



Council Proceedings of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana

April 12, 2011

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana was called to order by Chairman Oliver Jenkins at 3:09 p.m., Tuesday, April 12, 2011, in the Government Chambers in Government Plaza (505 Travis Street).

Invocation was given by Councilman S. Jenkins.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Corbin.

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

Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Everson to approve the minutes of the Administrative Conference, Monday, March 21, 2011 and Council Meeting, Tuesday, March 22, 2011. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.

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

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

Councilman O. Jenkins: We'll start with awards and recognitions at this point. We'll start by welcoming Booker T. Washington Scholar Society. As I call your name, please stand and be recognized by the Council, and frankly why don't you just come forward and - - -

Councilman Shyne: Y'all stand and give 'em a hand. Alright. Those are our future leaders.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Now, I'll call their names and if they'd just come forward, that would be great, or better yet, why don't y'all come forward and if you could say your name into the microphone for the record, I think that'd be even better. So would y'all mind doing that? Great. Thank you.

Councilman Shyne: I used to teach at Booker T. before I got to Linear over there with the Mayor. Mayor, you heard that. I guess I'm telling my age, I take that back.

Tylinn A. Cawthorne: Good afternoon, Mayor and City Council. My name is Tylinn Cawthorne, and I'm President of the Booker T. Washington Scholar Society. Our club is named after the educator Booker T. Washington, and we follow his legacy to someday be like him. I have a quote from Booker T. Washington: "Once a task you have begun, never quits until it's done, be the labor great or small or not at all".

The Booker T. Washington Scholar Society: Corinthian Thompson, 10. Sadavious Taylor, 12, Tre'Von Lovelace, 10. Tonnique Jeter, 9. JaKauri Lovelace, 9. Jamont Dames, 11. Ramon Daniels, Rotvassis Brown, 12. Christopher Battle, 10. Elijah Chatman, 10.

Councilman Shyne: Mayor, you remember when you used to say 10, and they'd say, nuh uh, 16!

Councilman O. Jenkins: Thank y'all very much for coming and best of luck to you. Thanks Mayor. Now any other Council Members would like to have their recognitions or distinguished guests at this point.

Councilwoman McCulloch: At this time, I'd like to have Ms. Lenora White to come up to speak to the Council on behalf of YUPP.

Ms. Lenora Wilson: I am a board member for Young Unique Positive People, which is a group of young people that are very active in their community and they do everything from mentoring young people to giving out \$2,000 scholarships for the young people to go to college. They've been around for a couple of years, Charles Johnson and my daughter, Shalon Wilson are the founders. They also are very active in organizing young people to register to vote, and they have worked on a lot of committees as some of you know. So they're very active in the community, but we stand before you today because Young Unique Positive People are having their 2nd Annual Praise Fest and what they do, they have a praise fest and they invite world renowned speakers and artists. And of course this year, they will have Ty Trebeck, but the focus of the fest this year is for the Red River Six. And we want them to know those, because were six people who died and they could have very well been a part of Young Unique Positive People who are doing very positive things. And so we want to remember them, give to their families and let them know that we're not going to just think about them once a year, but we're going to think about them every time we do something as young people, (not me myself, but the group that I represent). So today, we're asking for your support in putting on this program. We have it open to the public for free, but it does cost to bring in these guests, and these artists. So we have already emailed each and every one of you a program of the event, and we're asking that you could support us and maybe give us a monetary gift so that we can continue to do the good work that we're doing in our communities. Thank you.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Thank you. And just for the record for somebody that might be listening, how could they contact you outside this forum here?

Ms. Wilson: Okay, we have a website, and it's under the Charles Johnson Ministries, if they go on his website, they also have a Facebook, like all the young people do, and they can contact - - - I think that's the quickest way, is to go on their website. And like I say, the fest is going to be April 27 at 6:00 p.m. at the Lake Bethlehem Baptist Church on Martin Luther King.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman? Ms. White. I've known Lenora most of my life. I'm glad to see her come down and represent the group that she and her daughter and Minister Johnson started. I also think that when we have someone to come before us that it also happens to be the mother, the parent of one of our finest that we need to also recognize them as well. Lenora's son is one of Shreveport's very best young police officer. He has served the city very well, I think now for close to seven years, and we're very proud of him. Appreciate the work that he does. And I know the Chief and all of the folks at the Shreveport police department appreciate him as well. So, thank you for coming down and certainly appreciate you, cause we know those folks who are the parents and the spouses of those folks who are our first responders serve just as those first responders do as well. So they certainly worry about them during their working hours, and we want to let them know how much we appreciate the collective sacrifice of the family. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, of course he doesn't know I'm going to do this, but Louis Wells. Louis, come up to the podium. Louis has no idea that I had planned to do this, and I wouldn't tell him. But Louis is one of our most outstanding citizens in this community. Louis is - - - I'm going to also say a Booker T. Washington graduate, but I think he might have graduated maybe one year before it got to be Booker T. And Sam, I didn't want to say that. But Louis Mr. Chairman, is a retired military man. And Louis, I'm going to say 30+ years, but Louis was head of the ROTC program at Fair Park I want to say for maybe about 15 years. Which is one of the best in the state and one of the best ROTC programs in the nation. Now Louis is one of those veterans who sleep and eat the military. And Louis is a very accomplished musician. He played in the military band, and Louis you can tell 'em for how many years, but Louis also had an opportunity to play at the Whitehouse, being from Shreveport. Now this is an honor for a young African-American man during the time that Louis finished school, it would have been an honor for him to - - Cedric, even back at that time to play for the Mayor, let alone to have been able to play at the Whitehouse. And Louis has also given his time for the last - - - Louis I'm going to say for the last 20-25 years, Jim Holt probably knows how long that he has been on the Property Standards Board, has been chairman for I don't know how many years Michael, and has done an outstanding job. Because he knows and the Mayor knows when years ago, we had a lot of problems with Property Standards. I mean we had a lot of problems with Property Standards. And you know Louis, this is the first time, we've had a chance to get Louis down and of course, Louis has so many other honors. I mean he's the Minister of Music for his church and has been there for the last 20 years, and I don't want to make Louis seem like he's been around for a long time, but God has blessed Louis. And Louis has been around a long time. And Louis I just wanted to give you an opportunity to at least say a word or two because you're the kind of citizen that has been the backbone and you've been involved in seeing Shreveport grow. Bring about this change. You didn't only just sit at home and gripe like a lot of us do. But Louis has been involved. And Louis I know this is a surprise, because I didn't tell you when I saw you back there at the back door. But I was just so glad to see you down. So at least say a word or two please?

Mr. Lewis Wells. To the Mayor of this great city and the astute members of the City Council. I just wanted to say thank you to Joe for those accolades and I'm humbled by the fact you asked me to come up here. But I'm just delighted to be here this afternoon. Thank you.

Council S. Jenkins: I don't know if the Mayor was going to recognize these special guests, I believe they came yesterday. But B. J. Services, Mr. Jessie Broderick and I believe Mr. Sean Carter, they have a matter that's going to be on the agenda later on, but they came yesterday, they're here today, I don't want them to get away today without coming up and at least introducing themselves and telling us a little bit about themselves. I think Ms. Arlena Acree is over there with them. If this is the appropriate time, I'd like for them to come up and just kinda say hello, and introduce themselves, and maybe if Ms. Arlena comes, she can tell us a little bit about what they're going to do. Because we know not only are they coming to the great City of Shreveport, they're coming to the greatest council district in the City of Shreveport. We want to make sure they get some recognition today.

Ms. Arlena Acree: Thank you. We are very excited to have BJ Services here. They could have picked anywhere in the south to relocate a huge regional facility, and they chose Shreveport, and we're very excited. They're creating 133 jobs, 62 acre site, and \$65,000,000 investment in our city, so I'm going to introduce Jessie Broderick, he's the consultant that's working with them and also Sean Carter that's the tax manager for BJ.

Mr. Broderick: Mayor Council Members, I appreciate the opportunity to be here. We're really excited at your willingness to support this company. I work in Baton Rouge, and I've been able to get up to Shreveport a couple of times, and really love your city and appreciate what y'all are doing here, and thank you for giving this company consideration of a local incentive. I'll let Sean talk a little bit more about the project. Thank you very much Mayor and City Council for your time and consideration today. Baker, Hughes and BJ Services are very excited about this new project that we're going to build a regional headquarters in this area in Shreveport, and it's going to be the largest US development facility for this particular division in the US. It sits on 62 acres, \$65,000,000, we'll be putting 400 jobs at this location, 133 of which will be new jobs in this location, brand new jobs created jobs. We have the laboratory there, we'll have shared facilities there where the cementing, pumping (inaudible) tubing unit there and we really appreciate the opportunity.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Great. We'll look for it on the agenda today. Thank you very much for coming down.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Mr. Chairman, I certainly want to congratulate the Mayor and his staff and Ms. Acree for this economic development opportunity that's coming to the city, and I think it's great that we're taking every advantage that we can to provide support organizations like this (inaudible) the Haynesville Shale. So, congratulations to you and your staff, and congratulations once again for having the wisdom for bringing it to one of the greatest council districts in the City of Shreveport. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, If I may very briefly?

Councilman O. Jenkins: You're about to get your chance right now. I don't believe there are any other communications from the Council so, I'm happy to turn it over to you.

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

Mayor Glover: I just want to briefly want to follow up on Councilman Jenkins' comments regarding BJ Services, and to say to you all, although you haven't voted, obviously we do have every anticipation based upon the dialogue from yesterday and what's taken place before that we are going to get an affirmative vote, and with that I want to express my collective appreciation to the entire team of folks who have helped to work to make this possible. None of these things happen in a vacuum, it is a collective team effort, and I think in large part why it is, for the first time in the history of this city, a couple of years ago, we broke the Forbes Top 100 in terms of best places in the country to do business for medium-sized cities, and just recently as you all saw several weeks ago, a Site Selection Magazine have us now placed as No. 4 in term of best places to either retain and expand a business or to attract a new business to. And again, that's nothing that I have done in an individual capacity. It's something that we all have been a part of at the City, at the Parish, working with our friends at the North Louisiana Economic Development Partnership, and also in conjunction with the governor and the folks in our legislature and particularly our staff folks at the Louisiana Department of Economic Development. So, again thank you all and we look forward to being able to have hopefully more of these types of announcements to make in the coming months and years. Thank you.

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

Councilman O. Jenkins: At this point, you have any awards or recognitions or communications?

Mayor Glover: I'm going to ask Councilman Corbin to join me down here. And I'm also going to ask that a face and a name that you all know extremely well over the years, Jan Elkins with KTBS.

Councilman Shyne: Aw yeah!

Mayor Glover: And doctor? Come on up and join us as well if you will. Now you all know KTBS from her time here with KTBS. She has been before the camera, she has been behind the camera as News Director, now in her current capacity at KTBS, she has taken the lead in helping to coordinate a good number of the community related efforts and events on behalf of the local ABC affiliate, we now work with them in conjunction with the City of Shreveport, KTBS, Independence Day celebration, but some of the greatest work that you all know Jan and KTBS for is their work with St. Jude's and the St. Jude home that is raffled off every year. And that particular effort over the years has helped to raise literally hundreds of dollars, if not millions of dollars, \$22,000,000 for research at a facility that we are very thankful to have an affiliated facility here in Shreveport at Feist-Weiller that works in conjunction with St. Jude, but they simply do God's work there on a daily basis. In fact if you ever venture or when you venture to the 2nd floor, the very first thing that you will see when the elevator doors open, happens to be of two young ladies who blessed me with portraits that they did with the Arts and Medicine program back in 2007. I'm very proud to say that

Calreesa and Cammy are both now in remission, and doing well. But they are examples of exactly the outstanding work that's being done at St. Jude's and with it's connected affiliated facilities in places like here in Shreveport. But as I mentioned that St. Jude's home raffle every year, \$22,000,000 raised and I know there are lots of us who support that effort in many different respects I guess. The only question that we sometime ask is that if we won, what would we do, because for those of us who happen to be elected and have ties to Shreveport and Caddo, most times, we'd have to move across the river, if we actually wanted to move into and enjoy the home. Well, based on the foresight and the efforts of Councilman Corbin and others, this year, that won't be a problem. So, I'm going to ask Councilman Corbin to step forward before Jan speaks to tell you all a little bit more.

Councilman Webb: He's planning on winning it this year.

Councilman O. Jenkins: He's got an inside track, he better not win.

Councilman Corbin: We are very pleased to announce that for the very first time in the history of the St. Jude's home in Shreveport-Bossier that this year, the St. Jude's home will be in Shreveport. And builder George Rogers who I wish could have been here, I'm sure he's laying forms or pouring concrete today because work has already begun on St. Jude (inaudible) home this year. It will be in Providence Subdivision in the great District D, Mr. Shyne.

Councilman Shyne: I'm glad it's not in Sam's, cause Sam get's everything.

Councilman Corbin: We are very pleased to have the St. Jude's home here in Shreveport, and we welcome this opportunity and encourage everyone to buy a ticket. I'll be by to buy mine tomorrow.

Ms. Jan Elkins: Thank you, we appreciate that. Every ticket that we sell today will be awesome and we're grateful, but Mayor and City Council, I'm just grateful to get to come and talk about one of my passions. 21 years ago, a local pediatrician came to KTBS and asked if we would participate and that pediatrician of course is Dr. Donald Mack, so if you will, recognize him. He told me just a minute ago, he's been working in this area for 50 years. So a lot of us are well because of him, but we are pleased that for the 21st home, it's going to be in Shreveport. We were out there this morning, Dr. Mack and a few of us for the groundbreaking, and they've already started building. Tickets are on sale, and we'll have Call 3 tonight, so you can feel free to call in and buy a ticket. But the girls that drew the picture of the Mayor, both of them are doing extremely well. I talked with Cammy's grandfather yesterday, and she is a success story. She was very, very ill, she is now back to healthy, and we are so grateful to be partnered with St. Jude, but also now with the City of Shreveport. And it's a beautiful home, and we thank you for giving us the opportunity to make a difference in these children's lives, and about 500 or so, go up there every few years, and as Dr. Mack will tell you, when we first started 21 years ago, the success rate was not nearly as positive as it is now. So, thank you again for honoring St. Jude for this day.

Dr. Mack: Good afternoon Mr. Chairman, Mayor. 1962, February the 6th, St. Jude opened their doors in Memphis, TN. And their very first out of town patient came from Shreveport. Back then

the cure rate for leukemia was less than 3%, and the average child lived about 3 months. This child we sent up there on that day lived a year and a half. Two months later, I sent another child up there. I had a black cloud floating over my head, and this child - - - I can't call him a child, he's still alive, he lives in Houston, has three children and very productive. The cure rate for lymphocytic leukemia which is the most common type of childhood cancer has gone from less than 3% to over 94%. And this is done with all of y'all's help, donations to the hospital. And of course, we have our local clinic here in town which saves a lot of trips going to Memphis, it keeps people here. In fact, the money we raised on our dream home stays right here. Of course, that runs that clinic, and I thank you very much.

Ms. Elkins: The KTBS 3 St. Jude dream home was the first of the dream homes in the entire country, thanks to Dr. Mack, there are now about 100. And every time the other organizations talk about it, they refer to Shreveport. So thank you all, and as we like to say, "We're On Your Side."

Mayor Glover: Thank you Jan, thank you Dr. Mack, thank you Councilmen. I'm not sure if we are eligible to win, but I do look forward to buying a ticket, although I'm not quite sure what I would do if I did win. I hope that's a problem we'll have to figure out Arthur.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Well, we'd have to move out of our district so I guess if you won, you probably wouldn't have that same problem.

Mayor Glover: No, I would. I'm currently a resident of District G. So, I would - - -

Councilman Shyne: Wait, wait, wait. Wait a minute, what the - - - Mr. Mayor?

Councilman S. Jenkins: The CAO is a citizen of District G.

Councilman Shyne: That's why you all have been leaning toward Sam. I knew it was something.

Councilman S. Jenkins: It's just the greatest council district in the city.

Councilman Shyne: Oh my God, I knew it was something.

Mayor Glover: We make it a habit of insuring that we fill more potholes than any other district. Mr. Chairman, members of the Council, I also want to take a quick opportunity to express my thanks and appreciation first of all to the citizens of the City of Shreveport who came forward on April 2nd in resounding numbers and approved the largest bond issue in the history of the City of Shreveport. So I want to let them know how much we appreciate them looking through this particular process from top to bottom, and making what I believe to be a very sound, a very rational, very reason-based decisions for their affirmative vote. But I also want to thank the 16 individuals who I have referred to the Shreveport 16, chaired by Liz Swaine, and 15 other citizens who came together about 18 months ago, and we spent almost six months meeting almost two dozen times, reviewing the capital needs, infrastructural needs of the City of Shreveport and I must admit that some of those folks came to that particular task like so many others across the city, not quite sure as to whether or not the city even needed a bond issue at all, much less one that would

end up being the largest in the city's history. I think as it has been initially conceived back in August of 2009, we talked about the possibility of something in the range of \$115-125,000,000. But as those folks had a chance to be able to sit down and do an honest critical assessment of the city's infrastructural needs and challenges, they too came to the conclusion that I and many others have, is that we have a much larger problem than most people have an appreciation for. And so, they quickly moved that number from \$115-125 (million) up to \$145 (million), finally came to the conclusion they couldn't make it work with anything less than \$165 (million), that was an effort that was endorsed and supported by the members of the previous council, but they in their great wisdom understood that it would be best to leave the ultimate decision in terms of this particular task to those of you who are coming in as members of this new council. You all quickly went to work and evaluated the needs and the challenges and reviewing the work that had already been done, and discovered that that \$165 (million) wasn't quite enough either, and you all made some adjustments that I thought were quite wise and quite appropriate, increased that amount to \$165,000,000, and with the help and support of groups all across the City of Shreveport from the CAG to A Better Shreveport, to the Citizens of a Better Shreveport, to civic associations, neighborhood groups, community leaders all across this city who stepped forward to support and affirm this effort, it passed at an average of about 60% for all of those propositions. We are going to give you all today a more detailed presentation in terms of what the path forward, but I wanted to take this opportunity by reviewing these mayoral communications to let the citizens of the City of Shreveport know exactly how much I appreciate their work and their effort. And then lastly, I could not end these comments without giving special recognition to one of those 16 members of that committee, who is no longer here with us, Mr. Wilbert Williams was one of the two individuals that I appointed to the Citizens Bond Study Committee. Mr. Williams a long time civic leader here in the City of Shreveport retired from his job, and became very active in the city affairs of Shreveport, north Shreveport in particular. And he served very well and very able on the Citizens Bond Committee, unfortunately several months ago, passed away and did not get a chance to be able to be here for it's passage. But wanted to express to his family, to his widow in particular how much I and the entire City of Shreveport appreciate his effort. So, Mr. Chairman, Council Members, thank you, and God bless the City of Shreveport.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, before you sit down. We have another member back there, you probably didn't see him. That's Lynn Cawthorne along with Liz. Lynn, would you stand, and I know the Mayor wants to recognize you too, and we appreciate you.

Mayor Glover: Absolutely, want to recognize Mr. Cawthorne, I'm not sure, I almost thought for a second that Pastor Austin was a member of the committee, but I recognize and remember that he was a classmate of Wilbert Williams. (Inaudible), but not necessarily one of the members. So Mr. Cawthorne, Ms. Swaine and all the members of the citizens committee, we certainly appreciate you all's work and your efforts, and I think it will end up paying dividends for the City of Shreveport for years yet to come. So thank you again Mr. Chairman, and members of the Council.

Reports

Property Standards Report (Res. 7 of 2003)

Councilman O. Jenkins: With regards to reports, any member have concerns or questions with regard to Property Standards at this point?

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

Councilman O. Jenkins: Mr. Sibley? Revenue Collection Plan & Implementation Report.

Mr. Sibley: Yes sir Mr. Chairman, I think Sharon is passing out the information now. What we've done is provided you - - last month, we provided you a February recap of some of our (inaudible) streams and we indicated that some of the auditing would kick in and that March is generally the month where we get the best ideas. So, what you have now is an update showing the March numbers. I also attached a copy of the February report for comparison sake. And if you look at it, a couple of things I'd like to note. On property taxes, if you recall in February, we're about 95%. That number is up to 97%. But particularly with occupational license tax, we were about 49%, we're at about 88% right now. So if you look at all those categories, all those categories have had positive movement. We think that bodes very well for the city's budgetary situation this year, and again we think that the addition of those persons within compliance in terms of revenue auditors, has really gone a long way toward insuring that we - - I won't say maximize, but that we get everything that the city is due in terms of those particular categories. Also wanted to note the sales tax numbers for March started at about 13%, but I think what's very notable is for the year, is at 7.7% over last year, and if you recall during the budgetary process, we basically did a stand still on sales tax. We did not project any significant increase in sales tax. So again if things continue to go the way that they look, we should be - - you don't have a sheet on that, but if things continue to go the way that they are, then I think again it bodes very well for the fiscal condition of the city. But more so it's a reflection of what's going on out there in the retail, within the markets. I know even though particularly when you look at auto sales, even though they were a little bit down for the month, overall for the year, they're up 7.4% in terms of the revenue, the tax revenue we received. So, I think all in all, the revenue numbers look pretty well. Hopefully, the market conditions will stay the way that they are and things will continue to go well. But I thought particularly when you look at those categories comparing where we were last year to this year in terms of occupational license tax, property tax, and others, you would be pleased with the positive movement, and the fact that the bulk of what we collect is pretty much in on those. So that's a good sign. That means there's a whole lot less activity of having to go out and chase those folks who in fact owe the city. And as always, if there are any particular areas that you all would like for us to look at or any particular questions as you go through this, please let us know. I anticipate next month, we'll get with our friends at DDA, do some updates on parking, some of the other areas that we are trying to pick up the enforcement, but at this point Mr. Chairman, that concludes our revenue report. And when you guys get a chance to look at it, and come back with whatever questions you might have.

Councilman Webb: Thank you Mr. Chairman, what is the numbers on the sales tax?

Mr. Sibley: The absolute numbers Mr. Webb?

Councilman Webb: Yeah, well - - up, down or what?

Mr. Sibley: Oh, they're up. We're up 7.7% And again, our budget assumptions did not predict any increase. As a matter of fact, we actually ended the year a little bit higher than we projected and we kept the budget number down. So, if we stay the way we are, if we're lucky we will. So I think as long as that positive trend is there, if you recall last year, we had a few negatives that kept bumping in there, but so far this year has been all positive. We think that's a good sign.

Councilman Webb: Are you going to say anything about the revenue collection, where is that other sheet? It's on there. Bond Forfeitures.

Surety Bond Forfeitures Report (Res 238 of 2010)

Councilman O. Jenkins: That's next on our agenda.

Mr. Sibley: And Ms. Scott did provide a written report. She is prepared to speak if there are any specific questions or anything that you wanted to address.

Councilman Webb: Yeah, I had one I wanted to ask her about.

Mr. Sibley: Ms. Scott?

Councilman O. Jenkins: And everybody should have gotten an email on it, at least I did. And so if you have questions - - -

Councilman Webb: Thank you. Old collections. I see where we collected \$44,884, how far back or how old are we talking about?

Ms. Scott: We've not actually collected that information Mr. Webb. And for the benefit of all of you, we sent you the information by email, but if you look at that folder that's on the desk in front of you there, a copy of this same information is included in that folder. This is the information on the cases that we sent to the Insurance Commission's office. If you recall we told you that our process now was that we were going to forward the on to the Insurance Commissioner's office so that they could actually assist us with the collection. So, this is the amount of the judgments that have been sent to the Insurance Commissioner's office for collection.

Councilman Webb: Okay, so that's where I'm hoping that we'll garner in a lot of those old collections that have been floating around forever seems like.

Ms. Scott: And if you look at the report that we gave you last month, those reports go back for sometime. When we were first made aware of the fact that we would have to assume our responsibilities if you will, of collecting them, there was not a specific date as far as how far back the judgments went, it was just a dollar amount that we had. And so our aim was to attempt to work those that were oldest as quickly as we could. But then also at the same time, work some of those that were more current to kind of have the old collections and the current collections working at the same time.

Councilman Webb: Okay, I'm glad we're doing this, and this in my opinion is revenue we would not have seen if we didn't change our course of action, so.

Ms. Scott: What we can do is if the information that we've presented in this report is pretty much consistent with what you're looking for in terms of old collections, we can actually list those cases by name and by date for those amounts so that you can have that information.

Councilman Webb: Yeah, I'd like to have that. I'd like to follow some of those old cases. It's astounding to me how much some of 'em seem like have owed forever.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I mean, you've got one here that's got \$55,000 from one company.

Councilman Everson: If I noticed correctly though in the report, and I don't see on the one that we have printed out here, but on the one you sent on the email, it had some background as to what had been collected to this date, and it looks like y'all made a significant dent this month.

Ms. Scott: The numbers are up.

Councilman Everson: That's great.

Ms. Scott: Rather significantly and we're real happy about that.

Councilman Everson: Y'all did good work on that. It looked real strong.

Ms. Scott: And one of the bits of information I guess that we'll provide to you is that bond forfeiture judgments are not like EMS fees in that the amount of the bond that's forfeited, you know if you look at the March report that we gave you, there were amounts in that report as low as \$25. And so each charge where the defendant is bonded out or post the bond to get out, it's going to change. It's not a set amount which accounts for this month having a very positive report, and then next month, it may be down again, it's just attributable to what's actually collected that month.

Councilman Webb: And I understand that, and what I wanted to say, and what I'm looking for is down the road, if we're going to look at these and nothing is going to be older than a year or two years, and not something that goes back five years, and I know that number will never go zero, cause it's always going to be outstanding bonds. I'm aware of that. I just don't want to see some that are extremely old because somewhere down the line, we should have collected on it. Okay, thank you.

EMS Transports Report (Res 239 of 2010)

The Chairman read the following:

Public Hearing: Proposed ANNEXATION - TAG NO. 10-02: Enlarging the limits and boundaries of the City of Shreveport - A 35.13 acre tract of land, being adjacent to St. Charles

Place Subdivision, located in Section 29, (T16N-R13W), Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Corbin)

Councilman O. Jenkins: This public hearing is now open, is there a presentation from the Administration?

Mr. Sibley: Yes there is Mr. Chairman. Again Sharon is just handing you out some written materials on that and Malcolm Stadlander from our Property Management office will also come forward and walk through that information and we'll be prepared to address any questions that you have. We tried to focus on some of the financial aspects of it as you see there in the chart and Malcolm will walk through that and explain the assumptions behind those numbers and basically give our perspective as an administration on this annexation.

Mr. Malcolm Stadlander: (*Engineering*) Mr. Chairman, Council. As you can see, we put together the figures that you asked for. The police and fire numbers are generated from fairly complicated formulas, but they've been used in the past and those are the numbers that the formulas reflect. The solid waste number is the reflection of a \$12 per house per month fee.

Councilman O. Jenkins: And that's annual?

Mr. Stadlander: Yes, those are annual. The cost are broken down in start up cost and annual cost. And you can see those numbers. And also I guess we should really start at the top where we talk about the revenues that will be generated. And the actual real property tax that's being generated now by this tract is \$1797. And then we have a projected tax revenue of \$80,172 when fully developed. And that would be with 60 homes with an approximate value of \$300,000 per home. And also you see the water revenue and sewer revenue projections and those are at assuming an average water bill of \$75 per household. So for a total annual tax and total revenue of \$137,772. So, if you have any question regarding those numbers, I'm here to answer them.

Councilman O. Jenkins: With regard to water and sewer revenue, that's a little bit of a misnomer because if they were not annexed into the city, they would - - - assuming they tied into our water and city sewer lines, they would be paying a different rate, would they not?

Mr. Stadlander: Yes sir. Well, households outside of the city are required to sign an annexation petition saying that they would come into the city in order to tie on to the water and sewer system, but they do pay a double rate when they're outside of the city limits.

Councilman O. Jenkins: So essentially, we should multiply that number by 2 if we were going forward with this project and we weren't annex - - - we were not - - - tell me if I'm mistaken or not.

Mr. Sibley: You're correct, but the idea here was to show that in fact what it may cost us, we'd be covered by at least what, what's coming in terms of revenue. So obviously if they were not in the city, we may get double the revenue, but we wouldn't have the cost, so we were looking at it purely in terms of, as Mr. Jenkins pointed out yesterday, that we're annexing these guys what's it

going to cost us and how will we cover that cost. Cause certainly if they were not coming in, they'd pay double rates, and we'd get more revenue without cost.

Councilman O. Jenkins: But of course, we're going to get the tax revenue. I mean I'm just saying there's another kind of level of financial analysis from purely financial standpoint should be considered.

Mr. Sibley: And then one other thing, and Malcolm didn't point out that if you look at the map that we discussed yesterday, this is an area that one of the directives the Mayor gave early on was to look at all of these areas that were kinda immediately adjacent and contiguous to the city that it stands to reason it should be brought in to fill in these holes. And also if you recall the water study that was done in terms of doing the improvements, (inaudible) slack and even the study toward the additional water resources, all of these areas were considered when that was done. So, unlike an area that may be three or four miles down the road that we're bringing, this is one that even when you look at the startup cost and potential costs, it's not as significant in that we're not having to add a police substation or a fire substation or even additional cars and things. And so we felt that these numbers are fairly conservative numbers to at least establish the cost that we can identify will at least be covered by the revenue that we anticipate bringing in from this area.

Councilman O. Jenkins: And my question then on the police department, that being said, why is there a startup cost?

Mr. Stadlander: The reason there is a startup cost from the police department, the police department anticipates increased patrol during a development of a subdivision. There is materials that are out there that are exposed and so they increase their patrol of that area and there is a cost associated with that. So we figure that cost for the first year of the development.

Councilman O. Jenkins: If there - - - as the development gets more mature, those costs go down, cause they're not having to patrol it so much because you have people living out there, is that kind of fair?

Mr. Stadlander: That's correct.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Interesting. Okay, Councilman Webb.

Councilman Webb: What kind of formula did you use for streets and drainage. Seem like a low number.

Mr. Stadlander: That is a formula that has been used in the past. It's one that is just something that we took historical data from and all of the prior annexations for the past few years, we just drew that number from there. The Assistant City Engineer agreed with those costs, so I'd say from historical data.

Councilman Webb: What kind of miles - - - y'all got a mileage calculated on that? I mean - - -

Mr. Stadlander: I think she has an idea what it would be as compared to other annexations that are of similar acreage. So.

Councilman Webb: This think is awfully low.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I certainly see this. It's hard to imagine the budget that they say they've got a shortfall in streets and drainage. If we're using this number and then multiplying it across what we need to do every year in the city.

Councilman Corbin: But wouldn't that tie back into the fact that up front at least, the developers doing these streets?

Councilman O. Jenkins: Sure. I'm just saying (inaudible) need some repair, whether that's an annual amount so for every mileage they have no wonder, they're a little short on the what it cost to repair a street.

Mr. Stadlander: You also have to remember they're brand new streets, and the average life of a street, I don't think the repair begins until after it's been there for almost 20 years. So, you've got 'em on brand new streets and you're also flowing water through brand new water lines, and the sewerage through brand new sewer lines.

Mr. Sibley: Mr. Chairman, one of the things we can do also with this format, again with a lot of this stuff, if you all can see ways we can adjust the format of these reports, but if this is fine, what we may do, just for your information is to get the engineers to come in and maybe explain a little bit more about their formulas and how they calculate things like that. But we'd also like feedback if this format is acceptable to you when we deal with annexations, or if we need to adjust it.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I'm just speaking for myself since this is the first one that I've seen. I don't think we have a question with the format, we just don't understand it the first time.

Councilman Webb: Well I just wanted to make a point about annexations. You know I know there's been some talk on this council and even on the previous council about not expanding the boundary lines of the city, but I know just like St. Charles, that actual development, or the beginning of that subdivision was I don't know how many years ago it was, but like Southern Trace, and like Twelve Oaks right now which is expanding rapidly, and we're basically annexing there and after they develop the streets, and then we tie them into the water and sewer, and so we're taking on added responsibility by annexing that. And we don't do that until they do it, but you already have these existing subdivisions, and if you do not annex it, you're basically just shutting these subdivisions down to where there won't be any growth and you're telling the builders we don't want anybody to build a house in Shreveport any longer, and go to Bossier or whatever. Because we don't really have - - - you know we're pretty close to the boundary. We're limited to where we can go in every direction, so some of the nicer subdivisions are wanting to expand and people are wanting to build nicer houses, and that's the reason why I always vote in favor of it because I know down the road, we're going to be looking at having to do streets and

water and sewerage as well, but that will be years down the road as well. But that's just my take on it. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman S. Jenkins: I said yesterday at the Work Session, and I'll say it again today. I'm not trying to single out this particular annexation, but annexation as a whole, I'm concerned about it as we continue to expand the footprint of the city and kinda see the commerce that we have here, but I'm concerned about the fact we continue to expand the footprint of the city and (inaudible), when I go into them, I'm wondering what kind of money is being spent, invested there with streets, water, drainage, and I'm just seeing with the physical eye. You know you go through some of the inner city neighborhoods, and they're falling in. And you go out to these annexed areas, streets all smooth, which is good. Nice looking houses, sidewalks in place. The inner city areas that don't even have sidewalks in them. So, I'm going to be doing a balancing act on these annexations. I'm going to support this today. I'm not persuaded by the numbers, I really would like to see the data behind these numbers. It's not a matter of trying to pick this apart, but as we go forward and begin to deal with the issue of annexation, I'm going to be balancing this with what I see going on in these inner city areas as compared to what we're doing when we're going out and investing resources in new areas. So you have my support on it today, but somewhere down the road, you've got to look at, in my opinion, this cost that's listed. There are citizens now that don't want to pay any kind of impact fees, I can understand what they're saying. Some of these new areas that's coming in, maybe it ought to be a consideration of some kind of impact fee at least with the upfront part of annexing some of these areas in, like I say that has to go on long term. But that's my concern about it also as we go forward Mr. Chairman. Hopefully, we'll take the time like we're doing now and take a critical look at each submission of an annexation coming to the City of Shreveport.

Councilman Corbin: I know we've talked about the bond issue and the Master Plan. We've talked about the growth of the city and annexation, and I think that's a conversation we're going to have to continue to have. Certainly I don't think we ought to (inaudible) a tract of land that's not connected to the city in any way and annex it. I believe that we do have as both Councilman Webb and Councilman Jenkins (Sam) have talked about, we have areas where current development is going on, and we want to encourage that development. It'll be interesting to see how these numbers will come up and if we look at future annexations and we use this format, we might fine tune that a little bit. But I think somehow we have to weigh where the growth in the city is happening and where development is going on and not discourage that in anyway. Certainly as I said earlier, not go out just pick a track of land and think we want that in the city and then develop it. But what we're doing here is we're just adding on to an existing development that's reached it's max and they're ready to go to Phase II.

Councilman O. Jenkins: At this point I agree with all that's been said, certainly I think - - - when I think of it as the filling category and the expanding category and this one I'd like to at least put in the fill in category rather than the expanding category. And that is kinda going to be my litmus test going forward, i.e., the footprint is this big, but if we can fill in some of that footprint that is to our benefit in my opinion. But I also - - - I do agree with the Vice-Chair here as we need to come up with a mechanism, in my opinion, from and whether that's a body, a legislative body or a group that's very focused on encouraging redevelopment in our inner city. And there is obviously, there

is organizations out there, Baton Rouge has their redevelopment authority, which is certainly a very strong group whose done a great job down there for them. I know the Mayor has been very outspoken about an economic development group here in the city, and I think that certainly should be one of their remits is encouraging redeveloping of the inner city. We certainly seen this project that's out there in Allendale that's being proposed and scoped out, so that's a great thing. But for all those developers out there that are listening, you know for everyone of these projects that's down south, we're hoping that somebody is going to come up with some projects that's a little further north. And that's my personal take on it. But I do think for everybody's interest, to include everything the Master Plan came back with. It is in our collective best interest to move forward in that respect.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, one comment on that, and Malcolm and I met maybe a couple of weeks ago, and Dale knows what I'm talking about with a church group. And just what you're talking about is what they're looking at doing. It's kinda open hole in the city. I mean it's already in the city, but people have moved out and we got a lot of vacant property, and what I wished we could do Mr. Mayor and I have to tell some of the city leaders, I know in Washington, D.C., I have a nephew who works with an organization that works with the churches. Believe it or not, I really didn't realize that, of course Dale probably did, my dad was a very poor minister, and didn't have very much money. But finding out that there's a lot of money in Black churches. And a lot of these inner city areas are within our community where you have traditional Black churches. And Mr. Mayor, I'd like to see us - - - and I know - - - is Bonnie here? Bonnie, you don't have to come up, can you hear me? Okay I kinda have one of those soft voices. So, if we could kinda make an effort to work with some of these churches like we're doing over there. And I think what Sam is talking about, what the Chairman is talking about and what all of us want to see, is to see this redevelopment within the inner city, and make sure now that they put houses in that are affordable. You know Mr. Mayor, when they start putting in \$80-90-100,000 houses in some of these neighborhoods, you know that'd be pretty hard for me and you to afford. But now if I was an attorney like Dale, it might not be a problem for me. But lets put some houses in around the \$40-50-60,000 range and I believe we could redevelop some of these areas, and that would be something good that we could work at. Because these churches have a lot of money.

Councilman Everson: I'd just like to add and I echo a lot of what Vice-Chairman Jenkins said about the kind of (inaudible) with annexation although I am comforted that the numbers do support this fill in, and so I don't have a problem necessarily with this annexation that's in front of us today, but obviously expanding our footprint has undervalued the use of the land and the interior of our city. And I read about (inaudible) is something I wholeheartedly and enthusiastically support. And would love to see as I go about this city and I see us looking to pull in new areas and new areas and I drive along parts of Fairfield and closer to the Cedar Grove area, where I drive through Caddo Heights, and I see vast stretches of land that is untapped, undeveloped, nothing on it. My challenge to developers is to come up with ways to developed mixed income communities within the interior of our city. It is something that can work, it is something that is doable, it's a model that I know nationally has a lot more precedent than what we have here locally, but while we certainly need affordable housing and we're at a shortage of that, we also need to recognize the fact that there are people of different income levels and different stages of their economic life that would like to live in the same neighborhood where they know people, and they have their contacts

in their community. So, for instance in an area where we have smaller homes, we need some larger homes mixed in with those as well to make sure that once somebody does come into money, they don't have to leave the community, they can stay where they know people and they can stay where they have built the relationships and history that they have there. So I look forward to seeing a lot of changes in the future going forward. And hopefully moving away from the process of annexation. But certainly think that we've had a good conversation about this particular annexation and the practices in general.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Yes my concern is when the developers come in with the expansions or the new development, how much of this cost do they actually come up with? The city? The developer actually pays the cost that's here?

Mayor Glover: Correct.

Councilwoman McCulloch: And I was just a bit concerned because you know in the past say six or seven years, (inaudible) district, well I said it was District G at the time, we had quite a few new developments, and I was concerned that the developments were coming in and yet the streets were torn up. And we were bringing in new housing, but you had holes in the street. So you know the people who actually were purchasing new housing, but they were tearing up their automobiles getting to the houses. So I hope in the future that we'll look at when you're bringing in or expanding the communities, that you will take a closer look at the situation at hand in regards to streets, drainage and so on. Thank you.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman?

Councilman O. Jenkins: Mr. Mayor, you can certainly be one of the people asked to speak in favor or against in the annexation at this point if you would like.

Mayor Glover: I'm going to offer my comments I guess in general. And certainly am in favor of the annexation. But I will offer my comments in general terms. In similar fashion as the Council. I think this is one of those areas that I think we look forward to having the continued dialogue that has been ongoing and has been extended here today with regard to some of the efforts that have been underway and some of the things that obviously we collectively anticipate seeing happen as we go forward over the next 3 ½ + years. When it comes to annexation for the City of Shreveport, it is obviously an issue that comes with a lot different viewpoints, variables and variations for the City of Shreveport. We are a community of I think 112 or 117 square miles, I can't remember exactly which one. But in terms of square mileage, as a city, we are as large as places like Cincinnati. Well, Las Vegas and Cleveland, other places that have substantially higher population numbers overall than what we have here in Shreveport. And my friend Art Walker has an old saying that it's kind of funny, but it's also kind of ironic and that is that Shreveport would be a heck of a city if we only had 400,000 people. But the truth of the matter is that we do not. In fact, we lost .4% according to the latest census and obviously we're going to look to challenge that as we go forward. But we lost .4 of 1% in our total population somewhere under the 700 total people in the latest census. And unofficially gone under 200,000 for the first time since the post WWII period. The truth of the matter is that Shreveport have hit 200,000 people over 50 years ago,

geographically was much smaller than the Shreveport that we live in today. Where Mr. Webb is front was not a part of that Shreveport, that was 200,000 people 50 years ago. Where Rose and I grew up on the Cooper Road was not a part of Shreveport that hit 200,000 some time again. Cedar Grove was to my recollection still its own incorporated village at that time. Portions of South Highlands that's just recently been added to the city limits as a part of this growth through annexation. Certainly areas like Southern Trace and what we're talking about here today with St. Charles Place, and South Broadmoor, University Terrace were not a part of the city limits of the City of Shreveport at that time. The truth of the matter is that as a state, we've not grown much in the last 50 years. We've seen some shift in population across parish lines and what have you, but our overall growth dynamic has not been in like fashion to Georgia's or Florida's or that in Texas. In fact as a state our rate of growth has even fallen behind Arkansas and Mississippi. Now we can sit and discuss the various reasons for that. But you know that's a reality. The only way in which Shreveport as a city has managed to keep it's population in the high 190s, and over 200,000 has been through annexation, and that annexation has not always necessarily been very precise or very delicate. In fact I sat on the City Council with Councilman Shyne almost 20 years ago, when we made the decision to annex in Southern Trace. And I must admit, it was one of the most interesting maps I'd ever seen drawn before because essentially, you went to the southeastern city limits, and you went three feet on either side of Norris Ferry Road until you got to Southern Trace. And then you bubbled out and picked up Southern Trace and then you came back to the city limits of Shreveport. Was that a good thing to do? I would still stand by that vote today based on the fact that you've seen substantial development in that area as a whole. That a council for why it is that now you're not having to go and draw those lines miles away from the existing city limits to be able to bring in new population and the truth of the matter is that the homes that are valued there bring in a level of revenue to the City of Shreveport, that frankly is much needed and because to go to Councilwoman McCulloch's earlier question, the City of Shreveport requires by ordinance that the new development that takes place within those communities, it's done at a level that is in line with the standards. I think the streets have to be concrete, curbed, gutter surface drainage. Sidewalks on at least one side of the street. At least six inches thick with re-barbed additional thickness in the cul-de-sacs and what have you. And all of those things that are required at the expense of putting those particular accoutrements in are borne by the developer. And that's one of the reasons as to why the challenge to develop inside the city limits is one that is more of a challenge from a cost standpoint, than for those folks who have a practice of going just outside of the city limits. There are folks in this room today who live in an area just outside of Shreveport whose homes are wonderful and magnificent, but they flush their toilets into an 'I hope you get there system', that sometimes leaves their side yards rather soggy and messy and smelly. The streets are ones that have asphalt that sometimes are only a couple of inches thick, and how that gets fixed and properly maintained ends up being something that those folks end up having to deal with. One of the things that we observe coming in four years ago in terms of this Administration was that in terms of this region, there were two areas that were experiencing high end residential development in Shreveport and Bossier. There are still two areas in Shreveport and Bossier that are experiencing high end residential development. One is North Bossier, the other is Southeast Shreveport. And the reality is if we want to capture our portion of that high end residential development, and speaking as the Mayor of all of Shreveport, and I'm from the Cooper Road, and one of the reasons as to why I pushed for this Master Plan is to give us the footprint that tells us how we go about helping to focus more resources, more activity, more development, uncovering

the inner city opportunity that exist inside the (inaudible) with that 110%, but I also recognize that I've got to make sure that we continue to capture our portion of those folks who have the abilities (inaudible) to be able to afford and live in. Homes that are \$300, 400, 500, 700,000-1,000,000. I want those folks in Shreveport. I want them here very badly. I like having them here, just as well as I like having folks who live in Allendale and Lakeside and Caddo Heights and what have you. And so the way in which we make that happen, is we have to look at these types of challenges, these types of projects. And one of the things that we've done within this administration, and I sit here before you as a proud democrat, although I'm not much on party, when it comes to most issues, I try to focus on what's right and not whose right. But the only revenue increase that we've had in the 4+ years that I've been Mayor of this city was a 3% increase in our water rates, which the previous council passed four years ago, 2007, the specific purpose of that increase came about as a result of a meeting, Chairman Jenkins and Vice-Chairman Jenkins and the members of the Council, that I convened with Mike Strong, with Charles Kirkland, with the engineers for the City of Shreveport. And basically we had a map of the southern portion of Shreveport. And what I asked them to do was identify on that map those areas that represent either partially developed subdivisions, or areas that would soon be identified as new residential developments within that area. And to develop and draft a water improvement to that area of Shreveport that would allow us to address what were some - - - we've got problems all over, but one of the challenges that southeast Shreveport has had for years with some of those high end developments is low water pressure, low quality of water, inability to be able to turn your taps on inside your house and have a flow of water high enough to be able to use the spray nozzle in your sink. My direction was develop a water project that was going to be able to address the current challenge, but to also be in a position to be able to accommodate and facilitate future growth since this is where we right now currently see the vast majority of our new residential growth coming for the City of Shreveport. That project was developed, that increase was authorized by the previous council, and that project is now complete. And so from an infrastructure standpoint, you now have in place, the one real impediment or the one real answer to the single impediment that stood in the way of future development of southeast Shreveport, there are not additional things at this point that we need to anticipate beyond what you see calculated on these types of (inaudible), and we would certainly welcome the chance to be able to sit and show you how these folks came up with their numbers. I would offer to you Councilman Webb and probably the easiest one to come up with would be the one for streets. Because as I said, if you're a new subdivision, you have to build at your expense the streets according to the ordinance of the City of Shreveport. That's concrete, that's curb and gutter, that's subservice drainage. We don't end up having to come in and fill potholes in those for more than a few years. And all that's done not at the city's expense. And so those are types of things that we actually want to have, because frankly as many folks believe that additional revenue that we end up netting as a result of that is what gives us a chance to have access to additional resources to go back and address some of those areas in some of those parts of Shreveport that have those long neglected, often not seen after challenges and concerns. And so hopefully, we'll have a few more of these to go through, because I want those folks. I want to be back over 200,000. I want some more of those dream homes to be built in Shreveport. I also am proud of the fact that we've got Concordia Place that recently taken place over in District B in the inner city. The Stoner Hill neighborhood. A dozen new homeowners who are there right now in parts of Shreveport that people are not buying homes by and large, but they are there now. The Shepherd Place development up in MLK, folks who are there, who are happy being there and who are still

looking for more opportunities. The Heritage Place development that we're working toward right now represents a great opportunity for us to be able to do something similar within the Ledbetter Heights, Allendale area, and I stand with you all ready and prepared to take those offerings of the Master Plan like the redevelopment (inaudible) to move forward with them. And Mr. Chairman, you referenced the one in Baton Rouge, I've been following as well. Now I hadn't seen a whole lot of success that they've achieved just yet. I do know they pay their director about \$300,000 and I'm not hating on Walter Monsieur, he's a good man, in fact he's from Shreveport, but I hadn't seen \$300,000 worth of actual income that he's provided.

Councilman Shyne: And that's pretty hard to see.

Mayor Glover: Now we do intend to work with this council to figure out an effective redevelopment authority mechanism that we can put in place that works in conjunction with Community Development, the existing non-profits that we have out there, the members of the faith-based community who want to be a part of these efforts, so that we can do even more and larger types of mixed income, in fill development types of housing that allows us to be able to repopulate that inside the loop as the Master Plan refers to and so I wanted to get that all out on the record, since it is a public hearing, who knows, there may be somebody in Washington with the Justice Department that has to take a look at these things at some point, because it has to do with annexations, so I wanted to make sure they knew exactly where the Mayor of the City of Shreveport stood.

Councilman Shyne: Thank you Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Glover: Absolutely. Thank you Mr. Shyne. Thank you Mr. Chairman, thank you members of the Council.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay, do we have anyone here to speak in favor of the annexation ordinance? Does anyone wish to speak in opposition of the annexation ordinance? Okay. They probably got tired of listening to us. So, if not, this public hearing is now closed. Lets move on to adding legislation to the agenda Mr. Thompson.

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

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

The Clerk read the following:

1. **Ordinance No. 44 of 2011**: **ZONING – C-25-11** 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 Dalzell at its intersection with Samford, Shreveport, Caddo Parish Louisiana, from I-2, Heavy Industry District to I-2-E, Heavy Industry/Extended use district limited to “a Multi-purpose Facility for concerts and music rehearsals for a period of one year only” and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Everson)

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, this is to be added because this was recently approved by the MPC, and one of the Council Members asked the MPC if they could help us fast track it. At the MPC, there was an 8-0 vote for this rezoning. There was no public opposition to the rezoning according to the minutes.

2. **Resolution No. 73 of 2011**: Stating the City of Shreveport's endorsement of the request to the Community Foundation for funds to produce the education and outreach portions of the bicycle and pedestrian Master Plan, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Mr. Thompson: You heard a report at the last meeting concerning this Master Plan, and yesterday, there was a request by the developers, the planners to ask the City Council if they would endorse their request to the Community Foundation for funds and so that was just drafted today, and that's why it's also to be added. The third set of items concerning confirmations, there are several.

3. **Confirmations and Appointments**:

Shreveport Housing Authority: Judy Madison

Art Walker

Property Standards Board: Donald Walter

Industrial Development Board: Bennie Dotie

Mr. Thompson: These are on the fast track because I believe that the Housing Authority and perhaps the Industrial Development Board need members so that they can have a quorum and conduct their meetings. So, those are the items that you can consider for addition to the agenda.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay, one question. Did we receive the (inaudible) bio on Mr. Walter?

Ms. Johnson: I believe we did Mr. Chairman.

Mayor Glover: Walker or Walter.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Walker, we did. Walter.

Councilman Shyne: Cause I think he needs to be fast tracked too Mr. Chairman, if we got his bio.

Councilman O. Jenkins: The reason - - - I remember reading the three that we talked about being fast tracked yesterday, and I believe there was some discussion whether we needed to fast track the Property Standards Board, and I don't know if I got it when I read it last night.

Mr. Sibley: I think that's why we fast tracked - - - that's why we didn't have an (inaudible) on it, Jim's coming forward. We'll need the folks on the Housing - - -

Councilman Shyne: They need to have that position filled in order to have a quorum Jim?

Councilman O. Jenkins: No, that's for the Housing Authority and the IDD.

Mr. Holt: We have a member that has announced his intent to resign, but he has not done so. Should he do so, it'd be an emergency, but it's not now. We can wait.

Councilman O. Jenkins: And the reason I asked that question, thank you Mr. Holt, is by adding these to the agenda, and then we can just consider each one of those separately when we get to that point? Okay, that was really my question. Are we, by adding them, are we saying that we're going to take them all at one time. Okay. I'll make a motion to add those to the agenda.

Councilman Shyne: Second.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, did you ask - - -?

Councilman O. Jenkins: Is there anyone present who would like to speak in favor or in opposition of adding these ordinances to the agenda? As there is none, I'd like to make a motion to add these to the agenda.

Councilman Shyne: I'll second.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay.

Motion by Councilman O. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Shyne to add Ordinance No. 44 of 2011, Resolution No. 73 of 2011, and the Executive Appointments to the Shreveport Housing Authority, Property Standards Board, and the Industrial Development Board to the agenda. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Shyne, and Jenkins. 6. Nays: None. Out of the Chamber: Councilman Webb. 1.

Mr. Thompson: Those are all of the items to be considered for adding to the agenda.

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

Confirmations and appointments.

Councilman O. Jenkins: We have Confirmations today and

Councilman Shyne: So moved Mr. Chairman.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Second.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, do you want to name them or do you want to take them all together.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I'd like to make a motion to propose the three that need to be fast tracked.

Councilman Shyne: That was my motion.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay, if that's my motion now.

Councilwoman McCulloch: That's my second.

Shreveport Housing Authority: Judy Madison

Art Walker

Industrial Development Board: Bennie Dotie

Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman McCulloch to confirm the executive appointments of Judy Madison and Art Walker to the Shreveport Housing Authority, and Bennie Dotie to the Industrial Development Board.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Any discussion or anybody? I will say this, that I have talked to several people today, and they were very positive in the comments that they had on this particular vote, so I'm very comfortable with it.

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

Mayor Glover: Thank you Mr. Chairman, members of the Council. We'll have at least Mr. Atkins to you all before this week is over.

Councilman O. Jenkins: So we can get it on the - - - ?

Mayor Glover: Correct.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, public comments - - - I don't believe we - - .

Councilman O. Jenkins: We didn't have any, so I moved ahead.

Mr. Thompson: Oh okay, good. We are now under Consent Agenda, we have no legislation.

Councilman O. Jenkins: The difference is those addressing legislation, and those that are just general.

Councilman Everson: Liz's was addressing legislation, that resolution that's on the agenda.

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

Councilman Everson: Did you fill out a form Liz? Oh, okay I'm sorry.

Councilman O. Jenkins: We can suspend the rules if that's what you'd like Mr. Everson.

Motion by Councilman Everson, seconded by Councilman Webb to suspend the rules to hear comments from Ms. Liz Swaine, Director, Downtown Development Authority. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.

Ms. Liz Swaine: (Director, Downtown Development Authority) I'm here today talking about No. 66 on your agenda, and I've already handed out some information that you should have at all of your stations. Just want to talk very briefly about a resolution that you'll be voting on today, that's incredibly important, not only for the City of Shreveport, but for cities all over the State of Louisiana. The resolution is about the State Commercial Tax Credit, which we call the Historic Tax Credit. This has been hugely successful in the State of Louisiana since 2002. We're one of 31 states around the country that has such a tax incentive on the books, and in Shreveport alone, we have completed six projects using this tax incentive, seven others are underway, and many others could qualify. The buildings that we're talking about for the most part are very expensive to restore, because they're old historic buildings. Many of them have been sitting vacant for years. Time has not been kind to these buildings. You can point out many of them when you drive around Shreveport. We are constantly at the DDA meeting with developers trying to figure out how to make the dollars and cents of these projects work, and this historic tax credit has helped several of them make those dollars and cents work out. Without this credit, I can tell you that several projects would not have been done, and at least one large project announced very recently would be stopped. It would be stopped, not completed. In fact we believe the development of historic buildings in Shreveport and around the state will slow dramatically. If this historic tax credit is allowed to sunset in December of this year, it will be a huge hit to downtown and cultural district development and historic preservation, and it will impact Shreveport common, it will impact the efforts to enhance Texas Avenue, and much more. The way it works is a developer of a building puts private dollars, sometimes substantial private dollars into a building, and gets if the building qualifies, 25% tax credit on the qualified cost on the rehab of that building. When the project is finished, the state doesn't have to write a check or grab money out of their pocket and hand it to that developer, what it is, is a credit on future taxes that would be paid to the state. But meanwhile, that building is in commerce, it's providing property taxes, sales taxes, jobs. People have been hired to work to do the construction, and it's again a productive member of our downtown or cultural district. Now the tax credits are not extended. These buildings will cost the city and the state money, because we're going to have to continue to make sure that they are boarded up and they are kept safe and secure, and no property or sales taxes will be generated, no jobs will be generated, no opportunities will be created, and the property values around them will suffer. The DDA believes that the extension of this historic tax credit is absolutely imperative in the City of Shreveport and the State of Louisiana's continued efforts to make our downtowns and cultural districts better places than they have been. We are working with a consortium of DDDs and developers around the state to make this case to our state legislators. It helps tremendously to have

the support of city councils and the support of the mayor, and hopefully we will have a resolution to leave with today to send to our state legislators and I would love to work with the Mayor's office as well with a letter from the Mayor to put in our packet as we make this call to our state legislator. So, if there are any questions, I'd be happy to answer them, but otherwise thank you very much for your support. Thank you.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, I want to get you all essentially prepared as we move towards our legislative session this coming 26th I think of this month, when it kicks off. Based upon the current fiscal status and standing of the State of Louisiana, you're going to have every one of the current tax credits that are in place that will be reviewed and checked and evaluated by the members of the legislature, because it's no great secret that the state right now is facing one of its largest budget deficits within probably the state's history. Unfortunately there are no stimulus dollars to rescue us this year, the way they were last year. And so that \$2,000,000,000 hold was talked about last year that ended up being somewhere just north of \$300,000,000 actually this year is going to be somewhere over a billion dollars. As a result of that, the members of the legislature, as they are bound to do are looking at every potential revenue source that they can that would result in bringing in additional dollars to the State of Louisiana. These credits along with the film tax credits along with the oil and gas production tax credit, along with practically any form of tax credit, tax extension, sales tax extension that currently exist is going to be reviewed and evaluated specifically by the members of the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Senate Revenue and Fiscal Committee, and the good news is, is that we have two members from this area on the House Ways and Means Committee and we have a couple of members from this area who are on the Senate Revenue and Fiscal Committee. They along with the other leaders across the state, councils, mayors, recognize the great benefit that the downtown development aspect provides along with the film, digital medial tax credits are what's going to be a full phalanx of us who will be joining with Liz and her colleagues and councils going down to Baton Rouge to send that message. While we understand that some issues and some challenges and the budget that's got to be balanced, this is not one of the means and mechanisms that you want to make use of to try and achieve that balance. Because the revenue that you may end up being able to save ends up as the resolution points out obviously as just articulated, has some great costs in some other areas. So, we welcome you all passing this resolution. I do know that we'll be calling on you in the weeks and months ahead to help tell the story, not just about what's happening in terms of downtown, but what's happening in terms of the film industry, what's happening in terms of the music industry, the digital music industry, and all of those other things that are helping to grow and push and advance this economy that might end up on the chopping block, but we're anticipating that we're going to have some enlightenment (inaudible)legislators who really understand, but it is important that they know where we are, where we stand, and what our priorities are. So, thank you Councilman Everson for offering this, and we certainly look forward to working with you all as we communicate the city's priorities to the legislature going forward.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Thank you Mr. Mayor. Currently we have one other request relative to legislation at this point. Is Mr. Craig Lee here?

Mr. Craig Lee: (1035 Eustis Street) I wanted to address legislative issue 9B, No. 72 in reference to the Sam's Inc. and Target vote that you all are going to take today. I'm in support of this, but

here's the issue I have with all of this, and I take you back to the Convention Center in terms of the construction. It appears that there is some lack of understanding that when a person comes with architectural blueprints for development, certain things are left out, and then money has to come back out of the state's, the city's money. With the Convention Center, it was a situation where they did not put a covered walk from the garage into the center. And so now you know you have to come back and spend money on that. So, in this particular example with Sam's and Target, that should have been contiguous walkway or drive traffic from one place to another. So now, we're coming back and even though it's particular saying that Sam's may participate or Target may participate in this, this is something that should have been done on the front end. This is basic. It made no sense to have two shopping venues next to each other and you would have to drive onto Youree to get to the other. So I would hope that in the future when you have developers come in, they do this on the front end, because it makes no sense. Money is now being wasted to do something that could have been done on the front end. And sometimes I think some of these developers do this in order to come back, so they don't have to spend the money on the front end, which is kinda like of the things you were talking about Councilwoman McCulloch. So even though I'm in support of this because it will create a better flow of traffic and economic development opportunities, we need to handle this better on the front end.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Thank you. Okay, Mr. Thompson.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, there are no items on the Consent Agenda legislation, so we're now under 9A, Resolutions on Second Reading and Final Passage.

Consent Agenda Legislation.

To Introduce Routine Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolutions: None.

Ordinances: None.

To Adopt Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolutions: None.

Ordinances: None.

Regular Agenda Legislation

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

The Clerk read the following:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 54 OF 2011

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A DONATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND NORRIS FERRY ROAD, LLC, HEREINAFTER CALLED "OWNER" AND ACTING HEREIN THROUGH WILLIAM L. MAYFIELD, MANAGER, FOR THE PRIVATE WATER AND SEWER MAIN EXTENSIONS AND RELATED FACILITIES TO SERVE ST. CHARLES PLACE SUBDIVISION UNITS 10 AND 11 AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened, that Cedric B. Glover, Mayor, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Shreveport a Donation Agreement with Norris Ferry Road, LLC, represented by William L. Mayfield, Manager, substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in the draft of said agreement which was filed for public inspection with the original draft of the resolution in the office of the City Council on March 22, 2011.

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

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

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

2. Resolution No. 55 of 2011: A resolution stating the city of Shreveport's endorsement of Vanderberg Construction, Inc., to participate in the benefits of the Louisiana restoration tax abatement program, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Everson) (*Public Hearing – April 26, 2011*) (*Not to be adopted prior to April 26, 2011*)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 56 OF 2011

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE AIRFORCE- BARKSDALE AIRFORCE BASE AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City desires to participate in programs which directly benefit the citizens of the City by participating in wholesome activities which serve to benefit the entire community; and

WHEREAS, the Department of the Air Force- Barksdale Air Force Base, desires to provide one of the largest free family events in the region be hosting and supporting The 2011 Barksdale “Defenders of Liberty” Air Show; and

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

WHEREAS, The 2011 Barksdale “Defenders of Liberty” Air Show sponsored by the Department of the Air Force-Barksdale Air Force Base serves as a benefit to the community by providing a free family activity and to offer the opportunity for the public to see Barksdale Air Force Base, as well as, other national and international aerobatic performers free of charge which serves a public benefit and serves a public purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that the use of bicycle barricades by the Department of the Air Force Barksdale Air Force Base on May 5-11, 2011 during The 2011 Barksdale “Defenders of Liberty” Air Show is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the use of the equipment by the Department of the Air Force Barksdale Air Force Base is conditioned upon the execution of an indemnity and hold harmless agreement by the Department of Air Force Barksdale Air Force Base in favor of the City of Shreveport in a form acceptable to the Office of the City Attorney.

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

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 57 OF 2011

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

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

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society, will sponsor the annual "Relay for Life" at Lee Hedges Stadium on April 29 through May 2, 2011 and has requested the use of city-owned staging for the event; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that the use of city-owned staging by the American Cancer Society on April 29 through May 2, 2011 for the "Relay for Life" is hereby authorized subject to execution of an indemnity and hold harmless agreement by the American Cancer Society in favor of the City of Shreveport in a form acceptable to the Office of the City Attorney.

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

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 58 OF 2011

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

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

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society, will sponsor the "Relay for Life" in Bossier City, Louisiana at Airline High School Stadium on April 8 - 11, 2011 and has requested the use of city-owned staging for the event; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that the use of city-owned staging by the American Cancer Society on April 8 – 11, 2011 for the Bossier “Relay for Life” is hereby ratified.

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

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 60 OF 2011

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2011 TO AUTHORIZE THE INCURRING OF DEBT AND ISSUANCE OF BONDS THEREIN AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana (the "City"), that:

SECTION 1. Canvass. This Governing Authority does now proceed in open and public session to examine the official tabulation of votes cast at the special election held in the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana, (the "City"), on SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2011 to authorize the incurring of debt and issuance of bonds therein and said Governing Authority does further proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of the special election.

SECTION 2. Proces Verbal. A Proces Verbal of the canvass of the returns of said election shall be made and a certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who shall record the same in his office; another certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Clerks of Court and Ex-Officio Recorder of Mortgages in and for the Parishes of Caddo and Bossier who shall record the same in the Mortgage Records of said Parishes; and another copy thereof shall be retained in the archives of this Governing Authority.

SECTION 3. Promulgation of Election Result. The results of said election shall be promulgated by publication in the manner provided by law.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61 of 2011

A RESOLUTION STATING CITY OF SHREVEPORT'S ENDORSEMENT OF BJ SERVICES COMPANY, USA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BENEFITS OF THE LOUISIANA QUALITY OF JOBS PROGRAM AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Quality Jobs Act (the Act) is contained in LSA-R.S. 51:2451 et seq; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Quality Jobs Program offers significant incentives for economic development to some of the most distressed areas in the State; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Department of Economic Development designated Census Tract 243.03 Block Group 2 in Caddo Parish as eligible based upon the provisions of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport states this endorsement is in agreement with the overall economic development plan for the City of Shreveport, and

WHEREAS, the attached map has been marked showing the location of the business being endorsed, and;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Louisiana Quality Jobs Program requirements the City of Shreveport agrees:

1. To participate in the Quality Jobs Program.
2. To assist the Department in evaluating progress made in any Quality Jobs within its jurisdiction
3. To REBATE the 2.75% local sales/use taxes on the purchase of eligible construction materials, machinery, and equipment purchased for this project and used by the business permanently on that site.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Shreveport, in due, regular, and legal session convened that BJ SERVICES COMPANY, USA and their project BJ SERVICES DISTRICT FACILITY, Quality Jobs Application #2009-0155, is hereby endorsed to participate in the Louisiana Quality Jobs Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this resolution or the

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

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62 OF 2011

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN ADJUDICATED PROPERTY TO BE SURPLUS, WHICH WILL AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SELL THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT'S TAX INTEREST IN THESE ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has an adjudicated tax interest in the properties described in Attachment "A8" for the non-payment of City property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the properties described in Attachment "A8" are not needed for public purposes and should be declared surplus properties; and

WHEREAS, LA R.S. 47:2202(B) and Code of Ordinances Section 26-301. authorize a municipality to sell adjudicated property to an adjoining landowner who has maintained the adjudicated property in accordance with said section for a period of one year; and

WHEREAS, Code of Ordinances Section 26-301 provides that the sale price for such sales shall be one dollar and other good and valuable consideration; the real consideration for such sales is the purchaser's effort, labor and expenses in maintaining the property for a full year; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has received applications pursuant to the above cited laws from adjoining landowners to purchase its tax interest in each of the properties described in Attachment "A8".

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 "A8" are hereby declared surplus.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Shreveport does hereby authorize the sale of its tax interest in each of the aforesaid properties for one dollar and other good and valuable consideration; the real consideration for such sale is the purchaser's effort, labor and expenses in maintaining the property for a full year.

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

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

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63 OF 2011

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

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport, has a tax interest in the herein below described property which has been adjudicated for the non-payment of City property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the herein below described property is not needed for public purposes and should be declared surplus property; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has received an offer to purchase the tax interest in the herein below described property as indicated below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that the property described below is hereby declared surplus.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Shreveport does hereby authorize the sale of its tax interest in the herein below described property.

Property No. 1: Legal Description – Lots E, W, & X, Blk. 1, Re-Subdivision of Broadview Subdivision, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon and having a municipal address of 6387 Buncombe Road, Shreveport LA, Geo#171535-004-0007-00. **DISTRICT E**

Property No. 2: Legal Description – Lot 1, Blk. 35, Queensboro Subdivision, Second Filing, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon and having a municipal address of 3003 Catherine St., Shreveport LA, Geo#171403-070-0001-00. **DISTRICT G**

Property No. 3: Legal Description – Lots 161 & 162, Gold Coin Subdivision, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon and having a municipal address of 612 Central St., Shreveport LA, Geo#171423-011-0161-00. **DISTRICT F**

Property No. 4: Legal Description – Lots 165-168 Incl., Gold Coin Subdivision, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon and having a municipal address of 614 Central St., Shreveport LA, Geo#171423-011-0230-00. **DISTRICT F**

Property No. 5: Legal Description – Lot 57 & ½ Adj. Abdn. Alley, Linwood Subdivision, a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon and having a municipal address of 412 Champ Clark St., Shreveport LA, Geo#171423-017-0057-00. **DISTRICT F**

Property No. 6: Legal Description – Lots 3 & 4, Blk. 7, Shady Oaks Addition, a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon and having a municipal address of 3646 Del Rio St., Shreveport LA, Geo#171403-132-0049-00. **DISTRICT G**

Property No. 7: Legal Description – Lot 20, Blk. E, Pine Grove Addition, a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon and having a municipal address of 2814 Harp St., Shreveport LA, Geo#171403-006-0020-00. **DISTRICT G**

Property No. 8: Legal Description – Lot 15, Blk. G, Gladstone Subdivision and ½ Adj. Abdn. Alley, a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon and having a municipal address of 242 Kings Hwy., Shreveport LA, Geo#171307-012-0015-00. **DISTRICT C**

Property No. 9: Legal Description – Lot 6, Blk. 3, Queensborough Addition, a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon and having a municipal address of 2921 Lakeshore Dr., Shreveport LA, Geo#171403-039-0006-00. **DISTRICT G**

Property No. 10: Legal Description – Lot 6, Delmar Subdivision, a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon and having a municipal address of 5620 McAlpine St. Shreveport LA, Geo#171416-052-0006-00. **DISTRICT F**

Property No. 11: Legal Description – Lot 1, Blk. M, Jefferson Heights Subdivision, a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements

located thereon and having a municipal address of 3203 Milton St., Shreveport LA, Geo#171403-114-0001-00. **DISTRICT G**

Property No. 12: Legal Description – Lot 21, Willow Ridge, Unit No. 7, a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon and having a municipal address of 37850 None, Shreveport LA, Geo#171405-026-0021-00. **DISTRICT A**

Property No. 13: Legal Description – W. 30 Ft. of E. 241 Ft. of N. 66 Ft. of S. 839.52 Ft. of SE/4 of Sec. 14-17-14, a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon and having a municipal address of 1620 Oakdale St., Shreveport LA, Geo#171414-096-0087-00. **DISTRICT B**

Property No. 14: Legal Description Lot 1, Russell Heights, Less R/W, a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon and having a municipal address of 1564 Russell Road, Shreveport LA, Geo#181421-014-0001-00. **DISTRICT A**

Property No. 15: Legal Description – Lot 20, Blk. 17, Queensborough Addition, a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon and having a municipal address of 2742 Stonewall St., Shreveport LA, Geo#171403-053-0020-00. **DISTRICT G**

Property No. 16: Legal Description – Lots 15, 16 & 17, Less NE/LY 36 Ft. lying next to Lot 18, Blk. 1, W.R. Carter's Subdivision, TAL 5, a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon and having a municipal address of 855 Texas Ave., Shreveport LA, Geo#181437-014-0041-00. **DISTRICT B**

Property No. 17: Legal Description – Lot 1, Blk. 31, Morningside Subdivision, a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon and having a municipal address of 1903 Vivian St., Shreveport LA, Geo#171414-047-0001-00. **DISTRICT B**

Property No. 18: Legal Description – Lot 32, Winnsborough Subdivision, a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon and having a municipal address of 2900 W. Caperton St., Shreveport LA, Geo#171403-029-0032-00. **DISTRICT G**

Property No. 19: Legal Description – Lots 212 & 213, Gold Coin Subdivision, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon and having a municipal address of 618 W. 66th St., Shreveport LA, Geo#171423-013-0212-00. **DISTRICT F**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that because the above described property has been declared surplus, Section 26-300 of the Code of Ordinances authorized the Mayor to execute a deed for the sale of the City's interest in this property.

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

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64 OF 2011

A RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 10 RELATIVE TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON JUNE 2, 2011 RELATIVE TO DISPENSING, SALE AND/OR CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT 1315 GRIMMETT DRIVE FOR THE NORTH SHREVEPORT BUSINESS ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL CRAWFISH BOIL FUNDRAISER AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY: Councilwoman Rose McCulloch

WHEREAS, the North Shreveport Business Association will host its annual Crawfish Boil Fundraiser on June 2, 2011 between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at 1315 Grimmatt Drive; and

WHEREAS, the North Shreveport Business Association desires to dispensed and allowed the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages at 1315 Grimmatt Drive 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 at 1315 Grimmatt Drive, on June 2, 2011 for the North Shreveport Business Association Annual Crawfish Boil Fundraiser.

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 Sections 10-80(a), 10-81, 10-190(a) and

106-130(6) on June 2, 2011 for the North Shreveport Business Association's Annual Crawfish Boil Fundraiser, between the hours of 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at 1315 Grimmer Drive.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65 OF 2011

A RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 10 RELATIVE TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT POSADO'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT LOCATED AT 1355 EAST BERT KOUNS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF CINCO DE MAYO ON MAY 5, 2011 AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY: Councilman Michael Corbin

WHEREAS, Posado's Mexican Restaurant will host a celebration of Cinco De Mayo on May 5, 2011 between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. at 1355 East Bert Kouns; and

WHEREAS, Posado's Mexican Restaurant desires to dispense and allow the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages at 1355 East Bert Kouns 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 at 1355 Eat Bert Kouns, on May 5, 2011 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 Sections 10-80(a), 10-81, 10-190(a) and 106-130(6) on May 5, 2011 for Posado's Mexican Restaurant celebration of Cinco De Mayo, between the hours of 3:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. at 1355 East Bert Kouns.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66 OF 2011

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING STATE LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD EXTEND THE STATE COMMERCIAL TAX CREDIT PROGRAM OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA (HISTORIC TAX CREDIT ACT) AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

By: Councilman Jeff Everson

WHEREAS, the State Commercial Tax Credit Program has provided financial incentives to accelerate the successful historic preservation and renovation of properties located in the Downtown Development District since first being enacted in the 2007 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature; and

WHEREAS, eleven projects with Qualifying Costs of \$10,534,272 and Non-Qualifying Costs of \$1,852,934 have been completed in the Downtown Development District utilizing the Commercial Tax Credit; and

WHEREAS, additional projects that would substantially contribute to the vitality and economic development of the Downtown Development District have applied or plan to apply for the State Commercial Tax Credit; and

WHEREAS, the extension of the State Commercial Tax Credit Program is necessary to continue the successful revitalization of the Downtown Development District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal and regular session convened, that the Council supports the extension of the State Commercial Tax Credit Program of the State of Louisiana (Historic Tax Credit Act).

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

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67 OF 2011

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, 2011 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, 2011 between the hours of 5:00 p.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, 2011 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 Sections 10-80(a), 10-81, 10-190(a) and 106-130(6) on May 5, 2011 for Superior Bar and Grill Restaurant celebration of Cinco De Mayo, between the hours of 5:00 p.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 O. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman McCulloch to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman there was one resolution that was added that can be considered.

The Clerk read the following:

RESOLUTION NO. 73 OF 2011

A RESOLUTION STATING THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT'S ENDORSEMENT OF THE REQUEST TO THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR FUNDS TO PRODUCE THE EDUCATION AND OUTREACH PORTIONS OF THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY: COUNCILMAN EVERSON

WHEREAS, ThinkFirst, ABetterShreveport, the Louisiana Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA), and the National Park Service are partnering with North Louisiana Council of Governments (NLCOG) and the Shreveport Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) to promote the production of a Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport and the Parish of Caddo invested \$1,650,000 in a planning process to capture the shared vision, goals, and principals that citizens have for the future development of this community; and

WHEREAS, that planning process produced, "Great Expectations: Shreveport-Caddo 2030 Master Plan" (the Master Plan); and

WHEREAS, the challenge now is to use the human and capital resources of this community to convert citizens shared vision, goals and principals into detailed plans and projects; and

WHEREAS, this Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan will bring the resources of this community together to convert one of the goals articulated in Section 8 of the Master Plan into concrete doable plans and projects; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan and the City of Shreveport's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy further recommend the production of a Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan to provide local decision-makers with research to support sound policies and investments in bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish/City of Shreveport Parks and Recreation Master Plan, 2006-2020, has indicated through public survey analysis that the three most desirable recreational improvements are: 1) Greenways and Linear Parks, 2) Bike Lanes and Trails, and 3) Veledrome Cycle Track; and

WHEREAS, this Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan will provide clear direction and specific project recommendations for achieving each of these priorities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Shreveport, in due, regular, and legal session convened that the City of Shreveport endorses the production of a Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Shreveport endorses the ThinkFirst's request to the Community Foundation for funds to produce the Education and Outreach portions of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.

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

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

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

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, members of the Council, before you move to the next section since you are at now, passed Resolution 60, I'd like to if you do not mind, as I referenced in Mayoral Communications that we wanted to give you all a quick briefing on the path forward with regard to the Bond election. And we want to stop you all before you were making your way through those

resolutions, but before we go more forward in the meeting, we'd like to take the opportunity to have the CAO to do that if you all would allow.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Sounds (inaudible), and we do you have time to do that Mr. Mayor.

Mr. Sibley: Thank you Mayor, thank you Mr. Chairman, and Sharon have you handed those?

Ms. Pilkinton: Yes I did.

Mr. Sibley: Okay, what you should have is a sheet that looks something like this is the proposed timeline that we worked out in conjunction with the finance team on this particular Bond issue. Obviously you'll have time to read through it, but there are a few things I wanted to bring to your attention. 1) It's a very aggressive schedule. You know in all of our communications we talked about being - - - having everything done by the fall. If you look at this schedule, it has us closing on bonds in June. As I said, it is a very aggressive schedule. A couple of things to note there is there is a bond presentation in mid May, and Mr. Chairman I think the Mayor may have already spoken to you about participating in that visit to New York to get our actual rating. That's on the schedule for about mid May, which is one of the key points. Because of that, there's been a lot of questions about when and what priority and what projects are going first, and we've secured that information from the departments. We're preparing to present that information to the Mayor, and Mr. Chairman, in my discussions with the Mayor, does say in conversations we always have in terms of the meetings between the Mayor and the Council in time to finalize that list, it's important according to that schedule that we have that list finalized by the end of this month, hence the aggressive scheduling, and we're trying to move quickly in order that we can show the citizens that we are going to move expeditiously on this. It's also important that you review this schedule, we anticipate that there may be some things that change along the way. Obviously we're dealing with outside entities, the Bond Commission, other entities out there, but this is the basic schedule that we intend to push for and of course we need your assistance and your cooperation in doing that. If we need to adjust the schedule, we obviously can. Again, this schedule is designed to get us in a position to close on the bonds in June, and you know there's nothing magical about June, it's just that we were asked to be aggressive, and we tried to be very aggressive. But you also notice on this schedule there is a period if I could point it out to you, in May, looks like about mid May after the rating is secured in New York, to present a local option. One of the things that the Mayor felt was very important was to provide local investors an opportunity to participate in this sale, and if you note there, there is an opportunity for them to do so before it goes out on the national market, so when you get an opportunity, please review that schedule. That's to make you aware of the steps that we're going through. If you look at it, a lot of the preliminary steps are steps between the Bond Counsel Team and the Finance Team. But one of the most critical steps for us in the interim is to solidify the list of priorities, establish what those priorities are. I will mention to you that we've asked the Finance Team to build around a projected \$75,000,000 first sale is something that our departments feel can be reached, that that's something that we can do. We obviously are conscious of the time limits, the three year limits, the five year limits, the time in which we have to do this to avoid negative arbitrage, and with that in mind, we are targeting \$75,000,000 initial issue. That will depend obviously upon what the final decisions are in terms of the priorities of those projects. So again, take the time to look through that. Offer us any suggestions or

adjustments you feel need to be made, but the critical dates right now is, we ask you have that list prioritized by the end of April in terms of the first batch that goes out, the visit to the rating agencies in mid May, and the potential to close on the first set of bonds in June.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Will you have the list ready for us?

Mr. Sibley: We're getting it to the Mayor, then we expect the Mayor will work with you guys in solidifying and finalizing that list.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Could we - - - you know certainly and I think we should try to target that at our next work session if that gives y'all enough time for that Monday, after the Work Session, like we've done in the past? At least assume we're going to get most of us there, rather than picking an intermediate time.

Mr. Sibley: And as a start point Mr. Chairman, the departments in putting the list together spent a lot of time in not prioritizing 'em and giving basic information, so even if you review some of the information that you have, that may kinda shortcut the process, because it won't differ a lot from what you have in your hands. What we did was went back and ask them to adjust a few things so there'll be some tweaking of that, but what you have is a good start point for you until we get the opportunity to sit down and finalize it.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Though I'm a military man, and I like my acronyms. You've got a few on here that maybe not all of us are fully - - - you may want to tell us what some of those are.

Mr. Sibley: Probably the first you see, that's POS. And it's the Preliminary Offering Statement, and that's where our finance team has pulled the information together that presents the basic financial picture of these bonds that will be used to present to the rating agencies. That is reviewed internally by the Bond Team, Bond Counsel looks at it to make sure that everything is legal and fitting with the requirements of the State and the Bond Commission. The Finance Team looks at it and makes sure everything is complete and straight in terms of the financial aspects of it, but that's more of an internal document that's generated by them, that's used as our base document when we go forward to meet with the rating agencies as well as when the reports are sent to the Bond Commission. I think that's the major one.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Well NOS, is that Notice of Sale, or what is that?

Mr. Sibley: Yes sir, exactly. Your military background serves you well Mr. Chairman.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Well, you know. SBC is some kind of Bond Counsel.

Mr. Sibley: It's Bond Commission. The acronyms on the right hand side are in the chart up top, that outlines the responsibilities for the various parties involved.

Councilwoman McCulloch: It was my plan at the end of the meeting to actually announce the town hall meeting that's scheduled for April 28th at Southern University at 6:00. Based on the report that you said is due at the end of this month?

Mr. Sibley: That's our target.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Is it possible that both reports can be prepared and ready prior to the town hall meeting that's scheduled for April 28th to be presented to the citizens in District A?

Mr. Sibley: That will actually be completely up to you guys and the Mayor.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Well, I'm going to request that of the Administration to please try and have them ready prior to April 28th to be presented to District A at the town hall meeting.

Mr. Sibley: And that actually fits the projected timeline, because it is important in our discussion to have that list finalized during that time period. Because then everything has to be finalized in terms of the presentations that are made in New York as well as the other notices that have to be presented. So again, that's between you guys in terms of finalizing that list and getting it back to us so that we can go forward with it.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Okay, thank you.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay, any other comments? Thank you Mr. Sibley.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Mr. Chairman, members of the Council.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Thank you Mr. Mayor. Mr. Thompson?

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, we're now under Introduction of Resolutions.

Introduction of Resolutions *(Not to be adopted prior to April 26, 2011)*

The Clerk read the following:

1. **Resolution No. 68 of 2011**: A resolution authorizing the purchasing agent to dispose by public auction of surplus vehicles/items and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
2. **Resolution No. 69 of 2011**: A resolution authorizing and providing for the waiver of permit, inspection, and other related fees for the construction of a house at 2020 Bridgewater Avenue in Providence Place Subdivision, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Corbin)
3. **Resolution No. 70 of 2011**: A resolution amending the Fire Department pay schedule for Municipal Fire Civil Service Personnel and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

4. **Resolution No. 71 of 2011**: A resolution authorizing a contract between the City of Shreveport and the Independence Bowl Foundation, Inc. relative to the production of the Independence Bowl Football Game and related activities and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

5. **Resolution No. 72 of 2011**: A resolution authorizing the acceptance of the donation of property and/or funds from Sam's Inc., Target Corporation and other parties for construction of a crossover or other improvement to facilitate pedestrian and vehicular access between the Sam's and the Target retail developments, to authorize the Mayor to execute all documents relative to acceptance of the funds and the property and construction, operation and use of the crossover or other improvement and matters related thereto, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Corbin)

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman McCulloch to introduce Resolution No(s). 68, 69, 70, 71, and 72 of 2011 to lay over until the next regular meeting.

Councilman O. Jenkins: And for discussion before we vote, on the Fire Department piece, these are Civil Service Personnel, non-uniformed folks? Is that what we're - - - tell me what we're - - -

Mr. Thompson: It says emergency vehicle technician to Assistant Chief of maintenance, or new Civil Service classification, and it requires placement in the pay scale for municipal fire service personnel. No additional employees or funds will be necessary (inaudible) our operating budget.

Chief Crawford: Mr. Chairman, it's a civil service position. They are not fire fighting personnel, but they are uniformed emergency vehicle technicians in our maintenance garage.

Councilman O. Jenkins: And it's to put a little splice in between various pay grades?

Chief Crawford: Yeah, we've had the same structure there as far as administration for a number of years, and because the two Chief positions really are in the office, where years ago, the Assistant Chief of maintenance was able to actually stay on the floor. He was kind of a shop foreman. He was actually doing some physical labor, work along with supervising what was going on. And because of their roles have expanded so greatly over the last 10, really 15 years, this is long overdue, that the Senior EVT has become sort of a defacto supervisor, supervising, doing a lot of the scheduling and things that the Assistant Chief used to do. And so this is just formalizing that. The Civil Service Board and the State office in Baton Rouge has created a new EVT II position that is a grade between the current EDT and the Assistant Chief that will become actually that shop foreman. So he has a formal supervisory role. He can actually delegate individuals that are EVT's work responsibilities, fill out schedules, and he'll actually be that person that'll still be on the floor and be able to do mechanic work. Roll up his sleeves and be working with the guys, that we're lacking out there right now.

Councilman O. Jenkins: So you're saying there's some legislation at the state level that's supporting this?

Chief Crawford: That's correct.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Would you mind, at least I don't know if anybody else is interested, but I'd like to see that, if you'd send me that in an email just some time over the next - - -.

Chief Crawford: Send it to you first thing tomorrow.

Councilman O. Jenkins: And so I see where it's a minor increase and it fits within the confines of your current budget. And how many positions is it (inaudible) on if it's listed here?

Chief Crawford: It's just one. The Senior EVT who is the Emergency Vehicle Technician will become the EVT II. There will be one lone supervisor shop foreman over the other five EVT's that are on the floor right now. And his salary will increase approximately \$200 a month is what we're estimating and we have that within the budget.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay. I got the feeling I was thinking for every section. Okay.

Chief Crawford: No, it is specific to the maintenance garage. It's one person in our organization and that's all they'll ever be. When that person promotes, another person can move into that position, but that's it.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay, any other questions?

Councilman S. Jenkins: Well, it's really not a question, I simply want to say that on Number 72, this is the Sam's Inc. and Target Corporation deal. I share in those concerns that were raised by Mr. Craig Lee when he spoke on this issue a few moments ago. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay. Any further discussion with regard to introducing these items at this point? Alright then, lets vote.

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

Introduction of Ordinances *(Not to be adopted prior to April 26, 2011)*

Mr. Thompson: We're now under Introduction of Ordinances.

The Clerk read the following:

1. **Ordinance No. 38 of 2011**: An ordinance levying a tax of Eight and Thirty-Four One Hundredths (8 and 34/100ths) mills per dollar on all property subject to Ad Valorem Taxation within the bounds of the Downtown Development District of the City of Shreveport for the purposes as set forth herein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

2. **Ordinance No. 39 of 2011**: An ordinance levying various taxes totaling Seventeen and Ninety-Eight One Hundredths (17 and 98/100ths) mills per dollar on all property subject to Ad Valorem

Taxation within the City of Shreveport for the year 2011 in the amounts and for the purposes described herein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

3. **Ordinance No. 40 of 2011**: An ordinance levying a tax of Twenty-Six and Fifty Six One Hundredths (26 and 56/100ths) mills per dollar on all property subject to Ad Valorem Taxation within the City of Shreveport for the year 2011 for the purpose of paying principal and interest on outstanding General Obligation Bonds of the City of Shreveport, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

4. **Ordinance No. 41 of 2011**: An ordinance amending Section 25-29 and amending Article 2 of Chapter 58 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport providing for the regulation of noise; Providing for fines and penalties for violation thereof; Providing an effective date, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (C/O. Jenkins)

5. **Ordinance No. 42 of 2011**: Ann ordinance amending and reenacting Section 2-51 of the Code of Ordinances relative qualifications of members of Boards and Commissions, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

6. **Ordinance No. 43 of 2011**: An ordinance amending Chapter 2, Article IV of the Code of Ordinances relative to creation of the position of Deputy Chief of Police within the Shreveport Police Department and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

7. **Ordinance No. 44 of 2011**: **ZONING – C-25-11**: 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 Dalzell at its intersection with Samford, Shreveport, Caddo Parish Louisiana, from I-2, Heavy Industry District to I-2-E, Heavy Industry/Extended use district limited to “a Multi-purpose Facility for concerts and music rehearsals for a period of one year only” and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Everson)

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman O. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Everson to introduce Ordinance No(s). 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, and 44 of 2011 to lay over until the next regular meeting.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Mr. Sibley for the Eight and Thirty-Four One Hundredths for the DDA, usually I can do the math on some of these things, but since it's only a particular chunk of property that I don't know. I'd be curious to see what those figures amount to in terms of - - - I assume it's what the budget is, but I just want to make sure I'm aware of that, since it's not the whole body of the whole \$60,000,000. Okay.

Councilman Everson: I did want to comment on the Zoning C-25-11. I appreciate the MPC for cooperating on the fast tracking of this zoning ordinance change. This is a group of people who occupy the building under the assumption that the people who had been there previously had been operating legally there, however they had not. And so when they got into the building, this group of people was trying to comply with all laws and do things in the most upstanding fashion. And through that discovered that they were not able to operate, that this isn't exactly they way that

they'd planned, which is why I've asked fast tracking on it, because they did everything that was required of them and we're going to try and keep them to be able to open as soon as possible.

Mr. Sibley: Mr. Chairman, we have that number.

Mr. Madden: Based on current assessment, it's a little over \$700,000.

Councilman O. Jenkins: \$700,000? Okay, thank you. Any further discussion?

Councilman S. Jenkins: 38, 39, and 40, once again we're just ceremoniously - - -

Councilman O. Jenkins: Procedurally.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Procedurally - - - nothing new about it, no increase or anything like that, right?

Councilman O. Jenkins: Right.

Councilman S. Jenkins: I just wanted the public to know Mr. Chairman.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Any further discussion? Okay, lets vote.

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

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

The Clerk read the following:

1. **Ordinance No. 24 of 2011**: An ordinance amending section 66-26 of the Code of Ordinances relative to the Employees' Retirement System, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (*Postponed March 22, 2011 until April 12, 2011*)

Mr. Thompson: There was an indication yesterday from the Administration, that they were going to ask for a postponement.

Councilman Shyne: So moved to postpone.

Councilman Webb: Second.

Mr. Sibley: I'm sorry. We're on 24 Mr. Chairman?

Councilman O. Jenkins: In the discussion yesterday, I thought y'all would be ready for a presentation.

Mr. Sibley: And we are. We have Mr. Norris here and if this is the appropriate time, we can do it now Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Webb: I'll withdraw my second then.

Councilman Shyne: And I'll withdraw my - - -

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay. Whether we vote on it or not, I'd like to just have the presentation.

Councilman Shyne: That's fine, that's fine.

Mr. Sibley: And if not, we'll ask that it be removed at the next Council Meeting, if the Council is not ready today. But Mr. Norris is here, we have some written materials for you, and he's going to walk you through it and then answer any questions that you may have.

Councilman O. Jenkins: First of all, how's your health? Feeling better?

Mr. Don Norris: Much better, much better thank you very much.

Councilman S. Jenkins: I hope that he can read better than he can run. I hope he can go through this material faster than he can run.

Mr. Sibley: I had to call him out of bed this morning, he's still recuperating.

Councilman O. Jenkins: And since you brought him in, I thought we should at least hear him.

Mr. Norris: She's handing out some information. We'd discussed once before some changes to the pension funds that brings our pension fund in line with other pension funds within the state. And it makes this pension fund much more viable and predictable. The proposal before you is to change the current wording of earnable compensation to exclude overtime from the calculation in determining pensions for individuals working for the city. Currently, we're the only entity that does include overtime. All state agencies do not. It gives us a better chance of predicting how the pension fund will work in the future, so that we don't have unknown contingencies beyond our control, and ultimately cause the pension fund to lose money. I gave you several articles in the very back, but the third page I believe is actually the earnable compensation law from the State of Louisiana. About halfway through, you'll notice that it says it excludes overtime compensation. The next item is an actuarial report we get every year which helps us determine the soundness of the pension. One of those issues that has been continually addressed since 2004 is the use of overtime. I can take a salary for every employee and predict what will be needed to be deposited for that individual's pension for the future. However, overtime is something I cannot predict. It's an unknown. It's sort of like having a car wreck, or a house fire. Those are unknowns. The pension plan is a defined plan which needs to have that stability of predictability to insure that it's there for future generations. We've been looking at it for sometime, and it's now come to a point where we need to make that decision. Just to give you an example on the following page or two pages, to show you what I'm speaking of, there is an employee whose salary, this is just an example.

There's stated salary is \$44,000, which puts their average monthly compensation at \$3,600. But because their last three years, which is what we use to determine your pension, they had worked \$71,000 at the time, which is almost double their salary in overtime. When you go to calculate their pension, their pension is actually \$5,000 which is far more than they were earning when they were working. Now, everybody would love to have that, but there's no way a) To predict it, and b) If it had been an incremental thing where they had earned \$1,000 each year for 30 years, that's a natural progression. But to wait til the end, the last three years and double your salary, gives that pension fund a false sense of security that it can't handle. So, the proposal is to since most pension plans operate with benchmarks, the state has on the books that overtime is not to be used in calculating pension. Every state retirement (inaudible) has that, should we fall in line with the state, and exclude overtime from the calculation of the pension.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Just so that and for the record, I believe we discussed this in the past or maybe somebody spoke to me about it. When y'all spoke about this at the Retirement Board, what was the vote that day, if you could recall?

Mr. Norris: The vote was that we would at that time, this has been voted on by the Employees Retirement System Board that we exclude this from the calculation, and we're presenting this to the City Council for acknowledgement.

Councilman O. Jenkins: And what was that vote in terms of - - - was that a unanimous or?

Mr. Sibley: There was one negative vote Mr. Chairman, and that was the Employee Rep who we understood why and he was articulating why he felt the need to vote against it, but that was the lone negative vote against them.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, I just wanted to say, it seems like to me, that that employee would realize what I'm doing is messing up my retirement system. You know you ought to have - - - and I don't know who it is, but you ought to have a little common sense, and the same thing with managers. When they do that, it seems like they ought to say 'Hey look, if I give this guy too much, I'm going to throw the retirement system out.

Mr. Sibley: Mr. Shyne, just a thought. It's a difficult situation because a lot of our employees have - - - you know when you read some of the material you'll see where they talk about manipulation of overtime and things like that. And it gets to the point where an employee sees it as an entitlement, and you know it's been a practice, and everybody kinda expects it, and even though you talk about hey guys you want to be able to get it 10 years down the road, 15 years down the road, 20 years down the road, sometimes it is different for people to look down the road. But as a pension board, and as a pension fund, we have to look down the road. And that's what makes it difficult. It's a matter of perspective. So he kinda understood Mr. Shyne, but he felt obligated because of what he was hearing from the employees. He felt obligated to go well you know I have to vote against this. And as I said, - - -

Councilman Shyne: I understand what you're saying, but still kinda on the rim of not having good sense. You know that's why I don't want the Social Security system thrown out of whack. You know cause that's the only little thing I have to take care of myself.

Councilman Webb: And for clarification, effective date on this is January - - - excuse me, I mean April - - - March 15th?

Mr. Norris: It would be whenever you voted it. Originally we had planned January, effective (inaudible).

Councilman Webb: Well it says effective on April 15th. Anyone that retires after that date gets the overtime for the previous years will not be calculated?

Mr. Norris: It will not affect - - - lets say you'd earned that money up until the 15th of this month. We still go back 36 months. It will not affect us. But for any future employees who work past that three year, five year, ten years, those will not be calculated. We're not going to take away from you what you've already - - -

Councilman Webb: I understand, I just wanted that brought out, that's the reason I - - -

Mr. Sibley: Mr. Chairman, if I may Don I asked him also to identify, one of the things the Board did, because this - - - because it can't be retroactive, this is not an instant salvation for the plan, but there are some other steps that were taken to try to deal with rates that are payable with certain programs, and even looking at our actuary, and what rate of return that our policy calls for. We're looking at the investment policy on it, all trying to insure that - - - for example, I'm not in it and most of us who are appointed are not in the plan, but trying to look out under our fiduciary responsibilities for the long term liability of the plan, and that's where it becomes difficult, and these are though steps that have to be taken, but if we don't take them, which is why the board voted the way it did and obviously asking the Council, (inaudible) don't take them, the employees won't have a plan perhaps 10 years from now. And that would be the biggest travesty on us, because we will have failed our fiduciary responsibility to at least try and ensure that the plan is going to be there down the road.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Well based on that, I'd certainly like to make a motion to adopt this ordinance. Any further discussion?

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

Mr. Sibley: Thank you Don, thank you Council.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Thank you, hope you feel better.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, members of the Council. Don't thank you for your presentation, definitely appreciate it. And Council Members, definitely appreciate the unanimous vote on this measure. Unfortunately I think it represents just the tip of a much larger set of issues that we will be grappling with in the years to come, and probably long past my mayorship, and probably past the time that you all will serve on this council. But the bottom line reality is that these are issues that governments all across the country at the state and local level are going to have to begin the process of getting their hands around. Otherwise as Councilman Shyne wisely pointed out, the systems themselves will collapse under their own burden and own weight. So, thank you all for getting us off to a good start.

2. **Ordinance No. 33 of 2011**: An ordinance declaring the City's intention to acquire full ownership of a certain adjudicated property located at 700 Cotton Street, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (B/Everson)

Having passed first reading on March 22, 2011 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Everson, seconded by Councilman O. Jenkins to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, No. 34 is a noise ordinance that was replaced by Ordinance No. 41, that was introduced today. Therefore No. 34 should be removed.

3. **Ordinance No. 34 of 2011**: An ordinance amending Article 2 of Chapter 58 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport providing for the regulation of noise; Providing for fines and penalties for violation thereof; Providing an effective date, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (C/O. Jenkins)

Having passed first reading on March 22, 2011 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman O. Jenkins to remove from the agenda. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.

4. **Ordinance No. 35 of 2011**: ANNEXATION - TAG NO. 10-02: An ordinance enlarging the limits and boundaries of the City of Shreveport - A 35.13 acre tract of land, being adjacent to St. Charles Place Subdivision, located in Section 29, (T16N-R13W), Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Corbin)

Mr. Thompson: This was the subject of a public hearing earlier in today's meeting.

Having passed first reading on March 22, 2011 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Corbin, seconded by Councilman Webb to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7.
Nays: None.

5. Ordinance No. 36 of 2011: ZONING – C-17-11: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 Of The Code Of Ordinances, The City Of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on northwest corner of David Raines Road and Jonquil Drive, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, be and the same is hereby changed **from R-1H, (SPI-2 Urban, One-Family Residence (Industrial Park Overlay) District to B-1, (SPI-2) Buffer Business (Industrial Park Overlay) District** and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/McCulloch)

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

6. Ordinance No. 37 of 2011: ZONING – C-18-11: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 Of The Code Of Ordinances, The City Of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the south side of Ford Street, 75 feet east of Boisseau Street, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA., **from R-3, Urban, Multi-Family Residence District to B-1-E, Buffer Business/Extended Use District limited to “residential use, indoor retail sales, coffee shop, restaurant, barber/beauty shop and/or laundry pick-up” only**, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/McCulloch)

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

The adopted ordinances and amendments follow:

ORDINANCE NO. 24 OF 2011

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 66-26 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO THE EMPLOYEES’ RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, earned overtime is currently included in the calculation of average compensation and earnable compensation for determining the amount paid to a member of the Employees’ Retirement System (“ERS”) as a pension, annuity or retirement allowance; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance would amend the definitions of “average compensation” and “earnable compensation” for purposes of determining retirement benefits after March 15, 2011.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal and regular session convened, that Section 66-26 of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to now read as follows:

ARTICLE II. EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT

SYSTEM

DIVISION 1. GENERALLY

Sec. 66-26. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Average compensation means the average annual earned compensation of an employee for a period of 36 successive months of service, excluding any overtime earned after March 15th, 2011, as an employee during which such earned compensation was the highest. In the case of interruption of employment, the 36-month period may be computed by joining the employment periods immediately preceding and succeeding the interruption. The burden of proving the earned compensation for any period of 36 successive months shall be on the employee. The board's decision as to such amount shall be final and conclusive.

Earnable compensation, with respect to any member, means total compensation paid by the employer for a calendar year, excluding any overtime earned after March 15th, 2011. Amounts contributed by the employer under the system and any nontaxable fringe benefits provided by the employer shall not be considered as compensation. The determination of compensation shall be made by including salary reduction contributions made on behalf of an employee to a plan maintained under Internal Revenue Code sections 125.414(h) and 457. Compensation in excess of \$200,000.00 shall be disregarded. Such amount shall be adjusted at the same time and in such manner as permitted under Internal Revenue Code section 415(d). In applying this limitation, the family group of a highly compensated member who is subject to the family member aggregation rules of Internal Revenue Code section 414(q)(6) because such member is one of the ten highly compensated employees paid the greatest "415 Compensation" during the year, shall be treated as a single member, except that for this purpose family members shall include only the affected member's spouse and any lineal descendants who have not attained age 19 before the close of the year. If, as a result of the application of such rules, the adjusted \$200,000.00 limitation is exceeded, then the limitation shall be prorated among the affected family members in proportion to each such family member's compensation prior to the application of this limitation.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 33 OF 2011

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE CITY’S INTENTION TO ACQUIRE FULL OWNERSHIP OF A CERTAIN ADJUDICATED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 700 COTTON STREET AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

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

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

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

Geographical #	Physical Address	Legal Description	Assessed Owner
181437-112-0025-00	700 Cotton Street	Lot 8 & NE/2 of Lot 7, Blk. 7, Shreveport	Central Properties/US Bank

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

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

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

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 35 OF 2011

AN ORDINANCE TO ENLARGE THE LIMITS AND BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT – A 35.13-ACRE TRACT OF LAND, BEING ADJACENT TO ST. CHARLES PLACE SUBDIVISION, LOCATED IN SECTION 29, (T16N-R13W), CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

TAG NO. 10-02

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:

A tract of land located in Section 29 (T16N-R13W), Caddo Parish, Louisiana, said tract being more fully described as follows:

From a found concrete monument at the Northwest corner of Lot 116, St. Charles Place, Unit No. 4, subdivision, as per plat filed and recorded in Book 4000, Pages 146-147, of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, (said monument also being the Northeasterly most corner of Southern Trace Phase IV, Section X) run thence N 62°37'51" W (deed call of N 62°37'02" W) along the North line of Southern Trace Phase IV, Section X, as per plat filed and recorded in Book 2200, Pages 319-321, of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, a distance of 485.31 feet to a found ½ inch diameter iron pipe, run thence S 89°44'13" W along the North line of Southern Trace Phase X a distance of 332.15 feet to a set ½ inch diameter iron pipe, being the Point of Beginning of the tract herein described.

From said Point of Beginning, run thence along the North line of Southern Trace Phase IV, Section X, and Southern Trace Phase IV, Section X-F, as per plat filed and recorded in Book 2500, Page 206, of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, the following three calls:

S 89°44'13" W a distance of 157.85 feet to a found ½ inch diameter iron pipe,

S 48°56'10" W a distance of 343.84 feet to a found ½ inch diameter iron pipe,

S 89°44'53" W a distance of 797.15 feet to a set ½ inch diameter iron pipe on the West line of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 29;

Run thence N 00°01'15" W along the West line of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 29 a distance of 1,311.62 feet to a set ½ inch diameter iron pipe at the Northwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 29;

Run thence S 89°58'29" E along the North line of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 29 a distance of 1,215.91 feet to a set ½ inch diameter iron pipe;

Run thence S 00°00'16" E a distance of 1,087.54 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said tract containing 35.13 acres, more or less, and further identified by Caddo Parish Tax Assessor's Geographic Number 161329-000-0148-00.

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 2011

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 106 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT ZONING ORDINANCE, BY REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED ON NORTHWEST CORNER OF DAVID RAINES ROAD AND JONQUIL DRIVE, SHREVEPORT, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, FROM R-1H, (SPI-2) URBAN, ONE-FAMILY RESIDENCE (INDUSTRIAL PARK OVERLAY) DISTRICT, TO B-1, BUFFER BUSINESS (SPI-2) (INDUSTRIAL PARK OVERLAY) DISTRICT 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 northwest corner of David Raines Road and Jonquil Drive, legally described as Lot 43, Oak Forest Subdivision Unit 1, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, be and the same is hereby changed **from R-1H, (SPI-2) Urban, One-Family Residence (Industrial Park Overlay) District to B-1, (SPI-2) Buffer Business (Industrial Park Overlay) District.**

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

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

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 37 OF 2011

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 106 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT ZONING ORDINANCE, BY REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED ON SOUTH SIDE OF FORD STREET, 75 FEET EAST OF BOISSEAU STREET, SHREVEPORT, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, FROM R-3, URBAN, MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO B-1-E, BUFFER BUSINESS/EXTENDED USE DISTRICT, LIMITED TO “RESIDENTIAL USE, INDOOR RETAIL SALES, COFFEE SHOP, RESTAURANT, BARBER/BEAUTY SHOP AND/OR LAUNDRY PICK-UP” 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 south side of Ford Street, 75 feet east of Boisseau Street, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, legally described below, be and the same is hereby changed from **R-3, Urban, Multi-Family Residence District to B-1-E, Buffer Business/Extended Use District limited to “residential use, indoor retail sales, coffee shop, restaurant, barber/beauty shop and/or laundry pick-up” only,**

A tract consisting of all of Lots 9-15 and portions of Lots 16-21, Ingersoll Heights Block G, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA, more particularly described as: From a ½ inch pipe at the north common corner of Lots 9 and 8, Ingersoll Heights Block G, being the POB of the tract herein described, thence run S0°6'49"W 130.73 feet; thence run N89°52'9"W 320 feet to a found 1 inch diameter iron pipe being the SW corner of Lot 16, Ingersoll Heights Block G; thence run N0°8'18"E 45.02 feet to a found ¾ inch diameter iron pipe; thence run N89°59'22"W 75.99 feet to a found ½ inch diameter iron pipe; thence run N0°38'40"E 4.99 feet to a found ½ inch diameter iron pipe; thence run S89°42'6"W 36.77 feet to a found ½ inch diameter iron pipe; thence run S0°55'26"W 5 feet to a found ½ inch diameter iron pipe; thence run S89°35'16"W 88.65 feet to the east R/W line of Boisseau Street; thence run N1°27'53"E 51.16 feet along said east R/W line to a found 2 inch iron pipe on the south R/W line of Ford Street; thence along said south R/W line the following 2 courses: N81°47'26"E 242.76 feet to the NW corner of Lot 15, Ingersoll Heights Block G; east 280 feet to the POB of the tract herein described. Said tract containing 1.25 acres.

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

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

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

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

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, those are all of the items that are under Regular Agenda Legislation.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay.

Tabled legislation.

Mr. Thompson: Yesterday, we asked whether or not there were any tabled items that anybody wanted to remove from the agenda, I believe the answer was no.

Appeals

Mr. Thompson: All of the appeals except one were completed yesterday. It's an ABO. It concerns Ms. Brittany Polk, manager of the gift shop at Eldorado Casino. She was here earlier. She delivered the letter that she was asked to deliver. And Cpl Collins is also not here, because he's taking an exam.

Ms. Brittany Polk, 7705 Wyngate Blvd, Shreveport, LA 71106 (E/Webb) *El Dorado Casino* 451 Clyde Fant Pkwy, Shreveport, LA (B/Everson) *New*

Motion by Councilman Webb, seconded by Councilman Shyne to overturn the decision of the Shreveport Police Department and approve the ABO Card.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Is it a site specific, or just - - -

Councilman Webb: No, I just want to give her the ABO Card.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay.

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

Metropolitan Planning Commission Appeals and Zoning Board of Appeals

Other Appeals: None.

TAXI:

Mr. Will McCarthy, III, 3445 Pleasant Drive, Shreveport, LA 71109 (F/Shyne) *Casino Cab*, 2405 Kings Hwy, Shreveport, LA (C/O. Jenkins)

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I don't believe that there are any other appeals to take up today. I think Mr. McCarthy - - - his was set back for today, but for a later date. I mean he just had to bring the letter.

Councilman O. Jenkins: He had to bring the letter.

Mr. Thompson: We are no under Reports from Officers, Boards and Committees.

Reports from Officers, Boards, and Committees

Councilman O. Jenkins: I'll be happy to start with a couple of boards, one Public Safety Board Meeting that we had about two weeks ago. I mentioned this yesterday and I'll repeat it. Spent some good time working on both the Noise ordinance that we've seen for introduction today. Some further discussions with regard to the Taxi ordinance and Vehicle ordinance and some modifications we'd like to see going forward with that, and then lastly about the Deputy Police Chief, we talked about that. So those were some of the focuses of our board meeting about two weeks ago. And I know Councilman Everson has a couple of reports for us.

Councilman Everson: The Property Standards Committee, Councilman Shyne is actually the Chair of, however this subject that we discussed this past meeting was historic preservation policy, and since I sat on that committee, he was gracious enough to allow me to chair or preside over that particular meeting, but we began the review of the historic preservation (inaudible) Mayor's committee on historic preservation has been working on for about the last year and a half. And we were presented with what was a very well thought out and designed piece of legislation, however it still had some questions that were brought up by the committee, and so we asked those in attendance from legal to verify some of our concerns and we'll be meeting at a later date to kind of iron out the rest of the problems within that policy and probably have it for introduction sometime next month. In other news we had a Riverfront B-4 Committee meeting today. And we had a number of topics that we discussed there. One that we will be introducing very soon, will be the addition of a member of the Downtown Development Authority on that committee to be added in a non-voting capacity, but would be officially added to that committee as a member. We also looked at some of the uses of uses by right in the B-4 and discussed some of the various methods that could be employed to update that short of a complete zoning re-write. However some of the members from MPC, we would like to review some of what was discussed today with them before moving forward on anything. But it was a good discussion about some of the options that exist there. We also talked about some of the activity that's going on in the various areas of downtown with the Shreveport Commons, with the downtown under the bridge area that many of us will remember as the Red River District. We also talked about a street performance or (inaudible) ordinance that it is going to be developed and discussed, a parking structure, and some traffic concerns downtown that could be addressed in the near future. So it was a productive meeting.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Any other meetings, boards that I'm aware of. Of course we move ourselves to the highlight of the program, Clerks Report, always something that we're always looking forward to.

Councilman Shyne: Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Clerk's report

Mr. Thompson: We always have a report for Mr. Shyne.

Councilman Shyne: Oh my God!

Mr. Thompson: But I have no report except for the one yesterday concerning the Intergovernmental meeting that will be held at the Caddo-Bossier Port Commission on the 29th, 11:30.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay, then in that case, is there a motion for the Council to resolve itself into the committee of the whole?

Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Everson to the Council to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, and Shyne, 5. Nays: None. Out of the Chamber: Councilmen Webb and S. Jenkins. 2.

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

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:21 p.m.

//s// Oliver Jenkins, Chairman

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