we maintain if not enhance the current film making, digital media environment that we have in Shreveport. There's an interest nucleus or mix that we have right now between Millennium, Blade Studios, Moonbot Studios, Worldwide Special Affects Studios and all those great things that are happening right now. Things that are employing people, that are attracting people here and that's providing excellent exposure for our area. So again, kudos to all those involved. Gerard Butler, Antoine Fuqua. A great movie, if you haven't seen it, you will absolutely enjoy it, so I encourage you if you get the chance to go out and take a look. Also want to take this opportunity since the Councilman Webb mentioned the lovely Wanda Wright who is joining us here today, I want to commend her in her capacity as one of the principle heads of Southern Hills Homeowners Association, along with Jim Mabus and all the folks with the Southern Hills Business Association, along with the leadership and management of Raising Cane at the corner of Mansfield Road and Jewella for the outstanding celebration that they sponsored last week recognizing the 11<sup>th</sup> State Championship of the Southwood High School Lady Cowgirls or Lady Cowboys, I'm not quite sure which they go by.

Councilman Webb: The Cowgirls.

Mayor Glover: The Lady Cowboys. Cowgirls Mr. Webb? I'm going to look to you as the authority.

Councilman Webb: I think it's Cowgirls.

Councilman Shyne: I think it's Cowgirls too! Cause when I saw them, they all looked like girls.

Councilman Webb: Wanda might know, what is it Wanda?

Ms. Wright: (Inaudible) Lady Cowboys.

Mayor Glover: Okay, and I'm going to call them by what they're officially go by. The 11<sup>th</sup> State Championship, a 5A classification for the Southwood Lady Cowboys. As I told them last Friday, they have now won one for the big toe, since this is the 11<sup>th</sup>, and was also very impressed to find out that their Head Coach Scott McDowell, that this is his actual 12<sup>th</sup> State Championship, and that he had previously won one at one of our old - - - at Southfield.

Councilman O. Jenkins: My old coach, by the way that was when he decided to move over to women, once he got done with me. (Inaudible) that guy was too much trouble.

Mayor Glover: Well now Mr. Jenkins, the way Coach McDowell tells me, he came to the conclusion he couldn't win the State Championship with you.

Councilman O. Jenkins: That is true. He didn't come to it, that was apparent to all of us.

Mayor Glover: And so he decided to focus on where the real true talent at Southfield was at the time. I believe Ms. Whitehurst was one of the players at that time, Danielle Whitehurst and some others who went on to have a little success at the high school and college level. It's his 12<sup>th</sup> State Championship, so again, we extend Mayoral kudos to all the folks who were involved at the community level, and more specifically to those outstanding young ladies and their coaches for bringing great honor to Shreveport yet again. I want to also take a moment to express my thanks and appreciation to Mary Alice Roundtree, and the Board and all the folks involved with the Council on Aging, the Caddo Council on Aging held their annual March for Meals on the 13<sup>th</sup> of this month, two weeks ago tomorrow, myself and Sheriff Prator have always been the honorary grand marshals for that effort, but this year, we had a super special grand marshal in Morris Claiborne, Shreveport's own, Fair Park High School graduate, LSU Tiger and current Dallas Cowboy, he came out to lend his celebrity to the event. It attracted a great deal of attention. It was also the first time that we've actually hosted a congregate meal for our seniors down within the Festival Plaza area. Was honored to have the presence of Council Members McCulloch and Everson there as well, as well as several other elected officials. But it was yet again a great opportunity to be able to focus attention on one of the very best efforts that we have here in Shreveport, and that's what volunteers and staff members do every day to provide a good hot nutritious meal for our seniors. Know that the need is greater than the available resources. So if there's anybody out there know that it's still not too late to be able to give and contribute, and so we certainly welcome any who would do so and look forward to having an even bigger and greater event on next year. At this point, Mr. Chairman, I'll wrap this up and transition into the official comments by asking Sam Voison and Doug Thornton to please come forward.

Councilman Shyne: But Mayor, before you do that, you forgot to mention about Oliver's college career in basketball.

Councilman O. Jenkins: It was very short lived. I had a couple of years in baseball, but basketball was long done before I (inaudible).

Councilman Shyne: I didn't want you to leave him out now.

Mayor Glover: I heard that he was an integral part of a pretty good back court at Dartmouth.

Councilman O. Jenkins: That is not true.

Councilman Shyne: Okay, well I didn't want to mention it, I didn't want you to leave it out.

Mayor Glover: Those were the words that made it back to Shreveport back in the mid '80s.

Councilman Shyne: It did Oliver.

Mayor Glover: But I'm not quite sure where the fact or the fiction is. Mr. Chairman and members of the Council at this point, would like to welcome up Sam Voison with SMG, who manages the Shreveport Convention Center as well as the Municipal Auditorium.

Mr. Sam Voison: Thank you very much, thank you for the time today. We're going to give you a brief presentation, but informative. But before I do that, I want to introduce you to someone very special to all of us. And that is a native of Shreveport, LA, lineage from Southwest Shreveport exactly, and well known in prior football fame as well. And fresh off his international media tour regarding the Super Dome and the recent Super Bowl, Doug Thornton, Senior Executive Vice-President of SMG would like to give you welcome.

Mr. Doug Thornton: (SMG) Thank you, appreciate it Sam. Great to be back in Shreveport. Thank you for having us up here today. I just wanted to take a few minutes before Sam goes through his presentation. And tell you that we continue to be very excited about our opportunity to manage your facilities here, both the Convention Center and the Municipal Auditorium. We feel like we've done a pretty good job over the last several years of improving the financial situation there. We've been able to drop that operating deficit there at the Convention Center from \$2.1 (million) down to about \$1.6 (million), and it continues to go down. Sam is going to take you through some of the highlights of 2012. And talk about some of the 2013 initiatives and some of the challenges that we face nationwide in terms of the industry and what's going on with trends. So he'll walk through some of that. We're very excited also about the renovation and improvements that are going on at the Municipal Auditorium. We think that is going to be a very exciting opportunity. I know you guys share that enthusiasm. What you're doing over there I think is very, very good for the city, restoring that building. It's going to give us an opportunity to increase the programming. We want to help you reopen that building and continue to succeed there. We think it's made tremendous strides in the past 12-18 months, and certainly the historic nature of it. It's a treasure for Shreveport, and we want to continue to celebrate that going forward. So we have some great ideas about how that can be done. But really my only purpose here today was in addition to visiting with Sam and his staff and see how things were going, was to say thank you for your continued support of SMG, we're happy to be your managers. We think you have some great facilities here, and we want to continue to show progress in that regard. So with that Sam is going to take you through a brief slide presentation to talk about the 2012 highlights and some of the initiatives we plan for '13.

Councilman Shyne: Doug, just before you go, I want to thank you. I heard you were responsible for bringing Beyoncé to the Super Bowl, and I was going to say, I hope you could get her to Shreveport.

Mr. Thornton: Well, I wish I could take credit for bringing her to the Super Bowl. Actually she would have probably played in the New Orleans arena. She's going to play Essence this year. But we're going to be under renovation at the New Orleans arena. You may have read about this as part of the extension of the Hornet's lease. The State is putting \$50,000,000 into the arena. A portion of that is going to be done in this first phase, starting May 1 through October. So we're closed down for the Summer, and then the same thing next year, we have the NBA All Star Game in between. So even though that's a little farther south, than - - - a little farther south than

South Shreveport.

Councilman Shyne: But you're getting (inaudible).

Mr. Thornton: A different part of the state but it helps us all. So bring a lot of opportunity for the state. But Beyoncé, the halftime show was fantastic. I will go on record and say that that was not the reason the lights went out. Had nothing to do with Beyoncé's halftime performance, although, it was very electric. It was a magnificent show. So, with that, I'll turn it over to Sam, unless there are any other questions.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman and Doug and Sam, before you begin. I want to take this opportunity also to share with Doug and those who are gathered and those who are watching. Doug is a classic example of someone who is not nearly as well known in their hometown as they should be. Because if you have any real knowledge of appreciation for the dynamics that have taken place, not just within the state, but in the country over the last decade plus, just how accomplished this individual actually happens to be from Southwest Shreveport as was stated. Woodlawn graduate I believe, was a quite an accomplished athlete, and along with another Shreveporter, Jay Cicero, Jesuit graduate, basically the apex of the Sports Community within New Orleans. Cicero leads the New Orleans Sports Foundation, and Doug is responsible not just for the Super Dome, but for a region that encompasses the - - - exactly all of the South. But comes from right here in this community, his parents still live here, and I know that there is a writer or writers out there whose writing the story of Doug Thornton, not just in general, but I'm sure also specifically to his experiences in the aftermath of Katrina. Because it was Doug Thornton who was there on site, doing those harrowing days helping to maintain the degree of humanity that managed to still exist during those challenging times, but also was there from Day 1 in the aftermath, helping to reclaim and rebuild the Super Dome and the rest of the city. He's the person who I can say probably almost singularly having been a part of still the legislative process at that time, was responsible for ensuring that the Saints managed to stay in the State of Louisiana because there were all sorts of negotiations that were in the midst of being dealt with at that time. The Saints could have very easily found themselves permanently in a community with a population four plus times larger than the Greater New Orleans area. The facility itself could have ended up not being repaired in the kind of way and fashion that it needed to be. But it was Doug's inspired leadership and his ability to be able to bring people together across all sorts of kinds of boundaries, both political and racial and regional and what have you. That in large part accounts for what it is that we still have the presence of the Saints and the Hornets, while the Super Dome is down sponsored by Mercedes Benz, and almost 40 years old looks as grand and in fact looks better. The new lightening is something that's just simply spectacular and so, on behalf of not just Shreveport, but all of Louisiana, thank you for your work, proud to know you, and glad to know you're from Shreveport, and hopefully when they decide to make the movie, they'll at least shoot part of it in Shreveport.

Mr. Thornton: Absolutely. It's always great to come home, thank you guys very much.

Councilman Shyne: And Doug you see you got a new PR man.

Mr. Thornton: Well it's nice to know like I said, this is my home, I grew up here and it's always great to come back and to see the city doing so well. So it's my privilege to be involved with the City of Shreveport and really appreciate those comments.

Mayor Glover: The great part is that they're all true, because here comes my PR angle. These are two guys who took some of the most challenging circumstances that we encountered coming on as Mayor of the City of Shreveport. That was the just opened Convention Center, that

while the very nice was not very popular, has managed to run off just about every nonprofit organization that wanted to operate and have an event there and had some serious missteps with some of the others that came through. We had the Municipal Auditorium that we were managing internally for the City of Shreveport that didn't always meet the expectations and standards that I had and the Council had, the citizens in general. But they've taken both of those facilities, and both of those set of circumstances and turned them around almost 180 degrees. And so very pleased with the work that you guys have done and certainly look forward to the report that Sam is about to share and look forward to an even more prosperous relationship going forward. So we'll get that snip of the tape for you guys so you can include it within the SMG annual report.

Mr. Voison: Thank you for those kind words Mayor. And as you can see it's an honor and a privilege to learn to work through this man here. So going to give you a brief presentation. Going to start off, you know a lot about maybe myself or Doug, but you may not really understand the breadth of SMG Corporate. So I just want to touch on that just with a couple of slides of information. Currently, we're running 233 facilities worldwide. And to be more specific, Mr. Thornton is over the worldwide stadium arena and stadium footprint that you're going to see in a little bit here with our world map. Right now we're at 5400 employees worldwide. That's part time and fulltime as well. We have just conducted some transitions to management of the McCormick Center. That is the largest convention center in the United States as of today. And we run the operations as well as the food and beverage over there. Cobalt Center over in Detroit going through a multimillion dollar I believe it's a \$75,000,000 renovation right now. Long Beach and the Moscone Center over in San Francisco, just to name a few recent ones. Here in Louisiana, most importantly though this is our footprint here from New Orleans to Shreveport, a lot of synergies can happen here. So I want to give you just a brief overview of that. And that really tells the tale. That is a dot map of the responsibilities of SMG on a corporate level, and you can see some of those synergies of routing entertaining acts, or conventions through our system here with all the systems and controls. Now wanted to give you a recap of 2012, and wanted to give you an outlook for 2013 and above. So for 2012 we had a fairly good year. And some of you were on the Council before, when I did my presentation I said, there were times when I would stand up here before you and give you some bad news, and I haven't done that yet since I got here. Well, I'm going to give you some 'just okay' news. It's not really bad, but it's really indicative of the economy. Some successes in 2012 to recap. We had 22 conventions, 119,000 delegates went through the Convention Center doors. That's a lot of hotel room nights. We continued to increase the not for profit utilization since we adopted that policy, right at the end of 2008, beginning of 2009, that Mayor just eluded to here. This is also really a good indicator of utilization. This is 423 event days versus - - - we thought we would do 385 event days. You may be saying wait a minute. Sam, there's 365 days a year, how are you going to do 423 event days? Well, if you've been to the facility, which most of you have, we've had four, five, six events at one time. That's how we do it. So, that's how it's counted. We've identified and implemented synergies with the Hilton and the Convention Center. Very important. From C-fold towels as an example in the restroom to energy efficient management contract. We've managed to merge some of those needs that are duplicate. We would duplicate those needs in a different matter. We're saving money now. So with good communication, that works. We've decreased our held expenses to insulate from a soft economy. Everyone's experience in that right now, we get into a little bit of that in a little bit. Some more successes on the recap. We did a five month sales blitz of new prospects only. This is not existing. This is not people who've attended the Convention Center for an event or what not, but

2400 prospect calls in five months. Now that is bearing fruit as of right now and it will beyond. Typically, it's an 18-month lag. Customer satisfaction remains at an all-time high. Right now we're at a 4.8 on a 5 scale. We send out a customer surveys for every event that happens at the facility, and that's where we're getting back some good feedback. We've exceeded the Fair Share goals for the Convention Center and the Municipal Auditorium. I'll go over that in a little bit. But we have a constant focus on employee motivation. We allow for productivity to be high, and that means we can do more with less. A good example, this gold coin. Good reward for our employees. It's not Gold per se, but it's the color goal, it has the seven habits of highly effective executives on the back of it. And at any time of the day, I can walk up to a person, and they'll produce this and give me one of the habits. It's a very good tool. So, going into our 2012 convention bookings, here's just a brief list. We had 22 total. Here's a few, you may have seen a few of these, or attended a few, like the Global Strike symposium, the AKA Conference, very large conference that we had, and FBI National Academy was very well attended. It wasn't as large as AKA, but when you have the FBI in, you know it's pretty high profile, and security was very tight for that one. And you can see a few more. Getting into the nuts and bolts of this, in 2012, what did we do actually versus what we thought we would do and told you we would do for 2012. And this is it. If you look at adjusted gross income, it is lower than what we said we would do, but the expenses are lower in relation to what we said we would do. That adjusted gross income is a direct reflect on what is happening in the economy. Very soft right now, spending is down, a few events are cancelling. But be that as it may, we're making moves for it. As you can see, we did beat our budget of what we said that we would do versus actual by \$80,000. That's good news. Because that's \$80,000 that you would have to spend on something else. Next slide, we wanted to give you a visual of when we opened in 2006 versus today. Well, if you look at the adjusted gross income of 2006 versus today, you can see it grew dramatically. Operating expenses, you can see they did not grow that dramatically. You're looking at maybe a \$300,000 variance. So, what you're looking at is a 2006 baseline of a \$2.1 (million) deficit the first full year of operation down to \$1.6 (million). And the goal, just to let you know is to continue to push that down. Okay? Through revenue generation and expense reduction are holding the line there. So you're looking at \$500,000 difference. Just to dive in a few little numbers here of the 2009 through 2012 comparisons of the Fair Share purchases, we take this program very seriously. We work extremely close with Karen Barnes, and you can see a few of the subcontractors we utilize for discretionary purchases or services should I say as well. On the right side here, for Fair Share First is what we call it. And then everything else is second. So you can see we've gone up and down a little bit, but basically, between 35 and 38% is we lie. The goal is 25% minimum. So we're exceeding that goal as well. Now we're going to look at facility utilization. And I'm going to tell you a little bit about March in a little bit that you may have seen in the news recently, but from 2009 to 2012, utilization is a formula that is - - - you almost need a slide rule but basically what it is, is the amount of days that you have available versus what is actually in your facility. That's it in a nutshell. 2009, you can see was extremely high, but if you notice a blip is 2010. And in 2010, we all noticed that's when the oil and gas industry really went south if you will, and that really hit us pretty hard. But we made adjustments, went back up 2011, 62%. 45% for the Exhibit Hall. 65% presently for Ballroom, and Exhibit Halls 55% which is the highest it's ever been. And that is also in contribution to Sunday Services also for a church that draws in 3000 people every Sunday. Incredible. Those are all people that can utilize this facility as well. So you can see the capacity in utilization.

Councilman Shyne: Let me stop you. Do you mean that we have some churches that have services?

Mr. Voison: Yes sir. Every Sunday, we have a church that has service in the facility for 3000 people. It is incredible the amount of energy that comes from that is incredible. Absolutely. Yes sir. Now you see 70% is capacity in this formula because of turnovers, cleanup and etc., so Ballroom is getting some high utilization here. Exhibit Halls have a few more points to go, but you can see that most facilities that are in the 40% are less of Exhibit Halls right now. That's the industry standard. Just a little graphical, just some pictures of Bass Master. That was the line to get in. As well as the picture behind it. You're looking at the second highest attended Bass Master event in Shreveport. The first highest is Shreveport. So, even though Tulsa is a sister property, we still hold the record for that. So what'd they leave behind? Well, they put the fish back in the river yes, but they left \$20,000,000 on the table as well. So everyone succeeded. Here's a few other pictures you may recognize. Some of the Swamp People there, that was for a hunting expo that just occurred. Very well attended, and some of you may also have attended the Brookshire's Gentlemen's Cooking Classic that was put together by Southern University. Very, very successful. The little chef's competition is going to grow by double the amount of entries as of last year. And you can see this little chef on the end there got some good cooking lessons. That's my son. Let me give you a little outlook.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Was that your hat?

Mr. Voison: Yes sir.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay, just wanted to make sure because I couldn't see.

Mr. Voison: The 2013 outlook, I'm going to just go over some initiatives, some challenges that we're going to have, just briefly. Here's some current advertising that's running. We are synergizing as I told earlier a little bit with the Hilton for wedding receptions. Okay, we are a great destination, being that the Hilton is attached to this facility. Beautiful hotel, beautiful facility, why not have a beautiful memorable evening there with your wedding reception. Holiday packages, that's all going out. We're doing this as a cooperative endeavor agreement. Also Big Space, Big

fun, you may see that on I-49 billboard as well that we have. That's going into industry publications. Here's a few accolades you may not have known we received. Convention South Readers Choice Award. We were awarded Best Convention Center in the South for Readers Choice Award, (inaudible) South it is from Texas to Florida up to Georgia. Very, very well received magazine. All the meeting planners get it. It's one of these things that if you're not reading it, then you're not a meeting planner. We are very honored to have this. Locally, the Times has just issued this, 2013 Reader's Choice Award for Best Conference and Convention Center in their DMA area. So that was an honor as well. Wanted to tell you a little bit about March just in a presence sense. Some of you may have attended one of these events. What was incredible about March was that we had 21 days out of 31 that were active in the facility. That's a 90% utilization rate. That is incredible. Now I wish we had that for 12 months out of the year, believe me, but this is incredible. Nine events in seven days totally 8100 guests, culminated with the Shopping For A Cause Junior League event that we had that weekend. That was previously in Bossier. Needed the room to expand, went into the Convention Center. They experienced some really great customer service. And they're going to come back for another few years. So we just found that out. So that's real good news. We're in a as you understand this as well, we're in a changing business climate right now. Very uneasy. We are watching the sequester cuts very

closely, because it is impacting governmental business. We're keeping an eye on all Barksdale related business as well as contractors that work with Barksdale. Those types of meetings are actually being very cautious right now as well. So we've noticed some erosion already and we're very cautious about it. Limited growth and convention meetings revenue due to the environment. Some of you, I've talked to and explained that you know if they ordered before, they're ordering chicken now, if they're ordered chicken before, they're not ordering anything now. So that's the cautious spending in a soft economy that we're experiencing. It's no different than any other business. Something else that we're noticing though is competition is not charging or discounting to gain the spending impact. Now that is an important factor to understand, but if they don't charge for their convention center, that means their deficit is going to go up. Cause you gotta pay in. But what they're opting for sometimes, or should I say most of the time nowadays is that they want that economic tax spend that they're getting, i.e., Bass Master as an example of what happened. But now being that is said, we're now having large markets dive into our pool so to speak. So our client base is being targeted by Dallas, by Oakland even. We've bid against Colorado on many occasions and Mr. Kelly Wells is sitting out there can certainly attest the Sports Market is very, very competitive in that nature, and we do very well in competing. But at the same time, we're competing against Orlando, and Oakland, larger cities than Shreveport. So you know we've got to be creative and aggressive. And how do we do that? Well it all starts with everyone in this room. Everyone watching. We're all sales people. If you know of anyone or if you're a member of an industry or group. And I know like some of you already do, let's talk about the convention center, let's sell Shreveport together as a destination. You know if you own a business, where are you going to have your trade show, your corporate meeting, your Christmas party, let's all thing about that. This is everyone's facility. Everyone knows someone is getting married, or you're a member of a fraternal organization, you get the picture. But that is a culture of sales that we have within the organization. All leads come from everyone. Some other initiatives - - - we're going to strengthen our cooperative endeavors. Now what does that mean. We have what I call a triad. And the triad is the Hilton, the Convention Center and the Tourism Bureau. And those three entities working together can do a lot more than working apart. And what we've been able to do is pool our money. Do some cooperative advertising, and cooperative sales blitz as well. Rendezvous South is a brain child of this triad if you will, and it's going to incorporate - - - it's going to be in November 2014. And what it represents is all Southeast Regional SMG Facilities are going to participate in this trade show, and it's a reverse trade show. We invite the meeting planners. The first one is going to be in Shreveport, LA. The next one is going to be probably in Baton Rouge, and we're going to rotate them around that way, but we're all invited to this reverse trade show, where if you're going to attend, you have to bring five prospects. So what we're going to do, have synergies with all the regional SMG facilities, all the Hiltons as well as all the Tourism Bureaus. So that's a good example of working together. We're going to increase the RFPs that we have to answer. We're going to shift from a four month sales blitz - - - what I had told you before, to a yearlong campaign. It's now going to be the status quo instead of a blitz. We're going to contain the costs, it's a soft economy, we don't know what's going to happen. So we're going to prepare for it. We're going to continue to expand the one-stop shop for event planners. If any of you have been in the building, you know that our event services department is now a sales department. We're one stop shop from transportation to centerpieces to tradeshow decorating. Whatever you need, we can handle. To be competitive, we need to establish a capital improvement fund. To keep the place fresh and new, and that'll certainly help sell as well. Now a

little bit about the Municipal Auditorium moving on, that is an ad that is currently on the once again that I-49 billboard, Make Your Event Historical. Here's some highlights I wanted to bring back to you. Some Hayride, some Christian Music, a little Mindless Behavior, Kix Brooks, Travis Trent, Jerry Seinfeld played at the Municipal just recently in a sold out Prairie Home Companion. And I know a few of you were there. It was well received, and millions of people heard this, it was a commercial for Shreveport for over an hour. And it could actually be found on their website in the archive version, 2 hours. That's right. Forgot about that. So, it's really we're looking for him to come back when the facility is renovated. Here's some more. You may be familiar with mixed martial arts. It is the sport that's kinda sweeping the nation, and this venue is just perfect for that sport and you can see that photo there. We had a real good showing over at Creflo Dollar Ministries. Now if any of you watch the Gospel Network, he is very, very popular minister, and I can't tell you, he was treated like a movie star in town and he is definitely coming back. He even signed his name on the wall in the back, on the signature wall there. And of course, we're going to have a Last Evening with the King, brought to you by Double J Events, and that's going to be on the 28<sup>th</sup> and that's going to be DJ Fontana as well. Here's some more current advertising that we're running in industry specific publications. You can see Facebook, Twitter, that's all active, all the normal social media outlets are advertising this facility as well as the events in there. But here's some initiatives for 2013 that I wanted to really just hit on. We've been working very closely with the City of Shreveport specifically Shelly Ragle in these capital improvements in the Bond Issue from the ADA required improvements. And I can tell you that there are a lot of promoters that have come in that have produced concerts in the facility. They want to come back, but they're not going to come back unless it's a renovated facility. You know I heard from one of the Executive Vice-Presidents of AEG Live Entertainment, and he really enjoyed Shreveport, enjoyed the character of the building, but Sam I need some showers and hot water. Not too much to ask. So now when we have the grand opening, which we'll talk about in a little bit, that'll be a foregone conclusion. We have planned to coordinate with Shelly and project construction manager as well, hardhat tours with press conferences with local leaders to build awareness. Any significant milestones of the improvements, we're going to go ahead and have a hardhat tour when it is safely accessible, and we're going to let the public know what's going on at the time. Now that's going to crescendo to the grand opening event, which is going to be indicated by a marketing campaign with press releases, interviews, advertising, we're going to create the excitement that's going to once again get to that grand opening date. And when we get to that grand opening day, we're going to have a month long celebration. And it could culminate with a Louisiana Hayride rebirth and partnership with the National Grammy Association, that's what we're working on right now. So I'm sure you're familiar with the Grammys on ABC. So that is in the works. We're fairly far along, but we do have a lot more to go. So, we're pretty aggressively seeking that deal out. With the contacts and the leverage that we have with our facilities around the region, that month long celebration is going to be Maymax. So this is going to be introduced once again since 1928, it has not been reintroduced to the public, but it will be in 2014 to the industry, and we're going to make a very big splash about it. So, I believe that was one more here. The momentum from the grand opening. What are we going to do if we have the big splash? Well, guess what? Sustain it. Everything that we get from that whether it's advertising, industry leverage, we're going to take advantage of it. We're going to create an event marketing fund. And what does that do? It does two things. I'm going to be able to use this event marketing fund to attract more events. Either buy them direct, or help mitigate some risks for a promoter that may not do so well

here or there for an event. Once again, our partners are going to work fast and furious with them as well. Friends of the Municipal Auditorium, SPAR, the Shreveport Bossier Convention and Tourism Bureau. We're going to increase the visibility and the quality of the offerings there at the Municipal. And April 17<sup>th</sup>, whether you're a believer or not, the Sci-Fi Network, Ghost Hunters is going to kick off their season premier with the Shreveport Municipal Auditorium airing of the haunted sightings that they have recorded there. So it's going to be interesting, it starts at 8:00, and they did find a few things, but everything's friendly, it's all good. So we'll get some more coverage once again through our haunted tours and that. In summary both facilities and our company, I want to wrap this up, as we mentioned earlier, the economy is causing us to seek out creative and aggressive programs to increase revenue and to hold the expenses down. So we're doing that. We're going to carefully monitor these expenses, and we're going to continue to do more with less. Our resources from our partners, once again, I'm going to restate, we can do a lot more together than apart. That capital improvement fund to remain competitive is certainly needed, and also, we're going to utilize SMG's industry leverage and management efficiency to continue doing what we normally do for you. And we are certainly proud and honored to continue managing the facilities for you. So thank you very much for the time. I tried to be brief, but as you know sometimes I'm long winded Any questions?

Councilman Webb: When are we going to have another extreme fighting?

Mr. Voison: That's going to be May 9<sup>th</sup> I believe, and it's at the Convention Center, because the Municipal is going to be closed down for renovations. May 1<sup>st</sup> through April 2014, the Municipal Auditorium will be closed.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Well we're just typing up here that maybe we could get a Council vs. Council (Ron Webb vs. Joe Shyne) think we'd have a pretty good audience there? Get enough tickets sold? Really market that.

Councilman Shyne: Got to be something wrong with him.

Mr. Voison: Councilman Jenkins, we're in the business of selling tickets and I think that sounds good.

Councilman Shyne: Ah, look at him Ron!

Mr. Voison: I think both parties would have to agree to that.

Councilman Shyne: (Inaudible) something else.

Councilman Everson: Ron and Joe in the Cage.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I like it in any event. One thing that - - - and I'm not interested in really getting into particulars, but there is kind of an issue that's come up recently about opportunities for local businesses to support, and I understand you guys got some pre - - - contracted arrangements with vendors. I guess my point is I'd like the opportunity or like you to consider the opportunity of a Shreveport First or when possible. And I'd be happy to talk to you offline about that.

Mr. Voison: Sure.

Councilman O. Jenkins: About specifics. It's an issue that's been brought to my attention. There are plenty that are brought that maybe less valid than others. This one, there seems to be a little substance to it, so I'd certainly like an opportunity to discuss it with you.

Mr. Voison: Absolutely, anytime. And I agree with you. Shreveport First, Fare Share First, absolutely.

Councilman Corbin: Thank you Sam. Y'all are doing a great job. And those of us who keep up with the economy know that your job is tough. And just to go along with Councilman

Oliver Jenkins' comments, I've been approached by some folks as well, and we may have a cup of coffee and talk about that. Sounds good.

Councilman Shyne: Sam I'm just glad to see the Fair Share numbers are where they are. That looks good for the diversity in the city and in North Louisiana.

Mr. Voison: Absolutely, we take it very seriously.

Mr. Thompson: I heard that Ghostbusters found Elvis. Is that true?

Mr. Voison: I'm not sure exactly what they found. We'll have to see April 17<sup>th</sup>. I'm under a gag order, I'm sorry Art. Thank you very much for the time, I appreciate that

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman? Sam, Doug excellent job and as was shared by Councilman Corbin and other members of the Council, obviously the numbers speak for themselves. I'll be honest and frank with you Council Members, my biggest concern in all of this, we have the renegotiation of their contract coming up, and I think we'll manage to be able to get through that, but as I've shared with Doug and Sam prior to the start of our meeting, that Sam I guess it was Washington Mardi Gras of 2008, when we were looking for new leadership for the Shreveport Convention Center, and Doug said I've got a young man that I think you might want to have a chance to meet and get a chance to get to know. He happens to be in the D.C. area, if you're going to be up, may be a good opportunity. We managed to round up another ticket to one of the Washington Mardi Gras events, and Sam and his lovely Mrs. came and joined us and shortly thereafter, joined the team. I did not know I think until we had a chance to speak in depth that he was actually a native of Louisiana originally from the Lafayette area, had been running the Cajun Dome, in fact managed it throughout it's time as a shelter in the post Katrina weeks and months, shut that facility down for renovation and repair, and then was moved up to I believe Fredericksburg, if I'm not mistaken to manage some operations up in that area. Joined us here in Shreveport and has simply from what you all can see, from what's been presented, doing outstanding work and continues to exceed expectations. My only concern is he outplays his contract, and I know Doug being responsible for all that he is may have some bigger situations and circumstances that might need the expertise that someone like Sam could bring to it. So every now and then want to pull the reigns back and have him win, but maybe not win so well because we don't want to lose you Sam.

Mr. Sibley: Lower that rating.

Mayor Glover: Exactly. So we may have to pencil whip you a little bit on our evaluation, and ask Doug to make sure that he thinks about his hometown as he makes his staffing decisions. Because Sam, you've done an outstanding job. Appreciate the work and Doug certainly great to see you as well. Thank you Mr. Chairman, thank you Sam, and thank you Doug.

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

Mayor Glover: And lastly, Mr. Chairman, you asked that we offer a report and update on the status of the dog park situation, want to share with you members of the Council and the community in general that my position in this regard has not changed. And remains the same. I think I've expressed it before that the priorities for the Shreveport Riverfront have been expressed by the people of Shreveport through a well-managed planning process that was led by Shelly Ragle and her staff that is contained within the Clyde Fant Recreation Plan that was issued by the City of Shreveport, the Parks and Recreation Department in January of 2009. In addition to that, I

continue to stress that every other dog park in the State of Louisiana and obviously my level of knowledge on this is far greater than I ever imagined it would be at this point. But every other dog park that I managed to be able to come across in the State of Louisiana to several in the New Orleans area to the several that are in the Baton Rouge area, and now the first in North Louisiana in the Monroe area have all been largely funded by a public/private partnership that entailed a significant portion of the actual dollars coming from the private sector, private sponsorship and the public contribution being largely in kind labor, materials and some dollars and what have you when necessarily appropriate. That was my expectation in terms of how our effort here would move forward. That's still the expectation that I have at this point going forward. And I also think it's worthwhile to note that there's a significant number of folks who have contacted the Mayor's office and I'm sure maybe even some of you all, who've expressed the idea that they believe that any dog park that we ever have in Shreveport should actually be in areas more accessible, more centrally located. Namely within our existing parks. And I also have found that to be another common denominator amongst the other dog park scenarios that exist across the State of Louisiana as well. In that these are facilities that don't exist in a vacuum. If they are to be run and managed properly, they usually have to be staffed with some personnel. And that there are permits and other things that are acquired as a part of the usage of such a facility. And what's being proposed right now, that would not be the case. Towards the end of moving this effort forward, as we have been all the long, I have asked staff, Shelly Ragle to identify scenarios within the existing parks infrastructure for the City of Shreveport a location that might make sense for the development of dog parks. They are in the process of doing just that. We have what we believe to be one of the initial best case scenario that I have asked them to work out in more detail in terms of a vision, proposals and what have you, and what it may entail in terms of funding to stand it up as well as an evaluation of what type of branding or sponsorship opportunities may be available from the private sector. I expect that that should come to a greater level of crystallization within the next several weeks and at that point, would welcome the opportunity to sit down with you and other members of the Council to go over in detail and then expand that circle to be inclusive of other folks in the community at large and see if we can't come up with something that we may get some buy-in for.

Councilman Everson: I just had a quick question. Just for the record, on the Clyde Fant Recreational Plan, a dog park is in that plan. Isn't it?

Mayor Glover: It's one of the listed areas of a desired scenario for, but yes.

Councilman Everson: Yes, it is in there, and you keep using it as a reference point as to why we shouldn't do a dog park in there.

Mayor Glover: It is a - - - in fact it may be the very last priority of all the various objectives.

Councilman Everson: And they're not ranked?

Mayor Glover: It is not listed as one of the primary objectives or goals articulated within that particular plan.

Councilman Everson: It is not ranked, but it is listed as a priority in - - - I mean it is listed as one of the shows and amenities that people would like to see along the riverfront. It has been listed in there since the 2009 report was published and so I just find that unusual that when this - - - that's used as a case as a point to say why we shouldn't move forward with this dog park. That doesn't seem to be consistent with what I see when I look at that report which has that - - - which has a dog park listed.

Mayor Glover: The plan clearly states that the priorities and areas of focus should be in those areas that are right now most utilized. And is referenced as only a partial level of development, and that's those areas starting at (Inaudible) park and it extends out from there. That's what the plan clearly shows and indicates. And it does not indicate it as a priority investment of partial portions of a development that is miles away from the central most focused area that has the highest and greatest level of use. And that represents in terms of people who access it on a daily basis on a yearly basis the greatest level and area of need.

Councilman Everson: But it does however state that and now you may be correct in the sense of it saying that a location and an area of emphasis that might not be consistent with a particular location, but the use of having a dog park is listed in that document, and so that's why it still seems like a bizarre reference point to say that the reason we're not accepting this is because of the study that identified what people wanted there, and that study includes a dog park.

Mayor Glover: If you'll go back and review what I said and I'll restate it for you here, I said the priorities for the Shreveport riverfront, the Clyde Fant Parkway were established. And in levels of priorities and priority means that there are things that have a greater level of consideration than others. A dog park is not at the top of those levels of consideration. Certainly not a \$300,000 dog park.

Councilman Everson: And I don't recall those being prioritized in that manner, but I'll take another look at it.

Councilman Corbin: Any other questions?

Councilman O. Jenkins: One for me. Mr. Mayor on the I guess it's the asphalt overlay program that we moved forward on a couple of meetings ago, are we in process of - - - is there some level of development on that are we taking bids or are we preparing - - - how much of that requires bids?

Mayor Glover: We I think probably most of it requires bids and that is actually the subject of a request that I'm going to be making the Chairman and Councilman Everson and Mr. Sam Jenkins, I'd like to meet with them on tomorrow prior to the start of our executive session. Because it has to do with the next phase of our 2011 Bond Issue, and our current financial circumstances right now, and whether or not we'll be in as strong a position to be able to move forward as effectively as we need to going forward, based upon that. And based upon the outcome of that conversation and the larger conversation with the rest of the Council would entail or determine rather how it is that we ultimately end up following up in that regard.

Councilman Corbin: So we're not moving forward at this point with any asphalt overlay is what that means?

Mayor Glover: What we've not done is taken any administrative action to encumber those dollars until we're in a position to be able to detail to the Council exactly where we are with regard to our reserves, other fiscal issues, and what have you. Bottom line of it is, is when you have some concerns about where it is that you're going to be after you spend money, you ask those questions before you write the checks and put 'em in the mail. And we want to be able to detail those issues and concerns to you all before that check is out the door.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, didn't we discuss that at the Infrastructure meeting?

Councilman Everson: If what you're referring to is that you know we've got money for what we funded the asphalt overlay was from the Street Special Revenue Fund, and that money is set aside to cover asphalt overlay program. Yet during the discussion for that before we voted for that, we did discuss the amount that was in reserves for going to a second bond sale. We have

asked for numbers, we do now have some updated numbers of how much has been spent in the current bond projects of which a third of that hasn't even been encumbered yet. And so you know I think that using - - - I don't know, I just think we already had that discussion it seems like.

Mayor Glover: Well to be specific, what I've asked staff to do is to provide a report for me, and if I'm not mistaken, I've just gotten an email from Dale on earlier today regarding the city's current fiscal picture. It is my intent to in turn share that with Council leadership and the rest of the Council. And then from that point, go forward based upon this Council and the public in general being fully aware and cognizant of the information that I've asked staff to prepare and be in a position to share with you all in detail regarding where it is that we are and what I think some of the concerns and considerations need to be factored in before we send additional dollars out the door.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Let me - - -

Mayor Glover: And the possibility could exist that the Council may or may not be inclined to take a different course of action than that which has already been taken.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay, just so we're kind of encouraging transparency since all of us will not be at that meeting tomorrow, what I'm getting at is there is an underlying suggestion that for consideration should be in lieu of the dedicated money that we put as a function of that franchise fee, which today is valued I don't know what that number is 12 or 13, \$12,000,000, that maybe we should revisit that consideration at this time based on our current budgetary constraints.

Mayor Glover: If you will remember during the course of the Infrastructure meetings that were held, I shared with the Council explicitly that there were grave concerns that we have about the state of the City's reserve fund, and what those implications are for us in general, and what they are in particular with regard to the second bond sale from the 2011 Bond proposal. What I've done in the intervening time is gone back and forth internally with administration staff asking them to provide me with very specific pieces of information regarding that picture so that we can speak very specifically and very detailed. Not just generically or hypothetically about where it is that we are. I want to share that information with the leadership of the Council, the Council in general and with the public to make sure that we are all aware of exactly where we are, what the circumstances are and to see if that factors or brings about any other level of consideration that needs to be factored in going forward. And so that is why my direction once engineering and public works indicated that they were prepared to go forward with putting this work out on the streets, my direction to them was, let's not put ourselves in a situation where we've got to write these checks until we're in a position to be able to communicate specifically and in detail, not just hypothetically, but specifically to Council where we are and what we think the implications could ultimately end up being. And that was communicated to you all in either the last Infrastructure meeting or the one before.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I agree it was communicated to us. I believe we all took that under advisement when we actually voted on that piece of legislation.

Mayor Glover: Well now, also note that we were speaking not necessarily in very specific details. There was a general picture that was painted, what I wanted to provide you is with the actual specifics and what it is I think could end up being the case going forward from a fiscal standpoint, the fiscal picture that we will end up presenting to the folks who will review and ultimately underwrite the debt to be issued to the City of Shreveport when we go out for this second round of bond sales as well as when we have to go out and refinance the debt for the hotel as well as how we go about reworking and repackaging all of the other various forms of

indebtedness that we have before us as the City of Shreveport at this point.

Councilman Corbin: I guess it would have been a lot cleaner had we had more detailed information come to us in our Infrastructure meetings as we were talking. Because I think that - - -

Councilman O. Jenkins: Or in the subsequent vote that we (inaudible).

Councilman Corbin: You know I'm looking at the numbers that Councilman Everson referenced which Dale prepared for us as far as our initial bond sale. And here we're approaching two years since the citizens passed that bond, and we had a significant portion of that first bond sale still unspent and still unencumbered. And certainly our phones are ringing, I'm sure your phone is ringing, where are the projects? What's going on? Certainly we all understand there is engineering and design in many of these, but the citizens want to see things happen. And they're not seeing things happen on a very large basis and many of the projects are literally crawling along. And that's frustrating.

Councilman Everson: 48% of the initial bond sale is unencumbered and unspent. 48% two years in. Why are we even talking about doing a second bond sale if there's that much that remains. I mean I wish we were ready to be talking about a second bond sale because we need to be moving forward on these projects, but I feel like, you know this is going awfully slowly to be talking about doing a second sale, and to be making - - - you know to be holding up on progress that we could make that I think we would have these streets reconstructed and people driving on them, by the time we're even ready to even start thinking about doing a second bond sale at this pace. So of course I'm open to hearing the numbers, I'm certainly looking forward to hearing the presentation, we'll have the discussion, but I do think that we've been aware of this argument and I think that this sort of is a retread. But perhaps there is new information I'm not aware of, I'm happy to review it.

Mayor Glover: Do not believe it to be a retread at all, I think it becomes a more specific, a more detailed discussion with regard to the report that's been given to you, I'll take you back. We've been talking or starting discussions with the previous Council about a bond proposal as early as the latter part of 2008, 2009. Aware and understanding that these are processes that take time. Engineering and design, development of bid documents and what have you do not occur overnight. Especially when you try to have a process in place where you want to factor in the type of sufficient community input and feedback to ensure you end up with outcomes that are reflective of exactly what the needs and their priorities of the citizens actually are. And so in that regard, I think what you have are projects that are right now on the (inaudible) of hitting the street and ready to move forward. Because those phases are now complete. You don't rush that if you want to ultimately end up seeing it done properly and correctly. You do have a significant number of projects Mr. Everson and members of the Council that were funded specifically only for engineering and design. And so in order for those projects like the Ockley ditch, which I've gotten more than a few emails on and calls and what have you, that project can only move forward with the second bond sale.

Councilmen O. Jenkins and Everson: Or at the reallocation of some of (inaudible).

Councilman O. Jenkins: Already proposed. We have already said, we've spoken about this several occasions in the Infrastructure. If there is a project ready to go that is currently allocated for sale No. 2, please propose legislation that allows us, whatever resolution we need to do that allows us to reallocate that capital to a shovel ready project.

Mayor Glover: But now if what results in is a project that is already a part of the first bond sale, and with engineering and design is already done, and the intention was for that construction

phase to be funded from the first half, and you're still weeks or months away from the engineering and design work being finished, then I will still rather see that particular project stay on course and not end up being subject to having to wait for the completion of the second bond sale. And that ends up representing a Valencia Park, or a Bilberry Park, or a Hattie Perry Park, or something along that line, I'm going to choose one of those options for those projects to move forward before I choose to see a project to go forward that was still scheduled from the beginning to see it's construction dollars come from a second bond sale. But we certainly are open and receptive to those ideas, and if there's something that we can look to do that allows us to be able to move forward more quickly and more effectively, we're certainly open to do that.

Councilman Corbin: Well I think it comes back and Councilman Oliver Jenkins' comment is many of us on Council thought they were shovel ready projects. When we had those discussions, and we were led to believe they were shovel ready projects when we sold the first round of bonds. For whatever reasons there weren't many or possibly any. If there are those projects that are shovel ready now, if the design has been done, I think we'd like to have that discussion. We'd like to see that come back to the Infrastructure Committee so that we can say, have a discussion about how can we move this forward, how can we get this project going if we're simply waiting to release construction documents.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Corbin, I appreciate that comment. Here's to where I would take it back to. And you and I've had this discussion previously in one of the Infrastructure meetings. You use that as one of the examples of one of those shovel ready projects, the (inaudible) street project. One which is important to you, selected by you in your capacity as Council Member, one that Ms. (inaudible) with the Times had reported on, here's what was clearly known from the beginning. And that is that there was engineering and design work done for Miriam, I believe that dated back to 1988, I believe? I'm looking for - - - I don't see Ron Norwood or anybody else. There's Andrew. 1998 Andrew?

Councilman Corbin: And while Andrew is coming up Mr. Mayor, I'll just say this, if we're going to talk about that particular project. When I as the Council Member met with staff, staff portrayed this project as it's shovel ready, it's engineered, it's ready to go, not we engineered it in 1980. So it's like many of the things we talk about up here, clear communication can solve a lot of these problems.

Mayor Glover: Well now understand this Mr. Corbin. From Staff's perspective, they had that as an engineered project dating back to 1998. Why was it initially engineered in 1998, I have no idea, but yes it was listed as an engineered project from 1998. And from staff's perspective that represents an opportunity for us to be able to do what? Have a project that's ready to go. Now, as I've also offered and based on some of the suggestions and in fact we have one with the Kings Hwy project, where we have paid for engineering work without having an identified source for construction, that part of the danger in doing that, is that when you do engineering and design, that you do not follow up within a reasonable time frame for construction, then you can have circumstances that change and that become altered and necessitates as staff ultimately determined as they attempted to move forward with those 1998 plans. And discovered that what was a viable engineering scenario and design scenario from 1998 did not match up with the 2012 reality of what needed to be done in order for that project to ultimately end up moving forward. So you could either I guess engage in an act of engineering malpractice and go ahead and try and move forward with 1998 plans or you do the appropriate thing, and you take the action that's necessary in order to be able to move forward with an appropriate project. Now unless I'm wrong, that project

Miriam Street, just to use as an example still had to be established by this Council. And in doing so, it was established with the understanding that you now need engineering dollars in order to be able to do that. And so I would offer to you that that was ultimately communicated, that this is something - - - here's what the assumptions were based on the '98 engineering plans, but before we can go forward, we now need to understand, need you to understand and the Council and the public to understand that it now needs to be engineered. That's the budget that was established, approved by this Council, and that's the process that moved forward from an administrative standpoint.

Councilman Corbin: When Council approved legislation for that particular project, it was weeks after we approved that legislation that the first communication ever came forward that we've got to go back and re-engineer this project. That's the first time any of that had come from administration or staff. And that's unfortunate. And again, I come back to communication. If we're going to move projects forward, if we're going to move our city forward, it's going to take clear communication from both sides.

Mayor Glover: I would agree with that Mr. Chair.

Councilman Corbin: The good news is I understand that the construction contract for this particular street was signed weeks ago, and we're waiting for drier weather to get started. And I hope we're almost there.

Mayor Glover: And the unfortunate reality is that that response that you just offered is the same response that we gave you probably two months ago, and probably the same response that I offered to Ms. (Inaudible) as she did her update story on it, and unfortunately for the folks on Miriam Street, there's nothing that either you or I in our respective capacities can do about trying to come up with a set of circumstances that are more conducive to initiating construction. But it also is indicative of the fact that again, that's why it's important if you intend to do something about streets, if you intend to do something about infrastructure, that you do it. Because of the time involved actually ultimately end up seeing these things come to fruition, unfortunately is much more significant than any of us actually have an appreciation for, and certainly don't reflect what it is that if we could snap our fingers or wave our magic wands, would have to be the case otherwise.

Councilman Corbin: I think we understand that.

Mr. Andrew Yaeger: Just an update, we did speak with the contractor for Miriam, and he'll be starting on Monday.

Councilman Corbin: Thank you, we appreciate that Andrew.

Mayor Glover: We do an old shuttle and you and I'll both go out.

Councilman Corbin: Right, we'll go drive down the street when it's finished.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Are there any other projects in the City of Shreveport that maybe you can name that's going to be occurring within this month or the next month?

Mr. Yaeger: The projects that we have going on right now are Lakeshore Drive, Lakeshore Drive is going to be the next one, while the contractor is working on Stoner Ave. When they finish that, they're going to jump over and start working on the Lakeshore Drive project, doing concrete panel replacement. The next projects we see starting soon will be Woodmont, 700 Block of Woodmont which is a total reconstruction. We have West Wilderness Way, we're just waiting on contracts on that. We're starting to bid Jewella and Midway, those are going to start going out for bid. And kinda get in the stream and also the sidewalk repair over on Market Street, right over there between Milam and Crockett. So those are the ones we have going out right now. And then

we're just kinda getting them scheduled to funnel the other streets that have been on the list (inaudible) update.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Is it possible that in the future that as you all proceed with these projects that the representative can be notified?

Mr. Yaeger: We could do that. We could send a quick email when we're starting to do the pre-bid, we can send an email out, that wouldn't be a problem at all.

Councilwoman McCulloch: You know before the contract actually starts. Okay, thank you.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman and members of the Council, I think we've always held the position that the 2013 was going to be the point and time when all of the mushroom of activity for the bond issue was going to actually take affect and be visible. As you heard Sam Voison report earlier, starting the beginning of May is when you're going to see the shutdown of the Shreveport Municipal Auditorium, and that process moves forward as Andrew just laid out to you, you've got multiple streets that are about to start and the engineering and design for the various projects and what have you. I know the one that we had to get a restart on at Bilberry, I think is moving along very well. We do have some areas that we are working on trying to address, like Station 8 and 14 combined that we talked to Mr. Jenkins about, and we'll share additional information with the community and the council on as we go forward. And the one conundrum in all of this is the future of Barnwell. Which I will add probably as another level of priority for public riverfront dollars. If we were to talk about where we could end up having our greatest and most significant impact. But this is the largest bond proposal ever in this city's history. I think if you were to track and compare to previous ones, I think we're pretty much right in line. Want to also offer for the sake of our citizens and for Council, whenever you want to go and just make a quick check to determine where the status of projects are, Shreveport Bond 2011 has had its Spring and Winter update. And so you actually have all 35 street projects that are right now pending and what their actual stage and status actually happens to be right now. Every water and sewer project is detailed within that particular website. Where it is whether it is in engineering or design, whether it's out for bid or under construction. Every other drainage project and everything else in total is contained there, in pretty accessible and readable fashion. Staff has the directive right now of ensuring that we keep that updated at least monthly, if not more frequently. But if 24/7 around the clock point of access for anyone who wants to know exactly what's happening, not just what the broad category of the three propositions, but down to the individual project itself. Streets, sidewalk, park, or whatever the case may be.

Councilman Corbin: Thank you Mayor Glover. Brings us down to Reports. Does any Council Member have any questions or concerns relative to Property Standards at this time. If not I believe that we received our EMS reports electronically, Ms. Sanders, do we have a Master Plan Committee Report today?

## **Reports**

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

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*)

Ms. Dara Sanders: Good afternoon. Well the Master Plan Committee made significant progress in moving the Unified Development Code project forward last week. They interviewed the three remaining firms interested in the role of lead consultant for that Unified Development Code, then they reconvened last Thursday to discuss interviews and make their selection recommendation to the MPC. That recommendation was for Camiros. It was a unanimous recommendation. It will be heard by the MPC, Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, and that's all I have at this time. If there are any questions?

Councilman Corbin: Thank you Dara for that brief report. Mr. Thompson?

### **Public Hearing:**

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I believe we're under Public hearings on the agenda. On the official agenda, nothing is listed. However, on the e-agenda, under items to be added, we have the public hearing for Resolution 21 of 2013.

### **Motion by Councilman Everson, seconded by Councilman McCulloch to add the public hearing on Resolution No. 21 of 2013 to the agenda.**

Councilman Everson: If I could just say this is the one that we did advertise this for being today, it just was omitted from the agenda, so we do need a unanimous vote to add it.

Ms. Glass: And don't forget to ask for if there are any public comments on whether to add this or not.

Councilman Corbin: Is there anyone here would like to speak in favor of adding this to our agenda today? Is there anyone here who wishes to speak in opposition of adding this item to the agenda? If not, please vote.

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

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman are you going to take that up at this time?

Councilman Corbin: We will now call the public hearing open. Is there a presentation on this?

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, I'm going to ask that Terri Scott come forward and offer the Council a brief overview on the legal aspect of the process that this particular public hearing represents, and what the particular focus is with regard to the overall statute, and what role it played within this process. And we also have individuals here today from the Rouse Corporation, Mr. Kevin Connell, their council Cliff Leboed and representative of the City of Shreveport, is our good friend Ray Cornelius of Adams and Reese, and one thing I always enjoy about being in the same place at the same time with Ray, if I ever need to borrow a jacket, we can always switch back and forth.

Councilman Shyne: That's what was about to say, Mr. Mayor, you and Ray seem to be about the same size.

Ms. Scott: Good afternoon members of the Council, actually Mr. Cornelius is here as the Mayor said with Adams and Reese, and he'll actually handle the presentation.

Mr. Ray Cornelius: (*Adams and Reese*) As the Mayor indicated, I think with all the weight you've lost, you know maybe we can share jackets anymore. Anyway, I was actually an author of the TIF laws for the State of Louisiana, so I'd like to be here today to answer questions for and against this kind of approach to things. Y'all have created the Mall St. Vincent Economic Development District. When you did that, by law this governing authority is also the governing authority of that district. The intent there was to help update and upgrade the St. Vincent Mall through using this process. The improvements are primarily interior mall improvements, facade improvements, and infrastructure primarily ingress and egress. The law says that you can take incremental increases in sales taxes resulting from improvements within a district and use those to fund improvements, infrastructure and otherwise. And it also permits the increase of taxes up to 2% of sales tax and up to 2% of hotel occupancy tax. What's being proposed here is the increase of the sales tax only in the interior mall of this area. The district does not include Dillard's and Sears. And so the request is that 1 cent be raised on sales within the interior mall to help fund these things. And the law requires you to have a public hearing to do this. The notice has been properly published and so we're accommodating the requirements of the law. This is a pretty modern approach. I wrote down a list of a few of the communities that are doing this, have increased the taxes and use this process - - - Lafayette, Jefferson Parish, Carencro, Scott, St. Tammany, Baton Rouge, Slidell, Kenner, Gonzalez, kinda goes on and on. Some of the particular projects are the Tanger Outlet Mall in Gonzalez, they're improving that right now. The Oakwood in Jefferson Parish, across the river. There is one wing that hasn't come back since Katrina, and they're using this process to raise that. Now, I can at this point, I just offer answer questions about TIF laws if you want, and I suggest you would allow people the opportunity to speak in favor or against. I've got some notes and I can tell you why you may want to do this, if you choose to do so, but at this time, if you have any questions, I'd be glad to answer them.

Councilman Corbin: Any questions for Mr. Cornelius at this time?

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, I really don't have any questions for Mr. Cornelius. I have a statement I'd like to direct to Mr. Sibley over there. I've discussed this with Jeff and Sam. I'm not going to jump in the middle of this like I have in the past. But it's basically in Jeff's district, and Sam is going to be running for re-election for either back to the Council or either as Mayor. But I want to make sure and if I have to get in the middle of it, I will. If I have to call some news conferences, I will. But I think the previous report Mr. Mayor was excellent when it came to showing minority participation. I was glad to see that because you know I probably had been one of the ones that had been on Sam, and the city period before Mayor Glover got to be elected to Mayor, to make sure we have a good percentage of minority participation. This city has become a very diverse city, and I wouldn't want it under your tutelage as the CAO, and under my tutelage as being on the Council, and under Mayor Glover's tutelage as being the Mayor, where our minority participation to drop down. So, I'm leaving this up to Jeff and Sam, and to you to make sure - - - because I've had some minority contractors who called me. And then I've had some minorities period you know who want to know, what's the stake of minorities in this. This is something kinda new in the Shreveport area, and everybody will be giving that 1 cent or 1% sales tax charge. So I would hope that you would keep that in mind. I would hope that you would be involved as the CAO to see what's going on, and to make sure that you emphasize that. I'm getting a nod of the head. Does that mean - - - and of course I do read sign language pretty good.

Mr. Sibley: No we understand you fully. As a matter of fact, the Mayor is very involved and we share that very same perspective and share that with the parties involved that, that is a very

important part of the city's policies and procedures. That is very important to the citizens of this city. That is very important to this Council. And to this Mayor. And we are reasonably assured that we're going to reach a good place on that. We've had a few stumbles in terms of communication and conversation. But I know the Mayor is speaking directly to the principles involved. All of our attorneys understand where we're trying to go. We're optimistic that they understand and you saying that today, and of course anything any other Council Members say today will help reinforce that message, that that is something that the City of Shreveport believes is very important as a part of this process.

Councilman Shyne: And I appreciate hearing that, and of course I kinda hate to say this, and I guess I've been down here off and on about 30 years. And that's a long time, and I'm on my way home. And this is something I started fighting and pushing for back in 1982, when I first came on the Council, and of course you and the Mayor might have been in Jr. High School during that time, because you look so young. Now this job hasn't aged you at all, now Mayor it might have aged you one year, but it hasn't aged (inaudible), yeah it should be gray. So, you know I just want to make sure that this is something that we've been pushing for. And this is the right thing to do. I mean this is the Christian thing to do. Am I my brother's keeper? And if I'm really my brother's keeper, then I'm going to look out for all of my brothers to get a piece of the action, and I would hope too, and of course I missed it when - - - and cause you know Mr. Mayor when we look at doing these contracts for the streets, I would hope also that we would have in my heart that I am my brother's keeper, and everybody needs to get a little piece of the action. Jeff since you're Chairman of the Infrastructure Committee, and I know you're going to have, and I know the administration is going to be calling on you to have a lot of input into what goes on. You know I would hope that you would keep in mind that everybody needs to have a bite at the apple. And if you do, you just get a better city. You know because everybody can buy in. I would hope that you know the last few months that we have because you'll probably be around when I'm gone because you're a tremendous - - - and Mr. Mayor you have a tremendous employee there. And I have to give you credit. Now that's one of the good decisions. You might have made a bunch of decisions that I don't agree with, but that's one of the good decisions that I agree with you on, making Dale the CAO. So Dale I would hope that four or five years from now the Mayor and I can be bragging about this, you know about what we did. So please keep that in mind hear? Mr. Chairman, thank you.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Thank you Mr. Chairman. In keeping with Councilman Shyne has said, myself and Councilman Everson did have an opportunity to sit down to talk with the developers, and we had representatives from the Minority Contractors Association, the Minority Chamber, as well as the Minority Suppliers Institute to have some dialogue, to have some exchange of discussion about local participation and Minority/Women owned business participation as it relates to what they're going to be doing at the mall. We appreciate the opportunity to have that discussion. I understand that the things that were talked about is under consideration. And I had an opportunity to talk personally with Mayor Glover after our meeting yesterday to express concerns in those areas. And I don't know my silence to be misunderstood. I felt like those discussions have taken place. I look forward to seeing the outcome of those discussions by way of whatever we do with a contract as it relates to this matter. And I think I made it clear that is something I'll be looking for. Having said that, I do hope that as we go through this process we will hear from people in this community. I'm eager to hear what they think about the process, and I believe this is what this public hearing is all about. Thank you Mr.

Vice-Chairman, I think you're going to have to take over at this point, the Chairman had to step out.

Councilman Shyne: Yeah, Rose I think you had your hand up. And Jeff I might want to hear a thing or two from you.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Well I don't know, after I get finished you might not want to hear from Jeff. But anyway Councilman Shyne as I shared with the Council some time ago during the week that I was at the Legislative Conference, Councilman Everson included me in on a conference call to actually speak with the developers as well as I think Liz was a part of it and himself and maybe some others. And prior to me leaving to attend that conference, I received contact from let me say a former elected official in regards to making sure that there was minority participation for this particular project. And being a part of that conference call, I made the inquiry as far as to what degree minority participation how they would play a role and I was actually assured by the developer as well as Councilman Everson that they would definitely involve minority participation in this particular project. So I just wanted to kinda put your mind at ease and you have a very good request, just know that there were others like yourself that had the same concerns prior to March 1<sup>st</sup>. And I shared that with Councilman Everson as well as the developers on the Conference call. And so, I feel good about the conference call. I feel that they are going to do what they say, and I really feel that the minorities will be inclusive based on that conference call. They assured me that minorities would be included.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, I had recognized Jeff because I wanted to hear something from Jeff because Dale, the last administration when the Convention Center was built Mr. Mayor, the late Councilman Hilry Huckaby and myself had reached a great agreement with the Mayor, and we elected not to come back on the next Council, and Mr. Mayor, we messed around and I think out of maybe \$150,000,000 might have gotten ½ percentage. So, we want to make sure that we do a little bit better this time. And Jeff, and Dale, this is why I'm making sure that I bring this up. Because we don't want to read between lines anymore. And you know how that happens. If you read between lines, you mess around and Mayor, you know you get left out sometimes. You've been down to Baton Rouge, and you know how it is on those projects. So Jeff that's why I'd like to hear something from you.

Councilman Everson: Well I appreciate it and I hope I'm also being recognized because I requested to speak. Because and the reason is after introducing this legislation in a prior meeting, I did reach out to other Council Members and ask them what questions or concerns they may have, and those that responded back, I tried to make sure that I was able to put you in touch with the people who could answer them. So, as a result, Rose and I did have a conference call about minority participation. Sam as well as a few representatives from the Minority Contracting and the Disadvantaged contracting community were able to come together to have some questions answered. So we have been fielding those discussions, and I know that it is the Administration's role to work on the actual contracting that's going to be included in the cooperative endeavor agreement. That's the document that will address those concerns. And so we share these concerns from this discussions with the administration. I trust that they are working fully to draft that to reflect those concerns as well as others. Those weren't the only concerns that were addressed through the discussion. And you know so we are certainly as a city looking to have a draft of this contract that includes those things that will address the concerns of the Council. We also want to make sure that while this has been a good discussion to have, it has gotten us a little bit away from the point of our public hearing today, which is really about the approach to take which is the

creation of this economic development district with the levying of a 1% sales tax at the economic development district. So again, I appreciate Mr. Cornelius being here today. He is a very innovative voice in financing of public/private partnerships, and different methods for getting retail for commercial growth into our communities in Louisiana. Proud to have him working on our team in regards to this project here. You know as we listed a lot of the names of the communities who've done similar projects to this, you'll notice many of them are not above I-10. You know we are a little slow to catch on to what opportunities are available to us in this area. We've already heard some very positive comments from organizations like the North Louisiana Economic Partnership about what kind of a benefit a program like this would do for a community and how it would help to draw additional employers, how it would help to reinvest in a portion of our city that needs to be viable for years to come, that needs to have continued value, and would also provide continued security to property values, continue access to retail opportunities for people, and a major employment corridor of our community. We have more people that you know work at LSUSHSC, and some of the surrounding medical community than anywhere in the city. You know so, it is also a very centralized location where people from different parts of the city feel comfortable there. And I think that's worth investing in. So those are some of the reasons I'm excited to see this approach that I'm excited to have this opportunity to discuss it further. But really I hope that we're all looking forward to hearing from the public a little bit and hearing what some of those comments are today, and I can trust and assure that those concerns that were mentioned today will be followed up on, they've been followed up on before today and they'll continue to be done. So, we appreciate the conversation. I think it's helpful, and we look forward to coming together with something that we'll be ready to do a final vote on in the next few weeks.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, just one more point. Dale, I just got a call from somebody who watching this on TV, and they were saying that the talk is real good, but make sure Dale remembers to make these contractors, make the people put it in writing, so we can make sure we have it. Because like I say, last time Mr. Mayor, cause this is another administration, on the convention center, there was a lot of yapping going on, and messed around, nothing got done, and the contractor kept on promising that he was going to do such and such a thing. But didn't have anything in writing. So please. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Corbin: Thank you Councilman Everson and your comments are right on that this is a chance for a public hearing. We have multiple pieces of legislation that we'll be voting on. There's some different times for us to discuss that more. Mr. Sibley?

Mr. Sibley: I appreciate Mr. Everson's comment and don't want to take us too far off, but because so many things have been said, I just wanted to clarify two things. 1) The intent Mr. Shyne as Mr. Everson indicated is to get these issues reduced to writing. And secondly, just wanted to let the public know and the Council know that the concern is beyond just minority contractors. The conversation is also about local contractors, and Fair Share contractors which are more income based. So we're trying to look out not only for minority contractors, but local contractors as well.

Councilman Corbin: At this time we'll move to public comments as a part of the public hearing. I have four people who signed up to speak about this. At this time is there anyone here would like to speak in favor of this ordinance, and I'm just going to do down my list if you are speaking in favor, please come forward.

*Mr. William Fontenot: (8540 Sandy Acres Lp)* First I would like to apologize for my voice. I'm a little under the weather today, but I do appreciate the opportunity to speak to you here

today. I'm employed by Allied (inaudible) Security Services as Director of Security for Mall St. Vincent and Pierre Bossier Mall. I've been employed at these two local malls since April of 1998 and promoted to the Director's position in October of 2010. Allied Barton had has held the security contract at these two properties since October of 2000. We employ approximately 12 security officers at Mall St. Vincent and all of them live in the local Shreveport/Bossier City area. We appreciate Rouse Property's commitment to the long term viability of Mall St. Vincent and feel that the proposed renovation will help retain existing business and it will attract new retailers and restaurants to the property. That's all I have to say, I appreciate you letting me speak here today.

*Mr. Michael Ponds: (1161 Taylor Lane, Lewisville, TX 75077)* I'm with (Inaudible) management. We are the housekeeping and general contracting manager for Mall St. Vincent and Pierre Bossier. We've had a long standing relationship with both properties and with Rouse Properties since the split off. We cleanup approximately 80 malls across the country, and we do seven of those with Rouse Properties. They're a top notch organization and have maintained and improved those properties considerably and we value our relationship with them. In the Shreveport area, we employ at Mall St. Vincent probably 15 individuals who live locally in Shreveport, and I can't imagine a renovation not doing amazing things for the City of Shreveport and the community. And I highly recommend you approve. Thank you for your time.

Councilman Shyne: One question before you go. How is your staff is it diverse? Do you have a diverse staff?

Mr. Ponds: Very diverse. Yeah. We definitely put a lot of minorities across the board, anybody willing to work, we'll employ.

*Mr. Randy Doss: (9765 Amberwood Lane)* Mr. Chairman, City Council, Mayor. A-1 Charter provides mini bus and trolley service in the Shreveport/Bossier area. A-1 has a long standing relationship with Mall St. Vincent and Pierre Bossier Mall, and the new management company of Rouse. They have allowed us to provide shuttle service from Mall St. Vincent for the V100 Bowl, Red River Revel, Mudbug Madness, Pumpkin Shine On Line and numerous other events. The mall management says they need this economic district to make drastic improvements inside and out that will help them sign up nationally known tenants that might now normally come to the mall. Please consider approving this economic district. Thank you.

*Ms. Linda Biernacki: (10975 Belcor Way)* Mr. Chairman and all City Councilmen. Mr. Mayor so glad to have you back and active. I am president of Fire Tech Systems. We're celebrating 23 years of being in business this year. We have been servicing Mall St. Vincent since 1994. A Women Owned Business. They have supported us since '94, and we do all their fire sprinkler work, their repair work. We employ about 10 people at the mall at any given time with a very diverse workforce. This economic development project is something that I feel like as a board member of the Minority Supplier Institute, they have assured us that they will reach out and include minority participation. I've seen that, I can attest to that. They've really supported my company for many, many years. They're a great partner in the City of Shreveport and Bossier, but we're very proud that they're recognizing that this area is - - - has so much potential. And with Mall St. Vincent it does have a lot of potential, especially in the area that it's located in. It would be great for the community, it would add jobs, it would add construction work, it would be such a positive. I went down to Baton Rouge a couple of weeks ago, and for the first time went to Perkins Row and I was amazed at the shopping that was down there. And Steve the manager was telling me that some of the new tenants that they would be bringing into this area would just be

phenomenal. And it's things, it's projects like this that the city needs to get behind and support and every time we do, we make it a success. It's great for this area, it's great for the City and it's great for every one of our minority and women owned local businesses. I think their commitment is many millions of dollars to renovate this project. That will really turn into hundreds of construction jobs. So I'm in support and I ask your support to support this project. Thank you.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, Linda before you take your seat, I don't want to prolong this anymore, but I would be remiss if I did not stop and point out that Linda in addition to her business (inaudible) that she shows every day with her company, Fire Tech is also one of the two citizen appointees confirmed by this Council for the Architect and Engineer Selection Committee, and so in addition to her work with the Minority Supplier Institute, the very inclusion issues that many of you just expressed concern about earlier, Linda serves as a role model to many individuals to show them what it is that they can manage to be able to succeed. She also brings a level of consciousness and awareness to her involvement and engagement to the A&E Selection Committee and the other efforts that she's involved with that insures that a needed perspective is always there, plus, I'll end with this, she represents the kind of customer that the new mall St. Vincent is trying to capture more of, because she is one of our area's fashion plates, and while she does patronize our local stores, I'm sure she does some of her high end consuming as she mentioned in places like Perkins Row, we'd like to see Mall St. Vincent become that place that ends up netting a higher percentage of that fashion expenditure that she has. So thank you.

Councilman Corbin: One more time, is there anyone here who would like to speak in favor of this ordinance?

*Ms. Martha Rivers: (244 Hanging Moss Trail)* I am an employee of Cache which is a lady's boutique. Our main office is located in New York City. We have been a tenant for nine years. Over the last four years, we have seen a decrease in traffic and revenue and as you all know the numbers prove it. Some months we hang on by the hair of our chinny chin chins, but we receive those phone calls from management and we're just getting so excited about this (inaudible). And St. Vincent Mall is history, and it's just down right history to have an elderly lady whose a neighbor. She attended that school in that area for 13 years. She feels that's sacred ground there. So I think it's a win-win situation for employees, retailers, families, individuals. We service the Air Force base with their military balls. We take care of ladies that are high school homecoming and prom. And I love my job and I have 6-10 ladies that love their job too. So I appreciate everything you all are doing to try to help the mall be a comeback along with Rouse Properties. Cause I think they've got our backs and I look forward to you all having our back also. Thank you.

Councilman Corbin: Is there anyone else who'd like to speak in favor? Is there anyone who'd like to speak in opposition to this ordinance? If not the public hearing is now closed. 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. **Ordinance No. 24A of 2013:** An Ordinance revising and amending Chapter 102, Vehicles for Hire, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, this is very similar to Ordinance No. 24, which is on the agenda, but on Ordinance No. 24, the title has in it as it relates to luxury vehicles. And we needed a broader title so that some of the amendments that will be considered, could be considered. And so if this is added to the agenda, then we will ask you to remove No. 24. If 24A is added, we'll ask you to remove 24.

**Motion by Councilman O. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Everson to add Ordinance No. 24A to the agenda.**

Mr. Thompson: Again, we have to go through again - - -

Councilman Corbin: Is there anyone here 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? If not please vote.

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

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

*Mr. Philip Maxfield: (617 Haynes Ave)* I'm here to speak to Article 102 that currently do not have any training component in the article for any operator who wishes to receive a vehicle for hire permit or license that we're trying to encourage the Shreveport Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau to include their WOW Training, which has been proven very successful in educating not only my employees, which have been through it twice, and they see all the benefits it offers. And we have quite a few people who come to our fair city, right off new people coming here get behind the wheel of a taxi, limo or whatever have you and know nothing about our area, absolutely nothing. And this WOW Training, the Bureau's been doing for about almost two years now is absolutely free. The Bureau staff does the training between an hour and two hours max. And it is phenomenal, a great program, and I've even learned a few things from it. And that's sometimes people who know me, is saying a lot. But the fact is that I strongly encourage amending Article 102 to include this addition to the ordinance that requires this WOW Training be completed and done before they can even apply for their vehicle for hire driver's license as a prerequisite to their application. That way it's done, they have more knowledge and they're ready to be a vehicle for hire operator in Shreveport/Bossier. With that, that's all I have to say and I thank you very much.

Mr. Thompson: The ordinance as amended, 24A. It does include a customer service training component that Mr. Oliver Jenkins asked to be put in so that you could get comments before the next meeting. That is 102-62-6. And it has been included. So you might want to look at that to see whether it does what you'd like for it to do.

Mayor Glover: Just for the sake of members of the Council that may not, and certainly the public whose listening, would you share with them what the WOW Training is.

Mr. Maxfield: WOW Training is literally hospitality and tourism training that involves all aspects. Attractions, events, restaurants, everything that our Convention and Tourism Bureaus

been pushing for many years in our area is more knowledgeable about. It's also been encouraged for all the frontline employees of all the hotels and attraction employees to be more familiar with. Because we have guests that come into our area and our city and we have people from the front desk, taxi operators, my employees, and unfortunately a lot of them don't have anything to say about our area, because they just don't know. And that's a shame. And all members of my staff at I-Shuttle of course have been operating a little more than 2 years now, and it's been doing quite well. But the fact is every one of our operators have been trained. And they loved it, had a blast.

Councilman Shyne: Oliver, wouldn't your amendment cover that?

Councilman O. Jenkins: Yes, so let me give a little background. I didn't want to confuse this and have to talk about it later. But essentially we had a vehicle for hire ordinance amendment that really had to do with luxury vehicles. We talked about it in Public Safety Committee. And I had some minor amendments to that. I believe Stacy Brown and some other people of Convention and Tourism Bureau saw that as, and maybe with Philip's urging saw that as an opportunity for if this is going to be revisited, should we consider some type of sponsored training, just so that the first line, the people that visit us see first, likely be a cab, you know has a little bit of a taste of what goes on here in our community and when people ask them questions they respond to it. Anyway so what I've done is, since this item is only for introduction today, I've tried to combine this into the initial ordinance. If people would like to discuss this particular aspect of the ordinance further, we can happily break them out into separate amendments later on. But I wanted to at least give us two weeks at this and get some public comments. Certainly it came to me specifically from the Convention and Tourism Bureau as a good opportunity and I certainly support it.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, let me ask Philip. You now Philip I guess you started us to thinking which is good. Is there any way that maybe we could get with Stacy and have some literature printed up where cab drivers and other people that would come in contact with visitors from out of town or whatever, would have some information about parts of Shreveport? Bullet points. I hate to kinda - - -

Mr. Maxfield: Actually that information Mr. Shyne is already available to some degree at the Convention and Tourism Bureau in the form of a visitor's guide that the Bureau has readily available. And I hate to toot the horn, but I-Shuttle has been carrying it in our vehicles for the past year.

Councilman Shyne: That's great. I just - - - and maybe this is something that Oliver would like to do because he's a good PR man for the city of Shreveport. Could maybe get this information out to people who are at hotels and motels, and cab drivers, and anybody else that would come in contact that would need this information.

Mr. Maxfield: We need good ambassadors for our city. A lot of times the first and last impression are those folks behind the wheel.

Councilman Corbin: And Mr. Shyne, I believe our next speaker is going to be able to shed some light on your specific question.

Councilman Shyne: That is so nice and so great.

*Mr. Kelly Wells: (629 Spring Street)* Thank you Chairman, Mayor. Good to see you, I like that color on you. Now we started WOW Training a few years ago. We actually did like we do with other projects. San Diego had come out with the WOW Training before they introduced and hosted the Super Bowl a few years ago. And so basically it comes after what MacDonald's did long ago, when they asked, "Would you like fries with that?" You know basically what we

call the welcoming mat for our airport visitors is the taxi cab service. If they're not staying in a hotel that has service, and basically it's about an hour long. We basically went and met with the hotels and restaurants and said what are some different things that we can do? And again, with the frontline turnover, they really said, what we'd really like for you do is do some customer service training. Make it simple, use some of the WOW star frontline employees, so we got about a five minute video. It's very diverse and really what we did was go out and found the top 10 employees in the tourism industry. We got some transportation professionals, hotel front desk, restaurant servers, banquet staff, even somebody from over at TAC-Air, and basically we went out and interviewed and asked them, what is WOW all about. And as you know our community is well known across the country for southern hospitality. We had a survey done a few years ago and basically that stated that even within the south, that Shreveport is a very hospitable city and so we want to build upon that. You know we feel like some of the biggest deals that are probably done I know that Cornel Jackson, he's not a taxi driver, but he drives the shuttle back and forth between the Holiday Inn and the airport and I know of two different businesses he's brought to town by his courtesy. Taking a guest over from the airport to the Holiday Inn. And so when Philip and Oliver came and approached us about that, we'd really not thought about the taxi cab driver, but we think it would be something that would be a win-win for our communities and for the businesses. You know the more armed our visitors are, with what there is to do in the area, the better off. So the training basically takes about an hour. We could much longer than that, because I love to talk, but basically the focus is on making these folks the destination expert. Letting them know about the restaurants, the hotels, the festivals and then secondly a little bit about customer service. Going way beyond what's expected. Winning it personally and taking ownership, and by doing those three things, you'll make for a more profitable you. With increased tipping potential, etc. So, we would love to be on board. Stacy's out of town today, but anything we can do to help out in this endeavor, we'd love to do that. And getting that would cost nothing to the taxi cab drivers or the city. It's a service that we provide, so we'd love to work with y'all.

Councilman Corbin: Thank you Kelly. Council will now recognize Pastor Mays.

*Pastor Linus Mays: (335 E. Dalzell)* First of all I want to say thank you for another opportunity to stand to speak before you in regards to the citizens of this community for which I, God has permitted me the privilege to pastor in. What I wrote on my note was to talk about the increase that's added to the water bill. Many people have been asking about it. I know that the Council has not voted on it yet, but we are concerned about the poor, misfortunate, those that are not making \$150,000 a year, but those that are just trying to live with the basic living income. And I must say this and I hope that whoever gets offended, gets offended. Because I mean what I say and I say what I mean. I know most of the time when you look at African-Americans that come down here, you think that they are hostile. But maybe we need to get more people hostile that need to speak up about some of the unfair treatment that goes on within this body. I'm not down here asking for anybody else for White folks. White folks been getting what they want for 400 years.

Councilman Corbin: Pastor Mays

Pastor Mays: I'm down here asking

Councilman Corbin: Pastor Mays

Pastor Mays: I'm down here asking something for African-Americans.

Councilman Corbin: Pastor Mays, you signed up to speak about water rate increase.

Pastor Mays: I'm down here asking something for African-Americans.

Councilman Corbin: Pastor Mays, you signed up to speak about water rates.

Pastor Mays: I'm down here asking something for African-Americans about the water bill.

Councilman Corbin: Pastor Mays,

Pastor Mays: But I'm speaking overall.

Councilman Corbin: Pastor Mays, if you'd like to speak about water rates

Pastor Mays: But I'm speaking overall, you're not going to do that sir.

Councilman Corbin: If you'd like to speak about water rates - - -

Pastor Mays: But I'm speaking overall, you're not going to do that sir.

Councilman Corbin: (Inaudible) that's the end of the - - -

Pastor Mays: You're not going to do that, you're not going to do this. This is a public forum, it's my time to speak. I wrote you a letter about that very conduct.

Councilman Corbin: I got your letter.

Pastor Mays: So what I'm saying to you, you need to stop interrupting and you need to sit back Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Corbin: Pastor Mays,

Pastor Mays: See your problem is anytime somebody comes before this podium, and they don't say, no sir, they don't say what you want them to say.

Councilman Corbin: Pastor Mays, I'll be happy to have you removed.

Pastor Mays: It's public comment to this council

Councilman Corbin: From this Chamber.

Pastor Mays: To this Council, he's a chairman that will not allow an individual. My comments are my comments. What you need to do at this time, this is my last time saying this to you. What you need to do, you're not going to interrupt me sir. You do that

Councilman Corbin: I will have you removed.

Pastor Mays: You think it's cute. Well if you have me removed, I'll be right back next week and the week after that and the week after that.

Councilman Corbin: Okay.

Pastor Mays: Because you're not going to stop me. Do you understand that sir?

Councilman Corbin: You signed up to speak about water rates.

Pastor Mays: I'm going to speak period. This is a public forum. I'm going to speak. It's not your forum, it's not anybody's forum. You are an elected official. Allow me the opportunity to speak.

Councilman Corbin: If you'd like to speak about water rates

Pastor Mays: No sir, no sir. It's my time, I'm on the clock. You taking up my time. It's time to stop that. Okay, that's it. I'm also speaking concerning the water, and the unfair treatment of those of us who are African-Americans. We also want the job opportunities, Fair Share treatment, and I'm glad that you're working with Jeff Everson in order to get some of this stuff done. He can get angry about it, I don't care. The fact of the matter is why say Fair Share when you're not giving fair share, when you're not giving fair contractors the opportunity and by what mechanism are you using to disqualify those contractors that are asking for city bids. I know you don't like it. I don't come down here for you to like it. I'm going to stay right here because this forum was created for the public. This podium do not, this podium you do not own. Mr. Mike, you don't own this. The public owns this. The public elects you. See that's the problem, when people come down here, you think you have ownership. But you don't. This is a public forum and I'm speaking. And when my time is up, that's when I'll stop. I don't interrupt you during your

meetings, so don't interrupt me during my public comments. I wrote you a written letter to say stop doing so. So now since you like the angry Black man, let me say this to you sir. God is watching first of all. An increase to people that have low incomes, that doesn't have sufficient enough money to even pay their bills. They need not another increase, they need a decrease. So that being said sir, I ask, because I know some of you will not be here the next time that I'm here, and so that's why you're trying to stop me now. There's some council members that would not be here because they have been what's called deal brokers. They make deals in order to please themselves and not for the will of the people. I'm going to speak as long as God gives me breath. And with that being said, I want to thank Councilman Shyne, for allowing the garbage workers to come for the public pickup that we did. I want to thank him for that. I give credit where credit is due. And I hate when an individual after we sit out there for hours at a time, while you filibuster and do what you do, and nobody interrupts you. But the minute you see a Black man come before this podium, but now you feel you have the right to continue to interrupt, no sir. It's not going to happen. End of line, end of story. You're not going to run Pastor Mays off. I'm going to stand here and tell what I've got to tell what I've got to tell to the community. The stuff that goes on down here is unethical, it's not right, it's illegal. I done seen you guys change your minds on issues that you put forth in your own agenda. And then when I come down here and I want to speak or I say something that offends you, you get upset. My thing is, is this here. If it's the truth, it's the truth, it's the truth. You ain't got to like the truth, it ain't going to change it. So the bottom line is sir, I'm going to respect you. That's what my letter was to you. And anybody that comes before this podium to speak, you ought to give them that same due diligence. Respect. And that's what I asked of you, and you continue to want to disrespect. But you're not going to do it to Pastor Mays. You don't run me off. You don't say boo when I leave. I told you I'll be here after you're gone and some of the rest of 'em. Still talking up for Black people and those that are poor and disenfranchised. Now I know you got that perfectly clear, so the next time when I come before this podium, hopefully, we want have to spend enough time talking - - - you talking to me, and I can talk until I'm through and complete. So when you can understand me verbally, I put it to you in writing, so that you will understand it more clearly. So I ask you sir for the last time, would you please stop that, because you're not going to stop me. I don't work for you, I work for God. So with that being said, I ask every citizen in this community to show you since those of you that gone think that it's racial that I'm using, I worked for Jeff Everson's campaign, the lady that's over, Mayor Glover, that you appointed. I worked for her campaign, Arlena Acree, I worked for her campaign. So it ain't about prejudice. I got White and Black in my congregation. They know I speak the truth sir. Thank you very much.

Councilman Corbin: Alright, I believe that we have no confirmations or appointments today.

Confirmation and Appointment: None

**Consent Agenda Legislation**

To Introduce Routine Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolutions: None.

Ordinances: None.

To Adopt Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolutions: 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. 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**

WHEREAS, the Shreveport City Marshal's Office will host the 2013 State Constables Conference in the City of Shreveport on May 9-10 , 2013; and

WHEREAS, approximately 500 persons from across the country are expected to attend the Conference potentially resulting in an increase in local sales taxes from hotels, restaurants and retail sales and provide an opportunity for the City to showcase itself as a convention destination location which are public purposes.

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport desires to participate with the Conference in sponsorship of the Conference.

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 authorized to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the State Constables Association, Inc., substantially in accordance with the draft thereof which was filed for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of Council on March 6, 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 severable.

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

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Shyne, 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. 45 of 2013**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO DONATE TO THE CADDO SHERIFF BUS 422 AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO**

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport owns Bus 422 formerly used by Sportran, and

WHEREAS the bus is inoperable, has passed its useful life, no other City department has any use for it and

WHEREAS the Caddo Parish Sheriff, whose functions include public safety desires to have the bus

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that the Mayor be authorized to donate bus 422, whose vehicle identification number is 2B1569P78V6033445 to the Caddo Parish Sheriff, and to execute the attached donation and all other documents necessary, proper or incidental to the transfer of the

vehicle.

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

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

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Shyne, 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. 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.**

WHEREAS, the City desires to participate in programs which directly benefit the citizens of the City by participating in wholesome activities which serve to benefit the entire community; and WHEREAS, the Department of the Air Force- Barksdale Air Force Base, desires to provide one of the largest free family events in the region be hosting and supporting The 2013 Barksdale “Defenders of Liberty” Air Show; and

WHEREAS, the Department of the Air Force- Barksdale Air Force Base has requested the use of certain city owned bicycle barricades during the event; and

WHEREAS, The 2013 Barksdale “Defenders of Liberty” Air Show sponsored by the Department of the Air Force-Barksdale Air Force Base serves as a benefit to the community by providing a free family activity and to offer the opportunity for the public to see Barksdale Air Force Base, as well as, other national and international aerobatic performers free of charge which serves a public benefit 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 bicycle barricades by the Department of the Air Force Barksdale Air Force Base on May 3-7, 2013, during The 2013 Barksdale “Defenders of Liberty” Air Show is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the use of the equipment by the Department of the Air Force Barksdale Air Force Base is conditioned upon the execution of an indemnity and hold harmless agreement by the Department of Air Force Barksdale Air Force Base 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.

Councilman Everson: Point of Order. Are we to vote this down since this is not happening anymore?

Councilman Corbin: Or we could remove it from the agenda.

Mr. Thompson: I asked the question yesterday and

Councilman Shyne: Let's ask Oliver, he has an inside line on that.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chair.

Councilman Webb: We can approve it and if they don't (inaudible) come get it.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Yeah, let's go on and approve it.

Mayor Glover: I think the Council, I think Councilman Webb and Councilwoman McCulloch have just expressed what we would request. That you go ahead and approve it in the event that there ends up being some change.

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

Councilman O. Jenkins: Let me just make a comment. That will eventually be my proposal with regard to the funding that we allocated to that. Once we know that it's never going to come back up, I would certainly propose moving it back to the Barksdale Forward as it was originally. But I don't think we need to do it in the next six weeks. In my opinion, let's just wait it out.

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

#### **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.**

WHEREAS, Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission is a subdivision of the State of Louisiana authorized and organized pursuant to LSA-R.S. 34:3158 et seq., acting by and through its president, Erica Bryant.

WHEREAS, Port owns and operates a riverport and industrial park complex on Louisiana Highway 1 south of Shreveport known as the Caddo-Bossier Port ("the Port Complex"); and WHEREAS, City operates a first class fire department to provide fire protection and emergency medical services within the City of Shreveport and in selected areas beyond the incorporated geographical limits of the City of Shreveport; and

WHEREAS, fire protection by City to Port and its tenants and users at the Port Complex is economically advantageous to Port and its customers;

WHEREAS, the parties hereto are authorized by law, specifically LSA-R.S. 34:3158, et seq.; Louisiana Constitution Art. 7, §14; Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes; and City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances, Section 30-116, to enter into this First Amendment to the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City and Port find it to be in the public interest to enter into this Agreement to clarify the obligations of the parties.

WHEREAS, Operation of Fire Station 20 shall be limited to placement at the station of firefighting apparatus and personnel as deemed appropriate by City's Fire Department and shall include permanent location at the station of one pumper truck and one ladder truck and personnel on a full time, 24-hour basis as directed by City's Fire Department.

WHEREAS, the personnel and equipment operating from Fire Station 20 as well as other Shreveport Fire Department personnel and equipment, shall be available as a first response for calls for services at the Port Complex, in accordance with Shreveport Fire Department Standard Operating Procedure.

WHEREAS, Funding for operation of Fire Station 20, including personnel, shall be shared equally between Port and City. City shall provide documented evidence of the cost of operation to Port on a monthly basis. Port shall reimburse fifty percent (50%) of the operating costs payable to City within fifteen (15) days of receipt of expense documentation. City agrees to provide Port an estimate of the annual operating expenses for the following year by October 31st of each year. If the City foresees an annualized increase of 3% or greater in the estimated operating expenses, it shall notify the Port immediately.

WHEREAS, Operating Expenses shall not include replacement of fire fighting vehicles, the sharing, if any, of the cost will be determined as the need for new vehicles arises. For the year 2013, Port has agreed to contribute up to \$700,000.00 toward the purchase of a new pumper truck and a new ladder truck to be located at Fire Station 20.

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 Mayor and the 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.

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 Shyne, 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**

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 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**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 50 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-5" 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-5" 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-5" 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 NO. 51 OF 2013**

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DEDICATION FOR PECOS POINT DRIVE AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal, and regular session convened, that the dedication for Pecos Point Drive in Section 8, (T16N-R14W), Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and as shown on the plats attached hereto and made a part hereof, be and the same is hereby accepted as dedicated to the public for public use in the City of Shreveport.

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

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

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

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

**Introduction of Resolutions (*Not to be adopted prior to April 9, 2013*)**

*The Clerk read the following:*

1. **Resolution No. 52 of 2013**: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute various agreements and related documents with the Louisiana Ambulance Alliance, the Statewide Ambulance Service District, other political subdivisions, the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, and other parties relative to intergovernmental transfers and reimbursements for ambulance services, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
2. **Resolution No. 53 of 2013**: A resolution authorizing the use of certain equipment by Booker T. Washington New Technology High School and Caddo Parish School Board and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman O. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman McCulloch to introduce Resolution No(s). 52 and 53 of 2013 to lay over until the next regular meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.**

**Introduction of Ordinances (*Not to be adopted prior to April 9, 2013*)**

Mr. Thompson: We are now under Introduction of Ordinances, I would ask the Council to consider removing No. 24.

*The Clerk read the following:*

1. **Ordinance No. 24 of 2013**: An ordinance revising and amending Chapter 102, Vehicles for Hire as it relates to luxury vehicle, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

**Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman McCulloch to remove Ordinance No. 24 of 2013 from the agenda. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: None**

*The Clerk read the following:*

1. **Ordinance No. 23 of 2013**: An ordinance amending the 2013 General Fund, and otherwise providing with respect thereto , and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
2. **Ordinance No. 24A of 2013**: An Ordinance revising and amending Chapter 102, Vehicles for Hire, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
3. **Ordinance No. 25 of 2013**: An ordinance creating and establish the intersection of Barret Street and Rendall Street as a stop intersection and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
4. **Ordinance No. 26 of 2013**: ZONING C-19-13: 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 Marshall and Short Line Road, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA, **FROM B-3, COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT TO B-3-E, COMMUNITY BUSINESS/EXTENDED USE DISTRICT LIMITED TO “A PRODUCTION MICRO-BREWERY” ONLY**, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Everson)
5. **Ordinance No. 27 of 2013**: ZONING C-20-13: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, The City Of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the north side of west 79<sup>th</sup> Street, 300 feet east of Linwood Avenue, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA, **FROM R-1D, URBAN, ONE FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO R-1D-E, URBAN ONE-FAMILY RESIDENCE/EXTENDED USE DISTRICT LIMITED TO “A MENTAL HEALTH REHABILITATION AGENCY” ONLY**, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (F/Shyne)
6. **Ordinance No. 24A of 2013**: An Ordinance revising and amending Chapter 102, Vehicles for Hire, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman O. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman S. Jenkins to introduce Ordinance No(s). 23, 24A, 25, 26, and 27 of 2013 to lay over until the next regular meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.**

**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*)

**Having passed first reading on March 12, 2013 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Everson, seconded by Councilman O. 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.**

2. **Ordinance No. 15 of 2013**: An ordinance amending and reenacting certain sections of Chapter 94 of the Code of Ordinances relative to Utilities and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (*Postponed March 12, 2013*)

Councilman S. Jenkins: Mr. Chairman the amendment we talked a little bit on yesterday. There is some discussion about increasing as it relates to water and sewer rates. I know that the Council is not in a position at this time to take it up. And what the amendment will do, it will offer some relief to our senior citizens in case there is an increase. I don't know if that's going to be the case or not, but if we do, it will allow seniors age 65 or above who are on a fixed income such social security to be able to pay more of a fixed type constant rate if they use less than 3000 gallons a month. I know most of the members of the Council are familiar with that, so I ask that as we move forward that you would look at this amendment also as a part and parcel of what we have been discussing concerning the water and sewer rates. And also I think our Clerk dutifully pointed out that there are some other issues that I can take the time to go back and go through it a little bit more thoroughly Councilman Oliver Jenkins. There are some other issues that need to be looked at in this whole process that's a part of what's being proposed in Number 15. With that I move to postpone.

**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 S. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Everson to postpone until the next regular meeting.**

Councilman Everson: And I just wanted to reiterate you know that I appreciate Sam's amendment as well as several others have provided some feedback, and so what as Chairman of the Infrastructure Committee, what I decided to do was to try to call a public hearing where we could have a few more weeks to discuss this, learn a little bit more, get some more background information and then have a public forum where people are able to interact. So while we're here and we've got the privilege of the TV monitor, I'd like to mention that that date is tentatively set for April 16<sup>th</sup> and are we at 5:30 or 6:00?

Mr. Thompson: I don't remember, I think it's 5:30.

Councilman Everson: Okay. Well we'll have another time to announce it before then, but it is April 16<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. We hope that people are able to make it after work and so I appreciate your motion to postpone. I'm supporting it and I hope that others will join me.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Will this be the only thing that we're going to discuss, this amendment or - - -

Councilman Everson: At the April 16<sup>th</sup> meeting? Yes. Well not the amendment, the whole water and sewerage package.

Councilman Shyne: Just before you vote, Mr. Chairman, Sam I appreciate your amendment, I'm going to vote to postpone it. But this doesn't say that I'm supporting any water

rate increase. And I would hope that you would understand this, and I hope that the Council understands this. Pastor I understand this, that I'm going to vote to postpone. I think your amendment is good, but to be truthful with you, I'm on a fixed income, and I don't know whether I'm going to support the water rates that have been proposed. I have not been privy to enough information that's going on between the discussion that we're having with the Justice Department, to know if this is a good deal that we're coming up with or it's not a good deal. I just want to make that known at this particular time. So I just wanted to make that clear, and I'm ready to vote now Mr. Chairman.

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

3. **Ordinance No. 20 of 2013:** An ordinance amending the 2013 Community Development Special Revenue Fund Budget, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

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

4. **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.

**Having passed first reading on March 12, 2013 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Everson, seconded by Councilman S. Jenkins to postpone until the next regular meeting.**

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, just one point. I want to make it known again. And Dale I'm emphasizing this again, Jeff I'm emphasizing this again, and it might be a little repetitive, but it lets you know how important this matter is with me, that we make sure that we get a written commitment from Rouse, that we do have minority participation. I have not been in this position before, but the situation happened that you got a verbal, and when you get a verbal, Jeff you can't and Pastor Mays you can't hold somebody is you get a verbal. So I just want to make sure, and of course now, and I know you gone have in there for local contractors. Lets get as many local contractors as we can, but I represent local and minorities. And it ain't no shame in my game. So I want to make sure that it's some language in there that not only says disadvantaged, but

minorities. That's a difference. I can be a minority, and I could be disadvantaged and not be a minority. So if you understand what I'm saying. I just want to make that plain.

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

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

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

*The Adopted ordinances and amendments follow:*

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 20 OF 2013**

#### **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2013 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND BUDGET AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO**

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend the 2013 budget for the Community Development Special Revenue Fund, to adjust appropriations, reflect current revenue estimates and for other purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that Ordinance Number 138 of 2012, the 2013 budget for the Community Development Special Revenue Fund, is hereby amended as follows:

In Section 1. (Estimated Receipts):

2012 and Prior Year Funds:

Increase Prior-Year WIA Grants \$195,000

Increase Prior-Year State Treasury Grant \$20,000

In Section 2. (Appropriations):

From Prior Year Funds:

Increase Prior-Year WIA Grants \$195,000

Increase Prior-Year State Treasury Grant \$20,000

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

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. 22 OF 2013**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2013 BUDGET FOR THE GENERAL FUND AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

WHEREAS, the City Charter provides for the amendment of any previously adopted budget; and WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend the 2012 budget for the General Fund to adjust appropriations, reflect current revenue estimates and for other purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that Ordinance No. 135 of 2012, the 2013 budget for the General Fund, is hereby amended as follows:

In Section 1 (Estimated Receipts):

Increase Miscellaneous Revenues by \$200,000

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

**City Courts**

Increase Personal Services by \$33,700

Increase Materials and Supplies by \$115,000

Increase Contractual Services by \$51,300

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

In the Paragraph numbered 6, amend the paragraph to read as follows:

6. City Courts - The total 2013 City of Shreveport operating budget for City Courts shall be \$3,068,800, with \$2,868,800 of said amount contributed by the City of Shreveport, and \$200,000 contributed by the Courts from discretionary funds. The salary paid to each City Court judge by the City of Shreveport shall be \$80,900 per annum for the year 2012.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance No. 116 of 2011 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 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 to be severable.

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

10. **Tabled Legislation.**

**Motion by Councilman S. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman McCulloch to remove Ordinance No. 89 of 2011 from the table. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.**

**Motion by Councilman S. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman O. Jenkins to postpone until the next regular meeting.**

Councilman S. Jenkins: Mr. Chairman, just for the sake of the public, what this ordinance will do, it will, in my opinion, help us as a city to address excessive solid waste that generates from evictions. And I want to make it clear that's what I'm looking at this stage. The solid waste that comes from evictions produces and eyesore in the community, and it really strains our employees, and our equipment. We've had a lot of discussion about it over the last year, and I hope this

ordinance will be one step in the direction of trying to address it. It will have an effective date of July 1, 2013. It will be open for tweaking. I do want to say Mr. Chairman, I do take the heart the comment you made yesterday about the fact that this may result in some kind of expense for landlords or property owners. Let me just explain what the ordinance primarily does is ask those persons to make some private arrangements to take this household waste to the landfill. If they don't do it, then the Department of Public works will have to do it. We're asking the Mayor's office to come up with some kind of reasonable fee for the city to come out and do it. So as it stands right now, the amount of solid waste that we deal with in evictions already exceed what you can do under the ordinance anyway. We just made it a tradition of picking this stuff up and moving it along. If a person does not comply, what this ordinance is suggesting is that we do not restore any water or sewer service there until compliance has been made. I believe that landlords or lessors could shield themselves from this expense by getting an appropriate security deposit, which is something that most folks who rent property do. If everything goes as it should, you should return their security deposit to your tenant. If you don't then you have some money to deal with issues such as this. So I'm saying that to say that I am mindful of the fact that we are not trying to make this an undue burden on anyone, but if you go back and look at the study that was done back in 2007, we refer to it as the Beck Report. And this is some of the things that they are suggesting that we do to try to upgrade and modernize the way we go about collecting solid waste. So having said that, it is open for tweaking, both of my colleagues here on the Council as well as administration so that we can make sure that once we get it out there, it's something that can be enforced and hopefully it'll be something that will help address what appears to have been a long standing problem here in our community with solid waste. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Corbin: Thank you Councilman Jenkins. And I hope as well that we will look at defining 'excess' as we discussed a little bit yesterday and not just the eviction standpoint that Councilman Sam Jenkins brings up. But what is excessive for other situations as well. If there's no further questions, please vote.

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

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*)

11. **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 March 11, 2013 until April 8, 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 March 11, 2013 until April 8, 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**

**Clerk's Report**

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, the only thing I have is there is a special meeting called tomorrow to hold an executive session at 11:30 here in the Chamber.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Mr. Chairman, in light of the time for that executive session, I believe Mr. Mayor, you were asking about some representatives off the Council. I guess that's in regards to - - -

Mayor Glover: Either before or after, which ever would be more convenient for you.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Before is good for me also.

Councilman Everson: That works for me.

Mayor Glover: Either 11:00 or a quarter of 11:00, start it at 10:45?

Councilwoman McCulloch: Now is this for infrastructure? What is this for?

Mayor Glover: This is the Chairman and the Infrastructure Committee Chairman, and I'm thinking or requesting three (3) so we don't end up violating open meetings by going with four (4).

Councilwoman McCulloch: Oh, okay. So you've appointed all three?

Mayor Glover: Requested. I can't appoint. We're separate, co-equal branches of government.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Audit and Finance I think needs to be a part of this meeting.

Mayor Glover: Exactly. Audit and Finance, Infrastructure and the Chairman.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Okay, alright.

Councilman Corbin: At 10:45.

Mayor Glover: And we'll make that upstairs if you don't mind.

Councilman Everson: In the large conference room?

Mayor Glover: Correct. Also Mr. Chairman, point of verification. As Arthur just mentioned, the executive session will be held in Chamber or in the Conference Room in the rear.

Mr. Thompson: We have to have a special meeting.

Mayor Glover: Okay, starting here.

Mr. Thompson: So we'll start here.

Mayor Glover: Got it. Okay, and are we picking up lunch or is Council picking up lunch?

Mr. Thompson: Our budget is depleted Mr. Mayor, but (inaudible)

Councilman Webb: The Mayor's office.

Mr. Sibley: I'm not sure we have one.

Mayor Glover: I've got coffee and water upstairs, we have to make plans for these.

Mr. Thompson: We're making plans, I don't know if you talked to anybody about whether or not we will have sandwiches, we'll have Jason's sandwiches.

Mayor Glover: Okay, I just wanted to make sure either you guys or us, either way.

Mr. Thompson: But we accept donations.

Mayor Glover: Okay, I was going to pass the hat between Dale and Terri.

Councilman Corbin: Well that does leave room for dessert.

Councilman Shyne: Art, I'm sorry. I thought you all had maybe planned to order one Cajun pizza from Johnny's Pizza? I mean we got Oliver here and

Mayor Glover: We're going to sweep the kitchen Councilman?

Councilman Shyne: Yeah. Cause they're pretty good at this time of the year.

Mr. Thompson: Jackie will order whatever you want to order Mr. Shyne.

Councilman Shyne: Jackie, at least one pizza.

Councilman Webb: Well you want jalapenos and anchovies?

Councilman Shyne: I guess you can, cause Ron wants some but that's a Cajun, what is it Sweep the Kitchen.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Could we move on to the Committee of the Whole on this? Because I don't necessarily think this needs to be in the Times.

Councilman Corbin: And at this point, I will accept a motion for the Council to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:40 p.m.

---

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

---

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