



Council Proceedings of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana

May 25, 2010

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana was called to order by Chairman Joyce Bowman at 3:04 p.m., Tuesday, May 25, 2010, in the Government Chambers in Government Plaza (505 Travis Street).

Invocation was given by Pastor Joe Gant, Calvary Baptist Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Wooley.

On Roll Call, the following members were Present: Councilmen Calvin Lester, Monty Walford, Michael Long, Bryan Wooley, Ron Webb, Joe Shyne, and Joyce Bowman. 7. Absent: None.

Councilwoman Bowman: At this time, I will need a motion to suspend the rules all the people here with the Wyngate, Church Street and Malcolm Street to discuss their issues with the City of Shreveport and the Union Pacific Railroad.

Councilman Shyne: Could we let Pastor Gant, Madam Chairman, come up first?

Councilwoman Bowman: Sure.

Councilman Shyne: And let me ask the gentleman in the back with the beautiful shades on, if you don't mind, taking your cap off when you're in the legislative Chamber?

Citizen: Inaudible.

Councilman Shyne: Well, I'm going to ask the officer to put you out then.

Councilwoman Bowman: wait just a minute. Councilman Shyne, hold up. Okay, where is Chief Whitehorn.

Councilman Wooley: There's an officer right there.

Councilwoman Bowman: Come on. This is going to be a respectful meeting. This is not like the setting like we had on Friday night. Everyone will get the opportunity to speak, you can say - - - okay.

Councilman Shyne: Thank you Madam Chairman.

Councilwoman Bowman: Well thank you Councilman Shyne.

Councilman Shyne: I've been called worse names than that, so I don't mind.

Councilwoman Bowman: Now, let me set some rules first. You will have the opportunity to come before this Council, you can say to us just what you think needs to be said. You have the opportunity to do that. But we will not holler from the very back, we will be respectful of each other. At this time, Pastor Gant. Just give us your name and address for the record.

Pastor Joe R. Gant, Jr. (5823 Ledbetter Street) Pastor of the Calvary Missionary Baptist Church and Executive Director of the Learning Haven 21st Century Learning Center. Madam Chairman, members of the council, I want to first of all read something briefly to you. At first when I received this letter on yesterday, I was real angry, and I really intended to come here and raise a lot of hell today, Mr. Mayor. But I decided to do differently, I wanted to speak from my heart to your heart for a few moments. On yesterday, I received a certified letter from the Metropolitan Planning Commission. Which said in essence, your application for a learning center after school tutorial has been denied. The reason for the denial is that this use is not allowed in R-1D classification. This office would like to solicit your cooperation and community spirit, in correcting this violation by asking that you cease all operations immediately. We ask that you comply with this request within ten days of receipt of this notice. The first problem I have with this, members of the Council is that we've been in this building for almost three years. For those of you who may not know the history of the building, this is the old J. C. Hamilton Library, that is located on the corner of Mansfield Road, and Hillcrest. And I've been talking to different ones, and no one has ever said anything to us specifically about what we needed to do. The problem I had is if that was a zoning issue, all they had to do say to me was Rev. Gant, you need to get it rezoned or you need to get a variance or whatever. But to get a letter like this - - - what I did in the interim, and I have a package to leave with the Council, we got the signature of everyone who was home yesterday and they signed the petition saying that they would be in favor of the building, zoning change or whatever was necessary for us to remain in the building. But for you to give me a letter to say that you need to vacate the premise immediately. In the fiscal year 2009, the Learning Haven Community Learning Center had economic impact on this community of \$1.3(million). We served 695 children. We have better than 82 people who are employed. Along with activities that we do there, we conduct the 21st Century Learning Center at Caddo Middle Technology Center and also at Caddo Heights Elementary School. We have during the summer, we have two summer camps that will be held. One will be held at Caddo Middle Technology Center, and one will be held at Caddo Heights Elementary School, and also we have a program called the Freedom School, where we'll be serving for six weeks, 100 children at our address on Hillcrest. The only thing we tried to do is partner with this city and make it better for children. Also, we're in the process now of property we have at 2106 Hollywood is an approval for a summer feeding program, where we'll be able for eight weeks to feed more than 500 children each day to make sure that they get a hot breakfast and a hot lunch. Mr. Mayor, when we're doing everything we can to try to bring this community together, to do what we can and for me to get this kind of a letter, was a slap in the face. And that's why I didn't even go to the MPC, I wanted to come directly to the Council. And I wanted to ask

you, I don't have any problem in doing what I need to do to remedy the situation if there is. But for me to get a letter saying that I needed to cease operation immediately, and close down that building, where would these children go? Let me give you three quick examples, and I'll stop. There's a gentleman whose son came to us about five months ago. He'd been told that his son would never learn. When he came to us, he would just sit down, he wouldn't talk. But guess what happened on yesterday evening, that father ran into the building so excited. His son passed the LEAP test. Here's a child they said couldn't learn. But because I was working with that child in two months, that child passed the LEAP test. We have another parent who brought their child. That child was failing 4th Grade for the second time. We worked with that child for three months. Not only did the child pass LEAP, but instead of going to the 5th Grade, that child is going to the 6th Grade where she is supposed to be. I don't believe that there is any child who cannot learn. Any child can learn up to their ability. That just sets us apart from any other groups that you have that are doing this kind of program in Shreveport. Is that there is a ministry at our church. We don't look at the bottom line, we're not in here to make money. You know where my clothes are the dirtiest when I get home? Around my legs. Where those little children are hugging on me. The past two weeks, I was out. My wife came home the other day and said, they children want to know where is Pastor Gant? You know why they are looking for Pastor Gant, not because I am teaching them, but those children need love. And that building when we got that building three years ago, it was a building that was being used for nothing but to store junk. And I would encourage you to come by there now, and see not only the difference that we've made at 2604 Hillcrest, but go by Caddo Middle Technology School, go by Caddo Heights, and see what we have done in bringing technology into those schools, and providing them with better than \$80,000 worth of technical equipment this year, that otherwise we would not have been able. So I come here to ask for your help. But I also come here to tell you, I'm not going to close the building. I want to do it right, but I will not turn my back on these children. And that's why I've come here Madam Chair to ask for the help of this Council.

Councilman Shyne: Madam Chair, first of all Pastor Gant, I appreciate you coming down. I just want to make this statement to the Council and also to the Administration. Pastor Gant and I talked about this about three years ago. He came to me and said, "Joe, we need to use that building, and we need to use it for something that's going to enhance the community." I said, "Well now Pastor, I'll help you get this building, if you make sure that you can come up with a program that's going to facilitate helping the kids that we have in this area to get the grade level and beyond grade level. He said, you've got a deal. So, we met with some of the people at the Library Board, and the Director at that time, and they were using that building for storage. Now don't you all think it's more important to teach kids in that building than to store old books and other stuff? So, we found them a place where they could store that stuff. And they said, "Look, we'll let him use it." And because of two letters Pastor Gant was exchanged back and forth, and finally got it where they could use it. I've been by there myself. I can see the joy on the faces of these youngsters. First of all the building was being used for educational purposes in the beginning. What he's doing is using it for educational purposes. Now, if it was something totally different doing on there from what the building was actually built for, the building was built for a library. So that's education itself. And that's exactly what they're doing. And matter of fact, they're even going a step further because they've got computers and everything in there, and they've got people in there who are teaching these young people. I want to ask - - - first of all Pastor, let me ask you this. Have you talked with

the people in the community to see if they have any objections on what you all are doing, and have you - - -?

Pastor Gant: So far, I have 21 persons who have signed they would be in favor. And I did that yesterday because - - - and everyone that we approached did sign. But just the time factor, we were not able to reach all of the people on yesterday.

Councilman Shyne: Well Pastor, I sorry, they brought it up to me, I guess I was talking and didn't get a chance to look at it. But I've talked to some of the people in the neighborhood. And they agree to what you're doing. And they thanked me for not letting the building be used for something that would be disruptive to the community. And a lot of times, that can happen. You know you can have a building in a community that sometimes can be disruptive, if people let it get out of hand. So Mr. Thompson, I'm going to ask if you and Ms. Glass would get together and I'm going to ask the support of the Council and the Administration if we could come up with a variance where Calvary can continue to operate the program that they are operating at that particular facility because it's helping so many, many young kids who would actually be left behind. And Pastor, I want to congratulate you and your church and the people who work with you. This is what Christianity is all about. Christianity, and I know we got some pastors in here, my daddy was a preacher, sometimes I might do a little preaching. But Christianity is not just going to church on Sunday and shouting. Christianity is am I my brother's keeper. Are you reaching out to help somebody that needs some help in the neighborhood? Are you sending up some timber? This is what my daddy used to say, are you building up your bank account in heaven? And that's how you do that. By helping, and that's what you all are doing. You all are reaching out and helping youngsters who need help. So, I'm going to ask the Council to see what it is Ms. Glass, what we can do in order to make sure that they stay in that facility.

Ms. Glass: Madam Chairman, I think that's something we'll need to work with the MPC on, so Mr. Thompson and I will get with them and see what needs to be done to move forward with that.

Councilman Shyne: Okay and Madam Chairman, I would ask any of the other Council Members and if they would have some remarks that they would like to make. I think Councilman Walford and I had talked a little bit about it, and I'll let him speak for himself, but Pastor he thinks that you all are doing a fine job over there. Is there anybody - - -

Councilwoman Bowman: Well, Councilman Lester had asked to speak next.

Councilman Lester: Thank you Madam Chair. Pastor Gant, I would say to you that this is one of those instances where I could understand the public's frustration with government. Because it's clear that the left hand and the right hand are not only not communicating, they might not even be on the same body. It is difficult at best to think that someone that would take a library to ostensibly use it for a classroom purpose would be violating a zoning ordinance. It would even be more disconcerted to know that it was in fact the city, through the City Council, that gave the building or authorized the use of the building for this particular non-profit for the purpose that it was done. So, it would seem to me that rather than for us to have gotten a situation where you know you get an ugly letter from the MPC or zoning or something of that nature, somebody would have just asked

the question, what's going on? I guess what I'm trying to figure out in looking at the letter that you received Pastor, did you guys actually apply for a zoning situation and it was denied, or was this letter just completely out of the blue and unsolicited?

Pastor Gant: We have not applied for a zoning because I was not even aware that it would have to be rezoned. About a year ago, we had some conversation with the person whose name is on the letter. He was going to speak to the City Attorney, and get back to us. And this is the response we got. Mr. Lester, my problem is had they said to me, Rev Gant, you need to make an application for rezoning or for a variance or whatever. I want to be in compliance. But for me to just get a nasty letter like this, and then for me to be good citizen.

Councilman Lester: No listen, I absolutely understand your frustration. Because just to use another example, you know there is a landfill in my City Council District, that has been denied by a Council 10 years ago, that was denied by this Council, and the Council after that. Does not have zoning, has a letter from the State and an Executive Order from the governor, says you can't operate that's still operating, and our MPC never sent them a letter like that. I wished they would have done that 10 years ago, maybe we wouldn't be where we are. But that's a-whole-nother story. So, that's why I don't understand why that was. I certainly support what Councilman Shyne is trying to do. If I had any problems with your organization, I certainly would not have voted for the donation of the building, and whether your economic impact is \$1,000,000 or \$1, the fact that you are out there helping our school children, educate our children, our school teachers rather, educate our children is something that you can't put a price on that. So, I certainly support that. I just - - - just reading the reading the letter, it just struck me funny. You know? Because generally if you apply for a zoning and it's denied, that's done in the process of an MPC meeting, which gives you the right to appeal to the Council and you move forward. But just to summarily say, "Here, shut down", that's just something that strikes me very, very unusual. And probably unprecedented. So, I'm in agreement with Councilman Shyne, and certainly would like to see you guys and our staff work with MPC to fix this, because this is a letter that never should have gone out. Thank you Madam Chairman.

Councilman Walford: I'm trying to read between the lines on the letter. I guess basically what I'm getting out of it, is nobody learned at the library. I guess not. You and I've been friends for a long time, and I know you to be a good citizen. I would hate to suggest that you violate the law. But I hope you're not going to close and I'll give you my cell number, and if you're arrested, Mr. Shyne and I will come post your bail. I promise you that.

Pastor Gant: No, I want my Councilman to come and get me out, Mr. Webb.

Councilman Walford: What I would encourage you to do, and I think that you're probably going to hear it from the City Attorney, is make application to the MPC. If there's some ridiculous reason they deny it, appeal it to the Council, and see what happens. Because I think I know what the result will be when it comes here. So don't close. Sometimes you got to weigh what's better citizenship or violating the law a little bit to take care of something. And here again, Mr. Shyne will come get you.

Councilman Wooley: Thank you Madam Chair. I just wanted to say I've actually had the opportunity to visit Rev. Gant's facility in the early stages and not too long ago, definitely see an advancement over time. So, I definitely have an appreciation for what you're doing for the community. My question would be, did the city follow some type of procedure to get to the point of writing a letter, and if they did, I would like to see that that procedure be reviewed, and I'd like to see it corrected, (inaudible) MPC, and have a discussion with Roy, I see him standing in the back, (inaudible) a little uncompassionate I think and sending out a harsh letter. They could have given you a phone call, come visit with you first and try to work those things out, and so that's needs to be corrected. Thank you Madam Chair.

Councilman Shyne: Madam Chairman, just let me ask? Terri, I want to - - - and Roy, both of y'all. Cause I don't want Pastor Gant to be arrested, because my funds are a little short Pastor. I might have to borrow some money from Dr. Timothy Jones there. See if he'll let me have his credit card. What can we do, or what can you all do Roy, to make sure that Pastor Jones doesn't have to close down before he goes through this MPC process?

Ms. Scott: I'll start, and you can finish. The letter as far as general practice goes is to notify property owner or a person that is using the property of a zoning violation. The typical form letter gives them the option to either cease the activity that's in violation or to apply to the MPC or Zoning Board of Appeals, whichever board has jurisdiction over the matter for the proper approval or rezoning. I don't know what the letter that Rev. Gant referred to said, I don't know if it was a revision of their standard form letter. But at any rate, the normal process is that a notice of zoning violation letter is forwarded to the person that is in violation giving them the option to either cease the activity that is in violation, or to apply. If they do not comply with the request from the Zoning Administrator to do one or the other, then the matter is sent to the City Attorney's office, and we will file charges in City Court for violating the zoning ordinance, and that is done by affidavit. So, it is a two step process, and I took the very long way to answer you question to say this. That nothing is going to happen until we all have an opportunity to sit down and talk with the Zoning Administrator, and give Calvary, Rev. Gant the same opportunity that's extended to every other person that is notified of a zoning violation, to make application to the Zoning Board of Appeals, or the Metropolitan Planning Commission whichever would have jurisdiction over the matter. Now the property that they are using was city-owned property, and as you all know that for application through the MPC, or the ZBA, those applications require the consent of the property owners. It requires the property owner to sign off on the application so at some time, the city would be asked to sign off on that application that Calvary will make for the particular request to either one of those bodies.

Councilman Shyne: Let me say this. Pastor Gant, could I get you and Roy - - - you know who, and I think the kind of consensus of the Council is that we would sign off. Could I get, and I don't want to remove you, but could I get you and Roy to maybe step in the back and just let him tell you what you need to do, so we can get this process to going, so that we can make sure that you get this approval.

Rev. Gant: Thank you. I have no problem Mr. Shyne, because I would not be here today. I don't have but two suits, that's why I didn't wear one. One was dirty and the other one is in the cleaners,

and I wouldn't be here today, but the reason I'm here, even with the letter - - - and if you really read the letter, it still does not say that either you need to go and get the zoning straight. But I'm going to go talk to him, and we get it resolved, because I knew we would. But I came here because somebody else may not be in the position that I'm in.

Councilman Shyne: I'm glad you came.

Pastor Gant: And that's why I really came. Now, I wasn't really worried about it closing, but sometimes you have to prove a point. And I think sometimes things need to be brought forward. Because part of our problem is as Councilman Lester said, the left hand and the right hand not only know what each other is doing, they may not even be on the same body. So, I'll do that.

Councilman Shyne: Pastor thank you. Roy, would you?

Mr. Jambor: And Terri is exactly right. I mean it is a form letter, and sometimes in the process of modifying that form, it's always an A or B. Either cease the activity or file and application. In fact we have an ordinance that says if you file an application, nothing will happen until that application is disposed of.

Councilman Shyne: Roy, thank you, would you do that with Pastor Gant? Madam Chairman, I hate to impose again, but we have the city - - -

Councilwoman Bowman: No you don't. But go right ahead.

Councilman Walford: Madam Chair, I've got one more thing on this. Just for the record, that option to apply is not in this letter. It says cease operations and then in bold type, it says immediately. It does not offer the option of applying.

Mr. Jambor: And we don't know why that would be.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Madam Chair, members of the Council, Pastor Gant. I'm looking at the letter that you provided to us, and I guess I'm like Councilman Shyne, and the rest of the Council. I'm a little perplexed as well. And I guess as Councilman Lester made mention of, I'm curious as to whether or not the library was in violation of zoning standards for all the years that they operated there, because the activities that you all are engaging in are exactly in line and consistent with what would have taken place during the time that the library operated there. And furthermore, you all are doing exactly what it is that this Administration and this Council authorized for us to contract with you all to do. In fact if you all were to cease doing the positive wonderful things that you're doing, technically, you'd be in violation of the agreement that we entered into three years ago when we leased the building to you all to do exactly what it is that you're doing. So, 1) Don't stop what you're doing. In fact, I want to let you know that we're very proud that not only are you all helping to program and provide positive activities at 2604 Hillcrest, because as you mentioned and I see we have our newest school board member here, Dr. Curtis Hooks, who is the former Principal of Caddo Middle Technology School and Caddo Heights, you all are working with him to advance one of the most cutting edge youth programs that's ever, I think, been unveiled in this

country, and that is schools as 21st Century Learning Center, that uses the school itself as a place to extend to date, prior to the start of school in the day after school, the day it's completed, and on the weekends as well. Started during the Clinton Administration, and I commend you all for having the vision and the commitment to participate in that effort. Not only what you're doing and your congregation doing successfully there, it was jut weekend before last Madam Chair and members of the Council, that I had the opportunity to join one of your fellow pastors, Dr. Steels who, he and his congregation and his ministry, leased the old Atkins Library over in the middle of Queensborough. And they are offering a similar type of program, and a similar type of initiative to the one you all as well, and I think it represents one of the best things that this Council and this Administration has done. And we would be highly bothered and highly upset if you all we re to cease doing what you're doing. And Roy, I just sent an email to Alan asking what is the deal with 2604 Hillcrest Avenue, because obviously what's being communicated here is not in line with what it is that we expect to see going on there. So, keep doing what you're doing, we honor and appreciate the successes that you all have achieved, and we look forward to working with you to do even bigger and better things in the months and years to come. And I know Dr. Curtis was here just a second ago, is he still here with us? Curtis Hooks, would you stand and be recognized? Madam Chair, you don't mind? The newest school board member of Caddo Parish Schools. Good to have you here.

Councilman Shyne: Madam Chairman, Charlie is going to come up in just for a minute, but before Charlie comes up, I want to recognize somebody else. Our ex-mayor. Mayor Hussey, would you please stand and just come up. Let me tell y'all something. Come on up just one minute Mayor. Let me say this. A lot of those streets that you all see that's paved in the Black neighborhoods, this is the man right here that's responsible for that. When I got on the Council, and Huckaby was on the Council, we had about 128 miles of hard dirt streets in the City of Shreveport. You would not believe. Some of you all are not old enough to remember that. We sat down with Mayor Hussey, time and time again to figure out how we could get the neighborhoods, cause some of them were White neighborhoods too, out of the mud and dirt and dust that we had here in the City of Shreveport. I will never forget the job that Mayor Hussey did for the City of Shreveport, and we should never forget it. He did a yeoman's job, and Mayor, I just wanted to let you know that, and I figure you probably came down for something else, but I just wanted to recognize you and Mr. Mayor, did you have Mayor Hussey down for something else?

Mayor Glover: Actually, Mr. Vice-Chair? Thank you Mr. Shyne. You are exactly correct Councilman Shyne, not only is everything that you just stated without question, is the absolute truth, but it's because of all that as well as the fact that he's a fine, fine gentleman, I've asked and he's accepted the Chairmanship of the Air Service for Northwest Louisiana Air Service Task Force. And he has been handling that task with great aplomb. In fact we had an executive committee meeting today, and he has been working with Councilman Walford, who is the Council's representative to that task force to discuss the City's potential participation in helping to facilitate the efforts of that task force. And so we appreciate not only the service that he's rendered to the City in years past, but also the present service that he's rendering on behalf of Shreveport and all of Northwest Louisiana.

Councilman Shyne: And I guess because Mayor Hussey, I know you know we've got a hot issue on the agenda today, I don't think we had any street closings because of the railroad while you were mayor, and that was smart on your part. But had you planned to get a report from him Mr. Mayor, if so, why don't we go head on while we suspended the rules and let these people come up, and Mr. Mayor, we'll come back to you and I know you understand.

Mayor Hussey: I appreciate your comments. I was going to ask for money next time.

Councilwoman Bowman: Come back the next time when Councilman Shyne is sitting here. Cause he's running this meeting. At this time, the rules have been suspended to allow the citizens with the railroad crossing issues to come forward.

Philip Roac:, (2014 Vivian Ave) This is my first time, so if y'all bare with me. I am here to oppose the closing of the railroad crossing at Malcolm Street. I've lived there 38 years. There's some members of the Fire Department here. If it hadn't been for them, I'd be dead. I had a massive heart attack, those people saved my life. If you close that, it's going to be hard for the ambulance crews to get in there real quick. And we just can't take that. And that's all I've got to say.

Ms. Carla Thomas: (2546 Woodford) I'm like Ms. Roach, this is my first time to be here. I just want to thank you Mr. Mayor and Council for letting me speak to y'all today. Malcolm and Wyngate, that's why I'm here. I have the same concerns as everyone else. Safety, inconvenience and crime. I'm also concerned as to why the situation was handled the way it was. I have looked over past minutes of Administrative and Council Meetings. I found that Malcolm and Wyngate were not your first choice closure. The first list included Live Oak, Levy and Church Streets. These ordinances were introduced March 13, 2007, and were held over for public hearing on March 27, 2007. Only Levy Street was taken off the agenda. There was a discussion about the ordinance in which Mr. Walford commented that he wanted the crossing to stay open to Centerpoint, Murphy Bonded Warehouse and a couple of other business along Levy Street. Mr. Lester commented that he though if an ordinance was put on the agenda, then it should stay on the agenda. That it didn't look good introducing an ordinance and then removing it from the agenda just because they wanted to. This makes one wonder why. At the same meeting Live Oak and Church Streets were open for discussion. Live Oak had three persons speak in opposition of the ordinance. One speaker who on the Caddo Parish Commission. Church Street had no one. You all voted to keep Live Oak open and Church Street closed. This is how Ordinance No. 9 of 2009 began. This same day Mr. Webb made a comment to the effect that he thought it was wrong that the people are not notified other than by word of mouth or maybe reading about it in the paper right when it happens. He also commented that if it had been the Metropolitan Planning Committee, they would put signs out. That's why we all are here today, that's why everyone's angry. We were not notified, and we never got a chance to voice our opinions as Live Oak did. You all would rather close two crossings that are in the heart of residential areas with hundreds of people living there to make a few businesses happy. Closing Levy Street would not cause a safety risk for those businesses. Google Maps shows Centerpoint has two ways in and two ways out. Levy Street on one side, and Bell Street on the other. Murphy Bonded Warehouse has Levy Street and Johnson Street. If there was an emergency the Fairgrounds Fire Station is the closest. Then Greenwood Road, then Milam Street. All accessible from Texas Street. Shreve Park, from what I

can tell began about 12 years ago. I do not understand why in this length of time, an overpass has not been budgeted. According to your fact sheet, it would cost the city \$8,000,000 to build. In a few years after the trains stops on the tracks for periods of time or someone gets hurt or killed, the companies and the university will start complaining, and want an overpass built. In order for the city to build that overpass, you will have to purchase the businesses that will have built on either side of the road, plus pay 3 or 4 times what it cost to build now. That's about \$24-32+ (million). If Union Pacific thinks they have liabilities now, wait until the train on Wyngate or Malcolm blocks the crossings, fences or not, somebody will eventually try to cut through, go (inaudible) cars, the train will start to move and someone will get hurt or killed because they will fall under the train. Personally, I believe no crossing should be closed. But I have some options for you to consider. Levy Street. That's two closures. (Inaudible) Street off Southern Avenue. There's only one business there. The city could buy them out. There are two crossings behind Werner Park School. Corbitt Street and AltaVista. You also have Live Oak, Lola Lane, Crabapple, Baird Road, and Williamson Way. But now I'm throwing all them under the train. Closing crossings is not progression. It is depression. Before I found out exactly where the new crossing was going to be, I thought Shreve Park Drive was going to connect to Bing Road. We went out to Hickory Drive, a homeowner out there told us his understanding at one time was that Shreve Park was to connection with the service road at Walker Road next to 3132. If that happens, that means another three or four crossings will have to close. We are running out of crossings. Soon the west side of town and the east side of town are going to be closed off from each other. If that happens, then we will all have to go to Texas for shopping and entertainment. And that will not help the economic growth in Shreveport. Please rescind Ordinance No. 9 of 2009 and keep our crossings open. Thank you for your time.

Mr. Gerald White: (3050 Amherst) I grew up in Werner Park. I lived on Woodford Street for 50 years. I'm 56 years old now. Closing Malcolm Street doesn't make no sense to me at all for that crossing. The - - - several years ago, when the crossing was closed here at Louisiana, Jordan Street, Desoto off Mansfield, Morningside off Mansfield Road. Those crossings - - - well Louisiana and Jordan Streets, traffic rerouted, but it looks thin on Louisiana. And Jordan Street don't look even better either on where that crossing is closed. Morningside Street and Desoto Street do not go straight through to Linwood. Malcolm Street goes from Linwood Avenue all the way to Caddo Heights, and through Werner Park on through cross Hearne Avenue. Lincoln, those people give them a way in and a way out. To close a crossing, puts a burden on other crossings. Even though it says residential traffic that uses Malcolm Street or Wyngate, it still puts a burden on other crossings. You can't - - - if y'all close Malcolm Street just like this man who lives on Vivian was up here earlier, you have to reroute fire and emergency vehicles, and your residential traffic, they're going to have to go some place. You go down to Hollywood, you don't have but enough room to make a left hand turn from more than two or three cars out of the left turn lane. And then you don't have enough time to even make a left hand turn. The crossings at Malcolm Street should remain open, because it is a straight through shot and if an emergency vehicle had to use the secondary route because of Corbitt Street could be closed for some reason or Midway for some reason, or even Hollywood. But when you get stuck by a train and you start looking out and you're sitting in a car for 30 minutes or 40 minutes or whatever while the engineer or whoever stopped the train to go get a coke, well then you going to burn up sitting in your car. You need to keep them crossings open. Wyngate which is - - - I don't know what the name of the neighborhood is,

but I could use that crossing sometimes being rerouted because of the train on 70th Street. But that neighborhood on the south side of that crossing only has about three streets off Kingston Road. And if something was to happen on Kingston Road, the people can't get out of there. If Kingston Road was to be closed off in that section, they won't be able to get in or get out. Wyngate Blvd gives those people an exit to the north out of their neighborhood. I also believe that we need to know more about what's going on with our Councilmen. Not everybody watches the TV up here. I watch and seen this a few times, but I don't watch it everyday. Don't have time to watch it everyday. But we also need our Councilmen to work together, especially when it comes to a border, areas where two districts are bunched up together. Our Councilmen need to work together and let people know whether by mail, or by newspaper or whatever, we need to know what's going on, and nothing swept up under the table without letting the public know. It's wrong. We vote for y'all to come into office, and we need better representation. And that's what they Council should do, represent the people, not just in their districts, but the city as a whole. Thank you.

Councilman Shyne: Do you think that the Administration should have played a part in notifying the people of what was going to happen?

Mr. White: Well, I didn't know nothing about the crossing closing until I saw the sign on the crossing at Malcolm Street closing, and then soon after that, I found out there were other crossings being closed. Like I said, when Desoto Street and Morningside closed, those streets didn't go all the way through the neighborhood.

Councilman Shyne: I understand, but you still not answering my question. I'm asking, the question is do you think that that should have been a - - - to notify the citizens, that that should have been something that the Council and the Administration should have done together?

Mr. White: I think the city should have brought to the people's attention in the neighborhood. I do believe that.

Councilman Shyne: Thank you.

Ms. Mary C. Lites: (2421 Woodford Street) Thank you Madam Chairman and Council Members. I'd like to say thank you for letting us go first, and I apologize to those that are receiving their awards. I see the young people who probably think this is very boring. But thank you for letting us go first. I'm here to ask each of you to reconsider Ordinance 9 of 2009. I will be reading and presenting the Mayor and Council Members with a petition. I did not realize how our government works until I was pulled into this awful situation. Not only am I fighting to keep a 60 year old crossing open, I feel like I'm fighting for the district representation we should have had from our Councilmen when they were elected to represented us. They were supposed to be our voices at the Council meetings. This is to Union Pacific Railroad. Our crossing is not redundant. It is an access we use daily. Crossings are not dangerous, I have yet to hear of a train that has come off the track to hit a car. People make the crossings dangerous by their disrespect of the law. They choose to go around the crossing arms when they are lowered. I believe your guidelines for consolidation is nothing more than political blackmail, and our city leaders gave in to your demands to get what they wanted, at our neighborhood's expense. I do not understand how this closing in our area is

considered growth and development. If forgetting about your inner city neighborhood is considered progress, who needs progress. And I have a petition and it's addressed to the Government, Shreveport, LA., and it states Ordinance 9. But I'm pretty sure all y'all know what Ordinance 9 is. So, I'm just going to skip to the petition part. We the undersigned call on the Mayor, Cedric Glover, and the City Council Members Calvin Lester (A), Monty Walford (B), Michael Long (C), Bryan Wooley (D), Ron Webb (E), Joe Shyne (F), and Joyce Bowman (G) to rescind and reconsider City Ordinance 9 of 2009. We the undersigned also call on the Mayor and the Council Members to rescind Ordinance 9 on the grounds that these citizens were not rightfully represented or given proper chance to oppose this ordinance on March 10, 2009. We also believe our District Councilman Joe Shyne (F), Monty Walford (B), Bryan Wooley (D), and Ron Webb (E), were not doing their jobs to which they were elected in representing the citizens of said districts in Ordinance 9. We cannot find one reason where these closings will be beneficial to our neighborhood. Increased crime, targets for loitering, dumping trash, inconvenience to residents to drive around to get to their homes. Longer response times for emergency personnel, and separating two neighborhoods from each other will all come to pass with the closing of the crossing at Malcolm and Mansfield. We were used as a bargaining chip in the plan that the City of Shreveport started well before March 13, of 2007. I present to you Mayor and Council Members this petition of 507 signatures that we collected in just 14 days asking all of you to reconsider and rescind Ordinance 9 of 2009 to keep our crossing open. This is yours.

Councilwoman Bowman: Thank you. Ms. Lite, I'm going to apologize to you. The mayor is not in here, he had some awards and recognitions that he was trying to present, however if you all are going to stand here and address this council, I expect him to be here to take his share of it too. So what we're going to do is wait just a second and - - - oh, here he is.

Ms. Lites: He didn't hear a word I said.

Councilman Shyne: You want to tell him again?

Ms. Lites: No, I don't want to read that again. He can read the minutes like I've had to read all those minutes I went back and researched.

Mayor Glover: Say it again Ms. Lites.

Ms. Lites: You want me to read that whole thing again?

Councilwoman Bowman: Give it back to her Bea.

Ms. Lites: I apologize to y'all young people. Thank you Mr. Mayor, and Madam Chairman for your time and consideration today. I'm here to ask each of you to reconsider Ordinance 9 of 2009. I will be reading and presenting the Mayor and Council Members with a petition. I did not realize how our government works until I was pulled into this awful situation. Not only am I fighting to keep a 60 year old crossing open, I feel like I'm fighting for the district representation we should have had from our Councilmen when they were elected to represent us. They were supposed to be our voices at the Council meetings. This is to Union Pacific Railroad. Our crossing is not

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Councilwoman Bowman: Thank you very much.

Mayor Glover: Madam Chair?

Councilwoman Bowman: Yes sir.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Ms. Lites for coming down and sharing that with us. I apologize for stepping out of the Chambers, during the previous gentleman's comments and now for missing the majority of yours as well. We had some folks who are here as well who I've asked to take a back seat to this particular matter.

Ms. Lites: I apologized to them.

Mayor Glover: And no need. That's for me to do. You are here, because you are fighting on behalf of your home, your neighbors and your community. And so, I appreciate that, I honor that, and I thank you for coming down and share with us today. Thank you Madam Chair.

Ms. Joe Ann Jenkins: (5912 King Street) Mayor, the Council Members. Okay, our neighborhood have been a neighborhood that's really been pushed aside. Nobody never knew about our

neighborhood. When Ms. Speigner was in that area, she would walk the street with us, and see to things being done in that particular community. And for that crossing to be closed down, would be pathetic. Because right now, I was going to take a picture and bring with me when I came from babysitting, right before we got there, where the crossing is, we've got \$500 fine now, out there sitting beside that railroad track and the big sign where they going to close it down, somebody dumped a whole pile of limbs there right by the \$500 sign. And that's ridiculous, and they closed that crossing down, it's going to be pathetic with it, when they close it down, there's going to be a lot of dumping, and then a lot of crime right there in that area. It's just a little small section, and why do they have to close that small section down? It's going to be hard for the school buses to get through there, you know in that neighborhood are buses long, and it takes some turning to turn that bus. They close that crossing down, it's going to be bad. And like Ms. Dottie and Mr. Hooks were saying, they for the kids getting to schools and stuff, they close that crossing down, them buses - - they're going to be late going to the other schools because they got other schools that they have to go to. Some of the bus drivers, and I can sympathize with them, have two and three schools to go pick up. And if that crossing is closed down where they can't get through, and all this traffic on Pines Road is there, how is those buses going to get out of there, make a left turn to go on Fluornoy Lucas Road, to go to Ridgewood, Summer Grove, and then make a left to go to - - I mean a right to go to Huntington and the other schools that they have to go. It's going to be pathetic. Cause that traffic is going to be backed up, and it's going to be hard for us to get out of there. And like we have our fire station is right there on Bert Kouns, and it's all this here closed down, the way they come in, they take that route to go out if they're going to Willis Knighton South. But if they close down, they got to try to back up all the way to turn around to go back to Pines Road to go out, and what if a train on the track right there, done stopped because they need to be picked up so somebody else can drive the train. It's ridiculous. They need to think about what they're doing for little old - - little areas that they're not looking at. They have all the senior citizens that's in there, a little small community that needs EMT. You know? And okay, they said once about the trucks coming through there. It's not a lot of trucks come through there. We've got three or four churches out there. Those people get out of church, they've got to be 20 minutes getting through the road to get home.

Councilwoman Bowman: One second. I'm going to request that every Council Member sit here and listen. We all voted. It was a unanimous voted to all of this, and every last of us needs to sit here and pay attention to what you're saying. So, give me one minute. One minute. Where is Councilman Long. Joe, will you ask Councilman Long to come in here? Okay. You deserve that much.

Ms. Jenkins: Thank you.

Councilwoman Bowman: Do you live on Church Street?

Ms. Jenkins: I stay on King Street, the main street coming into there, and Church Street is one of the main streets. It's two main streets in there.

Councilwoman Bowman: Okay, we're all here.

Ms. Jenkins: Okay, another thing I want y'all to think about. Okay, I've got an example. Okay, if you had a box, somewhere somebody built a box, and they tell two or three people to get in that box, and you want to get to the other side through that box, but that box is nailed up. Okay, that's the same thing with that crossing. If you boxed in, you've got to turn around in that box and try to get out. But if you've got a free way through, you ain't got to try and turn around. Because sometimes, in some incidents with cars you're trying to turn around, it turns you around because it's going to turn over. But if you put something in a box and it can't get through, that's horrible, because some people claustrophobia and stuff like that. You got to make a way, clean way to get through, and that's just a little ole bitty neighborhood. We been tossed aside for years. Our forefathers, Ms. Reesie, they had a little store down there, and they had the depot down there. That place is popular and I don't think that track should be closed down because Mr. Reesie was there, Mr. Monkhouse, all those people owned that area down there and then they started selling pieces of land. And our parents bought down there. When I got married, I moved away from there, but I'm back down there. Because it's a quiet neighborhood, and we don't need that crossing closed because it's a hazard. And we're trying to get out of there, some of us to go to work. And okay, I sit on the porch and watch. A quarter to 8 one morning, all that school traffic that's coming down Fluornoy Lucas Road to hit Pines Road, to go to the schools, all those businesses up there, they took a good 20 minutes to get through there, when that train was on that track. The traffic was backed all the way up to where the light is on Bert Kouns. And that's ridiculous. They did have a way to come through the community to get to the other part which is (inaudible) street they can go out. But see they're not going to have that privilege if that crossing is closed down. So, we're asking the railroad to think about what they're doing. Because it's pathetic for them to do something like that. We have mostly elderly people in that little community, and we're always, almost every night got EMT out there. Somebody needs oxygen and stuff like that. If the train will stop there waiting for a car to come and get the engineer, at least they can come in from the other end. But if they got that blocked off and the train sitting there waiting for to be - - - for the engineer to be picked up. That's ridiculous, they need to think about it. Thank y'all.

Dr. R. Timothy Jones: (104 Col A. P. Kouns Dr) Greetings Mr. Mayor and Members of the Council. On behalf of the citizens in the areas affected by the decision to close railroad crossings, I am respectfully requesting you all to reconsider this matter. Those who were present on Friday evening, should have been moved by the passionate pleas of honest, law abiding, tax paying homeowners. I believe it would be in the best interest of all persons involved to find reasonable ways to attract industry to the city without compromising the quality of life for the citizens of Shreveport. If in fact Shreveport will ever become the next great city of the south, it will not and cannot happen when citizens are devalued, depersonalized, and their petitions go unheard. Given what I've heard just here today, if three persons were able to prevent Live Oak from closing, more than 300 persons should prevent the current closings. I would also respectfully request that in the future when issues of this magnitude are before the Administration and the Council, the due diligence of a public forum where citizens are adequately notified, are engaged and heard takes place. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Councilwoman Bowman: Dr. Jones? Does any Council Member have any questions for Dr. Jones?

Councilman Shyne: Dr. Jones, at this point, I don't know how much support I'll get, but I'm going to ask our Clerk of Council to draw up an ordinance where we can reconsider. Mr. Thompson, would you - - I think what we're looking at two? Three? Mr. Thompson, I'm going to ask you to draw up a piece of legislation where we can reconsider. Dr. Jones, I'm going to thank you for coming down and I want to thank all of you for coming down. And let me say this. I do apologize, and I know the other members apologize, and you all should have been notified. You all should have been notified. You all should have been given an opportunity to come down and voice your opinion. I don't really think that - - - let me say this. And I was about to speak for everybody, but I won't do that. I'll speak for myself. I know on my part, there was no hidden agenda, there was no nothing personal or doing this on purpose. This information was brought to us, and we were told that it had been gone through the process. That traffic counts had been done, and all of the situations had been looked at, and I didn't realize until I listened to the lady from Reso, Ms. Jenkins. You're exactly right. I mean and I guess we really didn't look at all that, but I'm - - - and let me say this now. I don't know how successful I'll be, but I'm asking Mr. Thompson to draw up a piece of legislation where we can reconsider. If there is any legal ramification, Pastor Jones, you'll just have to come down and help me deal with it.

Dr. Jones: If I may, offer a recommendation, and certainly I'm not elected to serve, but I'd like to offer this recommendation. If the issue is providing convenience for the persons who will be utilizing the business park, it seems to me the most feasible thing to do is build an overpass at the Business Park, and leave the citizens as they are.

Councilman Shyne: Let me say this. I'm going to let the Mayor and the other Council Members deal with what we need to do, but I'm going to ask Mr. Thompson, Dr. Jones that he would draw up the legislation where we can reconsider this, and we won't make a decision right here at this particular time, on whether it needs to be an overpass, or what it needs to be, and let's say this. I will not try to put you all, and I will not try to put the Council and the Administration in a position where we're rushed to do it. I hate to say this before Councilman Walford, you know when you get to be an old man, you have a tendency to have a little bit of wisdom, and you have the tendency not to rush into things. So if it's feasible and I see Mr. Davis back there smiling, so he might be around my age and he understands that you don't rush into things, cause sometimes you rush into something, your decisions might not be right. So, that's what I'm going to do at this particular point and then we can come to the table and see what we need to do. Again, now you have to understand now, I'm only one person. So, I'm going to ask Mr. Thompson. Now being one person though, it does help you draw up the piece of legislation, but whether it's passed is a - - -.

Dr. Jones: And I would ask how then is the 30 day window affected and negotiated, because the sign says and my father called this to my attention, within 30 days. And I would think we're pretty deep into the 30 days.

Councilman Shyne: We are. Now that's something that the City Attorney will have to deal with, and that's something that we will look at and have to deal with, and you know the only contracts that I know you can't hardly break are those contracts that you make with God. This is a contract with man. So, you know I believe that we might be able to look at situations where we can come to a compromise, and I believe you said it earlier maybe it was Friday night about compromising the

welfare of your citizens. I don't want to be guilty of doing that. I don't want to be guilty of compromising the welfare of our citizens. But I would like to stop this, let's open this up, and let's take another look at it. And again, I apologize. The citizens should have been asked for input. Generally, we do. And I might not have fought as hard as I should have because basically, and those of you who don't understand, we get our information from staff people, and this is a lot of times how we base our decisions. A lot of times, you would base your decisions on what your Deacons might say, or what your ushers might say, and it's like that. So I am asking Mr. Thompson to draw up a piece of legislation where we can reconsider, where we can look at it. And like I say, the City Attorney will have to deal with the legal ramifications and let us know. And let me say this. This is not the first time where the city has been in a situation where we had to do a little legal ramifications. And I think you understand that there are different things that happen that we do have to deal with. And to me this is just as important, or actually more important than some of those other things that we have to deal with. So, I'm asking Mr. Thompson, who is the Clerk of Council to prepare a piece of legislation. Now it's going to be left up to you to help me get this piece of legislation passed.

Dr. Jones: I'll do all I can.

Councilman Webb: Thank you Madam Chairman. Yes Mr. Jones, this issue has been something not just for this railroad crossing, but every railroad crossing in the City of Shreveport has been an issue for quite some years. The Chamber of Commerce, part of their duty as Chamber members is to try to help grow economic development in the City of Shreveport. We've got a park over in Shreve Park over there off Buncombe Road, connects out to Pines Road, which has been fairly dead because there's only one way in and one way out. I've had numerous realtors call me saying they've got a client that would like to come to Shreveport, but they don't like the fact that there's only one way in and one way out. The railroad has - - - and they are just absolutely murder to try to deal with, and we have been fighting to try to get a railroad crossing in that park so that we can create jobs for the City of Shreveport. That's how in a way that this kinda came about, we were approached you know through the Chamber, and the Administration, and several others took a bus tour out to Shreve Park and out to Wyngate. And the way the railroad operates, they say there's too many railroad crossings in the State of Louisiana as a whole. That we're the No. 1 state in the nation with railroad fatalities. And so they started playing hardball, and for every railroad opening, you had to close one. And then it became for every railroad opening, you have to close two. And now if I'm not mistaken, we're up to four? Got to close four tracks before we can open one. And so you start asking yourself, how is the city going to grow, when we got tracks going through so many areas and so many neighborhoods. And so you say, where do you close one. And so when they approached us about Wyngate, I know that end coming around is kinda commercial like, and I said well, they people would not be landlocked so to speak. It would be an inconvenience, so I'll admit it. I got a little excited about wow, they said, they'd let this be considered three closings. And one of the things that was told to us is that they wanted to build a railroad spur, create 3 or 400 jobs in there, well paying jobs, and that if we did not close that track, the trains were going to be blocking the track hours at a time, several times during the day, and so it was kinda my thinking, well okay, well rather than you as a neighbor trying to leave the neighborhood, and not knowing whether you're going to sit there for 10 minutes to an hour, you'd just go ahead and take a detour, and that's another crossing that we were trying to get closed, and you know everybody

couldn't come to an agreement. And but you know, I guess we're going to have to search for some tracks to close if they're going to get Shreve Park opened up. And I certainly had no intention of short changing anybody's as a citizen. I voted "YES" because I thought it would be a good economic move, and maybe I was wrong in that way, and maybe I should have considered the neighbors. But I didn't really think to be honest with you, and I was somewhat shocked and alarmed that that many people were really upset about it. Although we did basically the same thing that we've always done in our process, and I think the mayor mentioned in our work session yesterday, that's something I guess we need to take a look at. There's always ways to improve, and this is one area that we definitely need to improve in. But I don't know where we're going to be on this thing legally, and that'll be something that we'll have to find out about. But you know I understand everyone's concern, and it affects them and I don't know we'll just go from here and see what happens.

Dr. Jones: Madam?

Councilwoman Bowman: Yes sir.

Dr. Jones: Madam Chairperson, Chairwoman? Sir, had you been there on Friday night you would have heard me say this. Shreveport has not grown in perhaps 50 years. And the reason Shreveport is not growing has absolutely nothing to do with railroad crossings.

Councilman Webb: You may be right. You may be right,.

Dr. Jones: And I think we're taking a significant gamble on this field of dreams concept. We build it and they'll come. I would much rather have the persons who are already citizens of Shreveport be happy and not mortgage them, jeopardize them, or place them at risk for the benefit of people who may not come to Shreveport at the end of the day.

Councilman Wooley: Madam Chair, this is not necessarily directed at Pastor Jones.

Dr. Jones: You're done with me Madam Chair, do I need?

Councilwoman Bowman: Councilman Walford, go ahead.

Councilman Walford: You and I have disagreed on a point that had nothing to do with the railroad.

Dr. Jones: And we're still dreaming.

Councilman Walford: I really admire you for standing up on this. And I'm not going to keep you up there, but I just wanted to thank you for Friday night and for today for your emails that have been going back and forth with. If Councilman Wooley doesn't mind, I'm not doing to keep you up there. I have a couple of things that I want to point out. When the railroads want a crossing closed, you see the lengths that they will go to, but Mr. Strong will confirm, that we tried to close three crossings in North Shreveport that have not been used in six years, and they won't even answer our correspondence. Correct Mike? They will not even answer. Now, I want y'all to make

note of this, cause I think it's something everybody should know. Section 90-491 of our Code of Ordinance, Duty to Maintain Portion of the street occupied by the roadbed. Obviously, you are here because you drive across some of these crossings. All railroads operating within the city shall at all times, keep and maintain those portions of the street occupied by their roadbeds in safe and easily passable conditions. Ms. Bowman, you want to talk about Jewella? Now wait, it gets better, I'm going to skip on down to this section. It says, "upon notice from the city to any railroad, that any part of the streets occupied by the roadbed of such railroad is in unsafe condition or readily accessible for travel and the railroad does not repair such street within 10 days, such railroad shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. I urge you if you're crossing a Union Pacific track that is in deplorable condition, call city hall. But I will tell you that the three we wanted to close in north Shreveport, I don't know how many emails I sent to Mike Strong with copies to the Mayor, and we never got a response from the railroads. It even had spikes that had turned and were sticking up cutting peoples' tires. But they wouldn't do anything. I'm just talking to you about the people that the Administration had to negotiate with and that we're going to obviously have to negotiate with again. Got one more that you might want to know about. You just might want to pick up the phone on this one. Crossings not to be blocked more than five minutes. Section 90-487 of our code of ordinances. It's the law It says a train shall not block a crossing for more than five minutes. If it happens, pick up the phone and call the non emergency police number. They don't want to negotiate, let them adhere to the law. Let's make the law work for us. For you that live around those crossings. Thank you Mr. Wooley, very much. I just had to get that out.

Councilman Wooley: Thank you Madam Chair, a couple of things. I think everyone who spoke made some valid points in particularly the young lady wearing the blue dress, or blue shirt. Yes Ma'am. You don't have to get up, but you did make some valid points I do want to ask you about after the meeting. But in particularly I made a promise to Ms. Veronica Thomas who is sitting right there I believe. I asked the Mayor yesterday about Wyngate and I wanted to ask the Mayor again today. There was a gentleman who was at the meeting on Friday, he said that in another city that had the same scenario where someone need rail guards instead of a crossing for long periods of time, but this particular railroad company was willing to break their cars up and open the roadway and then when it was time to pull those other cars in, they'd just automatically pull them all the way through. So, I asked the Mayor if we could put a call in to UP and/or Schlumberger since they obviously have a partnership that they're trying to negotiate. And I wanted to ask the mayor when I get done talking if he'll make a comment on that to see if he made the phone call. There were - - - and do want to make clarification and one statement. I do represent half of Hyde Park, my portion is from Wyngate to the canal. And so, I do want to let the residents that I represent know that like Councilman Shyne mentioned, there was no ill intent in what we were trying to accomplish. We really wanted to see the betterment for the entire city. And in saying that, I definitely will and I did mention it yesterday, the city should renegotiate and try to figure out something that works out for everyone and not just for a few. Thank you.

Ms. Emma Sims: (2059 Vivian Street) And I'm here to ask y'all to rescind this vote. I'm also a small business person. I worked at Willis Knighton for 14 years, and I gave it up to give back to my community. I don't want this road closed. Y'all made a statement saying that it would cost y'all more to make an overpass, but you told us on Friday night that y'all used grant money to bring those streets together in Shreve Park. Why not use more grant money if it's going to cost

y'all and not close our streets. We don't want them closed. I took pictures of other closings that y'all have, and this looks terrible. Another question I want to bring to Mr. Walford. He said that on Friday night, that he rejected Levy Street, and that he would do it again. Well why close my neighborhood down? I didn't like that at all. And you never considered your neighborhood to be closed and boxed in. Thank you.

Mr. Ardis Jefferson: (2051 Brent Place) I'm going to be short. There is other ways that this thing could happen besides closing down a railroad crossing as I mentioned Friday night. If you close down Malcolm, you might as well close down every other crossing out to Malcolm. Sunday night, I went to pick my daughter up, and the railroad train was across every railroad crossing, clean up to 70th Street. I had to go all the back down to Midway to get across the track. So that means that Corbitt, Hollywood, 70th Street, Valley View, all these crossings closed to the public. You couldn't get through anywhere, so why not if you're going to close three of them you might as well close them all. Because they're going to be inaccessible to anybody anyhow. So, I would say that Libby Glass has been doing sand, that's what we closing down for, for many years. I've been out there working for a long time. There are other ways that Schlumberger can get their sand by the railroad crossing, or by delivering their sand to the side or building some type of crossing or off ramp to deliver their sand. Now, we should be making the sacrifice for Schlumberger to get their sand or the railroad crossing to get their purchase down there and making their money. We're not getting anything from that. The only thing we're having is problems getting in and out of our neighborhoods. Nobody else got to make these types of sacrifice. Schlumberger ain't making no sacrifice. Union Pacific is not making any sacrifice. It's just about what kind of money they can put in their pockets. So, like I say, Sunday night when I went to go across, and when I come back from Wildwood, they were still across the track. But if the Mayor would look at how Libby Glass deliver their sand, and we use a lot of it because glass is made out of sand. Our major component is sand. They've been doing it for years. Jewella have never been closed. Doing it for years. So, if Schlumberger and the City Councilmen get with other companies to see how Libby Glass is delivering their sand, maybe we can save the railroad crossing in our neighborhood.

Councilman Walford: Madam Chair?

Councilwoman Bowman: Yes Sir, Councilman.

Councilman Walford: Was the crossing closed for more than five minutes?

Mr. Jefferson: Yes it was.

Councilman Walford: Good, I want to give you this, and it's got the phone number written on there. And don't be bashful about doing it. The law says it, go for it.

Mr. Jefferson: Thank you.

Councilwoman Bowman: Any more comments from the Council?

Councilman Webb: Yeah, I want to comment about that. You're telling to call the number. What's going to happen when he calls the number, I mean he's going to expect results. And you know and I know there ain't going to be any results.

Councilman Walford: It's quite simple. It is the law, and I would assume that if the law is not followed - - -

Councilman Webb: And it should be, I agree.

Councilman Walford: But when it's malfeasance on the part of the person whose not following the law.

Councilman Webb: And that one (inaudible)

Councilman Walford: He's going to have the reference number and everything.

Councilman Webb: I want to ask the Chief, if he would come up please. That is an issue and it's an ordinance. So, is it your job as the Chief of Police to pass the command down if somebody calls? And what number are they calling? Are they calling the Police Department?

Councilman Walford: 673-7300.

Chief Whitehorn: Okay, you gave him the nonemergency number?

Councilman Walford: Right.

Councilman Webb: And they call and they say okay, I've been sitting here for 10 minutes. I can't get across the tracks. What are y'all going to do about it?

Chief Whitehorn: Generally, we call the railroad. If they don't respond to our request to open the tracks then we can cite them.

Councilman Webb: Okay you cite 'em. And what is the citation mean?

Chief Whitehorn: It means either they're going to have to answer to the court or pay the fine.

Councilman Webb: Okay, and how much is the fine?

Chief Whitehorn: I'm not sure.

Councilman Webb: That's what I'd like to know, how much the fine is because they'll just pay the fine. That's what aggravates me. It's almost like we need to almost go to Washington with this. Because they're going to do what they want to do. That's how frustrated about that I am. You know it's just dealing with the railroad is an absolute nightmare.

Chief Whitehorn: Generally when we call them, they do comply and try to open those tracks up.

Councilman Webb: Okay. Well, maybe that'll work then. I urge you to give them a call. Maybe it'll work. So we'll see.

Councilman Walford: Should we tell them the number Ron?

Councilman Webb: Absolutely. Put it on TV.

Councilman Walford: 673-7300 and request an officer.

Ms. Loretta A. Ware: (2216 Morningside Drive) I miss you Mr. Shyne. But Madam, Council Members, I'm here today due to the railroad closing. Because I have a major problem. When I just moved last year where they closed a crossing at Morningside Drive, and I'm in the last house. And where the city do not respond, because they have closed my drainage and my sewerage line and I'm quite sure that Malcolm Street along with these other streets are going to have the same problem. I have the same problem here with my property standard charges, that I was issued which it took me seven months to resolve. I have the billing corrections. Now, seven months, but if I would have paid those amounts, I would not have gotten it back. But I had to go into the office and not getting a response from the city at all. I don't feel like the city is doing their half on this, because when they're closing these railroads, they're not paying attention to what they're doing. They're just closing the crossing, and want to say, it is now on the railroad. Which will cause a hazard. And like other individual citizens are stating, I'm disabled. We need EMT. When I do call for EMT, they go down to the other side of Mansfield Road. Which is going to cause a major problem. I have water as of today backed up in my yard. No assistance. No assistance from streets and drainage. The closing of Malcolm and Mansfield Road will give homeowners the same is the way I see it. My land is being washed away daily due to a problem where the city closed in the end of Morningside Drive. Petitions are greatly unheard like other citizens are saying and seem to be not to be reviewed. I have spoken with Mr. Strong who except for one time, who do not return your calls. I have been in his office and spoke with Ms. Dorothy Farnell who will do a pretty decent job. Unfortunately, there are no grant funds to assist me, but I'm dealing with this problem. While I would not have land, why should I be paying property taxes for a railroad crossing that was closed and the city closed in the streets and the drainage. The sewerage and drainage. And I see that there will be the same problem in this area. It's really, really ridiculous, the way I feel. And I don't know what turn I can go to at this point to ask for any further assistance. I call the city daily, and they are wasting money by coming out there because I'm going to call them each day. Until someone can give me an answer to assist me. As being a citizen, a utility payer, and a property tax payer.

Councilman Walford: You and I spoke earlier today. The gentleman right over there with Mr. Strong and I talked to him regarding your issue, right after you and I talked. And I think he may give you some insight if you - - Mike, could y'all talk after she's through here?

Ms. Ware: I know him.

Councilman Walford: So please talk to Mr. Strong. So I did email him first, and then I talked to him right after you and I talked earlier today. Thank you Ma'am.

Councilman Lester: Thank you Madam Chair. I was just going to ask, it just sounds like it's one thing to close the crossing, but to cut the sewer and stuff off, that seems a little unusual.

Ms. Ware: Once they close a crossing Mr. Lester, they did not pay attention unfortunately, where the sewerage and drainage go over to Mansfield Road, the flow of water will flow down Mansfield Road, unfortunately all the debris and trash goes in my yard. And so that's the problem that I'm having.

Councilman Lester: So you're the catch all?

Ms. Ware: I catch everything because I am the last house on the block.

Councilman Lester: Did your Code Enforcement issue get resolved?

Ms. Ware: Oh yes, I finally got my (inaudible) issue resolved with Ms. Farnell. Super great lady, and I greatly appreciate her.

Councilman Shyne: Don't say that too loud, she may get the big head.

Councilwoman Bowman: Okay, that concludes all the forms I have for the railroad crossing. At this time, is there anyone in the audience who did not get the opportunity to speak in reference to the railroad crossings and you would like to do so, at this time come forward. If not, we will move to go back into - - -

Mayor Glover: Madam Chairman?

Councilwoman Bowman: Yes sir.

Mr. Timothy Antoine: (208802 Kensington Dr) The (inaudible) that are right now being discussed. I don't live in the area, actually I work in the area, and so I'm sort of an individual whose here in support of what's going on with the individuals who live in that particular environment. It seems to me, and I'm just sitting here listening to what's at issue, and it seems like there is not an issue with the closing, there is an issue with the railroad. Because from what Mr. Monty Walford was saying, is that for every closing, or for every opening, there has to be two or three closings?

Mr. Walford: Four.

Mr. Antoine: Oh, four closings?

Mr. Walford: Yeah, as I'm told, the federal standards is two closings for one opening, but it sounds like the railroad likes to play trump cards and go for four.

Mr. Antoine: Okay.

Mr. Walford: When we had this issue come up and I followed up, and I think Mr. Strong might help me, isn't the federal standard two? Two for one?

Mr. Strong: (Inaudible).

Mr. Walford: Okay.

Mr. Antoine: Okay, if they don't have one, it seems like Union Pacific is kinda holding the City hostage based on jobs. It kinda seems like what the bottom line is, and the City is going to have to take (inaudible) here, whether we're going to provide jobs, or are we going to do what's needed for the neighborhood behind us. Well, just to kinda help things along, and I think you all are elected here to serve the people. And in serving the people, the first part of it is making sure that there are jobs. Meaningful jobs. So, Mayor Glover, it's kind of a Catch 22, but the Council that is sitting before me also is elected by the people. To solve this issue, you're probably going to have a legal battle with Union Pacific. But I'm hoping that you side with the people. It's kinda the same thing that's going on right now in America, in Washington, based on what's best for (inaudible), what's best for people. I believe that we need to maybe just think a little bit and decide that we're all here for the people, because if it wasn't for us, there would be nothing. If it wasn't for the citizens behind me, it would be nothing. I'm here because I worked at (Inaudible). I worked for an insurance agency and I collect. That crossing is very important because you have Corbitt, and you have the other streets that are running parallel to Corbitt, Corbitt being the main artery. If for whatever reason the rest of those particular crossings are closed, then Corbitt is going to be bumper to bumper. In many of the areas that I'm hearing, will probably end up being the same way. There's going to have to be some type of compromise between Union Pacific and the City. Whatever the compromise needs to be, it needs to be, it needs to be to the advantage of the people, never to Union Pacific. Because apparently with 300 jobs, I don't think any of those individuals in that community probably will be employed by them. 9,000? I mean, just face it, most of them in that particular area are not what you call, Ph. Ds. Most of them just working people. So, what I'm asking for this particular Council to do is when you go back and you do your compromising, and you talk to Union Pacific who seems to be unyielding, that you think about why you were elected, you think about the compromises that you may have to do. I'm quite sure that something can work out. Those closings can be. Maybe you have to think about other closings, maybe you have to think about not giving Union Pacific what they really want, which is control. Sounds like they already have control. So, Mayor again, you got to think, what am I going to do? I know you're running again. So, I'm going to say to the City Council that's here. You have a seal behind you. That seal says Union, Justice and Confidence. Hopefully, Union means union of the citizens of Shreveport, Justice, justice for those of whom may not have the money to afford the attorney, and Confidence for those of whom are sitting here hoping that you guys have enough power and enough strength to do what it takes. That's all I'm going to say, so I'll be watching, just paying attention to it, and seeing what happens. That's all. Any questions?

Councilman Webb: I was just going to say, you're right about that. It does appear that the railroad is taking control and I was thinking about the railroad closures that we never got a response from

the railroad, and I made mention to our legal one time about our Shreve Park crossing, why don't we just go ahead and send 'em a letter, you know and just tell 'em we're going to build a crossing. Here are the closures, and ask for forgiveness later. You know, but I just wanted to make that comment. Thank you Madam Chairman.

Councilman Long: I would say that as this fight continues, there's other elected officials that can be brought into this as well, and that's our congressman and our senator. John Fleming, and David Vitter and Mary Landrieu. They need to be included in any letters, phone calls, or emails to be brought into this issue, because this essentially could turn into a federal issue.

Mr. Antoine: Yeah, it's going to go - - - it's going to be a battle.

Councilman Long: So, I just want to make sure everybody is aware of that.,

Mr. Antoine: It's going to be a battle with a state that has more crossings than any other state in the nation. That's going to be a pretty big battle. So, y'all have my blessings, I hope they can make the right decisions, and I hope too many compromises have not been made already that cannot be rescinded. And that's all I have to say at the moment.

Councilwoman Bowman: Thank you so much for coming, Mr. Mayor, I know that we're sitting here and that we all feel terrible about what has been taking place, but I think we really need to be realistic. Not just say things that sound good. You know what I mean? So, I'm going to speak directly to you and ask that we get a meeting scheduled before the end of this week. Lets be timely in what we do. We can get Fleming, Vitter, whoever we need to contact. Our state folks, our state senators, state reps, bring 'em all to the table, and lets try to get this done this week. In the mean time, I don't know how it's actually done, when you put - - - just like we put that sign up there to close and whatever, there's got to be something that we can say that you know, it's not going to happen in 30 days. And then you know as we continue on, we'll cross the other bridge when we get to it. You know if they decide that - - - what can they do to us? I mean, cause it's going to take us at least the remaining time period to get something done, so they can't do anything to us right now, and to be honest, we get sued everyday. So, that's not like it's a major problem. You know we're used to that. So, in the meantime, hopefully, we can just send a letter to 'em, letting them know we're not going to close in 30 days, and let the citizens know we're going to come to the table, and we're going to get everybody in government involved in this to see to it that we do what needs to be done. Are you agreeable with that?

Mayor Glover: A couple of points of clarification Madam Chair. I understand based upon what I just heard Councilman Shyne state that Council is going to draft legislation to rescind these three closures.

Councilwoman Bowman: I heard him say that too.

Mayor Glover: And if that is the intention of Council - - -

Councilwoman Bowman: But see that's going to take a little time, because No. 1, you've got to go for introduction. No. 2, things basically like that lay over, unless we do an emergency ordinance, and if that was - - -

Councilman Lester: It still has to be two weeks.

Councilwoman Bowman: See, that's what I'm trying to - - - just a minute Ma'am.

Ms. Carla Thomas: (Inaudible) I've been holding an ace in the whole.

Councilwoman Bowman: Alright! Can you pass it up, or is it something that you need to explain? Okay, come on. In the meantime Mr. Mayor, can you look at it because I don't know what your schedule looks like, but before this week is out, we need to come together, even if we called a - - - I'm trying to remember Art, if we call an emergency meeting, that just would - - -

Mr. Thompson: A special meeting?

Mayor Glover: Madam Chair, if you'll this young lady speak, I'll respond to what you asked.

Councilwoman Bowman: Okay. Go ahead.

Ms. Thomas: Y'all keep saying that this crossing is Malcolm and Mansfield Road? It's not. It's Vivian and Malcolm, I mean Vivian and Mansfield Road. Your own city signs - - - this street sign says Malcolm and it points toward Hearn Avenue. This street sign say Vivian, and it points towards the railroad track. There's a whole picture of the intersection. Here's a map I pulled off Google. That one's looking north towards Hearne Avenue.

Councilwoman Bowman: Bring it a little closer Sharon.

Ms. Pilkinton: Okay.

Ms. Thomas: See the streets there, that's looking northbound on the Mansfield Road. That sign says Malcolm and it has an arrow and it's pointing towards Hearne Avenue. The next picture shows northbound Mansfield Road, with Vivian pointing towards the railroad tracks. This is a map I pulled off of the internet, off of Google. Vivian Street sits on top of those railroad tracks. That intersection is not Malcolm and Mansfield Road, therefore that crossing does not exist.

Councilwoman Bowman: Thank you.

Ms. Thomas: There's my ace in the hole. Where's your lawyer? Ask her about it.

Councilwoman Bowman: Mike Strong, were you looking at that?

Ms. Thomas: And as for the railroad, this picture right here shows their railroad box, and it shows Malcolm Street on it. That's not Malcolm Street, that's Vivian. The railroad has it wrong too. So,

wouldn't that make your contract void? If they have the wrong streets on it? It's nit picky but it might work. Ask the lawyer, she's awful quiet over there, I don't know.

Councilwoman Bowman: Well, we'll let the attorneys look at it. We'll show her what we're doing. Mr. Mayor go ahead and say what you needed to say.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Madam Chair. I don't think that we need to go through the effort of having the Council to conduct any sort of special meetings or what have to facilitate the deliberation of this situation. If what I'm hearing Council indicate, Councilman Shyne mentioned that he does not know what the outcome will be, but he intends to offer legislation that would (inaudible) these three closings, then I think that the prudent thing to do from an administrative standpoint - - -

Councilwoman Bowman: Joe, you've been controlling this meeting all day.

Councilman Shyne: That's because I'm about the oldest person up here.

Mayor Glover: I think that the prudent thing to do because obviously, I don't think it's wise to close and then reopen. If the Council intends to re-examine this situation, which the council has the authority and the power to do, then it's my intent as the Mayor, and the Administration to work with you in this situation. But rather than to see us close something that you all in turn have us unclose, then as Mayor, I'm going to direct that we not move forward with any closings, since it is the city's responsibility to facilitate the closings as agreed upon in our contract with Union Pacific. It is Union Pacific's responsibility to afford us the ability to cross the tracks, which they have effectively done or are in the process of doing right now, which is why the closing end from the city's side is what we were moving forward with until we found ourselves in the current circumstances. So, bottom line as Mayor, we will not move forward with the closings until the Council has resolved exactly what position it wants to take with regards to this particular situation.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, that's a good statement, and that's why I was hoping that I'm requesting Mr. Thompson to - - - seems like we got four or five conversations going on up here.

Councilman Lester: I'm just trying to do it like you Joe.

Councilman Shyne: I don't mind that, I guess I'm an old school teacher, and if I got some students out there, you all know I didn't - - - Chief, I didn't allow them to talk in my class while class is going on. And back during that time, you might would have had to arrest me for child abuse.

Councilman Lester: But since there's no children on the Council, you don't have to arrest him up on that.

Councilman Shyne: Right, there's no children on the Council up here, so you don't have to arrest me Chief. But Mr. Mayor, I'm hoping that the executive order would be that we would not move forward to close any of these streets until we can find out what we're going to do. Whether we find out Dr. Jones, is Dr. Jones still here? I would advise the Administration not to move forward until

we can find out if we have four or five votes in order to rescind the closing of these streets. I think that's wise Mr. Mayor to do that.

Councilman Wooley: Thank you Madam Chair. I had asked the Administration to try to put a call into UP, and I just wanted to see if you'd done that at this point.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Wooley, we've not gotten an answer to the particular question that you asked on yesterday.

Councilman Wooley: So, does that mean that you called and they didn't answer you right?

Mayor Glover: We don't have an answer yet to the question. What we're working on. Not only that question, but a series of other questions as well that we're posing. So, we'll look to report that back to you. And certainly we'll provide you with the number as well if you'd like to make the call also.

Councilman Wooley: Sure, I'd like those numbers, I'll call.

Councilman Webb: We ought to give the citizens the number and let them call.

Councilwoman Bowman: That's a good idea.

Councilman Webb: If they get enough calls, they might respond.

Mayor Glover: And with regard to the possibility of convening a meeting before this week is up Madam Chair, did I understand you to say you'd like to request representatives of federal government, state government - - -

Councilwoman Bowman: And our local folks.

Mayor Glover: Parish and city? Is this something that you would want me to convene as mayor?

Councilwoman Bowman: Sure would.

Mayor Glover: Can you give me and we can discuss this off - - - once the meeting is over, but just get an indication of exactly what the agenda would be for. The first thing we've got to deal with from our perspective as a city is what those implications are in terms of the contract that we've signed right now, and how we proceed in that regard.

Councilwoman Bowman: But it seems to me with the railroads being federal, we need some federal folks here to handle up on them, because we can sit here and do whatever, but unless somebody who has direct authority or whatever as far as their concern. That's where I was going with that. Even our state folks which can put enough pressure you know on these other folks to do what they need to do. I think that it warrants everybody to come to the table. And of course, that was just a suggestion.

Mayor Glover: If that's an idea that you're offering, we certainly would welcome the opportunity to have that dialogue. Am I assuming that the ultimate objective would be to require the folks at Union Pacific to give us the southbound access crossing without us having to close any crossings in return is the ultimate objective?

Councilwoman Bowman: Right.

Mayor Glover: Okay, alright. Understood. I appreciate it and we'll get to work on it. Thank you Madam Chairman.

Councilwoman Bowman: Thank you Mr. Mayor. Now we'll just do that as soon as we possibly can. I know this coming weekend is a holiday weekend, am I correct?

Mayor Glover: Well Monday would be Memorial Day, but that probably also means that the Congress may shut down at some point on Thursday so we may have at least some shot at getting our local congressional member to attend. And we'll see what the availability will be in terms of our federal folks as well. Thank you Madam Chair, thank you members of the Council.

Councilwoman Bowman: And at this time, I do not have any other request for speakers dealing with the railroad crossings. We want to take this time to thank each and everyone of you for coming out, and letting us know just what you think and hopefully, we'll be able to resolve this real soon. Thank you very much for coming. At this time I need a motion to go back in regular section.

Councilman Lester: Madam Chair, we have a young lady who has a question.

Councilwoman Bowman: Well you can't do it from there, you'll have to come to the mic and - - -

Ms. Veronica Thomas: (649 Pickwick Place) My question was the meeting that you're going to have, would the public be invited or is it a closed session?

Mayor Glover: Always open.

Ms. Thomas: Okay, it's going to be same place?

Councilwoman Bowman: I don't know if we'll - - - Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Glover: That depends on - - - the Chamber would be fine, if not it may be upstairs on the 2nd floor, but obviously this room would be one that (inaudible).

Councilwoman Bowman: This would probably be better to accommodate everybody that would like to come.

Ms. Thomas: Alright, thank you.

Mayor Glover: And we'll probably look to try and schedule it to the extent for those who would be willing, towards the end of the day to make it easier for folks who work to get off and attend.

Motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Wooley to go back into regular session. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

Councilwoman Bowman: Is there a motion to approve the minutes of May 10, 2010 and Council Meeting, May 11th?

Motion by Councilman Long, seconded by Councilman Walford to approve the minutes of the Administrative Conference, Monday, May 10, 2010 and Council Meeting, Tuesday, May 11, 2010 Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

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

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

Councilwoman Bowman: Mayor Glover: Do you have anyone else left at this time?

Mayor Glover: We have some hearty honorees Madam Chairman. Glad to say, yes, they are here, and we certainly look forward to recognizing them. However Madam Chair, before we do that, I would like to ask you if you would indulge the Administration in requesting a moment of silence in recognition of two individuals, one of which passed earlier today, the other passed earlier this week. The young lady who passed today is the wife of one of our police officers, Officer Medlin, his wife Betty Jo unfortunately passed today. Earlier this week, we lost Shreveport's and I'm sure being the history maker that you are, that you will certainly feel it to be appropriate, we lost our first female firefighter, Captain Deborah Mims earlier this week.

Councilman Walford: Madam Chair? We also lost a member of the National Guard in Iraq. A Major Ronald Wayne Culver, and I would ask that we include him.

Mayor Glover: By all means.

Councilwoman Bowman: A moment of silence.....Thank you.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Madam Chair. Hearty honorees they are indeed Madam Chair and members of the Council, while we have just been in the midst of what is the essence of the democratic process, which I'm sure we're all the better for. We are also privileged as we move forward with this particular meeting to recognize several of our citizens who have done outstanding things. I'd like to start with Mr. Ricky Moore. Mr. Moore would you join me along with Helen Godfrey and Chris Giordano, and is that your daughter you have with you Mr. Moore? You have also a young lady from Representative Henry Burns office, who always leaves me,

Dodie. Come on up here Dodi, and the young lady in the pink. Is that your daughter Mr. Moore? Oh, okay. Ma'am, would you join us as well? I'm sorry. Look about my age Mr. Moore, that's why I was wondering. Madam Chair and members of the council, it gives me great pleasure to introduce to you today a man who is certainly a hero amongst us. Mr. Ricky Moore is employed by the Pro Security Agency on behalf of the Louisiana State Fair. And during last year's fair, in the month of October, without any hesitation or regard to his own personal safety, Mr. Moore saved the life of one of our fellow citizens. His heroic deed caught the attention of State Representative Henry Burns. His legislative assistant Dodie is here with us today, and Representative Burns drafted House Resolution No. 40 in honor and recognition of the accomplishments of Mr. Moore. Rep. Burns cannot be here with us today due to the fact that the legislature is in session, but he's on the house floor right now fulfilling his duties, but his great assistant, Dodie Burns - - -Horton is here. Somebody wants to be Burns today for some reason, has brought me this resolution in recognition and in honor of Mr. Moore and his accomplishment. I'm also joined by Mrs. Helen Godfrey-Smith, Owner of Pro Security Agency as well as Mr. Chris Giordano, who is the manager of the Louisiana State Fair. And this young ladies name is so that we can get it into the record? Melinda Moore. We are delighted. So, on behalf of your courageous actions Mr. Moore and service to your fellow citizens, it is my pleasure to present you with this Resolution read into the official records of the Louisiana House of Representatives by Rep. Henry Burns in recognition of your outstanding accomplishment.

Councilman Shyne: Big hero. Our hero. It's good to be a hero.

Mayor Glover: It is also my pleasure to present to you this Mayor's Award of Excellence in recognition of your heroism as well, and to also present you with this official honorary Deputy-Mayor pin. Helen before Mr. Moore makes any comments, would either one of you like to comment and share in more details about exactly what Mr. Moore did to aid his fellow citizen.

Mr. Giordano: Thank you Mayor Glover, Madam Chairman and the rest of the City Council for allowing us the opportunity to be here today. We did have to sit through a pretty long democratic process, and my apologies to you Ricky Moore, but for the fine people of those neighborhoods, I think that's a process that was needed for them, and hopefully it will prove to get the results that are needed for our community. Anyway, I do want to explain what he did do. Working as a security guard at the State Fair of Louisiana last year, the day that we had the tornados and thunderstorms throughout our city and the City of Bossier City as well, we had to close the fair at 3:00 that afternoon for the safety of our guests and such, and Ricky Moore was working the gate right there at the back of the coliseum, which is Gate 4. He'd been doing a fine job the whole fair long, and he actually left his post that evening, which he's not supposed to do, but he did it for a really good reason. A young lady turned the corner at the Hudson Street underpass that goes underneath the interstate, and it was completely full of water. She drove her mini van into the water and which it submerged the mini van, and she was trapped in her vehicle, and Ricky didn't even think twice about it, and he went out there and rescued her out of her vehicle.

Ms. Helen Godfrey: Thank you Mr. Mayor, thank you Council. It is a joy for us to be a partner with the state fair, the Professional Security Agency owned by my husband Bobby Joe Smith, and yours truly. And each year we are I think are great partners with the fair to help the fair be a

success. But this year, last year was very, very special to us because we try to employ people that would do just what Ricky did, and to sit there and act that way with no other enticement other than it was just the right thing, to do, I'm very proud to say that he is an employee of the Professional Security Agency, and we are a partner with the State Fair, and we are all good citizens of the City of Shreveport. Thank you all.

Mr. Giordano: I forgot one thing, I do want to thank you Helen and your husband Bobby for the partnership we do have with the Professional Security Agency. Y'all've been doing a wonderful job at the State Fair, and of course, we'll see you again here in 2010. I also want to thank Representative Henry Burns' office for taking the initiative to move forward with this resolution from the House.

Councilwoman Bowman: Thank you Chris.

Mr. Ricky Moore: I just want to say thank y'all and God bless y'all Mayor Glover and Chris, Ms. Smith. Thank you and God love you.

Mayor Glover: Alright, Madam Chair and members of the Council. We have an outstand group of young men here. And I want to call us Cavalry Baptist Academy State Championship Golf Team.

Councilwoman Bowman: Aw, they deserve it. They stayed through all of this. And Mr. Mayor, before you get started, let us just thank them because I know they could have left with a lot of other folks, but they stayed through the whole process.

Councilman Webb: I think they were enjoying it.

Councilwoman Bowman: Some of them, I think. But we really want to apologize, because normally you all are a lot closer up on our agenda, and we just kinda did things a little bit differently today for a different reason. And please accept our apology. Mr. Mayor, we're back in your hands.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Madam Chair, members of the Council. Coach Ward and I are going to spend a little time talking with Brother Rick Edmonds on tomorrow and see if he can't get these young men some extra credit for the Civic lesson that they just had the opportunity to sit through and experience.

Councilwoman Bowman: That sounds like a winner.

Mayor Glover: They may get a few extra points on the finals that they are in the midst of wrapping up this week. And hopefully we didn't take them away from time studying for what may still be a final or two that's left. But Madam Chairman, members of the Council, the Calvary Boy's Golf Team won the state 2-A golf championship defeating runner up Dunham by 19 strokes in a two-day tournament held this month in Alexandria, Louisiana. The Cavaliers finished with a total of 605 to take their first state championship in golf. Now Councilman Shyne mentioned patience. These men are not only patient, they persevere because they finished the state championship

tournament last year tied for 1st as well, but they lost in a sudden death playoff. But they did not allow that to deter or detract them, they came back this year on a mission. They worked hard throughout the year, working long hours and winning the state championship was their ultimate goal. Hunter Gauntlett finished fourth overall in the state individual competition with a 73 the first day and a 72 on day two. Freshman Blake Traweek shot a 78 and a 76. Chase Leone fired a 77 and an 80. And Daniel Hawkins turned in a 72 and 80 for Calvary. Ryan Mastny ended with the day with totals of 75 and 89. Under the skilful guidance and an outstanding coaching team and hours of practice on the driving range and extra time on the golf course, Calvary's boys golf team stands today proudly before you as Louisiana State Champions. Proud to have with me, Coach Rusty Ward, members of the team, Hunter Gauntlett, Daniel Hawkins, Chase Leone, Ryan Mastny, Blake Traweek. Coaches are Rusty Ward, Head Coach. Sam Rogers, Assistant Coach. Bob Gauntlett, Assistant Coach, and the Calvary Academy Principal, Mrs. Rhonda Honea and the Calvary Baptist Academy School Superintendent is Mr. Ken Kruitoff. Gentlemen in recognition of your outstanding accomplishment, it is my great privilege to present to you the Mayor's Award of Excellence. Alright, Coach Ward.

Coach Rusty Ward: I would just like to thank the Council for allowing us to do this. Thank you Mayor Glover, I've known Mayor Glover for a long time, he's an old Centenary fan of mine, when I was playing back in those days. So, I've known him for a long time. And one of the things he told us earlier, is that we could leave if we wanted to and come back on April 8th and I said well, one of the things that we try to teach our young men is patience. And if you don't have patience in golf, you don't win state championships. And I couldn't be more proud of this group behind me. Words can't express how proud of them I am. I have four seniors that are going to be going on to college, and hopefully, Sam Rogers and I have taught something, not only about golf, but about life. And I do have a freshman that's going to be playing for us the next three years, so we wish him good luck, but I appreciate the Council's time and it was interesting to listen to what's going on in our city. So we want to thank you.

Mr. Sam Rogers: Some of y'all already know me, I was a Shreveport Police Officer for 28 years, Ms. Bowman, I've spoken to her several times because of being at the jail, and invited y'all to come to the jail, Councilman Lester also.

Councilwoman Bowman: Let's clarify that. I wasn't IN the jail, I was just visiting.

Mr. Rogers: No, no. I'm also very proud of the guys. Sometimes they thought I was kinda hard on 'em and wouldn't let 'em play because of the banging the clubs or throwing the clubs or something like that. But I love these kids to death and most of them know that. And they laugh about it all the time, because I always tell them to feel the love. And they're just a bunch of good guys and you'll never meet a better group of kids. And also we'd like to give the Mayor one of our new hats.

Mayor Glover: Thank you much. And I see it's fitted, so I'll have to wait until I'm in a little more private location to try it on. I wouldn't want to have that 'Baby Huey' affect here today. But one thing Rusty didn't tell you is that I used take him off the dribble as well, but that's another story altogether. Do we have a senior representative who wants to make any comments on behalf of the team?

Senior Representative: I'd just like to say thank y'all for having us and good luck in the rest of the City Council Meeting.

Councilwoman Bowman: Thank you. We need it.

Mayor Glover: Thank you.

Councilman Lester: Madam Chair? I was going to say before he left, Coach Rogers looked so good, Chief, you might should have let him play more golf, because since the last time I've seen him, he's all (inaudible) and slimmed down, so maybe that's you know, a lot of that golf instead of riding in the car, maybe that's what's good to him.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Madam Chair. And last but certainly not least, we are honored to recognize a young man who has sat here faithfully on the front row. Karen, Vince, would you please join me up here? Madam Chair, we were privileged to be invited months ago to work with the initiative for competitive inner city, a world renowned, well respected, national organization, to attempt to identify a high performing inner city businesses in the City of Shreveport. They specifically asked that we submit businesses for consideration to a list, a positive list referred to as the Inner City 100. The Inner City 100 is a national program to recognize fast growing companies and inner cities across the United States created by the initiative for competitive inner city 12 years ago to prove that small businesses can thrive in inner cities. The Inner City also spotlights and supports growing companies in urban areas highlighted the importance of creating healthy inner cities and healthy inner city economies in order to develop strong urban communities. The winners are determined based on revenue growth over a five-year period and are asked to complete a brief one page application form. Companies that qualify based on the one page application are then asked to complete an extensive survey and provide financial documentation to verify self-reported sales figures. The Annual Inner City 100 list is published in Business Week SmallBiz and will receive National and local media attention. The Shreveport businesses who were nominated for this prestigious award were Southland Printing, Entrum Laundry Company, Henderson Construction, Hope Contractors, and Universal Plumbing. Universal Plumbing was selected as one of the 2010 Inner City 100 and the CEO and President of that company, Mr. Vince Giglio was honored at the 2910 Inner City Awards Dinner on May 5, 2010 in Boston Massachusetts. He was joined by our very own Karen Barnes. At the awards dinner, Inner City recognized Universal Plumbing for their accomplishments as well as to acknowledge the City of Shreveport's role in bringing Universal Plumbing as well as Southland Printing, Entrum Laundry, Henderson Construction and Hope Contractors to the attention of the national community. The Inner City 100 program is sponsored by Chevron Corporation, Staples foundation and the Goldman Sachs Foundation. Of the top 100 Inner City 100, Shreveport is the home of one of those. It is ranked No. 96, and it's leader, CEO, and President is one Vince Giglio. Madam Chair, I'm honored today to recognize Vince for his outstanding accomplishment and let him know how much we appreciate not only what he contributes to the business environment of the Shreveport community, but also for the many civic contributions he makes to our city as well. There are any number of organizations that you will see Vince involved in. He wears a Red jacket during the fall of the year, actively involved with the Independence Bowl, and there are a number of other outstanding groups that he contributes not only time, but resources and also challenges his family and his staff

to support as well. And we're very proud to have him as one of our very fine Shreveporters. Vince, thank you, and share a little bit about the Inner City recognition you received.

Mr. Vince Giglio: Well I want to thank Mayor Glover for selecting us to have the opportunity to compete, and his administration. And also we had Karen Barnes to guide us through the whole operation of this Inner City 100. I wasn't sure about what the Inner City 100 was at the beginning, and we started to get phone calls from all over the United States with people asking me questions, and actually, I had to call back to Karen and say is this a legitimate business deal here, and she says, well sure is somebody calling you? And I said, well they are, and I said in fact a lot of people are calling. And it all started progressing and we got the phone call, and Mary called me and acknowledge that we had won the Inner City 100 for Shreveport. And evidently this has been going on for 12 years. And so this is the first time in 12 years that a company from Shreveport was honored. And we're honored to be that company. And we did go to Boston, and received our award, which we got the award in a cubicle with all the 100 cities. I think there was 800 companies that we actually were chosen from. And it was more than I actually expected. And to let you know a little bit about the magnitude about how big this award turned out to be at the awards banquet, they actually generate \$1.2(million) off the banquet. If that'll just give you any kind of idea of what kind of facility would be going there. So I'm very grateful. I'm glad the Mayor put me up, and I'm glad we won, and (inaudible) for Shreveport, Karen Barnes. Everybody in Boston knows Shreveport now. I promise you. And what a great cheerleader for Shreveport right here, Karen Barnes. And I thank y'all.

Councilman Lester: Madam Chair, I just wanted to say obviously to the Mayor, but more particularly to you sir, this is a really, really, really, really big deal. I have been a person who has been a reader and follower of Michael Porter's Scholarship on the subject of Inner City Revitalization. He is the person who in and of itself has created the model for successful inner city revitalization. He is a full tenured professor at Harvard School of Business. There are volumes and volumes and volumes, and volumes, and volumes of work that has directly related to his scholarship. Icic.org is something that grew up out of the Inner City forum that he did back in '93. And so to know that a business from Shreveport has attained such a high level, I mean it's mind boggling and it's very impressive. The work that your company has done is obviously tremendous, but to have that level of recognition on a national level, is tremendous. And you know it's - - - I don't know if words really for me can describe how important it is because the thing that Michael Porter did, was re-orient the Fortune 500's mindset to say that when you talk about cities and when you talk about inner city neighborhoods, if you really want to develop your cities, you have to deal with the businesses there, the people there, the barriers to work, and those businesses like yours that have a track record of dealing with these issues everyday, not only are helping to make things better in the communities that you are in, in Shreveport, but your example is providing a model that other people are following in other cities and in fact other nations in this world in terms of inner city business and inner city revitalization. Because obviously, if you could do it in a Shreveport, or if you could do it in a Boston, or if you could do it in a Los Angeles, maybe it can be done in a small town in East Texas, or in different parts of the state. So, I really - - - it's very impressive, and you know one of the things that I say, and excuse my use of the vernacular that Shreveport is player hater capitol of the world. Any time you do something that is beyond the confines that you can't - - - you know the Tim Brando or guys like that can't talk about we just

dismiss it, or that's just some liberal northeastern kind of a deal, but that's a big deal. And to know that we have someone in a business on that level that has been not only nominated but recognized, but nationally and internationally is a tremendous accomplishment and certainly to the company that you have led through the years. And as I appreciate multi-generationally, it speaks to some of the climate that you have in Shreveport, and more importantly the necessity for us to look at inner city business and inner city neighborhoods because if your business can thrive, maybe, just maybe there is something that we can learn from a government perspective from you to glean to craft policy to help other business to be successful and moving down the line. So I just really - - - it's really impressive, and you are certainly to be congratulated. It really, really, really is a big deal.

Mr. Giglio: We met a lot of great people there and it was very nice.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Madam Chairman and members of the Council, and again, double kudos to Karen for the outstanding work that she does for us on a daily basis. Vince, God bless you. And that concludes Mayoral communications.

Councilman Shyne: Karen, does that translate into a pay raise?

Ms. Barnes: Sir?

Councilman Shyne: Karen, does that translate into a pay raise? I'm just kidding.

Mayor Glover: Madam Chairman, Mr. Shyne, I do know that Karen's efforts certainly will not go unrewarded. She is one of the greatest values we have anywhere within the City of Shreveport. As they say in the football sports vernacular, she has outplayed her rookie contract.

Councilman Shyne: Lookout. Whew! You on the line girl!

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

Councilman Long: Yes, I do like to - - - Mrs. Sellers, could you please come up now? She's been waiting patiently to talk a little bit.

Councilwoman Bowman: And we apologize again. We got out of order a little while ago, but thank you.

Councilman Long: She's here to talk about a real problem or situation in her neighborhood and I just wanted to give her a few minutes to speak on it.

Ms. Sherry Sellers: (1055 Old Southfield Road) The reason I'm here and I did email Mr. Long, but apparently we didn't get to communicate, so he didn't know that I was going to be showing up. Which I did state in my email. We have a huge problem on our street. We have signed a petition for speed humps on our street, and to be placed on our road, where people continuously speed and nearly hit children with no regard to the residents. We have only 12 houses on our street and a

school. We personally fought to have a school zone placed, and it was done in 2009. Now I've lived there five years, and I've worked on that for three years. The Southfield School has been there since 1935, and it's never been deemed a school zone. They argued that there were not enough children walking on the street, and we proved to them that there were. Now the problem here is that the school zone is ignored because the people who use our street as a cut through to avoid going down Pierremont are not our residents and do not care about the school or the our children. Our street is also one way from 2:30 – 3:15 p.m. This is disregarded when it comes to speeders on our street. They flip off and yell obscenities at us and we're only trying to protect the children and the residents from being hit by their automobiles. My next door neighbor was recently cited for trying to protect my children from a speeding van. They were doing about 45 or 50 mph, I would assume down the road with no regard for our kids trying to cross the street. The driver, an employee at Brookshires on Line Avenue flew by screaming obscenities to my children and to my neighbor. These are sayings that my children, 7 and 9 years old come up to me and say what does that word mean. It just shouldn't be done at all. But wearing your uniform while obstructing justice I think is completely wrong, and when I talked to the police about that, they said that it was unnecessary for me to speak to the manager of Brookshire's which are dear friends of mine, but I told him that if I saw an officer in a bar having a beer, I don't think that would be right either. So, therefore, I didn't have a problem with speaking with them. I've lost one child last year, and I can't afford to lose another one. Now she was killed by an automobile, and I have contacted the city and the police, and I need to address that. And I brought something. And the reason why I'm here, because I know what everybody knows - - - and everybody knows what this is. This is a birth certificate. And this represents the happiest day of your life. And this is a death certificate, and this represents the saddest day of your life. This is my daughter Brandi, this man right here has my daughter's liver. And they are nice enough to call me on Mother's Day, and on Easter, and on the anniversary of my daughter's death. I'm sorry, I get a little teary.

Councilwoman Bowman: That's alright, take your time.

Ms. Sellers: This woman has my daughter's heart, and I will be meeting her personally in June, and she also called me on Mother's Day to wish me a happy Mother's Day. But these things will never bring my child back to me. I'm a huge advocate for Donate Life. My daughter was going to college at LSU, she was going to be a nurse, and she donated her organs to help save over seven people that we know of today. But I can't lose another one of my children. And when these people fly down my street screaming at me and my family, flipping us off because my kids want to play or they want to cross the street safely, and they can't, then something needs to be done. So, I will leave this petition with you. It's signed by all of my neighbors. And I just hope that something can be done about it, because until something is done about it, I will fight. If I have to call the police everyday and have them sit on my road. I will fight for my children. And I appreciate all of you listening to me.

Councilman Long: Yeah, thank you, and we will look into that situation I assure you. Just leave the petition with Sharon over there, and we will definitely look at your situation and see what we can do. And I will be in contact with you.

Ms. Sellers: I appreciate that.

Councilman Long: And I appreciate you coming forward today.

Ms. Sellers: Thank you, and one more thing,. April was organ donor month, and I don't know if any of you read this, but it's a free magazine and they have a whole spread in here that talks about my child. But like I said, it's not going to bring her back, and I appreciate your time.

Councilwoman Bowman: Ms. Sellers, thank you for making that presentation. Chief Whitehorn was taking notes, and so was Mike Strong with DOS and Public Works. And of course, you certainly got my attention. My heart goes out to you, it really does. And if there is anything that we can do to make it safer, and to expedite this, move faster for you. Its my hope that we will do what we can.

Councilman Walford: Madam Chair, if the Chief is making notes, and Michael this is your district, but I've gotten calls. Fairfield going down the hill, I've gotten complaints about the same problem. From, where would it be about? Ontario or so going down to past Southfield and to Pierremont? So Chief, if your officers are going to watch that area, there's a corner an area right at the corner of Fairfield and Old Southfield.

Ms. Sellers: Right, I'm on the other end though, behind Brookshire's. I'm right across from Southfield School. Our street is only 20 feet wide. We have measured the street from side to side. It's 20 feet wide, and there are no sidewalks.

Councilman Walford: So, where are you from Fairfield?

Ms. Sellers: From Fairfield? I'm all the way up to Southern.

Councilman Long: She's close to Southern.

Ms. Sellers: So, I'm at the other end of Old Southfield Road. It's parallel to Pierremont.

Councilman Walford: Well some of the neighbors have complained about traffic going down the hill south bound, passing your street.

Ms. Sellers: From Fairfield?

Councilman Walford: Yeah.

Ms. Sellers: Yeah, and I mean it's, it's unbelievable. It's absolutely unbelievable what these people will say to you.

Councilman Lester: Oh yeah, every morning at 7:45, I see people going to South Highlands.

Ms. Sellers: And it's a big issue. And my children aren't allowed to play on that street or even crossing the street when these people coming this close to hurting my children, I can't take that.

Councilwoman Bowman: Thank you again, we really appreciate you sharing that with us.
Councilman Long?

Councilman Long: That's it, thank you. Appreciate you coming.

Ms. Tabatha Taylor: (5714 Wood Ridge) It's kinda hard to come behind her.

Councilwoman Bowman: Yeah, that's true. Give us your name and address for the record.

Ms. Taylor: I'm sorry, it's really hard to come behind her.

Councilwoman Bowman: Take your time. That was quite touching.

Ms. Taylor: Yes. I come to you today as a mother. Channel 12 had a story on May 13th regarding the arrest of a drug dealer, and in that process a mentally challenged individual was beaten by the Shreveport Police Department. I don't know that young man, and I don't know that family. But speaking as a mother, who has a child with special needs, whose son is autistic. He's 14 years old, he's approximately 6'2", about 210 lbs. He's my baby. I saw that young man on television and listening to that story and my heart bled. Because this young man, I don't know the official diagnosis, but has so many similarities to my son, which I realize that the young man had a mindset of a 6 year old, and he was non-verbal. The Police Department went in, apprehended their suspect and in the other room was, I think the gentleman's name was Chris. They handcuffed the young man's sister, and I believe it was said to the Police Department that my mentally challenged brother is in the next room. As she was handcuffed and the suspect is apprehended, and I'm just reading this according to Channel 12, because I don't know the specifics. Her brother came out of that house, and he was beaten to a pulp. He lost his teeth, he was swollen, he basically resembled the Elephant Man. I'm going to just go out on a limb here and say that I believe this young man had - - - is diagnosed with autism. And autism is a brain disorder that basically inhibits a person's cognitive abilities and prohibits him from speaking verbally. The officer stated that the young man launched for his gun. Therefore I guess that was the remedy of why he was beaten the way that he was. But what the officer did not know was that the young man could not talk. And what happens is when you're faced with a person whose autistic, or some individuals who have special needs, there may not be any facial similarities or anything that would jar your mind to say there is something going on with this individual. They can look like you and me. If you saw my son, you wouldn't know that he couldn't talk. The first thing you would say to me is, "Tabitha, okay with that big boy, apparently he plays basketball or something." But my son is nonverbal. I have a great deal of respect for the police department, for Chief Whitehorn, for officers there because I have plenty of them that are my friends, that I consider to be friends. But when I see something like this that is this disturbing, there is something that we are going to have to do. And so I am saying to you, to the Mayor, to the City Council, to the Public Safety Departments, that I am from a parental standpoint, willing to come, to sit around the table with all of you all. Because we're going to have to take some initiatives that will prevent this from happening again. Our ultimate responsibility is to serve and to protect. And the mindset of that gentleman who was beaten and by the way, his name is Chris, he now develops this concept of fearing you. Because what happens is with an autistic child, they remember. Their recall is excellent. And so for that first meeting with you, you

want that meeting to be pleasant, because there is a trust factor that is built. From that point, now if he sees them, there is going to be a spirit of fear. That's not what we want. We're going to have to take a very proactive role, and I'm going to help you, because I am going to teach you how to deal with individuals like this. And we're going to sit around the table, and we're going to take a proactive approach, so this will not happen again. It is my understanding that the mother is suing the department, and I can understand her frustration. And in that suit, I don't want there to be a blemish on the great things that the Police Department does for this incident. I'm very passionate about this. The Autism Society has a campaign called Safe and Sound where there are decals that individuals can put on their windows that there is a person with an exceptionality in this house. There are various training that can take place with our Public Safety Department. But most of all, I think the most important thing is for the community and the Police Department and the Fire Department and the Sheriff Department, State Troopers, whomever, all of us need to come together and work so that we would be keenly aware of how to deal with individuals like this. For Chris, it is a very traumatic experience for him. One that I hope that in some way we can combat, so they would know that the police is not an enemy, but is their friend. They're there to protect them and not to hurt them. And again as I say, I don't understand - - - I don't know all the specifics of it, but what I want to do for the most part and I am giving of myself. I want to help you to understand how this process works so that we can prevent this from happening again.

Councilwoman Bowman: Thank you Ms. Tabatha Taylor. We appreciate your concern, and we appreciate you addressing us on this issue. There are a lot of things that most of us do not know and not aware of when it comes to autistic children and special needs young people or any age really. And we just need to make ourselves more aware, and accept that type of training. And if you don't mind will you get with Chief Whitehorn, and hopefully we can try to get something worked out. Because we certainly don't want to have incidents like that repeatedly happening. Thank you again for coming. Ms. Bertha?

Mayor Glover: Madam Chair?

Councilwoman Bowman: Yes sir.

Mayor Glover: I too want to join you in thanking Tabatha for coming down and sharing her concern with the Council, and with the Administration and the City as a whole. I'm very sensitive to the concerns that she has, both for her son and the young man who was involved in the incident and anyone else who might find themselves similarly situated. In fact, I'm going to, I don't know if you have time for lunch tomorrow, or if anyone on the council is free as well, but I'm actually - - - I'm going to be meeting tomorrow at noon with the Mayor's Advisory Council on Disabilities. And one of the things that I in fact intended to have as a part of just my attendance was the incident that occurred and how it is that we might be able to try and - - - whether it's a training program, I don't know. Because as you've acknowledged, and I appreciate and respect you for that. It's a difficult challenging set of circumstances with no easy answers. But if we didn't want to find ourselves in difficult circumstances, we never should have run. And so we have to figure out how best to offer leadership that guides and directs our communities through these types of challenges. So, we're meeting tomorrow, going to lunch. It's on me at New Horizons on Line Avenue.

Councilwoman Bowman: They have steak, and baked potatoes and stuff like that?

Mayor Glover: Well now, I don't know if they got all that.

Councilwoman Bowman: Well that's what I got the taste for.

Mayor Glover: Well now Madam Chair, if that'll get you there, we'll make accommodations for you. But just wanted to say thank you appreciate it and look forward to dialogue with you about it.

Councilwoman Bowman: Ms. Bertha?

Ms. Bertha Jimison: (2518 Lillian) It gives me great pleasure to come and speak with you. I haven't spoken to the City Council in a while. As a matter of fact, the first time I spoke to this Council was in 1969. I was young then, now I'm old. We're still doing some of the same things, but I still say as I travel the City of Shreveport, it is a great city with great people, great potential, and we need to hang in here, we still have work to do. The first time I spoke to the Council, I spoke on Economic Develop. I'm out of breath when I think about it. I wrote the President, then it was Richard Nixon. That's how long ago it's been. And I said, we need human resources planning in this city. We need some of the urban development money to go into human resources. Okay, nothing happened, but the President wanted me to do a proposal, and I did it. Something happened to Nixon. Later I came back to this Council and talked about - - - I was on the School Board (I was on the School Board), partnership with the schools, and we could do community centers at the schools, so I keep coming back. Now, what I'm doing. I'm a consultant. Here, pass these around. And I always, this is my work, whether I get the job or the business or not. I've been a consultant out of town, and it's time for me to be a consultant in Shreveport. That's my resume. I still want to work with urban development. I'm a grants writer, I am a program developer. When they did the Neighborhood Center, I'm the one who wrote the letter to Danny Mitchell, saying we need a center in Queensborough. I wanted to write some programs. I still want to do that there. My name is Bertha, I'm your neighbor. I still do program development and a lot of different stuff. I'm going to get with Sharon and see what I can do with the city. Now I have come here year after year. Like I say, I started at 29. I'm not going to tell you how old I am now. Thank you.

Councilwoman Bowman: Thank you Ms. Bertha, we really appreciate that. Mr. Mayor are you finished. You have any other communications?

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

Mr. Sibley: I'd just like to say for the record, I just shared with Sharon, Ms. Sellers wanted to send the Council back a copy of the magazine article that she referenced, so y'all will have an opportunity to see it.

Councilwoman Bowman: I know Mr. Holt is not here, so Ms. Dorothy will you come forward? Oh yeah Calvin, yes you did and I apologize to you. Dorothy hold up. Councilman Lester?

Councilman Lester: I would ask Ms. Irma Rogers to come up real quick if she could please. Madam Chair and members, Ms. Rogers is the Chairman of the Community Development Corporation in the Martin Luther King neighborhood, and as I referenced earlier, we have been dealing with a particular development out in the Martin Luther King/Cooper Road area for quite some time, even going back to when our Mayor was the City Councilman in that area, a particular landfill. And Ms. Rogers and some neighbors from the community and Rev. Holden was here earlier, but he had an engagement that he had to leave. Got together with the aforementioned Tulane University Environmental Law Clinic, and the clinic is representing some of the citizens up there in this particular action relative to the Harrelson Waste Management, and Rev. Holden, I would have loved for him to speak. He would have told you that there was a particular piece of legislation before the senate last week relative to trying to prevent the Tulane Law Clinic students from being able to represent average citizens against the government in these types of cases. And he and some other residents from the Cooper Road actually drove to Baton Rouge and gave very effective testimony against that piece of legislation, and this past - - - I think yesterday, there was a hearing in Baton Rouge relative to that particular incident or that particular development and I just wanted to give her an opportunity to speak to the Tulane Law Clinic's involvement, with the residents and the neighborhood, and kinda bring us up to speed on what happened or what transpired in Baton Rouge on yesterday.

Ms. Irma Rogers: (1920 Michaud) Chairman Bowman, Mayor and all city councilmen. On yesterday, the case which is actually against the state and LDEQ which was brought by means of Louisiana Environment Association, and one of the members of the MLK Community Development Corporation is one of the plaintiffs in this case, Mrs. Thelma Humphrey. The other plaintiff is Mrs. (Inaudible) Farrow. And she is a member of Rev. Holden's church, Pilgrim Rest. So, the hearing was set for yesterday, May 25th in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 19th Judicial District Court. And Judge Hernandez was the judge who was hearing this case. And naturally long and arduous set of events stemming back to over 1,000, approximately 1500 signatures that was sent to LDEQ concerning Harrelson Materials Management and the enlargement of that establishment, and also the violation. And also comments that were brought up in terms of the citizens from this area, including myself, two of the letters that were published in the Shreveport Times on last year following a March 12th hearing that was held here at Vo Tech. And still Harrelson was permitted by LDEQ. So that is primarily why the case was brought. It was also an executive order issued from Governor Jindal's office concerning any establishment that had problems with zoning issues within their parishes should not be permitted. That was an issue that was brought up. And several other issues. But primarily I went in support that is one of my members who is Mrs. Humphrey. And the judge took everything under consideration. I think we had a very strong case, I know the hour is far spent. So, that is all for right now. The judge will take everything into consideration and give us a ruling in a few weeks. Any questions?

Councilman Lester: Thank you Mrs. Rogers. I appreciate you giving us that - - -

Councilman Walford: Would you or she kinda tell us what the case is? I mean is this to - - - is this the case against Harrelson? Or - - -

Ms. Rogers: Actually a case against the State of Louisiana, the department of LDEQ.

Councilman Walford: For permitting.

Ms. Rogers: Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality for permitting them when there are still violations pending here in Shreveport and there are still zoning issues pending here. As I understand it in speaking with the City Attorney, the issues still have not been resolved concerning some of their violations, and yet, LDEQ permitted this business even against the wishes of the so many citizens in the community. So that's the primary crux of the case.

Councilwoman Bowman: Ms. Rogers, thank you as always the case.

Councilman Walford: For you patience.

Councilwoman Bowman: Oh yeah, she's been very patient.

Councilman Shyne: That's why she's so successful.

Councilman Lester: I also have Mr. Elton Taylor, if Mr. Taylor could come up. We spoke earlier of patience and the game of golf.

Councilman Shyne: Is he a pretty good golfer Mr. Taylor?

Councilman Lester: Mr. Taylor is the Executive Director of the First Tee of Northwest Louisiana. You know a couple of - - - I guess it was last month, they had their inaugural golf tournament at Huntington Golf Course, I was privileged to get out and swing the First Tee, and I hit the ball, and as I appreciate it Mr. Walford, I helped some people win a little money on that. It think there was bet that I was going to miss it and apparently I hit it. So, at least a few people were happy to see it, but it was a really great event. Mayor Glover was there and several other folks were there, but it was a really great event at Huntington Golf Course. They raised a lot of money, and they raise a lot of awareness about what they're doing at First Tee and the programs. Very excited about it, obviously the Council will remember that the Council and the City have entered into a partnership with First Tee for the development of the Lakeside Jerry Tim Brooks Golf Course, and I asked Mr. Taylor to come and share with us this beautiful rendition of where we're going with First Tee and give him an opportunity to speak to the program, the development of the golf course and those types of issues. So Mr. Taylor, thank you for waiting and the floor is yours sir.

Mr. Elton Taylor: First of all thank you Madam Chair, Ms. Bowman, she left out (inaudible) this great council. I sat in here and perseverance and patience, that's what we develop. Not so much the game of golf, but that's what we try and instill in our people. And sitting here today, or tonight rather it instilled that in me as a person as well, because this is what we teach to our young people. But just as Calvin just said about the program, that we have entered into a partnership with the city. We have put a lot of time into the Lakeside Course ourselves personally because we want to make this course probably one of the best in the country. If you look at the rendition, this is where we're going, because we have some people that have partnership with us, that came into this city through the First Tee National Program to help us develop this particular facility into one of the best in the country. And through the city and SPAR, I think this is something you guys is going to

be real proud of. This is an investment in the parks and recreation facility. At the same time, investing in the people of this city. So, I just want to emphasize that people sometimes get caught up with golf. Golf is only a vehicle that we use to work with our young people, to develop them for life. A good example was the Calvary Golf Team, probably four of those guys out of the five will probably go to college and play golf. That is what our goal is, not to just develop golfers, but to develop people and character. And just to emphasize that we - - - last year had two freshmen playing (inaudible) golf through the program and we also have a few individuals this summer who will probably go off to Kansas for a not only a golf camp, but is a life skills camp where we teach the core values. And I think that's going to be a tremendous blessing for these young men that will have an opportunity to spend a whole week at Kansas University with other kids their own age learning about different lifestyles or different ethnicities, and at the same time share what they have learned through the program. So, just to let you guys know where we are with this facility. We have \$20,000 set aside to start Phase I, which is the driving range. I don't have my pointer, but this is Phase I, this is Phase II, this is Phase III. And its (inaudible) develop a driving range (inaudible) for us. We develop this particular piece of property, we're going to be self sustained, we won't need the city to help us to finance our expenditures because we have researched other golf courses in the state that are under parks and recreation. And just having a driving range alone, Baton Rouge I think generated over \$50,000 on their driving range. That's not counting course activity. So, this would also enhance the community, the revitalization of Lakeside is desperately needed I think because you know you feel good about when you develop stuff, you work on it, people see it. And the old saying that if you build it, people will come. But I believe if you develop it, you have the people there, the people will stay. And hopefully, we have this partnership that SPAR and we do have a local vendor here, (inaudible) Plumbing, Heritage (inaudible) out of Houston, and of course Mark Myers is the golf course designer who moved back to Shreveport. And he worked with Jack Nicklaus for almost 20 years. And these guys are willing to give a lot of their time and donate time with other vendors to help us develop this particular property at Lakeside. And just also to note that there is only two that I know of, in talking to Mark and their director out of St. Augustine, FL, there are only two facilities in the country that have that type of dynamics, that you can really develop and train young men to play golf, and at the same time have a learning center to prepare them for life, teaching life skills through our (inaudible) values. And I think that's very critical because golf is important, but it's not that important. Developing young men and women for the future is very important, so that some day they can sit on the council and have the patience and integrity that you guys have displayed here today. Again, I thank you for this opportunity, and for this time. And again I hope to meet with some of you guys in the future because we all may be short of some grant money, and we do have some grant monies to help us to probably get where we need to get so we can start developing this particular piece of property. Thank you.

Councilman Lester: I have nothing further. Thank you very much Mr. Taylor.

Councilman Wooley: Thank you sir for coming.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Taylor, just before you leave and I don't want to take up too much more time, but I want you to know how much I appreciate not only your efforts, but the efforts of the entire group of individuals that you have been working with to advance this situation. I'm just simply - -

first day I saw that, the tournament several weeks ago, you saw the smile that came on my face, and I hope you could also discern the commitment that I have not only as Mayor, but as a citizen of Shreveport to work with you and ensure that the Jerry Tim Brooks Golf course continues to have a strong and vibrant life here in Shreveport and it has the continued opportunities to be able to help impact and improve the lives of young people throughout this community for generations yet to come and your leadership and the First Tee program, I'm convinced will make that happen.

Mr. Taylor: Thank you very much Mayor. Let me say one more thing to for the Council. If you've got some free time on July 27th, we have our unified golf tournament skills day for our special needs, and I tell you, we're thankful. Calvin had the opportunity to tee off on one of them and we're (inaudible) drove the ball like Calvin did.

Councilman Lester: He did.

Mr. Taylor: He did? Okay, but I think when you see the expression on these young people's and everybody's faces, I mean just the small thing of hitting a golf ball, I mean it's wonderful. But just come out and see what we're doing, and I think you'll really appreciate where the First Tee Board and Directors have taken this program to a whole different level, and is involving all the kids in Shreveport, not just some, but all of them. Thank you very much.

Councilman Lester: What time?

Mr. Taylor: It's from 8:30 to about 11:00, it's only four hours where we'll just do a demonstration, hit balls, do different activities and play maybe three holes of golf and we will supply lunch for them as well and T-shirts. Thank you very much

Councilman Lester: And where is that going to be?

Mr. Taylor: Huntington, I'm sorry.

Mayor Glover: Sir, would you make sure that you send us a notice.

Reports:

Property Standards Report

Councilman Wooley: At this time would Ms. Farnell come up and the gentleman in the striped shirt. I know you've been waiting patiently, and we want to go ahead and take care of your case.

Ms. Farnell: Madam Chairman, Council Members. I'd like to bring your attention to a case that was scheduled for yesterday, unfortunately the owner who lives in California was only able to get here today. The address is 4902 Monkhouse Drive. Mr. Paul Anderson, he has abated all of the violations. The inspector met with him. Also our contractor, and he said that everything that needed done has been done, and I would ask the Council to overturn the Property Standards Board and remove it from the agenda for June 7th.

PSD0900237: 4902 Monkhouse Dr., Lot 41, Shreveport, LA (G/Bowman) Mr. Paul and Carol Anderson, 3127 Iberville Drive, Shreveport, LA 71119 (A/Lester) (*Postponed May 10, 2010 until June 7, 2010*)

Motion by Councilman Bowman, seconded by Councilman Wooley to overturn the decision of the Property Standards Board of Appeals and remove this item from the agenda. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Long, Wooley, Webb, and Bowman. 5. Nays: None. Out of the Chamber: Councilmen Walford and Shyne. 2.

Councilwoman Bowman: Mr. Anderson, thank you. We appreciate you taking the time to do everything and in a timely manner.

Mr. Anderson: My mom thanks you. I'm only doing this for her. It's just like I said, she's just still grieving my dad, and I was taking care of that for her. I'm well informed about Shreveport now.

Councilwoman Bowman: Okay, we appreciate it.

Mayor Glover: It's good to have you here.

Councilwoman Bowman: At this time, does anyone have any property standards concerns they need to bring forward. Mr. Anderson, is there anything else you need with us? Okay, thank you again for coming. Mr. Lester?

Councilman Lester: Thank you Madam Chair. I would as Ms. Farnell if you could get someone to check and see what's going on at the 2100 block of Ford Street. It may be an issue that the grass cutting contract have been let and they haven't - - - the work just haven't been done, but I've gotten a number of calls from constituents in and along that 2100 block of Ford Street. Also, I got a letter and as I appreciate it, Madam Chair, you might have gotten one also from Mr. Robert Blake?

Councilwoman Bowman: Yes.

Councilman Lester: I don't know if you forwarded that to - - -

Councilwoman Bowman: I spoke with Mr. Holt. Well he called me before he sent the letter. Also I thought that Jim - - - are you familiar with this, because he was looking into it.

Mr. Sibley: He is Madam Chair. I've also spoken with Robert Blake, I've also spoken with him and sent the message, and we're trying to get some background on it. Apparently, he was hospitalized and - - -

Councilman Lester: Yes, he had a heart transplant.

Mr. Sibley: And we're trying to work through it and see exactly what's going on.

Ms. Frnell: Yes, I'm very familiar with it.

Councilman Lester: Thank you, I appreciate that, because I go to 8:00 service Sunday, and I've got to look Pastor Blake and him in the face. So, I want to make sure I did - - -

Councilwoman Bowman: Oh, are they related?

Councilman Lester: Yeah, that's his brother.

Councilwoman Bowman: Oh, sorry.

Councilman Lester: Yes, his younger, bigger brother he always jokes. And I want to make sure we take care of him.

Councilwoman Bowman: Now when he called, I think I got with you too. You and Jim. So we will - - -

Councilman Lester: He mentioned he talked to you and I saw the letter and it just jarred my memory since she was up here I just wanted to make sure that I asked so that I don't get struck down in the house of the Lord, cause I've got enough to deal with. Alright thank you Madam Chair.

Councilman Webb: 2950 and also 2942 Frostwood. I got a complaint I wanted y'all to check about inop vehicles.

Councilman Wooley: Can you check on 9682 Norris Ferry Road. Just got an email from someone. Thank you.

Councilwoman Bowman: Any other Council Members? If not, Ms. Dorothy, appreciate it. There's Arthur. At this time, adding items to the agenda. Do you have anything?

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

Adding Items to the Agenda (*Clerk reads items into the record - public comments allowed on items proposed to be added, then items can be added only after unanimous vote [See Act 131 of 2008]*)

The Clerk read the following:

1. **Resolution No. 109 of 2010:** A resolution approving the budget for the Caddo-Shreveport Sales and Use Tax Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
2. **Resolution No. 110 of 2010:** A resolution ratifying the use of certain equipment by the North Shreveport Business Association and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Councilwoman Bowman: Do we have anyone here to speak in favor of these ordinances? Do we have anyone here to speak in opposition? If not, Councilman Long?

Motion by Councilman Long, seconded by Councilman Wooley to add Resolution No(s) 109 and 110 of 2010 to the agenda.

Councilman Walford: How important is it that we address the sales and use tax today?

Mr. Thompson: I think we have to do it by the next meeting.

Ms. Glass: Action by the City Council needs to take place no later than June 15th.

Councilman Walford: You might want to separate those, because I'm going to vote "NO" on that one.

Councilwoman Bowman: Yeah, and if he votes "NO", then that - - -

Councilman Walford: Right, so I'll make a substitute motion on the first one, item one.

Councilman Lester: Question before I second the motion. As I appreciate it, and tell me if I'm correct Mr. Thompson. All we would be doing is adding No. 1 and 2 to the agenda. We're not actually adopting it. Correct?

Mr. Thompson: Correct, but No. 1 could be adopted today.

Councilman Lester: But might I ask Mr. Walford, as I appreciate it, based upon what Ms. Glass said, it has to be acted on by the 15th? And in as much as we will have another meeting betwixt and between, I'm certainly not in an position to vote for a budget that I just got today. I mean if your concern is will the Council move forward on that? Okay, well I would respectfully request that we just add it to the agenda, and if you give us a motion to postpone, I will certainly support you on that, because I certainly am not moving forward on a budget that I just got today, but in as so far as we've got till the 15th, I think we can accomplish the same thing.

Councilman Walford: That's fine, I just don't want to pass it today.

Councilman Lester: Okay, well I'm in favor of that also. So, would you remove your substitute?

Councilman Walford: Yeah, I'll remove it. I never got a second anyway.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, and Bowman. 5. Nays: None. Out of the Chamber: Councilmen Webb, Shyne. 2.

Councilman Lester: Madam Chair, did they allow you to eat pizza in class? Because if you eat pizza in class, you might have to get throttled.

Mr. Sibley: Madam Chair, I think that was adding items to the agenda, we passed Revenue Collection.

Councilman Walford: Well, I hope we're going to get back to that.

Councilwoman Bowman: Well, why don't we just go right back then.

Revenue Collection Plan & Implementation Report

Mr. Sibley: I know that Councilman Walford had asked that the Airport have a representative here, and Ms. MacQueen is here.

Councilwoman Bowman: And we do have someone here?

Mr. Sibley: Yes Ma'am, we do.

Councilman Walford: I think I'm not the only one that has some questions on this.

Mr. Sibley: And if I may just also add we just wanted to report to the Council that the field auditors are out there in the field and Councilman Walford, I think you'll be excited to know that they've already identified a significant number of businesses that are being added to our - - -

Councilman Walford: Why am I not surprised Mr. Sibley?

Mr. Sibley: Well it's paying off. We are at or very near our budgeted target in terms of collections, so we really think we're going to exceed that as we thought, but what I expect to get is a fuller report from them here within the next couple of Council Meetings to give us some actual numbers. But they're out there, they're beating the streets, they're identifying businesses that aren't in our data base and getting 'em in so, I think the Council will be happy to know that that investment is paying off for us and at this time Mr. Walford, if you'd like Ms. MacQueen to come forward? I think she's here to address those questions for you.

Councilman Walford: I've actually got several questions, one of the first, and I hope it's yours and not the City Attorney. Where do we stand on collecting from Nationwide post bankruptcy? Are we collecting the minimum guarantee since the bankruptcy?

Mr. Sibley: Ms. Scott is coming forward to help them out with that one Mr. Walford.

Ms. Scott: Mr. Walford, it is my understanding, first John Frazier is representing us in this matter and having communications with Mr. (inaudible), the attorney that you all authorized us to hire a couple of weeks ago. We have received some payments from Nationwide, but they are not at the amount set in the contract as far as the minimum annual guarantee.

Councilman Walford: What action are we taking to try to - - -

Ms. Scott: Again, this item is still in bankruptcy, so any action we take is going to have to be processed through the bankruptcy court and through the bankruptcy trustee. Mr. Frazier's been out of town for the last week, he'll be out of town for the rest of this week, and so we weren't able to get an update from him prior to today's Council Meeting on what happens next in regards to that. If you will allow us though, we will have a report for you. He should be back in the office next week, and we'll just provide you a written report to update you on the status.

Councilman Walford: Okay, thank you. Now, we're got a really startling report. It's our monthly financial report for April 2010. And I can't see you, but I can see this if I take my glasses off.

Ms. MacQueen: I understand that. I've been there before.

Councilman Walford: Okay, this says that the year to date anticipated revenue was going to be \$15,936,100. But instead, you're showing a minus of \$12,671,000

Ms. Anita MacQueen: (Shreveport Regional Airport) That's for the year. That \$15,000,000 is for the year, that's not from the first (inaudible).

Councilman Walford: It says year to date. Okay. Knowing that the parking revenue is down, knowing that the passenger boarding fees - - -

Councilman Wooley: Councilman Walford, hate to interrupt, there's only three council members in the room. We do not have a quorum.

Councilman Walford: Well, we're not going to vote on anything. So, if I may keep questioning?

Councilman Wooley: Is that okay Art, even if we don't have a quorum?

Ms. Glass: That's correct, you can't take any action.

Councilman Walford: Can I keep asking questions?

Ms. Glass: If no one moves to adjourn due to lack of a quorum, you can - - -

Councilman Wooley: We can? Go ahead. I'm just checking.

Councilman Walford: It's okay, but the other two sitting here beside me had these same questions so. How do we stand?

Ms. MacQueen: On the boarding fees?

Councilman Walford: Passenger boarding fees are down, parking - we're not getting paid for.

Ms. MacQueen: The first four months we were down what we had budgeted, a little over 4% is all. And most of those are going to be from the landing and the passenger facility charges that we are down in, in those categories.

Councilman Walford: Okay, so - - -

Ms. MacQueen: And those are passenger driven, the passenger facility charge is a land (inaudible) are down because of the aircraft being smaller for our landing (inaudible) are down.

Councilman Walford: Right. So, I guess my question is at what point do you have to do a budget amendment?

Ms. MacQueen: We plan on coming in, in the middle of the year to the Council on a budget amendment.

Councilman Walford: So you're going to have to take actions to account for - - - but we're not really down \$12,000,000?

Ms. MacQueen: No sir. You're looking at year end (inaudible)

Councilman Walford: I feel much better knowing that. What do you anticipate it will be for the year?

Ms. MacQueen: It's really hard to know right now. That's the reason we want to look at the first three months and possibly the first four to see what our revenues are actually are going to trend. We do know that our passengers are continuing to decline, so we're going to take that into consideration.

Councilman Walford: Okay, thank you very much. I'll wait to see the budget amendment. We can't really do anything right now. You want to call a recess for 5 minutes or something?

Councilman Wooley: We call for a recess:

Council Recess – 6:30 p.m.

Council Reconvenes – 6:32 p.m.

Councilwoman Bowman: At this time, we're back in regular session. Mr. Thompson?

Mr. Thompson: Madam Chairman I don't believe we have any public comments, or confirmations.

Public Hearing: None.

Public Comments (*Comments on items to be adopted*)

Confirmations and Appointments: None.

CONSENT AGENDA LEGISLATION

TO INTRODUCE RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

RESOLUTIONS: None.

ORDINANCES: None.

TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

RESOLUTIONS:

The Clerk read the following:

RESOLUTION NO. 96 of 2010

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LARRY KENT SIMMONS, SR. & DEBORAH FAYE LEE SIMMONS LOCATED AT 406 PUEBLO LN., TO CONNECT TO THE WATER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that Larry Kent Simmons, Sr. & Deborah Faye Lee Simmons be authorized to connect the structure, located at 406 Pueblo Lane, to the water system of the City of Shreveport.

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

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

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Wooley, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Long, Wooley, and Webb.

3. Nays: Councilmen Walford and Bowman. 2 Out of the Chamber: Councilmen Lester and Shyne. 2.

REGULAR AGENDA LEGISLATION

RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE OR WHICH REQUIRE ONLY ONE READING

The Clerk read the following:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 61 OF 2010

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the purchasing agent has inquired of all city departments regarding the property described herein and has not received any indication that it is needed for city purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened that the following described properties are hereby declared surplus:

1) Geo.#171413-163-0003 – 0.257 AC. M/L – E. 80 Ft. of Lot 1, Christ Temple Church, Unit 3, Municipal Address – 1527 Grigsby Street, Council District B.

2) Geo.#171410-064-0025– The S. 117 Feet of Lots 10,12,13,14,15,16, & 17, Block D, Replat of Forest Glen Subdivision; Municipal Address – 3628 Hardy St., Council District G.

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

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

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb and Bowman. 5. Nays: None. Out of the Chamber: Councilmen Lester and Shyne. 2.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 75 OF 2010

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the purchasing agent has inquired of all city departments regarding the property described herein and has not received any indication that it is needed for city purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened that the following described properties are hereby declared surplus:

1) Geo.#171416-069-0013 – Lot 13, Campus Circle Subdivision, Municipal Address – 5037 Francis St., Council District F.

2) Geo.#181434-055-0015 – Lot 15, City Park Annex, Municipal Address – 2732 Logan St., Council District G.

3) Geo.#171425-033-0020 – Lot 20, Blk.10, Oak View Subdivision, Municipal Address – 435 E. 75th St., Council District D.

4) Geo.#171330-028-0063 – S. 40 Ft. of N. 210 Ft. of the W. 120 Ft. of Lot 23, Kane Agrl. & Indl. School Subdivision Municipal Address – 7121 Bethany Ave., Council District D.

5) Geo.#171413-025-0068 – Lot 68, Epple Heights Subdivision, Municipal Address – 1540 Clover St., Council District B.

6) Geo.#171402-021-0020 – Lot 20, E/2 of Lot 21, Blk.1, Currie Subdivision, Municipal Address – 1912 Gary St., Council District A.

7) Geo.#171402-025-0014 – Lot 14, Blk.5, Currie Subdivision, Municipal Address – 1910 Dove St., Council District A.

8) Geo.#171414-082-0037– Lot 37, Vernon Annex, Municipal Address – 1825 Cheatham St., Council District B.

9) Geo.#171413-106-0157 – Lot 157, Caddo Heights Subdivision, Municipal Address – 1416 State St., Council District B.

10) Geo.#171424-054-0080 – Lot 80, North Cedar Grove Addition, Municipal Address – 6306 Southern Ave., Council District C.

11) Geo.#171415-048-0044 – Lot 6 & E/2 of Lot 7, Blk.16, Parkhurst Addition, Municipal Address – 3111 Syphon St., Council District F.

12) Geo.#181435-100-0067 – Lot 67, Hotchkiss Subdivision, Municipal Address – 1933 Looney St., Council District A.

13) Geo.#181435-012-0004 – Lot 4, School Park Annex, Municipal Address – 2124 Perrin St., Council District A.

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

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

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Long.

The Clerk read the following:

Amendment No. 1 to Resolution No. 75 of 2010

In the NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED paragraph, delete the following:

5) Geo.#171413-025-0068 – Lot 68, Epple Heights Subdivision, Municipal Address – 1540 Clover St., Council District B.

Explanation of amendment:

Removes the property at 1540 Clover St. so that it is not declared surplus and cannot be sold in the adjudicated property program.

Motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Resolution No. 75 of 2010. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

The Clerk read the following:

Amendment No. 2 to Resolution No. 75 of 2010

In the NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED paragraph, delete the following:

6) Geo.#171402-021-0020 – Lot 20, E/2 of Lot 21, Blk.1, Currie Subdivision, Municipal Address – 1912 Gary St., Council District A.

Explanation of amendment:

Removes the property at 1912 Gary St. so that it is not declared surplus and cannot be sold in the adjudicated property program.

Motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Lester to adopt Amendment No. 2 to Resolution No. 75 of 2010.

Councilman Shyne: Madam Chairman, maybe I missed this because I had an emergency. Being hungry is an emergency.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

Motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt Resolution No. 75 of 2010 as amended.

Councilman Shyne: I have a question before we adopt. We have a couple of people that are in the Chamber, and I believe - - - are you all (inaudible), the gentleman sitting right there. Which one of these pertain to you?

Mr. Kevin Smith (216 Texas) I was under the assumption we were under 9A, 61. I could have been mistaken about that. What we were here today for is we spoke with some City Councilmen about - - - one of our businesses is we go into - - - we buy a significant amount of adjudicated property from the Parish and the City. And we do an excellent job of taking these properties that are blighted or about to be destroyed. We get ‘em back on the tax rolls, we completely fix them up. In many cases we gut the homes. We have a lot of pictures to illustrate that, and some of those have not been - - -

Councilwoman Bowman: What's your name? I mean, what company are you with?

Mr. Smith: IRB Properties and Bridges of Prosperity.

Councilman Shyne: Just hold up one minute. Madam Chairman? Councilman Walford, is his company one of the companies that owe the city?

Councilman Walford: No, and the resolution is 75.

Mr. Smith: Oh, my mistake.

Councilman Shyne: So that's the one we're on now.

Councilman Walford: We took out the ones on the amendments that we wanted to take out. Mr. Smith's are not part of those.

Councilman Shyne: Okay.

Mr. Smith: We have always paid our taxes and will continue to pay our taxes and have the financial wherewithal to.

Councilman Shyne: He's clear right?

Councilwoman Bowman: That's all he's concerned about Mr. Smith.

Mr. Smith: We have a list of 9 or 10 of them. I don't believe that they're actually, matter of fact, let me ask. Cause I wasn't planning on speaking today. One of our partners, Brian?

Councilman Walford: Mr. Smith, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 I believe.

Councilman Shyne: What district is that?

Councilwoman Bowman: Right.

Councilman Shyne: Is that Councilwoman Bowman?

Councilman Walford: Some is in mine, some is in Mr. Long's, Mr. Lester's and the others, sorry I don't know.

Councilwoman Bowman: I don't see unless it's - - - see what's in G. But he did at one time, and I know that's probably why you came, because there was something like this before, and I held it up on my end until I knew what you were planning on doing with the property.

Mr. Smith: Well, that was part of my company, but I believe you spoke with Brian.

Councilwoman Bowman: Yes, yes I did.

Mr. Smith: That's correct. And we don't want to be lumped into that category of slumlords or people that go into the blighted areas and take advantage of these people because we do not do that.

Councilwoman Bowman: Right, and that's the reason I'm going to watch mine.

Mr. Smith: (Inaudible) illustrate some of the properties. Can you bring me some of those pictures if you don't mind. Now this is - - -

Councilwoman Bowman: Art, that is the one we're on, 75?

Mr. Smith: Do y'all mind if I show y'all these?

Councilman Wooley: Yeah, you can pass 'em around.

Mr. Smith: I mean these are an example of some of the properties. This was before, this is after.

Councilman Shyne: Cause we've got a group that we're going to turn over to the DA's office who've been going around scamming.

Mr. Smith: Well I can assure you, we're not one of those.

Councilman Shyne: Right, well we just want to make sure.

Mr. Smith: And this particular address there, we have two of our tenants here.

Councilman Shyne: And I believe your tenants back there might be a little hungry right now.

Mr. Smith: Well, they could be, we've got a couple of tenants here just to illustrate the point that anytime there's ever an issue, a leaky sink, or something like that, we're very aggressive about making sure our tenants are very happy and satisfied. And it's really fun, because we go out to these places and as we fix them up, the neighbors become proud that homes are being renovated in their neighborhood and they'll get out and start cleaning up and painting their own houses and it's really fun to watch the transformation of the community like that and what we're doing.

Councilwoman Bowman: Okay, and I think that we have already voted on this.

Ms. Johnson: I'm waiting for Mr. Shyne to vote.

Councilman Shyne: You telling me that I can hold something up?

Ms. Johnson: Yes sir.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

Mr. Thompson: So the Council has approved?

Councilwoman Bowman: Yeah, but always remember that we're going to check and see what's happening in our districts. And not that it was anything as far as you in particular was concerned.

Mr. Smith: Well I appreciate it. Thank y'all.

Councilman Shyne: And Madam Chairman, I'll apologize to him, because be I mistook him for a gentleman that I was in court with the other day, and Dale you know how it is. But that's that Christian part of me.

RESOLUTION NO. 91 2010

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH THE ROTARY CLUB

AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City desires to participate in programs and activities which directly benefit the citizens and the community of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City is the owner of Riverview Park, located on Clyde Fant Parkway; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club desires to use Riverview Park for the

purpose of producing and presenting the Dragon Boat Festival on September 10-11, 2010 to raise funds for student scholarships in our community.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened that Cedric Glover, Mayor, be and is hereby authorized and empowered to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Shreveport and the Rotary Club substantially in the form filed in the office of the Clerk of Council on May 5, 2010; and

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; and

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 Walford, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 6. Nays: None. Out of the Chamber: Councilman Lester. 1.

RESOLUTION NO. 92 OF 2010

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A RIGHT OF WAY AND EASEMENT (20 year initial term with renewal options) WITH LOUISIANA MIDSTREAM GAS SERVICES, L.L.C., FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF PIPELINES AND RELATED FACILITIES ON CITY PROPERTY, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, Section 4.17 of the Charter of the City of Shreveport contemplates the adoption of a resolution prior to the Mayor's execution of any contract and/or agreement in which the City of Shreveport is a party and/or has an interest.

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has been requested to grant a Right of Way and Easement to **LOUISIANA MIDSTREAM GAS SERVICES, L.L.C.** in association with the installation of gas collection pipelines as shown on the attachment hereto as Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal and regular session convened, that it hereby authorizes the Mayor's signature on the abovementioned Right of Way and Easement.

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 Long, seconded by Councilman Walford to adopt.

Councilwoman Bowman: I did have a question. And I got a reply back from Mike Strong with DOS, and this dealt with Sumner and Hudston where they're trying to go through there and so pipes and all that stuff. And the citizens again had no prior notification of what they were going to do back there. There is not a - - - I know they're planning on drilling back on that end where the old Sheraton, that old property. But still to cut through the residential area like that, I think we need to make sure that we talk to the citizens. Let 'em know something. I don't want to get stuck in the same spot where we are now.

Councilman Long: Madam Chairman, we're probably well aware of my pro-industry stance on a lot of these matters when it comes to all this, but I'll tell you this. As far as pipeline regulations in

the State of Louisiana, there is virtually none, and it's really kinda scary at some level, because I had a constituent out there at Hamel's Park. They put basically a 24 inch pipeline 10 feet off his property line, which is about 50 feet away from his house. Now mind you, it's going to get buried very deep, but I think at some point and time, just like the trucking issue, with all this growing and all this stuff cranks up in the city, that's going to be another issue, we're going to have to talk about is pipeline construction. Because right now, they've pretty much have free reign to go just about anywhere anybody is going to allow them. And the with the minimum - - - they do have minimum requirements as far as how deep they have to bury and all that. But you know this thing could be 10 feet from the front door of your house. You know? And so these are not typically your low pressure in town consumer delivery pipelines which might typically run under 10 lbs PSI. These are pipelines that are much higher pressure. So, I mean this is something I know I've talked to Mike about it, and I've talked to people at the State of Louisiana about it. And it's a little scary. And it's something we're going to have to address at some point and time.

Councilwoman Bowman: Whose going to regulate it?

Councilman Long: Well, we're going to have to get help from Baton Rouge, the bottom line, or we're going to have to again establish regulations and other criteria here that hopefully will not be superseded by state law.

Councilman Shyne: Madam Chair, I think the Mayor can tell you that the oil and gas lobbyist in Louisiana is one of the strongest you're going to find anywhere. We've got more pipe running through the state of Louisiana Mike, than they do in Texas. And you know Texas is about 4 or 5 times the size. The Mayor can tell you how strong the oil and gas lobbyist are in Baton Rouge. I mean you can go to any steak house on any night.

Mayor Glover: Madam Chair, if you don't mind. Mr. Shyne it was startling for me to discover that despite the fact that both Louisiana and Texas both have a substantial history as well as a significant oil and gas lobbyist at the local communities in Louisiana are not even in the same ballpark with those in Texas when it comes to our ability, regulation aside, just to be able to affectively track and report these operations. And I guess the only things that I think in light of what the Chairwoman has stated and Councilman Long as well, Mike is there a process that we might be able to look to get instituted administratively or something that may require Council action, and this is something that our legal folks to give consideration to as well, that gives us the ability to - - - because they know we can't stop it, except under these types of circumstances where we have to engage in contractual relations with them. But when those things are already settled and out of the way, and because we don't have to permit them at the local level, can we at least put ourselves in a position to be able to come up with an awareness or notification kind of a process. As Councilwoman Bowman just stated, either there is a drilling pad that's coming in or there's piping that's being placed, that we're in a position to at least make people aware.

Mr. Strong: And I think there was something that I was going to talk on, because there's not a process. The ones that we know about are the ones that are involved with our right of ways and our city property. But if it's off of that, then we're not really in the know of it. Now we are working with the companies on the pipelines and where they're going. And so we are having ongoing

meetings with them. We do know that there's going to be pipelines going through certain areas. So we are becoming more knowledgeable of that through meetings that we're having with it. But the ones that we're involved with the permitting process and allowing them to get onto rights of way and city property are the only ones that we actually have official knowledge. But by working with them as close as we are so that we can get the pipelines into our GIS system is good for us to. So, we're looking at that in that knowledge. But I mean if we know of one that's coming, we know when we're going to get a permit, that they're going to be permitting with us, and they'll be coming forward to get an agreement and if we want to do some sort of a notification of the area, I think that can be made as a part of process. And it would be just to put another item to our procedures that we do, and we can do that. And just notify whoever would be affected by this. So, I would see that as a possibility.

Councilwoman Bowman: Okay possibility, but these folks said that they were going through their street now, and wanted to know from me what was their plan. Said they went to the guy to find some of the people out there and find out what are you doing. An what are your plans. And they said they were going to do some pipeline, whatever, and they didn't know anything about it. Of course I didn't either.

Mr. Strong: The people where they're going on their property, they did know. They would have had to - - -

Councilwoman Bowman: Yeah, these folks didn't sign up.

Mr. Strong: No, but the ones where they went through their property, they would have had to had some sort of agreement.

Councilman Long: Were they renters, or the owners?

Councilwoman Bowman: No this was the owner, and he owns quite a bit. He has about two acres over in that section, which is unusual back in there. And he said he never signed for anything.

Mr. Strong: Well, I would have to know the specifics on it and be willing to work with you on that to try to find out but I do - - -

Councilwoman Bowman: Well I don't want to get caught up in all these other kinda stuff like we just went through. So, I think I'm just going to vote "NO" just to be safe.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Walford, Long, Wooley, and Shyne. 4. Nays: Councilman Bowman . 1. Out of the Chamber: Councilmen Lester and Webb. 2.

RESOLUTION NO. 94 OF 2010

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE GRANT DOCUMENTS WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the U.S Department of Justice has invited the City of Shreveport Police Department, and Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office to file a joint application for grant funds under the Justice Assistance Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the award, if approved will be for a total of \$257,303 and requires no cash match by the City of Shreveport. The funds will be split with Shreveport Police Department receiving 52.50% and the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office receiving 47.50% of the total funds allocated between the two agencies, the City of Shreveport will receive \$135,084 and the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office to receive \$122,219.

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport shall make a joint application to receive an award as part of the Justice Assistance Grant Program to prevent and control crime based on local needs and conditions. The funds received by the Shreveport Police Department will be used to address crime trends throughout the City of Shreveport through the use of personnel overtime and to purchase law enforcement equipment. The Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office will use their funds for the purchase of law enforcement equipment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, regular and legal session convened, that it does hereby authorize the execution by Cedric B. Glover, Mayor, those grant documents necessary to apply and receive funding established within the program administered by the United States Department of Justice.

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

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

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman

Wooley to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Walford, Long, Wooley, Shyne, and Bowman. 5. Nays: None. Out of the Chamber: Councilmen Lester and Webb. 2.

RESOLUTION NO. 95 OF 2010

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF LEGAL COUNSEL AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the U. S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have notified the City of Shreveport of possible enforcement action resulting from wastewater discharge violations that have occurred over the years; and

WHEREAS, while no lawsuit is pending against the City for the violations legal representation is warranted at this stage of the discussions with DOJ and EPA regarding the violations; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to retain the services of Lemle & Kelleher, L.L.P., Attorneys at Law (Timothy W. Hardy) for representation in connection with the violations, possible enforcement action and related matters; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 8.03 of the City Charter, the City Attorney recommends that Lemle & Kelleher, L.L.P., Attorneys at Law (Timothy W. Hardy) be retained for such purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, regular and legal session convened that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a retainer agreement with Lemle & Kelleher, L.L.P., Attorneys at Law (Timothy W. Hardy), substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions of the draft thereof which was filed for public inspection, together with the original copy of this resolution in the office of the Clerk of Council on May 11, 2010.

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

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

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Walford, Long, Wooley, Shyne, and Bowman. 5. Nays: None. Out of the Chamber: Councilmen Lester and Webb. 2.

RESOLUTION NO. 97 OF 2010

A RESOLUTION SUSPENDING THE EFFECTS OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 10 RELATIVE TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR THE LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL FESTIVAL ON JUNE 18 THROUGH 20, 2010 AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY: Councilman Lester

WHEREAS, Rho Omega and Friends, a non-profit corporation of Rho Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, intends to sponsor the Let the Good Times Roll Festival at Festival Plaza on June 18 through June 20, 2010; and

WHEREAS, a major liquor company wishes to participate as a sponsor of the festival, and Rho Omega and Friends wishes to sell and serve beverages of both high and low alcoholic content; and

WHEREAS, the event will contribute to the economic, recreational and cultural opportunities and development of the city; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that Sections 10-80(a) and 10-172(a) of the Code of Ordinances are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to allow the sale, dispensing and consumption of beverages of high and low alcoholic content at the Let the Good Times Roll Festival at Festival Plaza on June 18 through 20, 2010 between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and midnight on Friday, June 18th, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 12:00 midnight on Saturday June 19th, and between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight on June 20th.

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

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

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman

Wooley to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Walford, Long, Wooley, Shyne, and Bowman. 5. Nays: None. Out of the Chamber: Councilmen Lester and Webb. 2.

RESOLUTION NO. 98 OF 2010

A RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 10 RELATIVE TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON JUNE 3, 2010 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: Councilman Calvin Lester

WHEREAS, the North Shreveport Business Association will host its annual Crawfish Boil Fundraiser on June 3, 2010 between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at 1315 Grimmitt 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 3, 2010 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 3, 2010 for the North Shreveport Business Association's Annual Crawfish Boil Fundraiser, between the hours of 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at 1315 Grimmatt 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 Walford, seconded by Councilman Wooley to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Shyne, and Bowman. 6. Nays: None. Out of the Chamber: Councilman Webb. 1.

RESOLUTION NO. 99 of 2010

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO CREATE CERTAIN JOURNAL ENTRIES RELATIVE TO THE 2009 FLEET SERVICES INTERNAL SERVICE FUND AND THE GENERAL FUND 2009 YEAR END FUND BALANCE AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Whereas, the City Council intends to adopt Ordinance No. 67 of 2010, which will amend the 2010 General Fund Budget to decrease the Prior Year Fund balance by \$697,100 and decrease Operating Reserves by \$697,100; and

Whereas, said ordinance is necessary in order to eliminate a \$697,051.74 negative fund balance in the Fleet Services Internal Service Fund, so that the Fleet Services Fund can be closed; and

Whereas, because Section 7.02 of the City Charter provides that the appropriations in the operating budget ordinances lapse at the end of each fiscal year, the elimination of the negative fund balance in the Fleet Services Internal Service Fund and the closure of said fund should be done by accounting journal entry with the authorization of the City Council, rather than by a budget amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Director of Finance is hereby authorized to create journal entries to transfer \$697,051.74 from the 2009 year end general fund balance to the fleet services internal service fund, in order to eliminate the \$697,051.74 negative fund balance in said fund, and then to close the fleet services internal service fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that for the reasons stated in the third Whereas clause above, the provisions of Section 2-477 of the Code of Ordinances requiring a budget ordinance amendment are suspended for the purposes of this resolution only.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the provisions of this resolution shall not become effective unless and until Ordinance No. 67 of 2010 is adopted by the City Council and becomes effective in accordance with law.

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 declare severable.

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

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Long, seconded by Councilman Lester to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, and Shyne. 5. Nays: Councilman Bowman. 1. Out of the Chamber: Councilman Webb. 1.

10. **Resolution No. 109 of 2010**: A resolution approving the budget for the Caddo-Shreveport Sales and Use Tax Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Lester to postpone until the next regular meeting.

Councilwoman Bowman: Any discussion on this?

Councilman Walford: Well, my reason is we just got the budget. I'd like to see it and they're not on my favorite list right now.

Councilwoman Bowman: Aw, I understand.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS: *(Not to be adopted prior to June 8, 2010)*

The Clerk read the following:

1. **Resolution No. 100 of 2010**: A resolution authorizing the donation of surplus paint and supplies to Shepherd's Farm, Inc., a Louisiana non-profit corporation, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
2. **Resolution No. 101 of 2010**: A resolution authorizing the waiver of all permit fees for the rehabilitation or renovation of property (ies) located within the boundaries of the Downtown Development District (DDD), and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
3. **Resolution No. 102 of 2010**: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to contract with Chesapeake Energy for display space on five Sportran Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) buses, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
4. **Resolution No. 103 of 2010**: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply for Federal Transit Administration Section 5309 Capital Project funds for streetscape improvements, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
5. **Resolution No. 104 of 2010**: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply for Federal Transit Administration funds for the purchase of three Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) powered paratransit buses to transport persons with disabilities, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
6. **Resolution No. 105 of 2010**: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract between the City of Shreveport, Louisiana and Pine Bluff, Arkansas, for the transfer of three replica trolleys, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
7. **Resolution No. 106 of 2010**: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept a donation from the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Department, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
8. **Resolution No. 107 of 2010**: A resolution authorizing the execution of a cooperative endeavor agreement with Shreveport Regional Arts Council, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

9. **Resolution No. 108 of 2010**: A resolution selecting The Times as the Official Journal for the City of Shreveport for the period commencing July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

10. **Resolution No. 110 of 2010**: A resolution ratifying the use of certain equipment by the North Shreveport Business Association and to otherwise provide with respect thereto

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Wooley to introduce Resolution No(s). 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, and 110 of 2010 to lay over until the next regular meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES: *(Not to be adopted prior to June 8, 2010)*

The Clerk read the following:

1. **Ordinance No. 73 of 2010**: An ordinance amending the 2010 Budget for the General Fund, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

2. **Ordinance No. 74 of 2010**: An ordinance amending the 2010 Riverfront Special Revenue Fund Budget and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

3. **Ordinance No. 75 of 2010**: An ordinance amending the 2010 Community Development Special Revenue Fund Budget, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

4. **Ordinance No. 76 of 2010**: An ordinance declaring the City's intention to acquire full ownership of certain adjudicated property in the Martin Luther King area, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (A/Lester)

5. **Ordinance No. 77 of 2010**: ZONING: C-31-10 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 Professional Drive 550 feet west of Bert Kouns Industrial Loop Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana from B-3, Commercial Business District to B-3-E, Commercial Business/Extended Use District limited to "Rental Storage, and Maintenance of Industrial Generators" only, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

6. **Ordinance No. 78 of 2010**: An ordinance authorizing a lease of certain city-owned property to Wiley College, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. *(Not to be adopted prior to July 13, 2010)*

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Wooley, seconded by Councilman Walford to introduce Ordinance No(s). 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, and 78 of 2010 to lay over until the next regular meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE (*Numbers are assigned Ordinance Numbers*)

The Clerk read the following:

1. **Ordinance No. 46 of 2010**: An ordinance authorizing the lease of City owned property located on the State Fairgrounds to Diesel Driving Academy, Inc., and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (*Postponed May 11, 2010 until May 25, 2010*)

Having passed first reading on April 27, 2010 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Bowman, seconded by Councilman Wooley to removed from the agenda. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 6. Nays: Councilman Lester. 1.

2. **Ordinance No. 60 of 2010**: An ordinance amending and reenacting Section 26-211 of the Code of Ordinances relative to payment of amounts due to the City before doing business with the City, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Walford) (*Postponed May 11, 2010 until May 25, 2010*)

Having passed first reading on April 27, 2010 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt.

Councilman Walford: Madam Chair, I would appreciate a “YES” vote on this one. I think it can close some loopholes that we’ve identified in discussions during the revenue collection plan, and it can also stop some of these folks from buying adjudicated property when they owe us money.

Councilwoman Bowman: Okay, your spirit let you do that?

Councilman Lester: My spirit says go for it.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

3. **Ordinance No. 66 of 2010**: An ordinance amending and reenacting Section 62-78 of the Code of Ordinances relative to the fee schedule for activities, rentals and uses in the Department of Public Assembly and Recreation, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on April 27, 2010 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 Long to adopt.

Councilwoman Bowman: Shelly, you didn’t go up too high did ya?

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

4. **Ordinance No. 67 of 2010**: An ordinance amending the 2010 General Fund Budget, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on April 27, 2010 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 Lester.

Amendment Number 1 to Ordinance Number 67 of 2010

AMEND THE ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS:

In Section 1 (Estimated Receipts):

Decrease Prior-Year Fund balance by \$697,100.

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

Decrease Operating Reserves by \$697,100.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

EXPLANATION OF AMENDMENT:

This amendment corrects the negative balance remaining in Fleet Services Fund.

Motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 67 of 2010. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, and Shyne. 6. Nays: Councilman Bowman. 1.

Motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt Ordinance No. 67 of 2010 as amended.

Councilman Shyne: Is this for the grass cutting?

Councilwoman Bowman: No sir, this is the one where the \$600 and - - -

Mr. Sibley: It's for the propone mowers.

Councilwoman Bowman: Oh, I'm sorry Mike Strong, but my spirit just - - -

Councilman Shyne: We just want to make sure that a (inaudible).

Mr. Sibley: I think Mr. Strong heard that.

Councilwoman Bowman: I know he did.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

5. **Ordinance No. 68 of 2010**: An ordinance amending the 2010 Golf Enterprise Fund Budget, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on April 27, 2010 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Wooley, seconded by Councilman Shyne to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

6. **Ordinance No. 69 of 2010**: An ordinance amending the 2010 Metropolitan Planning Commission's Special Revenue Fund Budget, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on April 27, 2010 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Webb, seconded by Councilman Wooley to adopt.

Councilwoman Bowman: Now this is the part for the Commission?

Mr. Thompson: Correct.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

7. **Ordinance No. 70 of 2010**: An ordinance amending the 2010 Grants Special Revenue Fund Budget, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on April 27, 2010 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Shyne to adopt.

Councilwoman Bowman: This is the police deal?

Mr. Sibley: Police, SPORTRAN, and Brownsfield.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

8. **Ordinance No. 71 of 2010**: An ordinance creating and establishing the intersection of Northbrook Drive and Northbrook Circle as a stop intersection. (D/Wooley)

Having passed first reading on April 27, 2010 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Wooley, seconded by Councilman Shyne to postpone until the next regular meeting.

Councilman Shyne: And we need to have a public hearing on that?

Councilman Wooley: I'm going to have a discussion with my residents.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

9. **Ordinance No. 72 of 2010**: An ordinance creating and establishing a No Parking zone on the south side of the 3400 block of Milton Street. (G/Bowman)

Having passed first reading on April 27, 2010 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Bowman, seconded by Councilman Wooley to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

10. **Ordinance No. 61 of 2010**: ZONING – C-13-10: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning of property located on east side of Jackie Robinson, 200 feet south of Martin Luther King Drive, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-1H, Urban, One-Family Residence District, to B-2 Neighborhood Business District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Lester) (*Postponed May 11, 2010 until May 25, 2010*)

Having passed first reading on April 27, 2010 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilmen Long and Shyne to postpone until the next regular meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

The adopted ordinances and amendments follow:

ORDINANCE NO. 60 OF 2010

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT SECTION 26-211 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO PAYMENT OF AMOUNTS DUE TO THE CITY BEFORE DOING BUSINESS WITH THE CITY AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

By: Mr. Walford

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal and regular session convened that Section 26-211(a)(1), (b)(1) and (d) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Sec. 26-211. Payment of taxes, licenses, fees and other amounts due city required before doing business with city.

(a) On every contract to which the city is a party and for which written specifications are prepared, the specifications shall include the following requirements:

(1) That before the contract is awarded the contractor shall pay all taxes, licenses, fees, and other charges which are outstanding and due to the city, and shall hold a valid occupational license from the City of Shreveport if one is required for that business by Article II of Chapter 86 of the Code of Ordinances.

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(b) No contract to which the city is a party shall be awarded, no purchase order shall be issued, and no payment shall be made, to any person who:

(1) Has not paid all taxes, licenses, fees and other charges which are outstanding and due the city; or does not hold a valid occupational license from the City of Shreveport if one is required for that business by Article II of Chapter 86 of the Code of Ordinances.

* * *

(d) For purposes of this subsection, the term *Own* shall mean to be the last record owner of property prior to a tax sale or adjudication.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 66 OF 2010

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT SECTION 62-78 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR ACTIVITIES, RENTALS AND USES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLY AND RECREATION AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal and regular session convened that a portion of Section 62-78 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Sec. 62-78. Fees.

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<i>Miscellaneous Fees/Charges</i>	
Mardi Gras parking permit fee (East King's Hwy. Park)	75.00

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 67 OF 2010

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2010 GENERAL FUND BUDGET, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the City Charter provides for the amendment of any previously adopted budget; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend the 2010 budget for the General Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that Ordinance No. 126 of 2009, the General Fund Budget, is hereby amended as follows:

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

In Operational Services, increase Improvements and Equipment by \$50,000.

In General Government, decrease Operating Reserves from Minerals by \$50,000.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance No. 126 of 2009

shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

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

Amendment Number 1 to Ordinance Number 67 of 2010

AMEND THE ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS:

In Section 1 (Estimated Receipts):

Decrease Prior-Year Fund balance by \$697,100.

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

Decrease Operating Reserves by \$697,100.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

EXPLANATION OF AMENDMENT:

This amendment corrects the negative balance remaining in Fleet Services Fund.

ORDINANCE NO. 68 OF 2010

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2010 GOLF ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend the 2010 budget for the Golf Enterprise Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that Ordinance No. 128 of 2009, the Golf Enterprise Fund Budget, is hereby amended as follows:

In Section 1 (Estimated Receipts):

Increase External Service Charges by \$4,300.

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

Increase Improvements and Equipment by \$4,300

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance 128 of 2009 shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect with out the invalid provisions, items or applications; and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 69 OF 2010

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2010 METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION'S SPECIAL REVENUE FUND BUDGET, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it desirable to amend the 2010 budget for the Metropolitan Planning Commission's Special Revenue Fund, to add new revenues.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal and regular session convened that Ordinance No. 132 of 2009, the 2010 budget for the Metropolitan Planning Commission's Special Revenue Fund, be amended and re-enacted as follows:

In Section 1, (Estimated Receipts):

Increase Caddo Parish Reimbursement by \$400,000.

In Section 2, (Appropriations):

Increase Contractual Services by \$400,000.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance 132 of 2009 shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications

of this ordinance which can be given effect with out the invalid provisions, items or applications; and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 70 OF 2010

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2010 GRANTS SPECIAL REVENUE FUND BUDGET, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it desirable to amend the 2010 budget for the Grants Special Revenue Fund, to add new revenues.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal and regular session convened that Ordinance No. 135 of 2009, the 2010 budget for the Grants Special Revenue Fund, be amended and re-enacted as follows:

In “Section 1, (Estimated Receipts):”

In “Police Fiscal Year 2010 Revenues:”

Insert “Justice Assistance Grant 2010 (JAG), \$257,303.”

In “Environmental Fiscal Year 2010 Revenues:”

In “2010 Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund”, increase Loans / Notes Proceeds by \$109,000.

In “Sportran Fiscal Year 2010 Revenues:”

Insert “2010 Federal Transit Administration Grant, \$245,000”

In “Section 2, (Appropriations)”

In “From Police FY 2010 Revenues:”

Insert “From Justice Assistance Grant 2010 (JAG), appropriate \$67,542 to Personal Services. \$67,542 to Improvements and Equipment and \$122,219 to Other Charges.”

In “From Environmental 2010 Revenues:”

In “From 2010 Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund, increase Other Charges by \$109,000.”

In “From Sportran 2010 Revenues:”

Insert "From 2010 Federal Transit Administration Grant, appropriate \$245,000 in Contractual Services."

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance 135 of 2009 shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect with out the invalid provisions, items or applications; and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 72 OF 2010

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE AND ESTABLISH A NO PARKING ZONE ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE 3400 BLOCK OF MILTON STREET AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in

regular and legal session convened that it shall hereafter be unlawful for anyone to park

any vehicle at any time of the day or night on the south side of the 3400 block of Milton

Street.

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,

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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance No. 32 of 2008: An ordinance to amend and reenact portions of Division 3 of Article V of Chapter 26 of the Code of Ordinances relative to Retained Risk and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (*Introduced – March 25, 2008 - Tabled April 22, 2008*)

2. Ordinance No. 24 of 2008: Amending Chapter 42 of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances to add Article XI relative to operation of a rendering plant or transfer center within the City of Shreveport and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (*Introduced March 11, 2008 - Tabled May 13, 2008*)

3. Ordinance No. 58 of 2008: ZONING - C-25-08: Amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the west side of N. Market, 3,322 feet north of Martin Luther King Drive, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-1D, Urban, One-Family Residence District to B-1, Buffer Business District and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Lester) (*Introduced May 27, 2008 - Tabled July 8, 2008*)

4. Ordinance No. 83 of 2008: ZONING: C-35-08 Amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the north side of Hilry Huckaby, 1800' south of North Lakeshore, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from B-3-E , Community Business/Extended District, to B-3-E, Community Business/Extended Use District **Limited to “an office, equipment storage yard, with the addition of stockpile materials (wood chips/recyclable wood products” only**, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Lester) (*Introduced July 22, 2008 - Tabled August 26, 2008*)

Councilman Lester: Madam Chair, could I make a - - -

Councilwoman Bowman: Yes sir, you may do that.

Councilman Lester: Just so you don't flipout at the next Council Meeting, I will probably be moving on Item No. 4 which is Ordinance No. 83 of 2008. I've had some very detailed and good conversations with the folks at Miller Tree service. Met in the last couple of weeks, have an agreement worked out, and we're just passing it by our legal and the actual owner, because it might require us to remand it back to MPC. We're going to give him - - - using the stips that have outlined, but we're talking about fence line and extending maybe an industrial use on this particular piece of property because it's right in the alley where's there's a lot of use for oil and gas piping, and because we're increasing what he's doing in terms of a different zoning classification, it might be required that we have to go back to MPC. So, I just wanted to put that in the record if anyone was reading that. So if we move on the next meeting, that's why. Thank you Madam Chair.

5. Ordinance No. 115 of 2008: An ordinance requiring a permit for use of municipal property for business operations in the City of Shreveport; requiring the provision of certain information prior to issuance of such permit; and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (*Introduced September 9, 2008 - Tabled October 14, 2008*)

6. Ordinance No. 166 of 2008: An ordinance amending and reenacting Chapter 98 of the Code of Ordinances relative to vegetation, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (*Introduced November 25, 2008 - Tabled January 27, 2009*)

7. Resolution No. 179 of 2009: A resolution to launch a Council investigation as authorized by Section 4.29 of the Charter and to appoint a committee to conduct the investigation; to retain the services of a special legal consultant or consultants as authorized by Charter Section 4.29 to assist in said investigation, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (*Tabled September 10, 2009*)

8. Ordinance No. 167 of 2009: Amending and reenacting Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinances relative to alcoholic beverages, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Lester) (*Tabled January 26, 2010*)

9. Ordinance No. 168 of 2009: Amending and reenacting Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinance relative to alcoholic beverage permits, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Lester) (*Tabled January 26, 2010*)

10. Ordinance No. 01 of 2010: Amending and reenacting Chapter 22 of the Code of Ordinances relative to permit and inspection fees, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (*Tabled January 26, 2010*)

11. Ordinance No. 03 of 2010: Amending and reenacting Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinances relative to Alcoholic Beverage Permits and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (*Tabled January 26, 2010*)

12. Confirmations and Appointments: (*Tabled February 9, 2010 until August 24, 2010*)

Metropolitan Planning Commission Dr. Mary Wilson

Ms. Lea Desmarteau

Caddo-Bossier Port Commission Mr. Rick C. Prescott

Mr. Sam Gregorio

Property Standards Board Mr. Terrance A. McCray, Sr.

Shreveport Airport Authority: (*Tabled March 9, 2010 until August 24, 2010*)

Ms. Verna M. Smith (replacing Mr. Raymond Alley)

Ms. Margaret Shehee (replacing Rev. Joe Gant)

13. ABO CARD APPEAL:

Mr. David Jacobs, 124 Kayla Street, Shreveport, LA 71104 (C/Long) *Olive Street Bistrop*, 1027 Olive Street, Shreveport, LA (B/Walford) (*Postponed until June 21, 2010*)

14. ALCOHOL BEVERAGE PERMIT APPEAL:

Alcohol Beverage Permit for *Take A Bag Grocery*, Ms. Deborah Hawkins, 2901 Milam Street, Shreveport, LA 71103 (A/Lester) (*Postponed April 12, 2010 until May 24, 2010*)

Motion by Councilman Bowman, seconded by Councilman Wooley to postpone until August 9, 2010. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen, Wooley, Shyne, and Bowman. 4. Nays: Lester, Walford, Long and Webb. 3.

15. TAXI LICENSE PERMIT APPEAL:

Mr. Lamar Johnson, 2818 Poland Street, Shreveport, LA 71103 (G/Bowman) *Yellow Checker Taxi*, 2405 Kings Hwy, Shreveport, LA (B/Walford) (*To be revisited September 13, 2010*)

16. PROPERTY STANDARDS APPEALS:

HBO0700145 - 426 Woodrow, Shreveport, LA (F/Shyne) *Ms. Carolyn Miller*, 424 Woodrow, Shreveport, LA 71105 (F/Shyne) (*Tabled August 25, 2008*)

PSD0900177: 171 Ardmore, Shreveport, LA (C/Long) *Ms. Shelia Wharton*, 3215 Knight Street #147, Shreveport, LA (C/Long) (*Postponed April 12, 2010 until June 7, 2010*)

PSD0900006: 2006 Looney Street, Shreveport, LA (A/Lester) *Ms. Niakia Cook-Jones*, 6777 Raspberry Lane, Apartment 1421, Shreveport, LA (G/Bowman) (*Tabled April 26, 2010*)

PSD0800336: 1652 ½ Cross Lake Blvd, Shreveport, LA (G/Bowman) *Mr. Kevin Belcher*, P.O. Box 3313, Shreveport, LA 71133 (Postponed October 26, 2009 until December 7, 2009) (*Postponed May 10, 2010 until June 7, 2010*)

PSD0800344: 2723 W. Jordan, Shreveport, LA (B/Walford) *Mr. Clarence Davis*, 906 N. Victory Drive, Houston, TX 77088 (*Postponed April 26, 2010 until May 24, 2010*)

Motion by Councilman Bowman, seconded by Councilman Lester to postpone until June 7, 2010. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

PSD0900029: 2639 West College, Shreveport, LA (G/Bowman) *Mr. Kevin Belcher*, P.O. Box 3313, Shreveport, LA 71133 (*Postponed April 12, 2010 until May 24, 2010*)

Motion by Councilman Bowman, seconded by Councilman Lester to postpone until June 7, 2010. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

PSD0800395: 1730 Jackie Robinson Street, Shreveport, LA (A/Lester) Ms. Chrisanna L. Freeman, 2926 Poland, Shreveport, LA 71107. (*Postponed May 10, 2010 until July 12, 2010*)

PSD0800367: 1117 Madison, Shreveport, LA 71103 (A/Lester) Mr. Kevin Belcher, P.O. Box 3313, Shreveport, LA 71133 (G/Bowman) (*Postponed May 10, 2010 until June 7, 2010*)

PSD0800400: 5318 Mansfield Road, Shreveport, LA (F/Shyne) Mr. Darien Kirkendoll, P.O. Box 8703, Bossier City, LA. (*Postponed March 8, 2010 until July 12, 2010*)

PSD0900270: 3429 Penick, Shreveport, LA (G/Bowman) Ms. Sherry J. Harris-Boles, P. O. Box 4891, Shreveport, LA 71134 (*Postponed May 10, 2010 until June 7, 2010*)

PSD0900425: 3727 Morrow, Shreveport, LA (F/Shyne) Ms. Marsha Logan, 3611 Lillian Street, Shreveport, LA 71109 (G/Bowman) (*Postponed April 26, 2010 until May 24, 2010*)

Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Wooley to postpone until July 12, 2010. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

PSD0900275: 140 Pennsylvania Avenue, Shreveport, LA (C/Long) Mr. & Mrs. Robert A. Powell, 819 ½ Boulevard Street, Shreveport, LA 71104 (B/Walford) (*Postponed March 22, 2010 until June 21, 2010*)

PSD0800237: 623 Herndon Street, Shreveport, LA (B/Walford) Mr. Theo Barnes, 12274 Mansfield Road, Keithville, LA 71047 (*Postponed April 26, 2010 until May 24, 2010*)

Motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Shyne to postpone until July 12, 2010. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

PSD0900016: 4131 Booker T., Shreveport, LA (F/Shyne) Mr. Jerry Riley, 1038 Woodshire Circle, Shreveport, LA 71109 (*Postponed April 12, 2010 until June 7, 2010*)

PSD0900111: 2940 Looney Street, Shreveport, LA (A/Lester) Ms. Rachel Douglas, 3006 Independence Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71109 (A/Lester) (*Postponed April 26, 2010 until May 24, 2010*)

Motion by Councilman Bowman, seconded by Councilman Shyne to postpone until July 12, 2010. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

PROPERTY STANDARDS BOARD OF APPEAL:

PSD0900124: 2519 Southern Avenue, Shreveport, LA (B/Walford) Mr. L. E. Mars, 7970 Sunset Lane, Mooringsport, LA 71060

Motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Shyne to postpone until July 12, 2010. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

ALCOHOL BEVERAGE PERMIT APPEAL:

Mr. Alex Washington, III, 401 Edwards Street, Ste 1111., Shreveport, LA 71101 c/o Stop n Shop #3, 4920 Jewella Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71109 (F/Shyne)

Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Wooley to uphold the decision of the Shreveport Police Department and deny the Alcohol Beverage Permit. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

TAXI LICENSE PERMIT APPEAL:

Mr. Michael Stewart, 1549 Oakdale Street, Shreveport, LA 71108 (B/Walford) Ace Cab Company 6363 Hearne Ave #208, Shreveport, LA (F/Shyne)

Motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Bowman to postpone until June 7, 2010. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES

Councilman Long: I think June 7th is a Monday at 1:30, we're going to have an Audit and Finance Committee meeting.

Councilman Lester: I was going to ask for staff to work with me and give me a date that does not conflict with any other meetings. I need to have a Property Standards Meeting. I've talked to Jerry Kircus relative to the renter's code and I think we have it in a position that we can start to move forward on that. So, if you could give me a date that does not conflict with one of the other meetings, maybe the week of the 7th or sometime after that, I'd appreciate it.

Ms. Pilkinton: You want to do it Tuesday before the meeting at 2?

Councilman Lester: Oh, we're going to need some time.

Ms. Pilkinton: Okay, do you want that morning at 10 on the 7th?

Councilman Walford: No, not on the same day as Council. Some of us work for a living.

Ms. Pilkinton: We'll talk about it tomorrow.

Councilman Lester: Maybe a Thursday morning, later that same week. I appreciate it.

Councilman Shyne: And Monty, if you remind me, I might bring some brownies.

Councilwoman Bowman: Sharon, we need to finalize that stuff on the parades, okay? That'll be the next one we'll tackle. So, we'll get together and get that going.

Ms. Pilkinton: Ms. Bowman, about the taxi cabs, would you like me to go ahead and send that out to all of - - - bring it to the next Council Meeting?

Councilwoman Bowman: And then we'll bring it back because we didn't have any members present to take any action. Just get the information to them first so they'll have time to look over it and then we'll go back.

Councilman Walford: Madam Chair, not exactly a report from a committee, but as the representative on the Air Service Committee, I will be introducing a budget amendment next meeting as the one Mayor Hussey referred to, asking the Mayor to fund \$5,000 for the work of that committee and I know you all got a meeting early this morning and found out that our Airport Authority had decided to opt out of this.

Councilwoman Bowman: Well they have the right to do that.

Councilman Walford: They do.

Councilman Lester: Now, just how did they get there?

Councilwoman Bowman: Sharon, when you find a date, just let us know. And Monty, I did, when you mentioned that to me about the - - - I had no problem going up to \$5,000. Now, that's just me, I haven't talked to any other Council Members.

Councilman Walford: I have and will.

CLERK'S REPORT

Councilwoman Bowman: Do we have a Clerk's report?

Mr. Thompson: We have none.

Councilwoman Bowman: Mr. Thompson, thank you for our deal back there. Yeah, that's a good way to put it Calvin.

THE COMMITTEE RISES AND REPORTS: (Reconvenes Regular Council Meeting)

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:24 p.m.

//s// Joyce Bowman, Chairman

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