

Council Proceedings of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana

April 10, 2012

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana was called to order by Chairman Sam Jenkins at 3:06 p.m., Tuesday, April 10, 2012, in the Government Chambers in Government Plaza (505 Travis Street).

Invocation was given by Bishop Brandon.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Shyne.

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

Motion by Councilman <u>Shyne</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Everson</u> to approve the minutes of the Administrative Conference, Monday, March 26, 2012 and Council Meeting, Tuesday, March 27, 2012. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 6. Nays: None. Out of the Chamber: Councilwoman McCulloch. 1.

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 S. Jenkins: Does any Council Member have any awards or recognition of distinguished guests?

Councilman Shyne: If I could impose on the Council, I'd like to call up Mr. Baruti. Anybody who has been through what he has been through in the last what Baruti, 2 months?

Mr. Baruti Aajanku: 4 months.

Councilman Shyne: 4 months. Anybody who has been through what he has been through in the last 4 months, I'd like to welcome him down. And remember you're on TV, so you're not only talking to us, but you're talking to people out in TV Land who need to hear what you're about to say. And if it's alright with the Council, could I impose on the Council to give Mr. Baruti a few minutes. Mr. Baruti has been, and Mr. Baruti some people don't look at this as being positive, a community activist. This is something good. Has been a community activist for the last - - -

Mr. Baruti Aajanku: 44 years.

Councilman Shyne: That's what I was about to say Baruti. Sam, kinda since I was teaching at Booker T. So Mr. Baruti.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Go right ahead. Give us your name and address and - - -

Mr. Baruti Aajanku: Baruti Donkor Ajanaku. I live at 4202 Lakeshore Drive. I'm a native of Shreveport, LA, and all of my life, I've always said from the second grade on that we would we be living in a Jetsons' world. And if we all as I look around today again, think about it, the Jetsons have been on TV a long time. Projecting where we were headed. At the age of 12, I joined the NAACP after a little Black History in a little Black school rally, and every since then, I've been rooted to bring about a change in our community, to bring about the love that I grew up under in the Black community. For then we had a Black community where we could sleep on the front porch, and nobody would bother you. We had a community where our elders could sit on the front porch and get a breath of fresh air, and nobody would bother them. We had a community where our children could not only play in the yard, they could play throughout the community. I left here at the age of 23, went to California. I had been making trips from California to Louisiana since the 7th grade. Not to go and get cars or drugs or none of that, but to bring back information to our people. When I came back in 1978, my mother had moved into Jackson Heights Housing Projects. The largest housing projects in the city, no windows, no door knobs, the water heaters were blowing up and God put it on my heart that I had to do something. I had to wake the people up. And that's what I did. I woke the people up, and through that came housing renovations throughout the City of Shreveport. And everybody was thinking that I was going to get killed with the drug pushers and all these people that were there. But as I told them, I'm on a mission from God. And when everybody looked around and saw that all the drug pushers were helping me clean up the projects, because they understood what I was saying, that their children should have a safe place to lay their heads. I don't care what your hustle is, leave it outside the projects. And that's what happened. But I was predestined to live in the housing projects and to be amongst the poor. And I've accepted that. And for 44 years, the craving and the desire to bring Shreveport to what it really should be

communitively, it's just growing deeper. And I want to end by thanking the Councilwoman McCulloch and Councilman Sam Jenkins for looking back to see who hasn't been honored. And I made the ultimate sacrifice. I turned down money to sell my people out, because I was sincere about it. And to be heard at this time, 44 years later - -- as they say, 'It's better late than never', it's going to be a better honor to me to be honored during the second administration of our first Black Mayor, to let you know that things are changing. Our kids can be this and that. The doors are opened and on behalf of my mother Sudie Mae Artisan, who died last year who died of a disease that I now have, pancreatic cancer. I accept this award on behalf of all the old ladies that I saw getting on the city trolleys with holes in their stockings to go and make \$24 lousy dollars a week. I accept this award on behalf of all that have died to register to vote in the city. I accept this award on behalf of all the babies that we're going to lose this summer, if we had opened up opportunities to them. They're being run out of the parks in our city. We're going to have to change that around because they've got to have somewhere to go. And I invite all the elders out there to get in touch with one of these young girls and start teaching them how to be young ladies. And you young people if you want to know about life, go to the elders. If you want to know how to eat to live, go talk to that 80 year old woman sitting on that porch and stop cussing before 'em and disrespecting her. We've got to utilize our elders in this city. We've got to fix it so our elders can come back on the front porch and get a breath of fresh air. And on behalf of all of us that thirst for righteousness and peace again, I accept this award. Thank you.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Why don't you stay right there Brother Baruti. Mr. Mayor, did you want to afford yourself of this opportunity to formally address him. I believe you may have had some recognition.

Mayor Glover: We do Mr. Chairman, but I will yield to Council Members, because I know at this point, some of you all may have some comments. We've had a technical adjustment that we're making to the presentation that we're going to make to Brother Baruti. We had hoped that he might have been able to be here at our last meeting, but scheduling conflicts and difficulties did not allow him to be here, so I wanted it to be reflective of actually today's date. So I've asked it to be redone, so if you'll just give us a few minutes, we're going to have some comments to make and a presentation of an award as well.

Mr. Baruti Aajanku: So, you're redoing the check?

Mayor Glover: But you always want the check to have the right date on it.

Mr. Baruti Aajanku: That's what I'm saying. Because I brought about \$800,000,000 into the city with the renovation program.

Mayor Glover: Absolutely.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Does any Council Member have any comments they'd like to make? Councilman Everson?

Councilman Everson: I did. I wanted to thank you also for- - - since you've been diagnosed with the pancreatic cancer, instead of just sort of feeling sorry for yourself or something, you've done a wonderful job of advocating and raising awareness about the difficulties about the disease. I know that you did a piece on the news where you've shared some of the difficulties and what it was like to have to deal with that disease. And it is very difficult situation to find oneself dealing with. So I appreciate your outreach and you know you've always been involved in helping people to be understanding of one another and to be considerate of one another, and I think that's to be applauded, and really thank you for continuing not only in terms of racial unity, or in terms of economic unity, but also when you became afflicted with this disease, to help people to understand that as well, and to make sure that the people in the Shreveport community are an understanding people. People who've learned to listen to others, and to put themselves in other people shoes and I thank you for being a part of that.

Mr. Baruti Aajanku: Thank you, and I tell anybody that prayer and pinto beans will change anything.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Yes, I'd just like to say on behalf of my father, the late honorable Hersey D. Wilson, I want to thank you for all of your commitment to the community, especially the Lakeside/Allendale community. And also thank you for your support in my past election. When it was brought to me concerning this award, Mayor Glover, it was mentioned that Councilman Jenkins inquired as to if he had ever received an award. And hearing that, I just had to agree with the idea because again, he has been a community activist every since I was a little girl. I just recall him being on the corners. Of course you know back in the day, you'd say, 'Oh that man must be crazy'. You know he'd be out there with those long braids and that funny looking outfit. But he was out there on the corners, talking to the young people, you know assisting the elderly and again, I'm 55 now, so I know I was around 9-10, somewhere up there when I first started to notice him, but as I grew and as I had my experiences, I started to understand what it was that you were all about. And what I wanted to say to you is I really appreciate everything that you've done, and I'm praying for you to be healed.

Mr. Baruti Aajanku: Thank you, thank you very much. And did you see how handsome I was on those corners?

Councilwoman McCulloch: Oh yes, but you were wearing a red, green and black cap at that time. I said that guy must be a militant, you know? But now you were just out there trying to help the people again. And I think it's paid off, I think it's a little bit more brotherly love, and we need more toward each other.

Mr. Baruti Aajanku: Well I've had a 1,022 to go to college, finish college, that are now in universities, but that's from being in the alleys, and the highways and by-ways to say something to them at these particular times. For the 44 years have not been in vain.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Well thank you. I just wanted to say thank you.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Any other council members? I too want to commend you Brother Baruti on everything you have been and everything you have done in the community. You know activism in my opinion is never about causing people to be uncomfortable, or causing people to hate one another or to divide people. It's always about speaking to our conscious and bringing to our attention things that we need to look at and maybe change. And you have exemplified that. And you have done it with a lot of class. And if I can share, I mean you're the kind of person with the kind of personality, when you were recently in the hospital I came by to visit. Everybody from the front door up to your room knew who you were. And when I got to your room, you were telling the nurses what to do. Instead of allowing the nurses to tell you what to do. But that's the kind of personality that you've always exhibited. You have done great work in the community. I expect that you will continue to do great work in the community. And we certainly appreciate your contributions to our city, and thank you so much for all that you do. Any other Council Member with any comments? Mr. Mayor are you ready at this time?

Councilman Shyne: They got the date correct on the check, huh Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, members of the Council, I'm still standing where I am at this particular point in time, which is behind Brother Baruti as he stands before the Shreveport City Council because in truth, while like Rose, I witnessed him over the years out on the streets of the City of Shreveport in particular, the world famous and internationally renowned 'Ghetto Mall', in spots around the city. The first time that I had the opportunity to be in close proximity to him, to be able to share a word with him, was in fact while he was standing in front of the Shreveport City Council. It would have been probably late 1988 or 1989, there was a public hearing Councilman Shyne that had been called inviting citizens to come to City Hall to comment to the Council about public safety concerns that they had with regards to the things that were going on at that time. And as Brother Baruti was able to very effectively articulate, we had issues and challenges involving crack cocaine, our young men being involved in organized gang

activity and other things that unfortunately at that time, the powers that be, had not fully recognized or acknowledged. But Brother Baruti in a very passionate and effective way, and in a manner that made me very intimidated to know that I was the next person to come and speak after him, felt to give insight to the Council, to the Mayor, and more importantly to the citizens of Shreveport of exactly what was going on, what was happening outside of the cozy secure confines of City Hall. And what that said to me at that time, and it says to me from everyday forward that this is a man who has his finger on the pulse of the neighborhood of the City of Shreveport. A man who truly knows what is going on, what is being said, most importantly what is being felt in the most challenged places that we have in this city. And so when you want to hear an expression from the City's pain and from it's consciousness, then it's a brother that a Baruti Ajanaku that you need to be willing to listen to, no matter sometimes how painful it may be. Brother Baruti is a living embodiment of that old saying that you hear growing up, 'If you can't say Amen, say ouch'. Because he's going to speak a truth to you that it true, that is accurate, and that is unvarnished. And if you're not ready for it, then you may get the 'ouch'. And so Brother Baruti, I want to join with this Council and the citizens of the City of Shreveport in letting you know how much we honor and appreciate the work that you have done for this city over the decades. Your willingness to stand up and speak truth to power, to power has been both honored and admired by me and generations of others. During this challenged time in your life, when like Councilwoman McCulloch and others, we are praying for and expecting a miracle. But in the midst of that, we know that you are going to continue as you did with your most eloquent piece that you submitted for the newspaper and the other information that you have shared throughout this community, you are going to continue to educate, to inform, to empower, and to ultimately assist and help not just your people, but all people. And so in recognition of that and all of the days that you have lived up until now, it is my great privilege to present to you this proclamation which establishes today, the 10th of April 2012 as Brother Baruti Ajanku Day.

Mr. Baruti Aajanku: I'd just like to say once again, I want to thank everybody for the involvement, the acceptance to be involved. And as I said in the beginning, nothing can beat prayer and pinto beans. Thank God.

Councilman Corbin: Thank you Mr. Chair, I'd like to recognize School Board member, friend and former co-worker, Ms. Mary Ann Trammel whose in the audience today.

Councilman S. Jenkins: So good to see our school board member with us today. Welcome down. And I do see Commissioner Michael Williams here with us today. Want to recognize his presence.

Councilman Shyne: Where is Mike? Mike stand. C'mon now, c'mon. You've been one of them guys on the streets too! C'mon.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Someone said he has on his Halloween tie, I think that was Councilman Webb.

Councilwoman McCulloch: He got his swag going on uncle Joe. Uncle Joe, he got his swag going on.

Councilman Shyne: Now you know Mike keeps his swag.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Well, I was about to introduce my commissioner as well as my church member, Commissioner Michael Williams. But it's always a pleasure to see Rev. Bradley, one of my constituents is here, and of course his mother Ms. Ruby Turner who was so dear. Sister Lena, we're doing a dedication for daddy today at Green Oaks today, the band room. Lena Pearl prepared the cake, and so that's his sister. And also - -

Councilman Shyne: You said today?

Councilwoman McCulloch: Yeah today at 6:30 at Green Oaks.

Councilman Shyne: I'll be by there. I want to beat you there Mayor, so I can have some of that cake.

Councilwoman McCulloch: And also my Facebook friend who always lifts me in times that I'm really down is Bishop Brandon, I see you back there, and I'm still keeping up with you. And I think that's about it. And see from my eyesight I have just a corner of this horseshoe here, so I really can't see him. Would you raise your hand Reverend? Okay, nice to have you here today. Tabernacle Baptist Church.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Welcome. It's pleasant to see all of you down today.

Councilman Shyne: And somebody here too from the Shreveport Sun. I believe we got somebody here from the Shreveport Sun. You want to give us a big wave. That's our local newspaper in the community. I started to say not only in the Black community, but it would do well if a lot of the White folks would buy the Shreveport Sun, don't you think so? Alright.

Councilman S. Jenkins: We're certainly glad to see Kojo Livingston down.

Councilman Shyne: And I was thinking about getting a year's subscription for my good friend Dr. Councilman Ron Webb and on down the line there, Dr. Councilman Michael Corbin.

Councilman Webb: Can I hold you to that?

Councilman Corbin: Yeah.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Remember he could send you a bill for those subscriptions.

Mr. Livingston: You don't have one already?

Councilman Shyne: Let me be quiet. Thank you for coming down.

Councilman S. Jenkins: I'd like to take an opportunity to send some get well wishes to Mr. Andrew Davis, and make sure that Brother Davis knows that we're thinking about him, a longtime businessman here in the community. I understand he's been under the weather. I see some of his colleagues here. They always come down and attend these meetings, and after the meetings, give us an earful of what they think about what we're doing. So let him know that we miss seeing him here in the Council Chamber, and that we certainly wish that he would get well soon. Any other acknowledgements by Councilmen? Mr. Mayor, do you have an recognitions of distinguished guests?

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

Mayor Glover: Again, Mr. Chairman as we say both for our work sessions as well as for regular council meetings, anyone who finds time to come and engage the civic process, we consider to be a special guest. So for all those who are here in person as well as those who are watching today by COMCAST, for those who are watching by UStream, we consider them to be special guests and we certainly appreciate their presence today.

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

Councilman S. Jenkins: Mr. Mayor, do you have any communications relative to city business?

Mayor Glover: Yes Mr. Chairman, members of the Council, we do. We will start with a presentation that will come from the CAO, and only the second, well I guess technically Mr. Chairman, she would be the first. Because prior to her, we only had a personnel

director, we have for the first time in the history of the City of Shreveport a head of our human resource department, because we see it as having a broader vision and mission under her capable leadership. So based upon some initiatives that the previous council helped to fund and to start and this council has been willing to carry forth and continue, we would like for the CAO and Human Resource Director, Angelita Jackson to come up and give you all a report here today for Mr. Chairman and members of the Council.

Mr. Sibley: Thank you Mayor. As Ms. Jackson makes her way forward, as the Council knows one of the things that over the past year or so, we talked about things like succession and the need for training and equipping our leaders of the future, during the process we asked for and the council was very gracious in awarding us significant increase in training dollars that went into the Human Resources Department, in turn we challenged the department with the support of the Personnel Board to really get into it and really get into training and really get into the welfare of the employees, as you guys know one of the things that we all hear constantly is pay. And of course the council is very aware of the limitations that we're operating within, so what we tried to do is provide other benefits and other things that don't substitute for pay, but we think they take pride in making our employees' life a little bit better. Well the department that's really tasked with that is Human Resources. Angelita and her team have done a great job of preparing sessions, doing sessions, assisting the department heads, so we wanted to at the end of this first quarter bring her forward, let her present some information on some of the major initiatives that Council has endorsed, that they have embarked upon. Talk about some of these issues that are affecting our employees, and just really update the council, the public and the employees at large on some of the activities that HR is involved with that we're very, very proud of. So Ms. Jackson, if you will, it's in your hands.

Ms. Angelita Jackson: (Human Resources Director, COS) Good afternoon everyone. I want to talk about the most work, effort we placed in our mentoring academy. We knew that there was a need for training throughout the city regarding supervisors as well as standard employees. But these were the nature of complaints that we were getting, the grievances that we were getting and also disciplinary issues. So that kinda gave us a foundation as far as what we needed in most of our work to focus. But in addition to that, we looked as some administrative concerns regarding employee evaluations, customer service and technical training. With that we started to look at the number of employees that are going to start retiring pretty soon from the city. We looked at the one year, three year, and the five year window. And looking at that we saw that many departments would have a significant gap when they started looking at retirement and attrition. Some departments may have had 15 people exposure, some may have had 80% exposure regarding leaving within the next three, five and one year. The academy took those numbers in addition with training and we came up with what we call the

Mentoring and Leadership Academy to try to better train our current employees as far as how to be better leaders, better supervisors, better managers, going forward. And once we did that, we trained them in the areas of conflict resolution, effective communication, HR policies and procedures, reviewing the city budget. We gave bus tours for certain divisions and departments where most employees come to work and they never get a chance to see other sites within the city. We have 30 minute overviews from each department head within the city cause that way the department head can come in and they can see their face, and be able to tell them about what they do within their department. They're able to attend Council Meetings as they did in the last session, and we also do a monthly book review of *Good To Great*, by Jim Collins because we really believe that if we continue to work and educate our staff, we can move our city from being good to a great city, we're convinced of that. In addition to the (inaudible) and in your first slide, you can see where the number of people attended in the fall as opposed to the number of people that are attending currently in the Spring. In the Fall, we had 38. And in the Spring, we have about 40 current people in the academy. In addition to the academy, we continue to notice that and employees tell us too, that we need to train our current supervisors, that our supervisors need training as well. So we've continued to train and what we have now is called Breakfast with the Box once a month, where we bring in supervisors throughout the city. They can come down, we give them an issue to talk about, we educate them on it. But they also have dialogue among themselves to kinda network and kinda resolve things among themselves to become better managers. Seeing that they're not alone, that there is a common issue. Attendance is a common issue, discipline is a common issue. On how to contact a fair evaluation is a common concern for many supervisors throughout the city. So we educate them on how to do that properly and let them have dialogue among themselves. And to network, get to know their peers at the same level.

Mr. Sibley: Angelita, not to interrupt, but can we get Sharon if you would, can you project these slides Angelita while you talk about 'em so that - - -

Councilman O. Jenkins: Yeah, cause I'm a little slow learner on my (inaudible) I'm having trouble tracking where we are in the dialogue with the slides. Can you see the question mark over my head?

Mayor Glover: The Harvard guys are keeping up Mr. Jenkins, but we understand.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Yeah, well lets not go there.

Ms. Jackson: The ones she's showing now regarding the leadership academy. The orange if I'm looking at the color correctly is the one for last fall. We had 38 people to attend, and it also indicates where they were coming from, each department that

participated in the academy. And then we have the purple or maybe blue for you all, and that's for this Spring, and we have about 40 folks that are participating in the academy for this Spring. So the numbers are growing. I think it's proved to be beneficial and the employees are really enjoying the information as well. Now the next one we're going to talk about is the trend we've done since you guys have been so gracious to fund our training academy. Our training needs in the city from January of last year to March of this year. We've placed about 258 different varieties of classes we've offered throughout the city. We've trained pretty much 5400 employees throughout the city since the beginning of last year as well. Also the number beside the Xs that you see, that lets you know the number of people that we've actually outsourced. That's about 16%. But most of the training has been done inside. We have a lot of and going into it I tell the academy we have a lot of very qualified and knowledgeable people within the city that we believe that can train and educate us and are willing to do so. And we found those people throughout the city and I have to say the Fire Department has been a tremendous to us, and some of the most well trained folks continue to work (inaudible) too. So we were able to save money by using internal folks.

Councilman Shyne: I see Brian is sitting over there, now how about the Police Department. Where is Willie at? Go head on, I'm just - - -.

Ms. Jackson: Now I will say the Police Department has allowed us to use their facility and we're grateful for that too. Also beyond Breakfast with the Boss, as far as a number of other trainings that we've offered to, we have customer service for the month of February. Seeing that we're public servants, I continue to tell our staff and new employees that we have to get it right. Customer Service right. So, we committed one full month of customer service to our employees and it was called Lagniappe. Giving our customers a little something extra. It was very well attended. We had close to 600 people to attend all the training that was offered for that period, maybe about a month and a half. Cause some of it even went over into March. We also offered a Social Security, hosted a windfall elimination information meeting.

Mr. Sibley: Angelita, go yeah on the customer service slide, because it's broken down by departments and really highlight, if you notice Council, some of the major participation was with our public works, our water and sewer and that was very intentional effort and as Angelita said, they did a month long intensive, multiple session, very well attended by a significant part of our workforce, and we consider a very good start. We're trying to get everyone through that. But over 600 employees went through that on multiple occasions, and we're very proud of that in terms of the customer service training.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, did you all know make sure that you touched on those departments where citizens call in? You know that would be the water department, that would be the police department. That would be property standards, we got somebody from property standards calling in about getting the lots cut, and this kind of stuff. Did you all make sure you emphasize?

Ms. Jackson: Yes sir. The field operations customer service, they did a great job. They even initiated for us to come out and make sure they covered everyone in their department. We're going to do a refresher or reinforcement training, we'll do one more in June. A big session to kinda reinforce our training regarding customer service. So we'll continue on from there. Also we hosted the Social Security Administration office. They came through and hosted a workshop on Windfall Elimination. We found that a lot of employees did not - - - they know that they're subjected to windfall elimination, but wasn't quite sure what it is, and how they would be affected, but Dora Miller from Social Security Administration got each individual's information, told them how much they would get once they retired, and employees found this to be very rewarding. We had several employees to leave and actually go and sign up for Social Security, because they didn't know they could qualify for it at the same time. So that was a good session for our employees as well. We continued and we partnered with Louisiana Technical College to do small engine training for our mechanics. We had several sessions (inaudible) and food services for them on that. And we partnered with Bossier Parish Community College for our GED and literacy education. We hosted conversational Spanish to kinda help our employees start thinking a little more bi-lingual where trying to be proactive. We don't have as many Hispanics here in this area, but it's growing, and we believe that it's coming. So it's a good thing to be prepared for those things. And our final session which will be our Spring workshop. Some of the topics we have each year will be on May 10th and it's going to be at the Riverview Hall, and our guest speaker will be Chief Kelvin Cochran. He's agreed to come back and share his knowledge with us as well you all are invited. We're really looking forward to that and for him to share with us at that point. In addition to training, we also continue to provide other services to employees regarding the health and wellness. We've done five health fairs throughout the city since last year. And we actually go out to the sites, because everyone is not as mobile so we go to the sites and offer the health fair to them. And we've also been able to have a funded employee assistance program which is with the support of healthcare trust fund, and they were able to provide us the funding for that. We also have electronic voting where, whenever we have elections regarding Healthcare Trust Fund Board, Retirement Board, our Personnel Board, employees can go online and vote for their candidate. And also what we're also very pleased with, we have electronically in place satisfaction surveys. And form there employees are very, very honest and straight forward with us as far as how they really feel. And we get

everything from about equipment to how the supervisors are treating them up to pay. So we compiled that information and we give it to each department and division and we share it with the Administration as well, so it's not something we keep ourselves. Because we need to be able to share this information and get a good pulse of what our employees are actually thinking. And also we're trying to quickly wrap up our employees rules and regulations. I'm hopeful that in the next couple of months, we'll have that done. We had a meeting this morning, I think one more meeting we'll probably be there. And then it goes before the Personnel Board to be approved from there. And that's in addition to the standard work we do regarding PDCs, complaints, and typical grievances that we resolve within the department. But most of all we want to say thank you for our services and for your time, and for (inaudible) our employees here within the City of Shreveport.

Mr. Sibley: Thank you Ms. Jackson and members of the Council, a couple of things we wanted to highlight as she indicated, the employee satisfaction survey is a tool that HR came up with that is very useful to us as administrators, to the departments in terms of gauging and getting (inaudible) to get very honest and direct feedback. So we're very proud of that. And the Employee Assistance Program. That's a program that at one point was here at the city. It kinda got defunded. Was not very active and the important thing about that program too is it not only deals with alcohol and drug abuse, but it also deals with just whether it's depression, whether somebody just needing counseling, whether someone having stress at home, spousal issues, so we're happy that the Healthcare Trust Fund Board voted to fund that on behalf of the employee. It pays for a certain number of visits to get the employee started. It is picking up in terms of use and we're encouraging the departments to look for those signs and symptoms and get people in there. It's a fairly anonymous program, so we're proud of the work that's going on in HR and we simply wanted the opportunity to update y'all and the public on the investment that you made in allowing additional dollars for that department, so we thank you for that. Thank you Ms. Jackson.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Just a couple of last things here before we wrap it up. We want to ask the Council and the City of Shreveport to join me in expressing our great sorrow at the passing of one of the folks who would have to be considered one of the most leading visionaries for the City of Shreveport. While we are right now in may respects, known as one of the hotbeds for film and digital media activity throughout the country. It was decades ago when one of our own Mr. Jim McCullough, Sr., had a vision of bringing the film industry here to this region, carving and setting a path for himself and his cohorts within that industry, and also being a part of one of the most poignant films that I've ever had a chance to see, certainly was one that I enjoyed as a young person, as Where the Red Fern Grows. For those who are not aware and not informed, it is our great sorrow to inform you that Mr. Jim McCullough,

Sr., a Shreveport native passed away here recently at the age of 83. He is survived by his wife, Lel McCullough, and his services are scheduled for tomorrow. But for those who are not aware and don't know the history of the creative community he and Northwest Louisiana, Shreveport in particular, Google Jim McCullough, so that you can get an understanding and appreciation of some of the work that he was involved in. He was not only a native of the city, but a graduate of Centenary College, dating back to when they still played football there, back in the 1940s. And left here, went on to the west coast, and carved out quite a career for himself in the film and television industry, but came back as well to share those lessons with those folks here in the Northwest Louisiana area. He was honored as well several years ago, with a star in the walk of fame down in the Red River District, so if you ever find yourself in that area, go out and see if you can find his star. But know that his presence will be missed and his life certainly honored and appreciated. Lastly, I want to send kudos out to someone who is Mr. Chairman, since we recognized Mr. Kojo Livingston and the Shreveport Sun, and in doing so I saw Kristi Johnston with the Shreveport Times, perk up over there, since I didn't want her to think we were not showing equal love here from local government. Obviously our other members from 3, 6 and 12 who are all here today in the house. But there is one Mr. Chairman who is not here, but due to the benefits of outstanding technology, listens quite often cause it's always to my shock and amusement, on either Tuesdays or Mondays in the morning to turn on KEEL Radio, and hear myself with something that was said during the Council Meeting or Council Work Session, and wonder exactly how that is I'm on the radio. But it is because his technology allows John Lee and the folks over at KEEL Radio to be able to download and to reuse the proceedings of these meetings. And he uses that opportunity to endure that the listening public ends up being well informed about exactly what is going on here in local government. As I was recently made aware, John Lee was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award in Baton Rouge by the Louisiana Broadcasting Association. And we want to join his colleagues in honoring him for a lifetime of work that has been enjoyed and has been enlightening for me and others over the years, and we hope that that does not mean that John's tenure at KEEL is coming to an end, it just represents another milestone on what has been obviously a very significant career and service to the local community. So, with that Mr. Chairman, we turn it back over to you and to the Council, and thank you all for the opportunity.

Councilman S. Jenkins: I see Ms. McCulloch is up, is that on City Business Ms. McCulloch?

Councilwoman McCulloch: Well actually, I saw someone come in that we needed to recognize because I failed to recognize him several times. Rev. Timothy Jones, a great dynamic pastor in the City of Shreveport, would you raise your hand? So good to have you here today. He's actually a friend of my pastor.

Councilman Shyne: And Sister McCulloch, not only the Reverend, but the Reverend Doctor Timothy Jones who has a earned doctorate degree. Am I right Dr? Okay. Now when they leave some of those off that's not earned, I don't really say anything. But any person who has gone through - - - cause it's a lot of work. It's more work in getting one that you earn, than one that someone has bestowed upon you. So that's why I wanted to make sure that we recognize him. Because a lot of the constituents in my district, Mr. Mayor go to his church, and I'll pass by their house, and sometimes they'll still be singing and praying. Not that I don't stop and join 'em sometimes, cause sometimes Dr. Jones, I might have a little devil in me and I keep right on by. But he has a lot of his members who live in my district. Thank you for coming down.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Mr. Mayor, on city business, I've got a matter I'd like to take up right now. Asked Mr. William Alexander to come up. He had to take off work and come down today, and I promised him we'd try to take up some city business. As he comes forward Mr. Mayor and Mr. CAO, I'm hoping that maybe someone can maybe be assigned to look into it. It may be a carryover from a prior administration. I'll let him explain his business to us right now, relative to city business. Give us your name and address sir.

Mr. William Alexander: (5353 Alto Vista) Basically I'm here in response to the fact that I didn't get property tax bill this year. So, when I came down here, a couple of days ago, they gave me a printout and it indicated that the property tax that I paid last year, that I've got a confirmation for, because I did it online, it posted it to my violations which causes my property tax bill to go higher, counting interesting and so on and so forth and everything, along with some other things that I've been wrestling with the city about, so I'd like to bring that back up as well. I gave Ms. Johnson the copies of everything, and that group that you'd like to try to form together, I'd like appreciate it very much.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Mr. CAO, is there someone that he can speak to? Look like some issues with property tax and some insurance or benefit issues from a prior administration that he thought may have been addressed, may not have been addressed, and maybe someone can get with him and look into it and come back and let us know.

Mr. Sibley: Sure. On the property tax, we can link him up with Charles in Finance and insurance and benefit, would that be personal?

Mr. Alexander: Well - - -

Mr. Sibley: Were you an employee?

Mr. Alexander: I was an employee, yes.

Mayor Glover: We'll have him talk directly to the CAO Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Sibley: We can take care of it. Mr. Alexander, if you would? Charles, Mr. Charles Madden, would you speak with him please and then I'll follow up with him.

Councilman S. Jenkins: And if you don't mind, can you get back with us and kinda let us know what happened with this gentleman and the issue that he's bringing up?

Mr. Alexander: Appreciate it.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Alright Mr. Alexander. Mr. Madden is back there in the corner and he will speak with you on that matter. Any other city business from Council Members?

Councilman Shyne: Did you come in about a property standards out in Hollywood? Right, that's Hollywood. Mr. Chairman, let me let her come up with Property Standards, because I think Property Standards will come up next. Where is Ms. Dorothy?

Reports

Property Standards Report (Res. 7 of 2003)

Councilman Shyne: Ms. Dorothy, will you come up too and come on up and is the Chief here? Is he out in the back? Is there anybody here who can represent Chief Shaw?

Mr. Sibley: Capt Willis is here.

Councilman Shyne: Come on up and represent Chief Shaw. Mr. Mayor, she has a problem that we thought we would address through - - - okay I'm sorry, go head on.

Ms. Linda S. Jones: (617 W. 68th) My main concern is the standard. There is a house at 606 W. 66th Street and it's been going on for over a year. Where they are working on cars. It's like a shop. We've been complaining over a year with this matter and it's increasing. It's more and more weekends. Cars are parked on both sides. You can't hardly maneuver down the street, so my mom and the older people on that street, they feel threatened. Because some of them are widows, or living alone, so they don't really speak out. And so I'm taking the opportunity to speak out and I'm hoping that something can be done about this situation. In fact Mr. Jenkins is smiling. I spoke with him in September, and he said well maybe you put something forth, amendment or

something. It's not only on 66th, it's all over the area of Shreveport, where they're just jumping up working on cars and old tires, and I've been over there since I was six months old and I'm 64 years old now, so the area I want to see things picked up and motivated.

Councilman Shyne: Okay, let me just stop you for a minute. Mr. Mayor, what it is, you know we had one of those situations right over there, Dorothy if you remember where I live. We got enough legislation on the books, the only thing we need to do is to make sure that the Police Chief Willie Shaw send somebody out there to let this guy know that hey look, we're not going to tolerate this, cause I've been to his house and you know he's kinda one of those guys whose going to say well I'm going to stop it, and then you know when you leave, he says, 'Ain't nobody gone come out here and bother me.' But I think what we had to do with the other case, we had to kinda arrest this fellow, and this particular problem we don't have no more. And now, of course, we understand you're not telling us anything new. We understand, we have those certain situations all over town, here and there. And you know every now and then we run into somebody who think they tougher than the city government. And Mr. Mayor, I used to be your size, but I done got too old now. Like I tell 'em, I don't think we got nobody out there that's any bigger than the Mayor. And you have the tools and the operations at your hand to make sure that we might want to give him a few free meals if you understand what I'm saying. And Dorothy, what you all might want to do is go out there, and let him know so he can't say that 'You know you all taking advantage of me, and you didn't let us know.' You might want to go out there and write him up, cause it is there. He got a bunch of old cars, a bunch of cans and she's exactly right. And we just need somebody out there to write him up and then Chief, we need somebody to go out there and pick him up and Mr. Mayor, give him a few - - - we might want to - - - some free time. You know just kinda laying around on a cart if you understand what I'm saying and some free meals. And that usually gets their attention. We need to do that.

Ms. Farnell: May I say Councilman Shyne, that on tomorrow morning, the police department and property standards will be doing a sweep in that area. We will leave at 7:30, so we will be checking this out.

Councilman Shyne: Alright. Make sure that you have that particular - - - and Ms. King, you don't have to worry about it. Ain't nobody in Shreveport no bigger than the Mayor over there. And the Mayor has at his disposal what he needs to take care of that problem.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman? Thank you Mr. Chairman. Ms. King, Mr. Shyne, members of the Council. Mr. Shyne, there may be a couple as big, but I'm sure my wife would say there's none as good looking. Here's what I want to make sure before you all

go and Dorothy, it has been since almost five years that the City of Shreveport Administration and the Council has put ourselves in a position to be able to deal with and address exactly these types of problems. That's exactly what the T-Bone initiative is all about in terms of taking back our neighborhood. Now these two nervy ladies right here are going to have to give account to me Mr. Shyne and Council Members, to why it is that this problem is not already been addressed. Because part of what we have in place are property standards officers who are matched up with Community Liaison Officers to ensure that we end up addressing just these types of issues that have the ability to be able to diminish the quality of life, the peace, the sanctity of our neighborhoods. They did that in old Shreveport, we don't do that in the new Shreveport. In the new Shreveport, we want to be able to as Brother Baruti mentioned earlier, to have it so that our seniors, our children, and just anybody whose peace loving and law abiding can be able to enjoy the comfort of their front porch, their front yard, without having all of these types of things whether it's a shade tree mechanic, or music that's too loud, or lots that are not cut, mowed and well kept. All of those are things that we want to be in a position to say that the standard, the expectation are all higher. And either you're going to come up to us, because we're not going to bring the City of Shreveport down to you. Alright, so I can assure you we'll know in short order, and it won't take a sweep to make sure that we get this issue addressed.

Councilman Shyne: And Mr. Mayor, I'm glad to hear you say that. And Dorothy, if he gives you all like he doesn't know, I can attest to the fact that I was out there last week, and he knows. I can tell by his attitude, now he was you know shucking and jiving me, you know. So, if you all need to pick him up right now, you got somebody saying hey look, he knew. Thank you.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Ms. Farnell: While you're up here, does any other member have any questions or concerns relative to Property Standards, while she's here. Any other Council Members? Councilman Webb.

Councilman Webb: I wanted to pass on a complaint I had from a constituent at 2719 Amelia. Evidently he lives next door or across the street from a resident who has a whole bunch of huge truck tires piling up. And they're worried about the mosquitoes breeding in 'em. The house that's directly behind the Christian Life and Tape on Jewella. There is no address on the mailbox. The only way I guess I could get an address would be to go all the way up to the house, and I didn't want to do that. So, okay thank you.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Any other member?

Councilwoman McCulloch: Yeah, on Choctaw, you know the young lady where the tree was in the right of way? She complained about the stump remaining. Were we able to remove that or are we to remove the stump after the tree has been - - -? That was before Jim retired.

Mr. Sibley: That'd be more Public Works.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Where the tree was - - - were we able to remove the stump? Because the resident called and she was wanting to know. She thanked us for removing the tree, but she wondered if the stump was going to be removed as well, or do we have to or should we remove the stump?

Mr. Stan Harris: (Public Works) We do remove the stumps. But we come back and do those afterwards. So I can check on the status and see where it is right now, it's location and get back with you.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman? Stan, just before you and Dorothy. You all know this is grass cutting season, and I've been getting a ton of calls, but I hadn't been on you because like I try to tell them, we've had a lot of rain lately Mr. Mayor and you know grass can grow up over night. So I would hope that that section of your people that cut grass you could kinda beef it up. You know you'll be able to beef it up, because to be truthful with you, it's still been a lot of water in the ground in the last three or four days, I would hope that by next week, some of this water would be drying up even if some of the ditches and you know I try to explain to 'em we don't really come out and run the mow in the ditch where you've got water. At least give it a few days for it to dry out. So, the two of y'all I would hope that in the next - - - starting next week, you would be on your grass cutting crews to make sure you would have somebody Dorothy, whose going to check all those lots where people don't necessarily have to call in because Mr. Mayor, we got folks who are riding out there in pretty good trucks. I was looking at my own Jimmy there, and looking at one of theirs Mike. And I was saying wow, I need to work for the City doing this. But please have 'em on top of it cause we're going to have a ton of calls. And you got some streets especially out in my area where you have ditches and they are not paved and grass will grow up in those ditches. And most of 'em know where they are because they've been doing it. So you might just want to remind your folks there. Dorothy, the same thing. These guys who - - - they know the lots that we cut every year. So, just make sure that we get on top of it, and I don't have to get a lot of calls and the Mayor doesn't have to get a lot of calls. So, we appreciate it. Y'all doing a fine job.

Councilwoman McCulloch: On that grass cutting, that goes as well Uncle Joe, you know the weather man is predicting rain next week, so I don't know how soon they'll

be able to get out there, and do any cutting. But as far as the land property owners, will they be given room also to cut or clear prior to being cited for not cutting? And does the process still include the property owners being contacted through the mail as far as getting it cut? Right private property.

Ms. Farnell: Private property, the same process applies. They will be notified by certified mail. It will not take affect after 10 days after receipt of the notice, and if they need an extension, all they have to do is file an appeal that will go to the Property Standards Board.

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

Councilman S. Jenkins: I believe Mr. Sibley has provided electronically with a Revenue Collection and Implementation plan. I believe in reviewing that, we now have information for the first quarter of 2012, and what I would like to do is maybe at the next Audit and Finance Committee meeting, lets take a look at the actuals as opposed to the projected, and also maybe consider any budgetary issues that may come up. We'll set a date for another A&F meeting and try to take those issues. I think we need to look at it and then see if any adjustments are needed.

Surety Bond Forfeitures Report (Res 238 of 2010)

Councilman S. Jenkins: I believe Ms. Scott has already provided us with a Surety Bond Forfeiture Report by electronic means. We're getting ready now to move into Public Hearings.

EMS Transports Report (Res 239 of 2010)

Public Hearings:

The Chairman read the following:

1. Proposed Annexation – Tag No. 11-06: An ordinance to enlarge the limits and boundaries of the City of Shreveport – a tract of land located in Section 25, (T17N-R15W), located on the north side of lots 4-16 of Windermere Estates, Phase 1, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (E/Webb)

Councilman S. Jenkins: The public hearing is now open. Is there any presentation from the Administration on this one?

Mr. Sibley: Yes there is Mr. Chairman, Mr. Malcolm Stadtlander from Property Management will handle the presentation.

Mr. Stadtlander: Good afternoon Council. This proposed annexation concerns Tag No. 11-06, and it concerns a 20 foot strip of land, and it is right here that was dedicated on the Windermere Estates, Phase 1 subdivision plat. And this strip of land is to be used as additional road right of way for the Buncombe Road, and is contiguous to the city limits of the City of Shreveport, and it lies of and adjacent to the Windermere Estates Phase 1 Subdivision. The City of Shreveport maintains the existing Buncombe Road right of way, and this strip of land is adjacent to that. In order to clear up confusion as to the ease of the maintenance of this right of way, the Parish of Caddo contacted the City of Shreveport and has asked the City to annex this strip of land. The public notice ran on October 20, 2011 and there were no objections filed. A little over 50% of the proposed annexation is contiguous to the city limits of the City of Shreveport, and there is essentially no impact to the city regarding this annexation. It affects no voters or resident property owners.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Do we have one of those little impact sheets that was a part of this packet.

Mr. Sibley: That's the point he was just making. There is none. This (inaudible) maintenance purposes is really to our benefit.

Councilman Webb: Malcolm, does that change tax paying for the property owners?

Mr. Sadtlander: No, it was dedicated to the public already.

Councilman Webb: From the Parish to the city, and it's just a right of way so it doesn't affect the taxes for the landowners in that property?

Mr. Stadtlander: That's correct.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Just make sure they convey those minerals underneath. Because that can be an issue many years later. (Inaudible) some other lawsuits.

Councilman Everson: And this is just a point of curiosity, but where is it not contiguous with the city?

Councilman Webb: Yeah, really.

Mr. Stadtlander: On the south side, that is not contiguous. And on the extreme, on the entire south side.

Councilman Everson: Okay, over here where it says 'OUT' and "IN'. Okay, I see it now.

Mr. Stadtlander: Right here all along here is not contiguous. It is contiguous on the north side and on the west and the east. It's just the south side that it's not contiguous.

Councilman Everson: Wow, that's hilarious. Now I see how it's indicated on the map. Thank you.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Anything further from the administration on this one?

Mr. Sibley: No sir. That completes our presentation.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Alright. Is there anyone here who wishes to speak in favor of the annexation ordinance? Is there anyone here who wishes to speak in opposition to the annexation ordinance? Okay, if not, then this public hearing is closed. Our next public hearing - - - Mr. Clerk is on which matter?

The Clerk read the following:

2. Proposed Annexation – TAG No. 12-02: Enlarging the limits and boundaries of the City of Shreveport – A 7.408 acre tract of land, located east of Wallace Lake Road, adjoining the north line of Southern Trace located in Section 31 (T16N-R13W), Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (*Public Hearing to be held April 10, 2012*)(D/Corbin)

Councilman S. Jenkins: Do we have a presentation from the administration on this one?

Mr. Sibley: Yes we do and again Mr. Stadtlander, Mr. Chairman.

Councilman S. Jenkins: This appears to be Mr. Corbin's district?

Mr. Stadtlander: That's correct. This proposed annexation is Tag No. 12-02, and it comes in as a 7.408 acre tract of land that is contiguous to the city limits of the City of Shreveport and it lies east of Wallace Lake Road and adjoins the northern and western boundary lines of the Southern Trace Subdivision. The developer plans to expand the existing subdivision by constructing 20 houses with an estimated value of \$500,000 per unit. The installation of all water and sewer lines, storm drains and private streets will be the responsibility of the developer. The public notice ran on February 23, 2012, and

there were no objections formally filed by the public concerning this annexation. Both the east and south sides of the proposed annexation are contiguous to the existing city limits. The property owner is Southern Trace. A limited partnership and they signed a petition requesting this annexation. As far as an impact to the City of Shreveport, we have calculated that the total annual tax and utility revenues will be \$84, 460, and a total annual cost to the City of Shreveport will be \$9,361.

Councilman O. Jenkins: And where do you derive your cost numbers in this particular case other than - - - is it just service related?

Mr. Stadtlander: The cost, the annual cost - - -

Councilman O. Jenkins: That's for the city?

Mr. Stadtlander: Right. The annual cost we get a dollar amount of \$4,420 from the fire department. \$1605 from the police department, \$2,880 from solid waste, and then an \$171 annual cost for water, and \$258 annual cost for sewer, for a total of \$9,361.

Councilman O. Jenkins: And I guess really my question was if we don't - - - I mean have we already approved the plat? I mean the subdivision plat? I mean how do we know how many - - - how much water - - - I mean, what are we using, our criteria on that?

Mr. Stadtlander: The calculation has been made by the amount of property front footage and road front footage, and the engineer has given me an amount that she believes will be the cost for that on an annual basis.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Those numbers always seem to be so low. It's just a part of something I could never understand.

Councilman Corbin: Well in a past case just like this we talked about the presentation was that there would be little or no cost for the first 10-15 years.

Councilman Everson: And there's the other thing that sometimes I think we don't think - - - which I would like to point out that it is, I appreciate that the Master Plan Coordinator does some comments on this fact sheet. So it's interesting to read those comments as well. But one of the things that I think we often don't suggest either is what the increase in development outside of our loop does to the property value inside our loop so we see diminishing tax values from the diminished value of property inside the loop. Which is not factored into the long term cost. So I mean I still think this is

worthy of doing, but it's an interesting factor to consider. I mean there's many factors involved in this but I think we don't really see in the cost factor.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Any further presentation from the administration Mr. CAO?

Mr. Sibley: That completes it Mr. Chairman.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Is there anyone here who wishes to speak in favor of this annexation ordinance? Is there anyone here who wishes to speak in opposition to this annexation ordinance? If not, then this public hearing is now closed. Alright lets move onto any legislation to be added today Mr. Clerk?

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.

Mr. Thompson: We have one item Mr. Chairman.

The Clerk read the following:

1. <u>Resolution No. 74 of 2012</u>: A resolution suspending certain provisions of Chapter 10 relative to alcoholic beverages on April 13, 2012 relative to dispensing, sale and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages at 131 East Kings Highway for Frank-N-Bean's Customer Appreciation Event and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Is there anyone here who wishes to speak in favor of adding this legislation to the agenda today? Anyone wish to speak in opposition to adding this legislation to today's agenda? Okay, seeing none - - -.

Motion by Councilman O. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Everson to add Resolution No. 74 of 2012 to the agenda. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, I just want to make sure that the administration has a copy of that last piece of legislation that was introduced. I know we need to get that to fire, police, spar, public works and what have you to ensure that we know understand exactly- - - since the event is this coming Friday. And obviously we intend to make sure that everything is in line and in order. Doesn't always seem to be a rather challenging set of circumstances for these types of things, depending on whose the applicant and

what part of town unfortunately it could be. So we just want to make sure that our folks are over there.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, we can provide a hard copy to the Mayor's office or any place that they want to, but they can also print it off the e-agenda.

Mayor Glover: So it's on the agenda now?

Mr. Thompson: Yes.

Mayor Glover: Alright.

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

Mr. Steven Jackson: (8260 St. Vincent Ave) We're here representing the Cedar Grove Community Development Corporation. We have a request before you.

Pastor Timothy Jones: (8200 St. Vincent Ave) Bless you brother Mayor and the Council, and to our Councilman Vice-Chairman Corbin. Bless you today. Mr. Jackson is the Executive Director of our CDC, Cedar Grove Community Development Corporation.

Mr. Jackson: We have a proposal before you guys, it's a neighborhood stabilization neighborhood revitalization project. It kinds segsway into what you guys were just talking about with property standards. We want our neighborhood to be a neighborhood of choice and not a neighborhood of chance. There are a lot of rundown dilapidated properties. I emailed everybody today, a copy of the proposal, I've emailed those who indicated that they have some questions prior to. We've answered in great detail those questions, and all we're asking for is that you all help us get the ball rolling. Right now, we have a commitment of \$20,000 from the Caddo Parish Commission. We're working on - - - we have a grant into the Beard Foundation to help us get these things going. What this \$20,000 would do, is it will help us get the landscape, it will help us get the services that we need, the consultant that we need to go out and let the citizens of Cedar Grove invest in their neighborhood. That's the revitalization in their neighborhood. These funds are going to pay for anybody's salaries. All of our Board Members, they work. They work a full time job. So these funds are not going to pay for somebody's secretary or anything like that. I know that was one of the concerns that was out there, that we were being compared to another organization. We're not those organizations. We believe in transparency and open and effectiveness. Another thing that we're doing is we're acquiring properties in those areas. We'll fix those properties up. Put 'em back into an active tax bracket. Right now they sit adjudicated and the city is getting no

revenue from them. What we'll be able to do is put single family homes or single families in those homes. And it also - - - we're going to do business with the construction workers, the realtors, the consultants, everybody's going to be - - - all the money is going to be spent locally. So somebody said, what if the homeowner decides to take advantage of the homestead exemption. We don't get much money from that if it goes up to \$75,000. We won't benefit from it. And our thing is whether the construction workers will be benefit. Somebody is going to have to do the work. And so we'll be supporting small business as well right here in Shreveport. Everything that's in our revitalization project is consistent. I've read at least two or three times, the Consolidated Plan of the Office of Community Development. I've read two or three times, Caddo-Shreveport Master Plan. Everything that is in that plan is in our redevelopment plan. It basically re-articulates what's going on and what we saw in that master plan, plain as day is to equip and allow community organizations, community development corporations to take a grassroots effort at building their neighborhoods. We're here working, we're locking into national partners with the Neighbor-Works Foundation, Neighbor-Works Training will be headed out going to in May. So we're not just sitting back asking you the City Council to do everything. We are meeting with private investors, meeting - - - forging public-private partnerships. Both the Shreveport Chamber of Commerce, and the African-American Chamber of Commerce have endorsed this plan. Our City Councilman Mr. Corbin even wrote a letter in favor of this plan as we submitted our bid to the Beard Foundation. So, nothing that we're doing is foreign. I feel I'd be insulting your intelligence if I came up here and read a power point. Everything that we're discussing, everything we've been asked, anybody who had any questions. I understand there may still be some unanswered questions. I sent out a revised budget last week about some things that we cleaned up because they were just some technical errors. And so, we're just asking for your support to help Cedar Grove.

Councilman Everson: Steven I don't think I have a copy of the revised budget. In fact I'm glad you mentioned it, because that was the only thing I was looking to see. You know certainly I like the idea of what the presentation says. I certainly agree with the logic of returning some of these properties into an active stream of ownership. But I didn't see a budget of what the city money would go for which is part of my concern. Another part is that we don't have a lot of money in that account right now.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Zero.

Councilman Everson: Yeah, we only have \$1300. But that's my primary concern. But certainly there are some other sources for revenue I suppose that could be explored, but not immediately, and we don't have a lot of knowledge about those right now. So - - - because there's some fluctuations and the monies (inaudible). So, that's where I was

curious to see about the budget if there was something that could maybe get started as we determine what the inputs from our tax assessor and revenue and those kinds of things that we are still trying to map out right now. And I think we've talked about that.

Mr. Jackson: And I want to make clear that we're here today to support passage of Ordinances 32 and 33. We understand that Resolution No 44 would have to be subsequent to 32 and 33. 32, I believe allocates the dollars out of Riverfront Development Fund. 33 amends the General Fund budget. I believe we have another item on the agenda that will amend the General Fund Budget as well. So, we're asking basically to do the same thing here. And I'll be glad to have that, I know Councilman Corbin and I believe Councilman Jenkins definitely have that revised budget. But if you don't have it (inaudible), and basically we just kinda went back and cleaned up some minor errors that were in there. I believe we had for instance, it said 2 cases of water for \$100, when it should have been 12 for our community event. So, those are the type of things that we want. We didn't want you to think that we'd be spending \$100 on two cases of water.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Some very expensive water.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Good water, right.

Councilman Shyne: I just wanted to tell - - - I don't know whether you or Dr. Jones came up with that powerful statement that you wanted your neighborhood to be a neighborhood of choice, and not necessarily of chance. Because that happens a lot in our neighborhoods. It's kinda of a chance, and Dr. Jones, if you don't mind when it comes to my age, you're still a young man. And Steve is young enough to be one of my kids. And I'm just glad to see young people like the two of you all get involved in your neighborhood, so your neighborhood won't be a neighborhood of chance, it would be a neighborhood of choice. So, I think you all are on the right track.

Rev. Jones: And if I may add, we're committed to the quality of life of the people that our church reaches. More specifically the people in Cedar Grove and for near 20 years, we've done lots of things out of the church offerings. As we speak now, we have a project had to step out to take a call from the van. We have a project that we're working on that may create 20-25 jobs in Cedar Grove. We recognize Fortune 500 companies are not coming to Cedar Grove, so we're taking responsibility to do some things right there in Cedar Grove where people who live there, work there can be very proud of the community, and this would be some place people would want to live. And in addition to what we've done with our resources over the years, the light just went off. We are tax payers too. Our community's been disserved, and we'd like to some of tax money reinvested in our community just as other communities throughout the city.

Councilman Shyne: And Pastor, I'm glad to hear you say that. Cause Mr. Chairman, I'm not looking to run again, so some of the other ministers hear this, I would hope that there would be other ministers in the communities throughout that would do the same thing that you all are doing. Cause this is what we need to do. You're exactly right. Fortune 500 company is not going to come and locate in that part of the city, because I represent some of that part of the city. So, I'm tickled to death if I can use that saying Dale, what you all are doing, and this is what we have to do sometime. Sometimes, we have to pull our own wagons. You know we can't look to somebody else to pull our wagon. So I'm glad to see you all doing what you're doing, and whatever I can do to help out, you got it.

Councilman Corbin: I think that we all recognize that Cedar Grove like many other neighborhoods need work. I don't know that they have been under served, or circumstances just happened. But there are many parts of our city that need to be revitalized. Steven and I have shared a lot of information and conversations about this. And I think the dilemma when we get a little further down the agenda that the Council is going to have is - - - we've depleted our Riverfront Development Funds, and whether we want to do this, this year or put it off and go through a later process. What I would like to get in the record is I've had conversations this week with Community Renewal, the Fuller Center and Ms. Bonnie Moore about ways to help your program get started and partner and have a truly public-private partnership. And I guess my question to you is have you had those same conversations, and will you have them?

Mr. Jackson: Yes, we've had those conversations with Ms. Bonnie Moore. We just met two weeks ago. Five neighborhoods sat around, had an awesome conversation on what we can do, and what needs to happen in those areas as it relates to, and I want to put this on the record. We've reached out to the Community Renewal, we've reached out to the Fuller Center, and we wouldn't be before you today, had they decided or had they had it when I reached out Community Renewal, they asked me, why are y'all trying to revitalize Cedar Grove, and I found that appalling for a person to ask me why did we have an interest in revitalizing Cedar Grove. And the idea is well we thought that all y'all's churches did was shot and sing on Sunday. So we wouldn't be before you today if there was a sincere commitment from those other organizations to put forth the effort of revitalizing. And I'm not knocking them, they just don't seem to want to work with us for some reason.

Rev. Jones: And let me add at the end of the day, I'm not really looking for any other persons to do some things for us that we have the capacity to do for ourselves. The people in Cedar Grove pay taxes as do other people in other areas. I don't expect anything with the agenda of other groups, but what sets our group apart is every person who is connected with the Cedar Grove CDC has a vested interest in Cedar Grove.

Many of the people who are on our Board, live in Cedar Grove. We have no agenda that advances either of us personally. As Brother Steven said, everybody is gainfully employed, and none of us receive any compensation. What we do will be for Cedar Grove. We have an agenda to include people of Cedar Grove in helping to revitalize Cedar Grove. We're at a point now, and again, we appreciate what anybody else may do. That's wonderful, that's good. But we're just not in a position to wait and see what other people have an interest in doing for our community.

Councilman S. Jenkins: I certainly think it is a good idea. I really do. The timing concerns me a little bit. I just said a little earlier that we were going to have an A&F meeting, and Audit and Finance Committee meeting, because I believe we need to look at some budgetary issues. I'm not the author or sponsor of any legislation that is here today. If it come up for a vote, I'm telling you now, I will support it, but whether the funding is available is going to be the issue. I wanted to suggest that maybe we could delay it and wait until we had an opportunity to kinda see how those budgetary issues are going to play out, I think there are some other things that are coming down the pipe so to speak that need to be looked and maybe all of this could be looked at, at one time. But like I say, I'm not the author of any of the legislation, and I'm not going to be moving to postpone or table something that someone else has. To me it would have been better if we had tried to move on it when we know the funding was in order to do what we were going to do. You know some little technicalities like that, that may need to be addressed. So, it comes up on the agenda a little bit later on, and we just gotta see how it pans out. Okay?

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, I think I might have had a part in putting that piece of legislation together, and the reason why I did is because I think it was an excellent idea, and again, Dr. Jones, I'm glad to hear you say that we might have been waiting too long for folks to come in and do in our communities what we need to start doing for ourselves. I've always preached that and even running for office, didn't ever say 'Vote for me because I'm Black', you vote for me because I'm the best doggone person in the race. And there are a lot of things Dr. Jones, that we just have to do for ourselves. And Steven, I'm glad to see you getting out of a major university, Sam I won't call the name of that university, cause - - -

Councilman S. Jenkins: There's only one.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Just say the initials Uncle Joe.

Councilman Shyne: Okay, but I think you're right and I would hope that we could do the budget amendment, because actually you're not asking for very much. You're really not asking - - - I mean it's almost - - - and Dr. Jones, I'm not good at quoting the Bible,

but I think when Jesus asked for the three fish and the five loaves of bread? Was it two fish? Okay, that's right correct me. I'd rather for you to correct me than Sam. Alright.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Or me.

Councilman Shyne: Yeah, or either Oliver, but that kinda reminds me of what you're doing. You're taking a little bit, but you're feeding a whole lot of people. But this is what you have to do, and I'm glad to see that you have men of vision who are talking about taking a little bit and feeding a lot of folks, because it's a lot of folks there in Cedar Grove that need what you all are doing, and you'd be surprised at how this will impact everybody. Even the kids start seeing you do this, and we have school board members. Even when kids start seeing you do this, it'll make them do better in school. Because they see that somebody is concerned about their community. And I don't want you all to just leave this at doing this for some folks, but for the whole community. I mean kids will see that hey look, they're concerned about me and my destiny, maybe I need to do a little bit better in my school work. So, a lot of times, we don't see the impact that this would for our community, but you all are visionaries. And I'm glad that you don't - - - Dr. Jones, you or I either one, might not be where we are now, if we would have listened to folks saying wait, or you can't do that. Am I making any sense to you. And you're going to have those naysayers. Cause I've had a lot of naysayers. You can't listen to that. And remember that Steve in your - - - because you've got a long time to work. Remember now you're going to have some naysayers. And you just tell 'em, say look, just give me a chance, and I'm going to show you. I can take a little bit and I can do a lot with it. So, now I'll leave it up to the two of you all on what you think we ought to do today. I'm for going forward, but if you want to wait, I have no problems with that. I'll let you all decide on what you think we ought to do. And I'll take responsibility for the legislation.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Members of the council, I'm going to take a couple of breaths to make sure I say this exactly the right way. Almost three years left down here, and I want to make sure we continue on the positive trajectory that we're on. But I am extremely heartened by what I have seen and what I have heard up until this point. I'm also greatly disappointed, unfortunately by the direction of some of the discussion that's taken place along this matter. Having come to public service as the head of a neighborhood association, I know the difference between true real indigenous leadership that comes from a neighborhood and comes from a community and that has the ability to be able to affectively mobilize the community itself as well as it's resources to address the real issues and challenges that a community faces. I also know what it's like to have individuals who are well intentioned and well meaning but who lay their heads down to sleep in some place other than Cedar Grove or Cooper Road, or Allendale, or Hollywood, or Queensborough, to tell you what's best for Cedar Grove,

and Queensborough and for Cooper Road and for Hollywood and other such places. And to do so from a perspective that has no real grounding or truth in fact other than the fact that it's been stated and asserted. What you gentlemen have presented here today, and what I know to in fact be truth is one of the most well evolved community development concepts to come from the African-American community here in Shreveport in my 2 + decades on the public stage, to know that community development corporation is not about funding or sponsoring a tutoring program or a senior citizens service initiative, but is intended to be a means and a mechanism by which the community comes together with other partners, associates, affiliates, and what have you, to take on and address the true challenges and issues of that neighborhood. We often hear Pastor, the church is not doing enough. They don't take their responsibility. This is an example that goes completely contrary to that. You'd have a church involved that has a significant presence within the community that has committed resources to this effort and to this initiative. You have board members there who are as varied the CAOs of one of our area's most significant banks, all the way up to some of the individuals who head up some of our largest social service organizations to people who are just grassroots hardworking folks. This is not one that at an administratively level, that we can (inaudible) because there's no button over here for me to press and to vote, we will be as I discussed with the Chairman here very recently engaging what the Council as a whole in discussions about budgetary adjustments that we need to make going forward for the rest of the year, because there are some other issues and priorities that we need to address as well. But I want you all to know, because I can't be silent on this issue, speaking from the administrative standpoint, that the work that you all have done, the way in which it has been presented, the information and the detail that you have laid out, Steven's reference to the fact that you all are seeking to affiliate yourselves with the Neighbor-Works effort, all speaks to a real understanding of the kind of grassroots, indigenous, leadership that truly results in making a difference, real fundamental change within the neighborhoods of a city like Shreveport. And so regardless of what the outcome is here today, I want you all to know that the work that you all have done is respected, it is acknowledged, it is appreciated, and from my perspective it will not go unacknowledged, and ultimately unrewarded. Because it is too important to the future of Shreveport, a city that many people believe from whatever perspective that they bring to the table to be in demise. I'm very proud to say that here we stand in this case, moment sit in the second quarter of 2012 with a population that's now higher than it was 20 years ago. If you'd asked that question of someone projecting 20 years from 1992 into Shreveport forward if that would have been the case, they'd probably have told you no. If they would have asked you what the crime rate in the City of Shreveport would be lower 20 hears hence than it is now, they probably would have told you no. But it pales in comparison. So, this is a city that still has it's better days from my perspective Dr. Jones, still yet ahead. And that there will be a day, not only will the people of Cedar Grove be able to see better and greater opportunities, but Mr. Shyne, there may be that Fortune 500 company that shows up and understands that there may be an opportunity and the potential there in Cedar Grove and other parts of Cedar Grove and other parts of Shreveport that they need to be a part of as well. Again, I just offer my comments as an expression of appreciation for the work that has been done at that this point. And to express to you all that we stand ready to continue to help and support. In particular I want to acknowledge that there has been members of the Council, significant dialogue between myself, Community Development Department and some of the folks involved with the CDC regarding some housing initiatives within the Cedar Grove area to know that these folks want to be a part of helping us to take some of those adjudicated abandoned property that we now end up going in with our property standard folks and knocking those houses down, clearing off the debris and ultimately being responsible for cutting the lots, ad infinitum, instead of doing just that, we want to see how we manage to be able to take those structures that are re-habitable and work with a group like this one and return them back to the tax rolls, to take those empty lots and work with a group like this one, and by extension possibly others as well, and return homes that have families in them back to this neighborhood. So, it ends up being Mr. Shyne to give it just a little slight tweak, not a community of circumstance, but a community of choice. The same as we want Shreveport to be. A city of choice and the only way you end up with the city being a city of choice is by having as many of these neighborhoods as possible, if not all of them to ultimately end up being neighborhoods of choice as well. So thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Corbin: Thank you Mr. Mayor for your comments, and I'm sure a lot of those were directed at me without you mentioning my name. And I'll go back to my initial comments that I made. The proposal that the group is making is not the issue for me. The issue for me is how do we fund it. And I'll be glad to talk about who lays their head where, but I don't think everybody wants to get into that. Now, when it comes time to vote on this, that's the question that the Council has to bring up. This request never came before the Riverfront Development Committee, it was not included in the initial budget offering. No application was made within deadlines, and we're just a couple of months away from taking applications for 2013 Non-Profit Grants. I bring up Community Renewal and Community Development because some of those people where here yesterday. We thought you were going to make a presentation yesterday, they wanted to hear it. They wanted to be a part of it. And that's a partnership that's working. They're trying to do some things in Cedar Grove. I think doing things through the church (inaudible) is great. You're in the community, you're making the community better. The issue the Council has and is going to have is how do we fund it and where

do we cut off funding for this year, versus looking forward to next year. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Pastor Jones: Mr. Chairman, may I?

Councilman S. Jenkins: Mr. Pastor, go right ahead.

Pastor Jones: Thank you so much Vice-Chairman and Councilman Corbin. This is the first I've ever heard that those other groups were interested in working with us. I'd be remiss if I didn't share just a little history of our situation. In the '90s, eight churches in Cedar Grove worked together. We blanketed our community with the love of God, with Evangelistic efforts, with athletic and recreational options for our children. We all worked together, worked very close. Eight African-American churches. As a result of that crime dropped in Cedar Grove by 42%. Another organization claims credit for that, but eight churches were responsible for that. Another result of that is six of the eight churches all had to build new facilities because of the amazing growth. And this past Sunday, there were about 300 African-American males at Peaceful Rest Church, and it's because the churches there are meeting needs and touching people. So I wouldn't want anybody to think that all churches do as someone conveyed to Mr. Jackson is sing and shout. We're on the ground level and many lives have been changed. The 1988 Cedar Grove riot, all of those young men are members of our church, and I baptized most of them.

Confirmations and appointments: None

Consent Agenda Legislation

To Introduce Routine Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolutions: None.

Ordinances: None.

To Adopt Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolutions:

The Clerk read the following:

1. <u>Resolution No. 45 of 2012</u>: Authorizing Solomon Hills, L.L.C. located at Sections 171503 and 181534 to connect to the Water & Sewer System of the City of Shreveport and otherwise providing with respect thereto (Property is located near Council District

A, and IS contiguous to the city limits. Property description, map and petition are attached) (A/McCulloch) (Postponed March 27, 2012)

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, we would ask that this be removed. No. 64 which comes immediately after it addresses the same issue.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman O. Jenkins, seconded by CouncilmanMcCulloch to remove Resolution No. 45 of 2012 from the agenda. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.

The Clerk read the following:

Amendment No. 1 to Resolution No. 64 of 2012

Delete the second paragraph of the resolution and substitute the following:

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that Solomon Hills, L.L.C. be authorized to connect the structures located on the tracts of land shown by hashed lines on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, which are located in sections 171503 and 181534, to the water & sewer system of the City of Shreveport.

Explanation of amendment:

Specifies the tracts of land which are included in the authorization to connect to the water and sewer system by referencing the attached plat.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Actually I had requested from the Administration recommendations for this particular project, based upon water and sewer capacity, and I think Mr. Sibley might have received it Mayor Glover: I really wanted to kinda hear from the Administration.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman and members of the Council, we are in support.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman <u>McCulloch</u>, seconded by Councilman<u>Shyne</u> to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Resolution No. 64 of 2012.

Councilman O. Jenkins: This is just discussion at this point, for discussion.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Right.

Councilman O. Jenkins: So, is it these large tracts of land that are indicated? Cause those are hashed lines, and it's gotta be a lot of acreage.

Mayor Glover: Ali Sir, go ahead and come on up so that we can make sure we get all that on the record.

Mr. Ali Mustapha: (City Engineer) It is a large piece of land, it's going to encompass about 61 total lots. The number of lots are going to be big lots in there, and there's going to be smaller ones. The owner is going to retain the big lots I think for his own use for him. He's going to build a house on there.

Mr. Steve Nichols: It's going to be a little change, we're going to change these lots to 1-acre lots, so that's going to increase the number of lots, it's probably going to be close to 70.

Councilman O. Jenkins: And how much is - - - is any of that lake frontage?

Mr. Nichols: About nine lots would be on the lake. There's a cove there. Not the main lake, but there's a cove there. Be about - - -

Mr. Mustapha: It's a very shallow portion of the lake that really has about a couple of feet of water in it. So it will dry during the summer, you won't see a lake in there.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Part of my thing is and I'm sure y'all are doing a good survey of this, but this looks like, without knowing anything, some pretty flood prone property.

Mr. Nichols: It's not, it's above the - - -

Mr. Mustapha: That portion along the lake (inaudible) because the lake boundary in there is 172, and the flood plane elevation for Cross Lake is 177. So there's a portion that is below the 177, yes sir. That's correct. But it's not a significant portion of the property.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Now I'm also told that it's consistent with the Master Plan.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Is there a write up on that in here?

Mr. Mustapha: Yes, there is a write up in the resolution regarding the connection to the water and sewer regarding the Master Plan.

Councilman O. Jenkins: And where is the - - -

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman? And Mr. Jenkins' last question, I don't believe that the plat has been approved by the MPC. And I think a part of it is that they're going to wait to see whether or not the city allows them to connect before they determine some of those issues.

Mr. Sibley: That's correct.

Councilwoman McCulloch: That was stated yesterday at the Work Session.

Mr. Mustapha: It is in the agenda for the May meeting for the MPC to get the preliminary plan approval.

Councilman O. Jenkins: And then with regard to which particular - - - is it the water main? Is that a water main on Laguna that's going to be extended?

Mr. Mustapha: No sir, the water main is on Lakeshore right by the marina in there. Barrons' Landing, the marina in there. The water line stops right in there in the east side of the bridge, so he has to carry it across the - - - there is a bridge in there where it crosses the lake, so you have to extend it about 3,000 feet to get to that piece of property.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, I would hope that you as the property owner, if it's any of it in the flood plane, you'd know how to build.

Mr. Nichols: I have an engineer (inaudible) we had designed a Master Plan, but after visiting with the city, it's going to change some to meet the requirements that the city has, because you have two ways to develop. You have two ways to look at this, you can develop as Parish spec or a City spec. This is going to be city spec. I live in that area, and I know there is a large concern for wells. If I could come in there and propose it as wells drilling, (inaudible) drill wells. Well, my concern for the public out there, knowing the water situation, I don't want to ask for that. When there's that city water that close. So the city says we'll have to annex you as for the water. Well if I get the water, then we are annexed, and I'll build it to city codes. And there is a difference. You get a quality subdivision, but at a higher cost.

Councilman Shyne: And we're going to be annexing you all because we need that tax base.

Mr. Nichols: I'm a west side guy, I've always lived on the west side, and I'm fixin' to say what I'm fixin' to say from a citizen's point of view. We need something to happen out there to raise values. You know everything is getting dated, there's very little new.

And so you know when I first got this piece of land, I wasn't really that interested in doing anything. I'm a successful contractor, I do a lot of roads and streets for other developers. I do that everyday. But now I'm doing one for myself. And in saying all that, it really ends on water. But the elevations on all this property are all the way up to 195, and these lots are so big that even though those few on the lake will have some 172 water immediately goes pass 177. They climb quickly away from that elevation. So it really is no concern in getting at least 4-5 feet above for any buildings, homes will all be way above the flood line.

Mr. Mustapha: Flood prevention ordinance requires them to build at 178. So everything has to be above the 177 by one foot.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Don't misconstrue it. I mean I'm all for development, good projects, etcetera, etcetera. But one of the reasons these things come before the City Council is to at least get some appreciation of what the intent is out there. And in this particular case, this seems a little immature relative to the way we normally get these things in front of the City Council, at least from my perspective.

Mr. Nichols: Meaning what?

Councilman O. Jenkins: I mean normally we have some kind of either a design, it's either gone to the MPC first for some type of a subdivision discussion, where the infrastructure is going to be, etcetera, etcetera, and we don't have that in front.

Mr. Nichols: The reason why - - -

Councilman O. Jenkins: I understand why that is.

Mr. Nichols: Is because who wants to spend thousands of dollars in developing a plan, when it all hinges on water.

Councilman O. Jenkins: And I understand why we're here. I'm trying to explain why I have these questions this time, because it's not the normal way.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64 Of 2012

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SOLOMON HILLS, L.L.C. LOCATED AT SECTIONS 171503 AND 181534 TO CONNECT TO THE WATER & SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that Solomon Hills, L.L.C. be authorized to connect the structures, located at sections 171503 and 181534 to the water & sewer system of the City of Shreveport.

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

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

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by CouncilmanMcCulloch to adopt Resolution No. 64 of 2012 as amended. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 65 Of 2012

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING M.J. PENN COMPANIES, INC. LOCATED AT 20211 NONE TO CONNECT TO THE WATER & SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, M.J. Penn Companies, Inc. has agreed to secure all permits and inspections required by the Shreveport Comprehensive Building Code. Said party having submitted a petition for annexation to the City of Shreveport, and having agreed

to fully comply with the regulations of the City of Shreveport in connection with said property, all as set forth in Section 94-1, et. Seq., of the Shreveport City Code. Said request and petition are attached hereto.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that M.J. Penn Companies, Inc. be authorized to connect the structure, located at 20211 None to the water & sewer system of the City of Shreveport.

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

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

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman <u>Corbin</u>, seconded by Councilman<u>Shyne</u> 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. 66 of 2012

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SMITH INTERNATIONAL, INC. LOCATED AT 7170 GENERAL MOTORS BOULEVARD TO CONNECT TO THE WATER & SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that Smith International, Inc. be authorized to connect the structure, located at 7170 General Motors Boulevard to the water & sewer system of the City of Shreveport.

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

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

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

Ordinances: None.

Regular Agenda Legislation

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

The Clerk read the following:

1. <u>Resolution No. 35 of 2012</u>: Directing the Chief Administrative Officer to request The Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Office of The State Mineral and Energy Board, to lease certain mineral interests owned by the City of Shreveport and authorizing the Mayor to execute all documents relative to same; and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.(*Postponed March 27, 2012*)

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman <u>O. Jenkins</u>, seconded by Councilman<u>Everson</u> 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.

The Clerk read the following:

2. <u>Resolution No. 44 of 2012</u>: Amending Resolution 276 of 2011 allocating funds to specific Not-For-Profit Organizations from funds budgeted in "Other Charges" in the Riverfront Development Special Revenue Fund, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (*Cedar Grove CDC*) (*Not to be adopted prior to April 10, 2012*) (*Postponed March 27, 2012*)

Mr. Thompson: There's already been discussion that if this is adopted you'll need to adopt the budget amendments.

Councilman S. Jenkins: This one here adds them to the list of groups that's going to be funded through Riverfront Development Fund.

Mr. Thompson: That's correct.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, I would make a motion to move on that, and I would ask the Council to please vote favorably on 35 and 34. You know what they're asking for is not very much, and I see we have the support of the Administration. So --

Councilwoman McCulloch: Uncle Joe, you said 34?

Councilman Shyne: I'm sorry, 44 and 35.

Councilman S. Jenkins: What's up now is No. 44.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman <u>Shyne</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>McCulloch</u> to adopt.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I'd like to say something. I am very concerned about approving a piece of legislation where at this moment of time, you would have a negative fund balance - - - I mean if we enact this at this moment and time, we'd have a negative fund balance in our Riverfront Development. Am I not mistaken?

Mr. Thompson: That's correct.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I mean I do worry about the timing of that, I think it's a great idea. I mean I support everything that was said earlier, and it has absolutely nothing to do with the merits of the organization and their proposal. I just - - - and you can say I'm a budget wonk or whatever, you know, but it doesn't make sense. Why we couldn't just wait the four or five months and put it in whether it's Neighborhood Improvement Program proposal for next year's budget, rather than do it at this point, and start taking money out of a reserve?

Councilman S. Jenkins: Why can't we take up No. 32 and No. 33? Is there any reason why we cannot take those first?

Mr. Thompson: If there is no objection, we can.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Why don't we do that?

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, I'm sorry. Before we go to that, could I make a statement on that? Mr. Mayor, I don't know whether you want your CAO or you want your Finance man to come up, but in case we would pass this, I mean, would this \$20,000 make that big of an impact on city services if we would take - - - you know. I mean, would it make that big a - - - now if it was \$200,000 or \$300,000 I might would balk on it, but \$20,000? Would that impact the city services that you and the CAO have to make sure that we have everyday?

Mayor Glover: Mr. Shyne, Mr. Chairman and members of the Council, and want to make sure that it is clearly understood. Mr. Shyne I have no doubt that the folks at Moody's or Standard and Poor's are right now on U-Stream, they've got us tuned in on laptops up in New York City right now, and they are hanging with baited breath to see exactly what the vote of this council is going to be on this particular measure. And in the event that it goes the wrong way, I have no doubt that they're going to whip out their rating cards and they're going to - - - I'm sorry, I'm being facetious.

Councilman Shyne: No, no, no. Now you might think you're being facetious, but it's a lot of facts in what you're saying. Now if this is going to impact our rating, then this gives us a different look at it.

Mayor Glover: I think Mr. Shyne, as you all know the process is that the Council is engaged in right now are things that I know have been a standard part of how the City of Shreveport and the City Council has done business for over the 20 years that I've been a part of the elective leadership of this community. And with the series of measures that are on this agenda today, to be able to address this request and to ensure that everything balances out, I think all of that would be sound and prudent, and in order. And there's nothing or any vote that you all would take right now at this point that would not have the ability to be addressed and accounted for, and would not have ultimately any negative impact in terms of the city's viability, its finances, its ratings, its standings or what have you. The only thing that would need to be done is to ensure that at the appropriate time, when things need to balance that this Council has in fact taken the appropriate action to make sure that things are in fact in balance. And I say that to Mr. Corbin and the rest of the Council.

Mr. Thompson: If the Council wishes to take up 32 and 33, we would suggest that 44, there would be a substitute motion to postpone this temporarily until those two can be taken up. Since there was a motion, or that the motion be withdrawn.

Councilman Everson: Who made the motion?

Councilman Shyne: I did.

Councilwoman McCulloch: I seconded.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Hold it, hold it. Mr. Shyne, what do you want to do with No. 44? You want to go on and proceed with it, or do you want to take up 32 and 33 first? Because those are the ones that would provide the money, how would you like to proceed?

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, I don't generally do this, but I will yield at the will of the Chairman, but in yielding at the will of the Chairman, I will also ask the Chairman and other Council Members to realize that like the Mayor said, and Mr. Mayor, I wanted it to come from you and the CAO that this \$20,000 wouldn't all of a sudden impact our bond rating. Would do so much damage to the city until we wouldn't be able to live through this. So I would hope that - - - and again Steven, like I said, \$20,000 Dr. Jones, you all are not asking for anything. If it was \$200,000 at this particular point, I might would - - - but \$20,000 for people who are going to do \$2,000,000 worth of good in their area, to me this is an investment. Now I don't know how you all look at it. You know from an old man whose been down here for a long time, to me this would be an investment and I would ask support of my colleagues. So, Mr. Chairman, I'm going to leave it up to you now, I trust your wisdom.

Councilman S. Jenkins: I just think we ought to be deal with the money, make sure that the money is there first. Why proceed with something where the money is not there already. Substitute motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilwoman McCulloch to temporarily postpone No. 44.

Substitute motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman McCulloch to temporarily postpone Resolution No. 44 of 2012. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Councilman Everson, are you up to speak?

Councilman Everson: I did, and in fact it's not really pertaining to this, absolutely, but sort of an aside with the Mayor's joke that he made, was certainly well received, but at the same time, I did want to make sure and express my appreciation, but continued interest, he and I've been juggling our schedules to try to find some time to talk about some of the other items that could be of a more substantial impact to that reserve fund, and so just wanted to reiterate my interest in that. And say that I'm continuing to be interested in looking at that, and thanks Sharon also for some of the work that she did,

some of the research that she did and sort of helping us to get a little bit of a picture of where that is right now.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Alright. Mr. Clerk?

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman assuming there is no objection to suspending the rules and taking up No. 32 at this time.

The Clerk read the following:

2. <u>Ordinance No. 32 of 2012</u>: An ordinance amending the 2012 Budget for the Riverfront Development Special Revenue Fund, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (*Cedar Grove CDC*)

Having passed first reading on <u>March 27, 2012</u> was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman <u>Shyne</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>McCulloch</u> to adopt.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Point of Order Mr. Chairman. Don't we have to do 33 first?

Mr. Thompson: 33 would make more sense, you're right.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Point of Order is well taken.

The Clerk read the following:

3. <u>Ordinance No. 33 of 2012</u>: An ordinance amending the 2012 Budget for the General Fund, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (*Cedar Grove CDC*)

Having passed first reading on <u>March 27, 2012</u> was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman <u>Shyne</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>McCulloch</u> to adopt.

Councilman Shyne: Again Mr. Chairman, and Steve I hope you all understand, it doesn't matter how much you all got patted on the back for doing a good job, this is to really see how we actually feel. And I really think that as the Mayor has said, we can absorb the \$20,000 and it's going to keep you from getting any police protection tomorrow or Dr. Jones, if there is a fire in your neighborhood, the Chief will still send the fire truck out. And you'll have water tomorrow. If I'm making any sense to you. If we - - - Mr. Chairman, if we vote on this, so I would hope Mr. Chairman that we would have the support and anybody else that you could bring with it on that.

Councilman Corbin: As I said earlier, my concern is that we have gone into the Riverfront fund just a month ago, and did some initial funding out of it, and now we're about to go into it or we have a request to go into it again. Is another group going to come to us after this deadline process with great intentions and a great project in two more weeks, and what are we going to do at that point? So my concern is about where do we draw the line in the sand for funding this year knowing where our sales taxes are and knowing what we've got going on that we need to keep an eye on our budget. This is a good project, the group has \$20,000 from the Parish, they had some NIP money. I don't see anything in their proposal that is so time sensitive that could not - - - that they could not move ahead with this request out of the 2013 budget year. It is in my district and I do recognize what's going on through work that the church has done. I am going to support this, but I just think I'm going to support it with a cautious eye for what we do in the future.

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

2. <u>Ordinance No. 32 of 2012</u>: An ordinance amending the 2012 Budget for the Riverfront Development Special Revenue Fund, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (*Cedar Grove CDC*)

Having passed first reading on <u>March 27, 2012</u> was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman <u>Shyne</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>McCulloch</u> to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Okay, can we go back now to No. 44.

RESOLUTION NO. 44 OF 2012

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 276 OF 2011 ALLOCATING FUNDS TO SPECIFIC NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS FROM FUNDS BUDGETED IN "OTHER CHARGES" IN THE RIVERFRONT DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, special appropriations are made by the City of Shreveport and then allocated to certain not-for-profit organizations which serve an overriding public purpose; and

WHEREAS, funds have been budgeted in "Other Charges" in the Riverfront Development Special Revenue Fund for projects and programs of the not-for-profit organizations; and

WHEREAS, this resolution authorizes the payment of these funds to specific organizations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that funds budgeted in the Other Charges character level of the Riverfront Development Special Revenue Fund for the Civic Appropriation subobject shall be allocated as follows:

ORGANIZATION	Amount
Biz Camp	\$ 25,000
Caddo Council on Aging	\$ 30,000
Caddo Council on Alcoholism/Drug Abuse	\$ 4,500
Cedar Grove CDC	\$ 20,000
Cohabitat	\$ 47,500
Community Renewal International	\$ 12,500
Family Resources for Education and Empowerment	\$ 20,000
Gingerbread House	\$ 2,300
Independence Bowl	\$140,000
LSU-S Center for Business Research	\$ 5,000
Multi-cultural Center of the South	\$200,000
MLK Community Development Corporation	\$ 15,000
Providence House	\$ 16,900
Robinson Film Center	\$ 50,000
Safe House	\$ 33,100
Sciport	\$ 68,900
Shepherd's Farm Child Development Center	\$ 15,000
Shreveport Green	\$ 50,000
Shreveport Regional Arts Council (SRAC)	\$475,000
Village Circle	\$ 10,000
Volunteers for Youth Justice	\$ 2,000
Youth Outreach Program	\$ 15,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that \$100,000 of SRAC's \$475,000 allocation shall be allocated to the Black Cultural Arts Coalition, and the Black Cultural Arts Coalition will not be eligible for any other SRAC programming funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that usage of City funds received by Family Resources for Education and Empowerment, Shepherd's Farm Child Development Center, and Village Circle shall not exceed 35% for salaries and benefits, and this provision shall be included in the cooperative endeavor agreement with the non-profit.

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

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

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman <u>Shyne</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>McCulloch</u> 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. 59 OF 2012

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CERTAIN CITY-OWNED EQUIPMENT BY INTER CITY ROW MODERN DANCE COMPANY, INC. 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, Inter City Row Dance Company, Inc. desires to provide a benefit and conference to support its educational efforts for people of all ages and to continue its focus to teach children and young adults the art of dance, by hosting its 20th Black Dancers and Choreographers Conference on April 14, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Inter City Row Dance Company has requested the use of certain city owned equipment during the event; and

WHEREAS, the programs and services provided by Inter City Row Dance Company provide to benefit the education of the community 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 15 tables and 150 chairs by Inter City Row Dance Company, Inc., on April13-16, 2012 during the Black Dancers and Choreographers Conference is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the use of the equipment by Inter City Row Dance Company is conditioned upon the execution of an indemnity and hold harmless agreement by Inter City Row Dance Company in favor of the City of Shreveport in a form acceptable to the Office of the City Attorney.

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

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

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 60 OF 2012

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY'S INTEREST IN CERTAIN ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES AS SURPLUS AND OTHERWISE

PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has an adjudicated tax interest in the properties described in Attachment "A-4" for the non-payment of City property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the purchasing agent has inquired of all city departments regarding the properties described in Attachment "A-4" and has not received any indication that they are needed for city purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened that the properties described in Attachment "A-4" are hereby declared surplus.

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

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

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

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman <u>O. Jenkins</u>, seconded by Councilman<u>Shyne</u> 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. 61 of 2012

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE OFFICIAL INTENT OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FROM PROCEEDS OF LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENTS AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport intends to acquire certain vehicles, equipment and other property as generally described below (hereinafter, the "Property");

Vehicles and equipment for SPAR, Police and Fire

WHEREAS, the City may pay certain capital expenditures in connection with the Property prior to its receipt of proceeds of a lease-purchase agreement ("Lease Purchase Proceeds");

WHEREAS, the City reasonably anticipates that it will make expenditures with respect to the Property in the principal amount not exceeding \$5,700,000 ("Principal Amount") for which the City may or expects to enter into one or more Lease-Purchase Agreements;

WHEREAS, Treasury Department and Internal Revenue Service Regulations do not allow the proceeds of a tax-exempt borrowing to be spent on working capital;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport ("Governing Body") in due, legal and regular session convened that:

<u>Section 1.</u> The Governing Body finds and determines that the foregoing recitals are true and correct.

<u>Section 2.</u> This Resolution is adopted by the Governing Body of the City for the purpose of establishing compliance with the requirements of Section 1.150-2 of Treasury Regulations. This Resolution does not bind the City to make any expenditure, incur any indebtedness, or proceed with the purchase of the Property.

<u>Section 3.</u> The Governing Body of the City expects the City will pay certain capital expenditures in connection with the Property prior to the receipt of Lease Purchase Proceeds for the Property.

<u>Section 4.</u> The Governing Body of City hereby declares the City's official intent to use Lease Purchase Proceeds to reimburse itself for Property expenditures.

<u>Section 5.</u> This resolution and declaration of official intent shall take effect in accordance with Section 4.23 of the City Charter.

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 <u>Shyne</u>, seconded by CouncilmanMcCulloch to adopt.

Councilman S. Jenkins: This is just a follow up to what we did earlier in the year on the leased cars and (inaudible).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62 OF 2012

A RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 10 RELATIVE TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT SUPERIOR BAR AND GRILL RESTAURANT FOR THE CELEBRATION OF CINCO DE MAYO ON MAY 5, 2012 AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY: Councilman Oliver Jenkins

WHEREAS, Superior Bar and Grill Restaurant will host a celebration of Cinco De Mayo on May 5, 2012 between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. in the parking lot on the property behind the restaurant at 6123 Line Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Superior Bar and Grill Restaurant desires to dispense and allow the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages on the property behind the restaurant at 6123 Line Avenue during the event; and

WHEREAS, Section 10-80(a) makes it unlawful for any person to dispense alcoholic beverages except within those sections of the city wherein such sale is permitted by the applicable zoning ordinance, Section 10-190(a) prohibits consumption of alcoholic beverages on the parking lot of a business or on other property of a business where said property is open to the public, Section 106-130(6) provides that unless otherwise excepted, all uses shall be operated entirely within a completely enclosed structure, and Section 10-81 provides that Section 10-41 (requiring a retail dealer's permit) shall not apply to a bona fide nonprofit event meeting the requirements of this section, only when it is held within the confines of an enclosed building; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of this resolution would allow the dispensing, sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages on the parking lot behind the restaurant at 6123 Line Avenue, on May 5, 2012 for the celebration of Cinco De Mayo.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that the suspension of Sections10-80(a), 10-81, 10-190(a) and 106-130(6) on May 5, 2012 for Superior Bar and Grill Restaurant celebration of Cinco De Mayo, between the hours of 11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. on the parking lot behind the restaurant at 6123 Line Avenue.

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

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

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

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman <u>O. Jenkins</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Corbin</u> 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. 63 OF 2012

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF CITY WIDE STREET IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (11C003) FUNDS FOR THE LEWIS PLACE/CARVER (MILAM STREET TO POPLAR STREET) PROJECT AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY: COUNCILWOMAN MCCULLOCH

WHEREAS, the City Wide Street Improvement Program has an appropriation of \$11,000,000, funded from 2011 GOB, Prop 3 funds; and

WHEREAS, the paragraph numbered 3 in Ordinance No. 114 of 2011 (the 2012 Capital Improvements Budget) requires the City Council to authorize by resolution

individual street improvement projects before City Wide Street Improvements Program Funds can be expended for those projects; and

WHEREAS, the City Wide Streets Improvement Program will be funded at \$21,000,000 which, if allocated equally between districts, will be \$3,000,000 for each district; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 12 of 2012 authorized the expenditure of funds from the City Wide Improvement Program for the Hersey D. Wilson Project, and the estimate cost of that project is \$2,600,000; and

WHEREAS, the remaining City Wide Improvement allocation of \$371,696.00 will fund Phase I of the Lewis Place/Carver (Milam Street to Poplar Street), and said funds should be used for that project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due regular and legal session convened, that the remaining City Wide Improvement Program allocation of \$371,696.00 will fund Phase I of the Lewis Place/Carver (Milam Street to Poplar Street); and the Mayor is therefore authorized to execute all contracts, deeds, grant documents and other legal instruments necessary to expend funds from the City Wide Street Improvement Program for this project.

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 provision, items or application of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provision, items or applications, and, to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declare severable.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 74 OF 2012

A RESOLUTION SUSPENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 10 RELATIVE TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON APRIL 13, 2012 RELATIVE TO DISPENSING, SALE AND/OR CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC

BEVERAGES AT 131 EAST KINGS HIGHWAY FOR FRANK-N-BEAN'S CUSTOMER APPRECIATON EVENT AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

By: Councilman Oliver Jenkins

WHEREAS, Frank-N-Bean's located at 131 East Kings Highway will host a Customer Appreciation Event on April 13, 2012 between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the establishment desires to dispense, and allow the consumption and sale of alcoholic beverages on the parking lot of the establishment, between the hours of 4:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.; and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the adoption of this resolution would allow the dispensing, sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages on the parking lot of Frank-N-Bean's, 131 East Kings Highway, on April 13, 2012 for a Customer Appreciation Event.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened Sections 106-130(6), 10-103(a)(5) 10-80(a) and 10-172 are hereby suspended on April 13, 2012 for a Customer Appreciation Event, between the hours of 4:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m., at Frank-N-Bean's, 131 East Kings Highway.

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

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

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

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman <u>Everson</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>O. Jenkins</u> 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 24, 2012*)

The Clerk read the following:

- 1. <u>Resolution No. 67 of 2012</u>: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a donation agreement between the City of Shreveport and Abramson Properties, L.L.C., hereinafter called "Owner" and acting herein through Adele Abramson Shaw, Manager, for the private water main ("Water System") extension and related facilities to serve the proposed development and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Corbin)
- 2. <u>Resolution No. 68 of 2012</u>: A resolution authorizing the use of certain equipment by the American Cancer Society for the Bossier Relay for Life and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
- 3. <u>Resolution No. 69 of 2012</u>: A resolution ratifying the use of certain equipment by the American Cancer Society for the Shreveport Relay for Life and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
- 4. <u>Resolution No. 70 of 2012</u>: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Caddo Parish School Board and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
- 5. <u>Resolution No. 71 of 2012</u>: A resolution supplementing Resolution No. 281 of 2011 relative to a Council investigation as authorized by Section 4.29 of the Charter

concerning the circumstances surrounding the City's award of a contract for financial advisory services with Grigsby & Associates dated December 1, 2007, the Administration of said contract (including the performance of the parties), the retention of consultants to assist the Council in the investigation, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Corbin)

6. <u>Resolution No. 72 of 2012</u>: A resolution authorizing Amendment Number 3 to the management agreement with Metro Managements Associates, Inc and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman <u>O. Jenkins</u>, seconded by Councilman<u>Everson</u> to introduce Resolution No(s). 67. 68, 69, 70, 71, and 72 of 2012 to lay over until the next regular meeting.

Councilman S. Jenkins: No. 71, I have some questions about protocol and procedure as it relates to what we're doing here with the Council investigation. I'm thinking maybe the best way to address it is to have this matter also looked at some more by the Audit and Finance Committee. Let's let that be a starting place. Just need to take a look at it, and I know we need to move forward with the investigation, I don't have any problems with that. But I got questions of oversight and how we got to where we are and how we move forward. So, I was hoping that we would be able to set a meeting of the Audit and Finance Committee, hopefully before we leave here today when we get on our Reports from Boards and Committees, before the next Council Meeting to consider a further review of No. 71. And also kinda look at those budgetary issues, I believe that are coming down the pipe. I think we need to sit down and look at that, now that we got some numbers in. Okay?

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman. Speaking on that, Councilman Corbin, didn't you say that you would give us an update?

Councilman Corbin: I sent it to your email Mr. Shyne.

Councilman Shyne: I'm sorry, I'm old fashioned, and I didn't get it. And I would appreciate it if you could give it orally so everybody out in TV Land didn't get your email. And I would want them to have some understanding. Cause believe it or not, we do have not only Sammy who follows our City Council meetings on regular basis and who comes down and speaks on regular basis, we do have persons who are not as fortunate as Sammy and not able to get off work. So if you could kinda give us an update on this, and I would hope that the Chairman wouldn't mind it. Because there are other people who are also interested in or might think that you have a good idea. And I

would like to give you an opportunity to - - - cause my email situation Councilman Jenkins broke down.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I should say one thing here. We were specifically asked to print that and give it to Mr. Shyne, and I thought we had. And it's our fault if we did not that he doesn't have it. So I'd ask that it be given to him.

Councilman Shyne: Right. He's right, he didn't give it to me so I could give it to the constituents out in TV Land. So, Councilman Corbin, you are a man of a few choice words and I know you will not prolong this meeting, maybe like some of us do. So I would ask you.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Glad to see some ownership there.

Councilman Corbin: I didn't know if I needed to say Amen after that.

Ms. Johnson: Mr. Sam Jenkins?

Councilman S. Jenkins: I'm waiting for the presentation.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman?

Councilman S. Jenkins: I'm waiting for the presentation.

Councilman Shyne: Right.

Councilman S. Jenkins: From Councilman Corbin.

Councilman O. Jenkins: For to vote on it for introduction?

Councilman S. Jenkins: Yeah.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay.

Mayor Glover: We were just going to ask for a copy of the email. We don't know if there's anything that Councilman chooses not to share or what have you.

Councilman Shyne: I think he's going to share it.

Councilman S. Jenkins: It's in the public domain, I think we have every right. Go ahead Councilman Corbin.

Councilman Corbin: And I will be brief as Mr. Shyne requested. From the January date, when this resolution was initially passed, there had been some conversations with Mr. Cole as outlined in that resolution that I had to move forward. Determination was made that in order to reach all of the decisions that were outlined in the resolution, it may be better to move forward with a legal firm who can offer legal opinions, and also had CPA resources a list of attorneys with experience in that area, and staff in that area was presented. I made phone calls as the author of this legislation to those attorneys to see whose interested, who wasn't. We got two who were interested, presented letters of engagement which have been sent to all of Council, along with some Bio information so that what we're introducing here today amends Resolution 281, takes out Mr. Cole's name, inserts recommended legal firm, so that we could move forward and get this going and behind us. And I think that - - - I do agree with the Chairman, and I think this will be more discussion and more detail that we can bring out in an Audit and Finance Committee meeting.

Councilman Shyne: See we didn't even have to say 'ouch'. That wasn't hard.

Councilman Webb: Who is on that committee?

Councilman S. Jenkins: That would be myself, Councilman Corbin, Councilman Everson, Councilwoman McCulloch. Of course any Council Member that wants some input on that can. It's just some issues there and my issue is oversight. I just want to be clear on that. This is an initiative that's coming from the Council, and I know that some steps have been taken, I'm not completely happy with the steps that were taken. Sitting as Chairman of the Council, I did not know those steps were being taken, let me must say that, publicly, I did not know. I really didn't. I will say this. If it's going to be Council activity, which I believe it is, then we want to make sure that it's Council oversight and needs to be some accountability for how we negotiate a contract with whoever the legal consultant is, some reporting requirements on their activities. Certainly we could look at the cost that's involved with what we're undertaking to do. So, we introduce it today, which I'm going to support and hopefully before the next Council Meeting if some tweaking needs to go on with what we're doing, that gives us about two weeks to do that and lets make sure that the entire Council is engaged. Every Council Member ought to be getting information at the same time on something like this, not after the fact. I want every Council Member engaged on the decision and on the reporting that takes place. So later on in the agenda, we'll try to set a time for that meeting and try to tweak whatever we have in front of us and move forward in a reasonable fashion, and make sure that the public is aware of what we're doing.

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 May 8, 2012*)

The Clerk read the following:

1. **Resolution No. 73 of 2012**: A resolution stating the City of Shreveport's endorsement of Elgin Court, LLC to participate in the benefits of the Louisiana Restoration Tax Abatement Program and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Everson)

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman <u>Everson</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>O. Jenkins</u> to introduce Resolution No. 73 of 2012 to lay over until the next regular meeting.

Councilman Everson: I did want to make sure that Art gets his credit, and that I did notice that it turns out in this stack here which is obviously - - - you know we get a lot of communication up here, but we did have the email delivered and printed out. So just so that we know that Art did what he was supposed to do.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Always.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, I want it to be known too, even if he had printed it out, if I make a request that I want it read in Council Meeting, as a duly elected city councilman, I have the right to do that and that does not show that Mr. Thompson, did not do his work. Mr. Thompson has been down here I guess since Jeff been in grade school. Would you say that Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Glover: Before.

Councilman Shyne: Yeah, before Jeff got to grade school. Mr. Chairman I wanted to make sure that that was on record.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I want to put on record, chastising Mr. Thompson later on in the meeting for something else. So just so we get that in, he's not completely off the hook, but we'll wait. I've got something for him during his Clerk's Report that he will get.

Councilman Shyne: Councilman Jenkins, you're a man after my own heart. I like that. I think we need to do that to Mr. Thompson from time to time. It keeps him young.

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

Councilman S. Jenkins: Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Glover: I'm going to pass at this time Mr. Chairman. I have some questions regarding 71 that we will look to work with the Council on I guess between now and the time that you all schedule your Audit and Finance Committee meeting. Obviously as I have shared and expressed with you all, this is an Administration unlike some others and some other levels of government who believes in the legislative branch being a separate, independent and co-equal branch of government. There are some political gangsterism that's going on in some parts of Louisiana when it comes to the administrative branch and the legislature that I don't believe in, don't support, has been on the receiving end of that at some points during the course of my time in public office, and certainly don't ever intend to exercise it. But I guess as this process moves forward, we'll just look to hopefully receive whatever emails have been shared and exchanged just so that we can be in the information loop, and at some point, I guess we'll get a chance to ask a question and get an answer to how it is that this went from being a free service of no cost, no charge to the City of Shreveport and just got through dancing almost an hour on \$20,000 for a well organized, well structured, well meaning, well intended capable group of folks who want to actually address the real issues and challenges facing the city and now according to what I see here in 71, we're about to authorize upwards of \$75,000 now for something that even the Council's own staff has said is something that is not necessary. But we'll get a chance to ask those questions and get answers at the appropriate time. Because we too don't want to prolong today's meeting any longer than necessary.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Okay sir. Mr. Thompson, please proceed.

Introduction of Ordinances (*Not to be adopted prior to April 24, 2012*)

The Clerk read the following:

- 1. <u>Ordinance No. 37 of 2012</u>: An ordinance amending Ordinance 123 of 2011, the 2012 Golf Enterprise Fund Budget, Appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
- 2. <u>Ordinance No. 38 of 2012</u>: An ordinance amending the 2012 Community Development Special Revenue Fund Budget and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
- 3. <u>Ordinance No. 39 of 2012</u>: An ordinance amending the 2012 Budget for the General Fund, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by CouncilmanMcCulloch to introduce Ordinance No(s). 37, 38 and 39 of 2012 to lay over until the next regular meeting.

Councilman Webb: Question. Shelly, are we buying mowers I hope to cut Huntington Golf Course? What are we buying for \$90,000? I know everybody got - - - I saw where everyone was cc'd referenced to Huntington Golf Course and high grass.

Ms. Ragle-Stone: We are not buying any equipment for Huntington, this is strictly for Querbes. We made the decision until we renovate, we don't want to spend \$90,000 at Huntington on equipment that we won't really be using. You wouldn't want to use this equipment until we have the opportunity to do the renovations. There's some, as I've not be secretive about for the last two years, we have some serious issues at Huntington. One being equipment, and the condition the course is in, and the fact that we're about to face closure, it doesn't seem prudent to buy equipment that would sit there. So we've transferred equipment from Querbes earlier this week to mow at Huntington, and we'll be doing that until we close for renovations. And then at that time, we purchase new equipment.

Councilman Webb: But we're not going to cut Huntington at all?

Ms. Ragle-Stone: I just said we were transferring equipment from Querbes to cut Huntington.

Councilman Webb: Okay, okay. Thank you.

Ms. Ragle-Stone: And it has been cut, maybe cut to - - - it certainly doesn't look like Querbes, but it's not going to until we do the renovations.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I'm glad to hear it's going to look like Querbes after the renovation.

Councilwoman McCulloch: I wanted to say something to Ms. Ragle before we voted. Actually to Shelly, the Mayor and the Council, Mr. Derrick Rivers called and left a message.

Ms. Ragle-Stone: Yeah, we talked today.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Expressing his attitude for cutting of SWEPCO. Unfortunately they don't have equipment, but they were so grateful that the park was cut in order for them to do a little community Easter egg hunt for their families and the

children. So I had it recorded, it was so beautiful, I thought about getting Sharon to play it here today. But I just wanted to express that to you. But you said he did call you?

Ms. Ragle-Stone: Yes, we talked today, and they do have a swing, a whirl and another piece that are not working, but we're going over the in the morning to see if we can get all those pieces back working. And we talked a long time. He has moved back to that community, and we told him that we were excited that he moved back to Allendale, and would do what we can to make sure that his park is a good park for him and his family to enjoy.

Councilwoman McCulloch: And we might want to let Mr. Negrete know that there is a problem with I think - - - what is it? Shifting of sand on the sidewalk of the street at the park or whatever. But we need to get Mr. Negrete involved with that as well, but I wanted to let you know he's so grateful. And I wanted to say thank you to you and the Mayor and the Council as well. And he indicated that if there is anything that he could do to support SPAR, the Mayor and this Council, he would be willing to do that, just let him know. And I'm going to ask to be excused please. I hate to keep interrupting, but today my father is being given a dedication of the band room at Green Oaks High School, and I have to be there. It starts at 6:30, so I got to go and get set up. Uncle Joe, I agreed to do the presentation.

Councilman Shyne: I worked with your father when he was the band director at Linear and Green Oaks. I hope that's not telling my age.

Councilwoman McCulloch: No, your hair does.

Councilman Shyne: Ah, get on out of here girl. Get on out of here.

Councilwoman McCulloch: So, please excuse me.

Councilman S. Jenkins: What a nice parting shot.

Councilman Shyne: Lynn you see you can't be nice to people.

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. <u>Ordinance No. 31 of 2012</u>: An ordinance adopting and enacting Chapter 36 of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances, the Historic Preservation Ordinance; creating and establishing the Shreveport Historic Preservation Commission; and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Everson) (*Postponed March 27, 2012*)

Mr. Thompson: There was discussion yesterday about postponing this for procedural reasons.

Having passed first reading on <u>March 13, 2012</u> was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman <u>Everson</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>O. Jenkins</u> to postpone until the next meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 6. Nays: None. Out of Chamber: Councilwoman McCulloch. 1.

Mr. Thompson: No(s) 32 and 33 were previously adopted.

4. <u>Ordinance No. 34 of 2012</u>: An ordinance amending the 2012 Budget for the Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on March 27, 2012 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman O. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Shyne to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 6. Nays: None. Out of Chamber: Councilwoman McCulloch. 1.

5. Ordinance No. 28 of 2012: ANNEXATION - Tag No.11-06: An ordinance to enlarge the limits and boundaries of the City of Shreveport – a tract of land located in Section 25, (T17N-R15W), located on the north side of lots 4-16 of Windermere Estates, Phase 1, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (E/Webb) (*Postponed March 27, 2012*)

Having passed first reading on March 13, 2012 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Webb, seconded by Councilman Corbin to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 6. Nays: None. Out of Chamber: Councilwoman McCulloch. 1.

6. Ordinance No. 35 of 2012: ANNEXATION – TAG No. 12-02: An ordinance enlarging the limits and boundaries of the City of Shreveport – A 7.408 acre tract of land, located east of Wallace Lake Road, adjoining the north line of Southern Trace located in Section 31 (T16N-R13W), Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (*Public Hearing to be held April 10, 2012*) (D/Corbin)

Having passed first reading on <u>March 27, 2012</u> was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman <u>Corbin</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Everson</u> to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 6. Nays: None. Out of Chamber: Councilwoman McCulloch. 1.

7. Ordinance No. 36 of 2012: ZONING – C-13-12: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 Of The Code Of Ordinances, The City Of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the north side of Jefferson Paige Road, 2500 feet east of Jon Drive, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, be and the same is hereby changed from R-1D, Urban, One-Family Residence District, to R-1D-E, Urban, One-Family Residence/Extended Use District limited to "Social Services, including Community Center, Institution for Children, Aged or the Handicapped; Rehabilitation Center but excluding detention or correction facility" only and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (G/S. Jenkins)

Having passed first reading on <u>March 27, 2012</u> was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman <u>S. Jenkins</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Webb</u> to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 6. Nays: None. Out of Chamber: Councilwoman McCulloch. 1.

The adopted ordinances and amendments follow:

ORDINANCE NO. 28 OF 2012

AN ORDINANCE TO ENLARGE THE LIMITS AND BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT – A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN SECTION 25, (T17N-R15W), LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF LOTS 4-16 OF WINDERMERE ESTATES, PHASE 1, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

TAG NO. 11-06

WHEREAS, Section 172 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 provides for annexation by petition; and

WHEREAS, The Parish of Caddo has requested that the City of Shreveport annex a portion of the Buncombe Road dedication as shown on the plat for Windermere Estates, Phase I and has signed a petition to this effect; and

WHEREAS, this annexation only involves dedicated public right-of-ways; petitions signed by more than the required percentage in number of registered voters and in number of resident property owners and by more than the required percentage in property value of resident owners of the area are not required to annex and bring within the corporate limits of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, the following described property, to wit:

TAG NO. 11-06 A tract of land located in Section 25, (T17N-R15W), located on the north side of lots 4-16 of Windermere Estates, Phase 1, as per assessors plat filed and recorded in Book 4050, Page 16 of the Conveyance records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana as further described as follows:

The 20' right-of-way dedication along Buncombe Road adjacent to lots 4-16 in Windermere Estates, Phase 1, as filed and recorded in Book 4050, Page 16 of the Conveyance records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal, and regular session convened, that the limits and boundaries of the City of Shreveport are hereby changed to include within the limits and boundaries of said City the above-described property.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the annexed area contained herein be and is hereby assigned to Council District "E".

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Clerk of Council be and is hereby authorized to record a certified copy of this ordinance in the official records of the District Court for Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 32 OF 2012

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2012 BUDGET FOR THE RIVERFRONT DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY: Councilman Joe Shyne

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 Riverfront 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 No. 115 of 2011, the 2012 budget for the Riverfront Development Special Revenue Fund, is hereby amended as follows:

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

Increase Other Charges by \$20,000

Decrease Transfer to General Fund by \$20,000

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance No. 115 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 33 OF 2011

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2012 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. 116 of 2011, the 2012 budget for the General Fund, is hereby amended as follows:

In Section 1 (Estimated Receipts):

Decrease Transfer from Riverfront Fund by \$20,000

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

General Government

Decrease Operating Reserves by \$20,000

Increase Transfer to

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

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.

ORDINANCE NO. 34 OF 2012

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2012 BUDGET FOR THE WATER AND SEWERAGE ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET, APPROPRIATING THE FUNDS AUTHORIZED THEREIN, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the City Council finds in necessary to amend the 2012 budget for the Water and Sewerage Enterprise Fund,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that Ordinance 125 of 2011, the Water and Sewerage Enterprise Fund, is hereby amended as follows:

1. Estimated Receipts

Increase Miscellaneous Revenues by \$1,100,000

2. Appropriations -

Increase Improvements and Equipment by \$1,100,000

BE IF FURTHER ORDANIED that the remainder of Ordinance No. 125 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 severable.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 35 OF 2012

AN ORDINANCE TO ENLARGE THE LIMITS AND BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT – A 7.408-ACRE TRACT OF LAND, LOCATED EAST OF WALLACE LAKE ROAD ADJOINING THE NORTH LINE OF SOUTHERN TRACE LOCATED IN SECTION 31 (T16N-R13W), CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

TAG NO. 12-02

WHEREAS, Section 172 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 provides for annexation by petition; and

WHEREAS, petitions signed by more than the required percentage in number of registered voters and in number of resident property owners and by more than the required percentage in property value of resident owners of the area described below have been filed with the City Council to annex and bring within the corporate limits of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, the following described property, to wit:

TAG NO. 12-02 A tract of land located in Section 31, T16N-R13W, Caddo Parish, Louisiana. Said tract more fully described as follows:

Beginning at the northwest corner of lot 1001 of Southern Trace Phase V – Section XXIII as recorded in book 600, page 96 of the records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, said point also being on the east right-of-way line of Wallace Lake Road, a distance of 350.00 feet to a point on the north line of section 31,

Thence run N89°31'15"E along the north line of Section 31 a distance of 922.00 feet to the northwest corner of lot 1 of Southern Trace Phase V – Section XXII as recorded in book 5050, pages 156 and 157, records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana,

Thence run S00°24'57"E along the west line of lot 1 a distance of 350.00 feet to the northeast corner of lot 2000 of Southern Trace Phase V – Section XXIII,

Thence run S89°31'15"W along the north line of Section XXIII a distance of 922.00 feet returning to the point of beginning.

Said tract containing 7.408 acres.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal, and regular session convened, that the limits and boundaries of the City of Shreveport are hereby changed to include within the limits and boundaries of said City the above-described property.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the annexed area contained herein be and is hereby assigned to Council District "D".

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Clerk of Council be and is hereby authorized to file, within ten (10) days of the final passage of this ordinance, with the Clerk of the District Court

for Caddo Parish a description of the entire boundary of the municipality as changed by this ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Clerk of Council be and is hereby authorized to record a certified copy of this ordinance in the official records of the District Court for Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 36 OF 2012

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 106 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT ZONING ORDINANCE, BY REZONING OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF JEFFERSON PAIGE ROAD, 2500 FEET EAST OF JON DRIVE, SHREVEPORT, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, FROM R-1D, URBAN, ONE-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT, TO R-1D-E, ONE-FAMILY RESIDENCE/EXTENDED USE DISTRICT LIMITED TO "SOCIAL SERVICES, INCLUDING COMMUNITY CENTER, INSTITUTION FOR CHILDREN, AGED OR THE HANDICAPPED; REHABILITATION CENTER BUT EXCLUDING DETENTION OR CORRECTION FACILITY" ONLY AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

SECTION I: BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, in due, legal and regular session convened, that the zoning classification of property located on the north side of Jefferson Paige Road, 2500 feet east of Jon Drive, legally described as Lot 1, Cross Lake Subdivision Unit 2, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA, be and the same is hereby changed from R-1D, Urban, One-Family Residence District, to R-1D-E, One-Family Residence/Extended Use District limited to "social services, including community center, institution for children,

aged or the handicapped; rehabilitation center but excluding detention or correction facility" only

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

- 1. Approval is limited to a maximum of 15 residents at any given time.
- 2. Any occupant of the facility that may be defined as a correctional, penal or detention facility occupant would not be allowed. Any occupant falling within the use of a correctional, detention or penal institution would require Zoning Board of Appeals approval.
- 3. Development of the property shall be in substantial accord with the site plan submitted with any significant changes or additions requiring further review and approval by the Planning Commission.

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

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

Tabled legislation.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Okay Mr. Thompson, any tabled legislation to be considered today?

Mr. Thompson: None that I'm aware of Mr. Chairman.

- 1. <u>Resolution No. 118 of 2011</u>: A resolution authorizing the institution of expropriation proceedings against certain described property within the City of Shreveport, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. P47 (B/Everson) (*Tabled July 12, 2011*)
- 2. <u>Ordinance No. 89 of 2011</u>: 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*)

- 3. <u>Resolution No. 179 of 2011</u>: Authorizing Melba Yvonne Warr Baldwin located at 382 Cope Drive to connect to the water & sewer system of the City of Shreveport, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (Near D and is not contiguous to the city limits.) (*Tabled Oct 11, 2011*)
- 4. **Resolution No. 222 of 2011**: Authorizing Lawrence Johnson Franklin Jr. and Elizabeth Fry Franklin located at 421 Bob White Lane to connect to the water and sewer system of the City of Shreveport and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (*The property is located near Council District D, and is not contiguous to the City limits*) (D/Corbin) (*Tabled Oct 11, 2011*)
- 5. <u>Resolution No. 223 of 2011</u>: Authoring Lee Roy Stanley located at 419 Mohican Lane to connect to the water and sewer system of the City of Shreveport and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (*The property is located near Council District D, and is not contiguous to the City limits*)(D/Corbin) (*Tabled Oct 11, 2011*)
- 6. **Resolution No. 226 of 2011**: Authorizing Frank G. Harris III located at 437 Bob White Lane to connect to the water and sewer system of the City of Shreveport and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (*The property is located near Council District D, and is not contiguous to the City limits*)(D/Corbin) (*Tabled Oct 11, 2011*)
- 7. **Resolution No. 227 of 2011**: Authorizing Kaylan Franklin Worley, Sr. located at 3008 Nottingham Drive to connect to the water and sewer system of the City of Shreveport and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (*The property is located near Council District D, and is not contiguous to the City limits*)(D/Corbin) (*Tabled Oct 11*, 2011)
- 8. <u>Resolution No. 228 of 2011</u>: Authorizing Jeffery Charles Shamsie located at 414 Mohican Lane to connect to the water and sewer system of the City of Shreveport and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (*The property is located near Council District D, and is not contiguous to the City limits*)(D/Corbin) (*Tabled Oct 11, 2011*)
- 9. **Resolution No. 229 of 2011**: Authorizing Joan E. Thoma located at 2036 Pepper Ridge Lane to connect to the water and sewer system of the City of Shreveport and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (*The property is located near Council District D, and is not contiguous to the City limits*) (D/Corbin) (*Tabled Oct 11, 2011*)
- 10. <u>Resolution No. 230 of 2011</u>: Authorizing Henry Eugene Raines, Jr., and Gloria Jean Wingate Raines located at 3004 Nottingham Drive to connect to the water and sewer system of the City of Shreveport and otherwise providing with respect

- thereto. (*The property is located near Council District D, and is not contiguous to the City limits*)(D/Corbin) (*Tabled Oct 11, 2011*)
- 11. **Resolution No. 231 of 2011**: Authorizing William Sidney Hunt and Gaynel Neyrey Hunt located at 10015 Nightingale Drive to connect to the water and sewer system of the City of Shreveport and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (*The property is located near Council District D, and is not contiguous to the City limits*)(D/Corbin) (*Tabled Oct 11, 2011*)
- 12. <u>Resolution No. 233 of 2011</u>: Authorizing James Allan Bell and Betty Ann Kilpatrick Bell located at 3055 Dryden Court to connect to the water and sewer system of the City of Shreveport and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (*The property is located near Council District D, and is not contiguous to the City limits*)(D/Corbin) (*Tabled Oct 11, 2011*)
- 13. **Resolution No. 241 of 2011**: Requiring the Chief Administrative Officer to offer the fair market value (and if accepted) to purchase the flood prone properties located at 8035 and 8037 Jewella Avenue by October 26, 2011, or to provide a report to the council relative to this matter on that date and to otherwise providing with respect thereto. (*Tabled October 24, 2011*)
- 14. **Resolution No. 243 of 2011**: Authorizing James Michael Johnson and Kelly Renee Larry Johnson located at 352 Cope Drive to connect to the water & sewer system of the City of Shreveport and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (*The property is located near Council District D, and is not contiguous to the City limits*) (*Tabled October 24, 2011*)
- 15. **Resolution No. 244 of 2011**: Authorizing Byron Wayne Ruesch and Leslie Baldwin Ruesch Located at 369 Cope Drive to connect to the water & sewer system of the City of Shreveport and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (*The property is located near Council District D, and is not contiguous to the City limits*) (*Tabled October 24*, 2011)
- 16. <u>Resolution No. 248 of 2011</u>: Authorizing Claude E. Franklin and Mary Elizabeth Womack Franklin located at 442 Bob White Lane to connect to the water & sewer system of the City of Shreveport and otherwise providing with respect thereto (*The property is located near Council District D, and is not contiguous to the City limits*) (*Tabled October 24, 2011*)
- 17. <u>Resolution No. 249 of 2011</u>: Authorizing Jason Wayne Waltman and Kristy Mcgee Waltman located at 3028 Nottingham Drive to connect to the water & sewer system of

the City of Shreveport and otherwise providing with respect thereto (*The property is located near Council District D, and is not contiguous to the City limits*) (*Tabled October 24, 2011*)

18 **Resolution No. 36 of 2012**: Opposing Senate Bills 269 and 273, introduced in the 2012 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, which will amend R,S, 33L4461 and R.S. 33:4510(D), relative to franchise fees, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (E/Webb)(*Tabled March 27, 2012*)

19 <u>Ordinance No. 25 of 2012</u>: 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*)

Appeals

Councilman S. Jenkins: That takes us to - - - no property standards appeals today?

Mr. Thompson: All of the appeals were handled yesterday I believe Mr. Chairman.

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 26, 2012 until May 28, 2012*)

HBO1000030: 153 Merrick Street, Shreveport, LA (B/Everson) Ms. Lola B. Layton, P.O. Box 4582 Shreveport, LA 71134 (Postponed March 12, 2012 until April 9, 2012)

PSD1000086: 2837 Logan Street, Shreveport, LA (G/S. Jenkins) Ms. Carolyn Ivory Wilson, 3646 Del Rio Street, Shreveport, LA 71109 (G/Jenkins) (*Postponed March 12*, 2012 until April 23, 2012)

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 12*, 2012 until June 11, 2012)

PSD1000099 337 Griffin Street, Shreveport, LA 71104 (B/Everson) Mr. Michael Dellenger, 854 Stephenson Street, Shreveport, LA (B/Everson) (*Postponed March 12*, 2012 until April 9, 2012)

PSD11000717: 1800 St. Paul, Shreveport, LA 71104 A/McCulloch) Ms. LaDonna Johnson. 7212 Bobtail Circle, Shreveport, LA (G/S. Jenkins) (*Postponed March 26*, 2012 until April 9, 2012)

HBO1100050 3819 Bobbitt Place, Shreveport, LA A/McCulloch) Ms. Cheryl Barnhardt, Jackson and McPherson, LLC., 1010 Common Street, Suite 1800, New Orleans, LA 70112(*To be considered April 23, 2012*)

PSD1100251: 3631 Stonewall, Shreveport, LA (G/S. Jenkins) Mr. Charles Parson, 4308 Lakeshore Dr., Shreveport, LA 711109 (G/S. Jenkins) (*Postponed March 12*, 2012 until April 9, 2012)

PSD0500269: 1327 Martin Luther King Dr., Shreveport, LA (A/McCulloch) Ms. Rose White, 767 Highland Square, Shreveport, LA 71107 (A/McCulloch)

WAB070956: 1327 Martin Luther King Dr., Shreveport, LA (A/McCulloch) Ms. Rose White, 767 Highland Square, Shreveport, LA 71107 (A/McCulloch) *NEW*

B. Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance Appeals

Mr. Jerry Williams, 1660 Michel Street, Shreveport, LA 71108 (E/Webb) *Fil-A-Sak*, 317 Pierre Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71101 (A/McCulloch)

C. Metropolitan Planning Commission Appeals and Zoning Board of Appeals

D. Other Appeals

Taxi Appeal

Reports from officers, boards, and committees

Councilman S. Jenkins: That takes us to reports of officers, boards and committees. Any Council Members with reports from officers, boards or committees? Councilman Everson? I hear you saying ah.

Councilman Everson: I did and I just clicked it in there, but yeah we had a meeting of the Riverfront Committee today to review the Civic Appropriations application process. There were some final edits made and the committee then passed a motion to recommend a resolution to be offered to the Council for adoption of those, which should be prepared and on our agenda for next time. So we certainly will share that with the Administration, and look forward to adopting those that we've been working on for a while. I think it came out pretty good, and there were some good compromises, and

some good sort of tweaking of a few of the bits of language that was in there, so I think that we ended up with a really good product, so looking forward to getting that to the full Council.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Yes, I'd like to propose a Public Safety Committee and Sharon, just confirm that we don't have a conflict on the 23rd of April at 2:00 p.m. In there among issues that we've taken up in the past that we're revisiting are some of the fines for the downtown area for parking violations, and how the notification process will be going forward. Another thing we're going to look at is the taxi rates and Chief Shaw, I think your folks have seen some of the proposed raises in taxi rates, but if they haven't before that 23rd of April Public Safety Committee meeting, if somebody will contact me, I'll forward the papers that they have proposed to us in terms of rationale for why we should be raising taxi rates. But that will be one of the items for discussion that day.

Chief Shaw: Okay.

Councilman O. Jenkins: So, if y'all don't have it, you were cc'd on the original, but if you still don't have it, I have it and I'm happy to share it with you.

Chief Shaw: We'll be prepared.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay, and there may be a third thing and it will be on your agenda. So if there's a problem for those on the Public Safety for the 23rd, please let me know, but if I don't hear anything, we'll expect to do it on the 23rd of April at 2:00.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Who all is on the Public Safety Committee? Because I wanted to try and to an A&F Committee meeting also. I just want to make sure we're not scheduling anybody too thin.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Myself, Councilman Shyne and Councilwoman McCulloch, I believe are just the three of us. Is there anybody else? And of course the Police Chief and the Fire Chief.

Councilman Shyne: And generally, the Chief Administrative Officer is always involved when we're talking about raising the rates for our taxi drivers. And I don't know why or if that's because generally our Chief Administrative Officers have a lot of experience in traveling, and using taxis throughout the country, but generally they're there. But I don't know whether that's one of the qualifications or not.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Well I mean certainly his input with his experience is very welcome.

Councilman Shyne: That's right.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Will we have a Risk Management meeting Tuesday? We have some matters to consider? Mayor Glover, you're up. I'm going to let you speak, I'm trying to see if we can come up with a date for this A&F Committee meeting.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, my question goes to Councilman Everson, regarding the final meeting of the Riverfront B-4 process. Obviously the Administration is going to give what's going to be submitted some very serious and intense review. Obviously there are some red flags that we do have. My question is do you know when the final list of recommendation will be made available? Are there minutes of the meeting that will also be provided as well?

Councilman Everson: There will be. We would hope to have it on schedule before the first meeting I May, and certainly we will have minutes before then, and there will be this amended version of it should be ready this week, and so we would be more than happy to share that. And the other thing is to keep in mind, this would be - - - this is not binding to the Administration. Obviously this decision is purely a recommendation of this committee that would be formed by the resolution. So just wanted to make that point clear.

Councilman S. Jenkins: I know people at City Hall don't like to work after 12:00 on Fridays. Why you look at me that way Mr. Sibley?

Mr. Sibley: I was wondering where you were going with that one. Caught my attention. I thought you were about to declare a holiday or something.

Councilman S. Jenkins: I wish I could.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, we are a 24/7 administration.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Mr. Mayor, I know. I do understand. What about an A&F Committee meeting for Friday, April 20th at 2:00? Lets look at April 20th at 2:00 as a proposed date and time. And if the members can take a look at that and see what we can do it at that time okay? I just don't see another good time before the Council Meeting to get it done.

Mr. Thompson: I believe Leanis is on vacation, but I think we could handle it.

Councilman S. Jenkins: When do you come off vacation?

Ms. Graham: No, no. The rest of this week.

Mr. Thompson: Oh, I thought you said you were on vacation.

Ms. Graham: The rest of this week, not next week.

Councilman S. Jenkins: She is here on the 20th?

Mr. Thompson: She'll be here.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Okay, alright. Again, April 20th - - -

Councilman Shyne: Is that a delayed honeymoon?

Mr. Graham: No sir.

Councilman S. Jenkins: April 20th at 2:00 for an A&F Committee meeting. At our last A&F Committee meeting, we took up two matters. One was the Riverfront Park extension funds, and the Ledbetter Heights Community Center funds. Based on the recommendations of the Bond Council, the A&F Committee voted unanimously to recommend to the Council that they would consider a resolution stating the Ledbetter Heights Community Center project is no longer feasible due to a shift in population. And to move forward, we've prepared a resolution to that affect, and to hold a public meeting on that resolution to determine whether or not the project is feasible. So on the Ledbetter Heights Community Center project, we'll be coming to the Council with a proposed resolution to declare that project no longer feasible due to a shift in population. We'll have public input on that before our final decision is made. If we move forward with that, then there may be some need for the Council to pass an ordinance to actually close the project. That's on the Ledbetter Heights Community Center. And then there may be the need to discuss at some point in the future a second public hearing to determine the reallocation or new use of those funds. So there are several steps that have to be taken in that process. As it related to the Riverfront Park Extension Project, the Committee is not recommending that any action be taken on that project because it is still active and ongoing. So that was the result of that. So just wanted to give a report on the last meeting we had. Alright any other reports from officers, boards or committees.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman. If I was a citizen out there and we voted to build a neighborhood center in Ledbetter Heights, I'd start a recall petition on everybody. We don't have anybody down there. I mean I don't see where that's such a big sticker.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Is that a technical term, 'big sticker'?

Councilman Shyne: Ledbetter Heights would be mostly commercialized when - - - I'm trying to think, Mr. Mayor were you on the council when we passed that, that's been what 15 years ago?

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman? Mr. Shyne, the Ledbetter Heights Recreation Center constitutes the first political promise I ever made as a political candidate.

Councilman Shyne: That's right, and that's been 15 or 16 or 17 years ago.

Mayor Glover: That's been 22 years ago.

Councilman Shyne: You're exactly right. At that time, it was needed.

Mayor Glover: Had we built it in '96 when it passed, the future of Ledbetter Heights might have been different. That's exactly right.

Councilman Shyne: That's exactly right.

Mayor Glover: Had it been built at any point prior to probably the last 7 or 8 years, it may have made a difference. But there were very few community anchors to hold on to the population.

Councilman Shyne: That's exactly right. So I would hope Mr. Chairman in you all's meeting, you all would take all into consideration, and whoever the - - - whatever recommendation made by the bond counsel would be that we could move those funds and use them somewhere. It would be - - - I almost said, silly on our part. But I won't use that term.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Shyne. I would however offer that there are still people in Allendale and there are still some in Ledbetter Heights. And this is a situation that if we don't want to see a further exodus from that overall area of the city, then I think we would be inclined to (inaudible)

Councilman Shyne: I agree with you, but I still believe it would be a waste of funds because we have so many recreational centers already in that area. We've got two or three schools in that area that have gymnasiums and then we have the Jerry Tim Brooks Golf Course up in that area, and I truly believe that that money could be used in other places. I remember we had a couple of people to come down here and who thought maybe the money might should have been used, but two people don't equate that we

need to do it. I don't think that it would be wise. I think what we're doing in that area is what we ought to be doing is that housing initiative that's coming through Bonnie Moore's - - -

Councilman O. Jenkins: Choice Neighborhoods.

Councilman Shyne: Yeah, Choice Neighborhoods. Now that's what we need instead of building a recreational center down in Ledbetter Heights.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Well that's why we have a procedure and we will follow the procedure that's there, and I think your observations are well taken Councilman Shyne on that matter. That was a lot of what was discussed in that meeting.

Councilman Everson: You would think you were in that meeting with us.

Councilman Shyne: No, Oliver and I were out having lunch talking about it.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Any other reports from officers, boards or committees? Alright Mr. Thompson, Clerk's report.

Clerk's Report

Mr. Thompson: We have none.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Request to speak. Just so we're clear, though it has been some time that he's kinda fallen off his duty, and I would say that though you far exceeded my job as Chairman, one area you've been a little reluctant on is enforcing Mr. Thompson to actually carry out his duties during the council. So, from now on I'd like to see Mr. Jenkins maybe you know put a little pressure on him. Secondly, I'd like to go a step further, and I see here on all this leadership in training, either the City Council is so superiorly trained as the rest of the city or they're over tasked to attend any of this training. And Leanis does not get off the hook either because I don't see anybody from her department in here. So maybe we should encourage Mr. Thompson to attend some of this great training that we've provided.

Mr. Thompson: We'll be happy to do that, we will take advantage of that in the future, we just have to try to find the time when we're not tasked by other things that the Council (inaudible).

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay, well that's all I have.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Okay, is there a motion for the Council to resolve itself into a committee of the whole?

Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman O. Jenkins for the council to resolve itself into a committee of the whole. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 6. Nays: None. Out of the Chamber: Councilman McCulloch. 1.

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

Adjournment : There being no further busin meeting adjourned at approximately	•
//s// Sam L. Jenkins, Chairman	_
//s// Arthur G. Thompson, Clerk of Counci	_ !