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**Council Proceedings of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana**  
**May 27, 2014**

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana was called to order by Chairman Joe Shyne at 3:04 p.m., Tuesday, May 27, 2014, in the Government Chambers in Government Plaza (505 Travis Street).

Invocation was given by Pastor Theron Jackson.  
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Jeff Everson.

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

**Motion by Councilman Everson, seconded by Councilman Webb to approve the minutes of the Administrative Conference, Monday, May 12, 2014 and Council Meeting, Tuesday, May 27, 2014. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.**

Councilman Shyne: We're going to change this just a little bit, and I'm sorry Oliver, what number is that? Your fireworks?

Councilman O. Jenkins: 36. Ordinance No. 36.

Councilman Shyne: If the Council doesn't mind, we're going to change that and Mr. Thompson, let's take up Ordinance No. 36, and we have some people that would like to speak on that. How many?

Councilman O. Jenkins: I guess first we need a motion to suspend the rules.

Councilman Shyne: Well, we could get a motion to suspend the rules.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I'd be happy to make that motion.

**Motion by Councilman O. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman S. Jenkins to suspend the rules to consider Ordinance No. 36 of 2014. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.**

Councilman Shyne: Ron, I see you got a large group with you, how many, how many you got that wish to speak? I believe I only have two Ron, the rest of 'em just want to show force?

Mr. Hathorn: Yes sir.

Councilman Shyne: Okay, I don't want Oliver to get intimidated.

Mr. Hathorn: Thank you so much for allowing us to speak to you.

Councilman Shyne: And Ron, let me say this. We've got a Public Hearing too and we're going to try to adhere to the three minute rule. Anybody who is speaking today, we're going to try to adhere to the three minute rule.

Mr. Hathorn: I will gladly do so.

Councilman Shyne: Thank you Ron.

Mr. Hathorn: Mayor Glover and the City Council, thank you so much for this opportunity, thank you Joe Shyne. Thank you for this privilege to speak to you. I'm here asking you the City Council, to vote 'NO' on the ordinance as it is proposed, Ordinance No. 36, and it's also been determined that my City Councilman now is Michael Corbin, and I'm thankful for that. And I believe Michael Corbin has issued a best plan for the whole firework industry. He has suggested to the Council on two occasions that it will be far less confusing and it would be better enforced if the people in Shreveport be allowed to shoot fireworks at the same time that we're allowed to sell. I'm going to stand by my Councilman, and I'm not going to desert my Councilman. I'm not going to leave a man behind. Thank you Councilman Corbin. Here we go. Firework season whether it be 4<sup>th</sup> of July is not just about a bang or lights or memories, experiences, and traditions. It is neighbors coming together for block parties. Friends, families and churches and civic groups. Getting together for much needed fellowship. Fellowship that is important for our city. And the joy of a child firing up his first sparkler with his parents. Memories. It is a time to honor our peacekeepers who are here as well as those who have gone before us. Purchasing our freedom, honor. I know that some of you have had a few complaints of fireworks, and I also know that no one has called you thanking you for the privilege of shooting fireworks, nobody. So I'd like for the Council this 4<sup>th</sup> of July season to do something for me and yourself. After you vote 'NO' on Ordinance 36, I would like for you to get outside and listen to the sights and the sounds of the fireworks. Even these people didn't call you and make your phone ring. I wish you would hear the sounds of freedom ringing. Citizens have a short period of time already for which they have the privilege of paying tribute to our United States. We should embrace the sights and the sounds of fireworks, because they symbolize today the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air as they continue to prove to us that our flag and our freedom are still here. So let freedom ring, ring, ring. Thank you Council.

Councilman Shyne: Ron, you're quite poetic.

*David Cox: (2633 Lyles Lane)* This here is kinda near and dear to my heart because hey, we grew up popping fireworks. I have had my kids have block parties just like Ron just said, where everybody got together and popped fireworks. And we had certain days to do that. And now somebody (inaudible) and just acts like a complete (inaudible) yeah. But that's why we have the police department. That's why we do have the right to call in and complain if somebody is breaking the law. Breaking the fireworks ordinance. But this is something that you can't knock back. We're talking about revenue, not only for the City, but for the Parish. The enjoyment for not only the older folks, but the younger folks. Vote 'NO' on this today. (Inaudible) a tradition not only in Shreveport and Caddo Parish, (inaudible) across the country. Because if we start mandating our tradition and cutting back on tradition, we're giving up our country, we've given up our heritage, we've given up our line of sight. So think hard when you vote today, you're giving the kids that go to work during the summer and gets that little change in their pockets, you can always say we need something for the kids to do. You're actually getting something for the kids to do who want to do it. So, any questions?

Councilman O. Jenkins: I just have one. I had little trouble following what he's - - - he's proposed to us that we limit the days of sale at this point. Which to me, my fear of eliminating a day of sales, has similar impact to what you're suggesting. I might ask you as the ordinances are presented right now, what in your mind are they doing?

Mr. Cox: And I'll be honest with you, I go to the ordinances that y'all have on the books right now, and I haven't seen what Mr. Corbin has offered. I haven't seen those yet. I'm just here giving you my opinion of fireworks sale.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay, so you're not sure of what these amendments actually - - -

Mr. Cox: I haven't seen 'em yet, no.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Most every point that you brought up is in line with our proposal. So that's not what we are - - - we're not proposing you not be able to shoot fireworks.

Mr. Cox: Well, I've heard some proposals through the grapevine, and that's why I'm here today. That's why I crawled out of bed today to get up here, because of some of the stuff I heard. Then I get down here and hear what the proposals are. So.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I got you. Okay. Just wanted to find out how you could say that isn't what's being proposed.

Mr. Cox: That's what I grew up on.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Sure, but plenty of people will think that's not the intent to stop fireworks nor the sale of fireworks.

Councilman Shyne: Ron again, think I only saw two, that's you and Dave. Now what I'd like for you to do is all those beautiful people that you brought down here with you, I would appreciate it if they would stand to show your support. Appreciate it, you all may take your seat now. I don't generally do this, but if it's anybody that didn't sign and you'd like to say Hi, hello, or you'd like to give your reason, I'm going to give you that opportunity. Don't generally do this, because if you don't sign to speak, we don't generally let you speak. But me being an old country boy with a heart made of gold, I guess there is no one. Councilman Jenkins, if it's alright with the Council, we'll take up No. 36 at this point.

Mr. Thompson: Would you like for me to read it Mr. Chairman?

Councilman Shyne: I would, I just want to let them know that this is what we're planning to do. So Mr. Clerk, if you would read that.

*The Clerk read the following:*

1. **Ordinance No. 36 of 2014**: An ordinance amending and re-enacting Article IV of Chapter 30 of the Code of Ordinances relative to fireworks and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (C/O. Jenkins) (*Postponed May 13, 2014*)

**Having passed first reading on April 8, 2014 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman O. Jeknins, seconded by Councilman Corbin**

Mr. Thompson: Two amendments have been proposed, would you like for me to read No. 2?

Councilman O. Jenkins: I'm going to make a motion on No. 2 initially and if I get a second and somebody prefers Amendment No. 1, they may want to do that.

*The Clerk read the following:*

**Amendment No. 2 by Councilman Oliver Jenkins to Ordinance No. 36 of 2014**

Delete Section 30-91(1) and substitute the following

(l) Dates and hours for discharge, ignition or explosion of fireworks.

(i) The discharge, ignition or explosion of fireworks authorized for sale pursuant to R.S. 51:650 through R.S. 51:660 is prohibited in the city limits, except on July 4, December 24, December 25, December 31 and January 1.

(ii) On the dates set forth in subsection (i) of this section, it shall be unlawful for any person to discharge, ignite or explode fireworks within the city limits between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 12:00 noon; provided, however, such activities shall not be unlawful on December 31 of each year between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 12:00 a.m. and on January 1st of each year between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 1:00 a.m.

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Explanation of amendment:

Adds December 24 and 25 to the days on which fireworks may be discharged.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Well, I guess you have to read Amendment No. 1 because Amendment No. 2 is amending Amendment No. 1.

Ms. Glass: No, they're separate, you can take one or the other. But I thought - - - this is slow in coming up. I thought - - - you're right, never mind.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay, I have one administrative question. Now, I'm not sure it's a typo in our current ordinance or in our amending ordinance, but Ron brought up that in our existing ordinance, we have that you can sell fireworks on the 5<sup>th</sup> of July.

Ms. Glass: I believe that I is in what the current ordinance says.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Now is that - - - that is by State law? Is it something to do with maybe refunding or returning fireworks?

Ms. Glass: I'm trying to pull it up here, but I think that just is what the law is. You can shoot them until July 5<sup>th</sup>. And our ordinance is based on State law, but I don't have it in front of me, so I don't know if it's exactly the same.

Councilman Corbin: But that's not what this ordinance says.

Councilman O. Jenkins: And that is not what this ordinance is saying. So, that's - - - the debate on the sale date which as I described in B, was never my intention to change the sale parameters. So, I think inadvertently when it said, the sale of fireworks, it goes through July 4<sup>th</sup>, but I think our existing ordinance, the sales go through July 5<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Glass: I'm trying to pull it up, but this computer is not pulling it up.

Councilman O. Jenkins: And I believe this is what Ron, you sent me in an email. So, I'm inclined based on that to keep the sale dates as they were existing and just change the days (inaudible) fireworks. So, we may need to go onto some other business while we work on this Councilman Shyne.

Councilman Shyne: That's fine. Ron, you understand that, huh?

Mr. Hathorn: Yes sir.

Councilman Shyne: Alright.

Ms. Glass: Mr. Chairman, I think I have it now. This is the current ordinance that Jackie just found for me. Treats both the sale and the discharge the same way. And it says it's prohibited in the city limits except from Noon, June 25<sup>th</sup> through 10:00 p.m., July 5<sup>th</sup>. And then there's also the December dates. So, it's the same for the sale and the discharge under the current ordinance.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay, then I guess (inaudible) Amendment 3, line K, I would like to say dates and hours for fireworks 25<sup>th</sup> through 10:00 p.m. July 5<sup>th</sup>. Because the sale date from the beginning, the intent was the sale dates do not change.

Ms. Glass: Right.

Councilman O. Jenkins: And I can postpone.

Ms. Glass: I guess that's probably the way I wrote it, and just now getting it to come up here. So under the current ordinance, you could sell and discharge through July 5<sup>th</sup>. So, when I wrote it, it did not make sense to me to say you could only discharge them through July 4<sup>th</sup>, but

you could still sell them on July 5<sup>th</sup>. So I think I changed that because I thought it was logical. But if that's not what you wanted, we can - - -

Councilman O. Jenkins: That is why I would not want somebody to say that I'm preventing them from selling. But now by the same token, somebody could go into the Parish on July 5<sup>th</sup> and expend fireworks.

Ms. Glass: I'm not familiar with Parish law.

Councilman O. Jenkins: But some other part of the state. So, yes I would like that changed. Now if that's too.

Mr. Hathorn: (Inaudible)

Councilman Shyne: I tell you what. Come up. We don't generally do this, but Ron, because you're such a patriotic citizen, we're going to let you do this.

Mr. Hathorn: Ms. Glass, the reason for the July 5<sup>th</sup> is not necessarily to be able to purchase, but it's also to be able to make good things that are bad. It's sell, trade, barter or exchange is the way the law was proposed on the 5<sup>th</sup>. You can't - - - if a person brought something back after the 4<sup>th</sup>, by law, you - - - that is - - - I can't do anything.

Ms. Glass: I can understand allowing returns on the 5<sup>th</sup>, but my question is so you really want to allow the sale on the 5<sup>th</sup>?

Councilman O. Jenkins: I guess I just have to stick with my original intent was not to change that parameter in the ordinance.

Mr. Hathorn: And the reason why, may I speak for Oliver Jenkins quickly, is that not all my customers live inside the city. I have outside the city, Parish customers that come in and buy.

Councilman Shyne: Cause we want to get this straight, because we're going to take care of it. Go head on.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay, so I guess that would be Amendment 3.

Ms. Glass: Right. We have to write it. We have to have this in writing.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay, so I'm going to propose that either we postpone this legislation another two weeks, or postpone it until later in the session, while she has time to do that.

Councilman Shyne: I'll accept whatever the postpone for two weeks, or at the end of the agenda.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay, let's postpone it until the end of the session.

**Motion by Councilman O. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman S. Jenkins to postpone Ordinance No. 36 of 2014 until the end of the session. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.**

Councilman Shyne: Okay, the next move that we're going to do Mr. Thompson, is we're going to move our Public Hearing up at this particular point. I think I discussed that with Ms. McCulloch.

**Public Hearing: Grigsby & Associates (Submitted by Councilwoman McCulloch): Whether the City of Shreveport should replace the current lawsuit with binding arbitration, and retain the services of Grigsby & Associates for the limited purposes of providing financial advisory services for the sale of \$94.5 million GOBs approved by voters on April 2, 2011.**

Councilwoman McCulloch: Can I say something? Yes, I would like to have the record to reflect there's been several remarks made you know since the Grigsby and Associates situation have occurred. Remarks like I'm an angry Black woman, remarks like well Rose is supporting the Mayor, because she's putting this second bond sale in order to get Hersey D. Wilson. That's not so, because if this council recalls specifically, with the first bond sale, the monies have been made available for the streets in District A. So I won't need the second bond sale to proceed with streets, because this council along with myself agreed to move monies that have been allocated, that were left over from an unfinished project, and that had been - - - this council agreed to allocate those monies to the bond street projects in District A. Which simply means, the second bond sale does not have to proceed in order for the streets in District A, which are Hersey D. Wilson, Lewis Place Carver to go forth. Those of you that drive down Milam Street, you will notice that Lewis Place Carver Street is under construction even as we speak. And from there Hersey D. Wilson will go forth under construction as well with the monies already being placed on the table, voted by this council that was left over from an unfinished project in Mr. Oliver Jenkins' district. So, the projects in District A, the street projects in District A for the bond recollect that we have other funds for streets. Those projects will be going forth. But again, I am not an angry Black woman. I've also been advised by a very dear friend, Rose don't fall on your own sword Ms. Bessie Smith. Trying to save this guy. I'm not trying to save this guy. I'm not trying to side with the mayor. Based on all of the information that's been provided to me, not as a politician, not as an educator Ms. Smith, not as a minister, but just as a common everyday citizen. Based on the information Mr. Bradford that's been provided from the very beginning, the bread is not in the pudding. It hasn't been shown to me as a common everyday citizen. It hasn't been shown to me that we overpaid Grigsby and Associates \$50 some thousand. And of course you know it went from \$900 to \$600 to \$52. And yes I actually saw with my own eyes at a particular time in a committee meeting, this man has saved the city over \$4 or 5, 000 right after the external audit. I came back to one of my colleagues and I said, well why aren't we considering binding arbitration? And my colleagues sitting right up here with me now, the response was 'I don't know about that'. My concern is if the process Mr. Bradford is to consider binding arbitration where you would bring in a third party that's not familiar with the city or Grigsby and Associates to determine if he's been overpaid the amount of money that we're saying that he was overpaid, why not go with Plan A. Instead, we skipped Plan A and we went to Plan B. We're going to fire this guy and we're also going to file a lawsuit against him. When as I said after participating in a community meeting in the Stoner Hill Community, less than 2 or 3 weeks ago, the Council Members were there, the Mayor was there, Grigsby and Associates was there, and a lot of citizens like yourselves were there. And based on the information that was provided to every one assembled, again, the bread wasn't in the pudding. No one at the end of that meeting was able to show me the statistics where we overpaid Grigsby and Associates the amount of money of \$50 some thousand. So, Ms. Bessie Smith, you remember I suggested to you at the end of that meeting because right now if you look at today's agenda, one of my colleagues is possibly looking at moving \$6.2 (million) to satisfy only recreation projects. Which in my district, two or three of those parks are included. I consider that as a pacifier, and I have to say at the same time, thank you. Because sometimes you know babies enjoy pacifiers. But my concern is that the need in the City of Shreveport is just not parks and recreation. The need of the day, first of all we consider health and safety. The need in the City of Shreveport right now Ms. Smith is sewerage. Right now, on a day like today when it rains, Liz Swaine she's not here, she's coming, she's done a presentation, a big screen video. Raw sewerage on a day like today is actually running out in our streets. And our elderly people along with our children that love to play. Because when I was small I loved playing in the rain, they are actually walking in this raw

sewerage. Water is a problem, water pipes is bursting everywhere, and some of you are having to repair them at your own residents. We have a problem with that Also, streets along with recreation and my spin today is yes, the pacifier sounds and tastes real good. Because yes I have Mamie Hicks, A. C. Antoine, and there was another one that was named, yes that sounds and it might taste good, but it's not going to address the overall problem in the City of Shreveport today. So if we're going to move that amount of money to satisfy the citizens in Stoner Hill and stick a pacifier in the mouths of other districts with recreation projects, why can't we consider because Grigsby and Associates - - - when I got on this council, we were in trouble financially. We didn't have a financial person. This man came aboard and he helped us to get out of financial trouble. And like I say, based on the last meeting that I attended and committee, I actually saw where this man had saved us \$4 or 5 (million). I say so we're upset over what I would consider a tip for \$52,000. So my thing is this. Based on the information that was provided to you all Ms. Smith in Stoner Hill, with Grigsby giving his explanation, with me speaking, with Jeff speaking, with Sam Jenkins and the Mayor speaking, nobody has yet shown me - - - and that's why I want the Public Hearing, because maybe the citizens of Shreveport can see it and I can't. But I want to actually see it, I want you to actually see and I'm hoping today that you will be shown where, how and when, Grigsby and Associates was overpaid by the city. I haven't seen that. I'm not an angry Black woman, I'm not going to fall by the sword, I'm not going to taking sides with the Mayor, but yes as a politician, looking at all sides, both sides of the coin, the bread is just not in the pudding and I called for the Public Hearing so that you could come and we all collectively get an opportunity to receive a report from the Mayor and his administration regarding this Grigsby and Associates situation. But just know I'm not pushing this just to get Hersey D. Wilson and Lewis Carve Place, that is a done deal. Thank you so kindly.

Councilman Shyne: Okay, and let me - - - Councilwoman we appreciate that, but let me make this clear. No Hallelujahs from the people out in the audience. I just want to make that clear. I saw one gentleman who was beginning to feel happy about it and Hallelujah. This is not my daddy's church. It's a certain action that we will have in here. Now nobody else will get a chance to speak as long as Councilwoman McCulloch.

Councilwoman McCulloch: I'm sorry Chairperson.

Councilman Shyne: That's okay. That's why I didn't say anything, because I love you so.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Love you too.

Councilman Shyne: Each speaker will have an opportunity to speak three minutes. So, if you have a tendency to be long winded, unless it's just something that - - - you know we want to give you a little bit more time, we will. Mr. Thompson at this time, I will open the Public Hearing up.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, in line with the Public Hearing, a presentation from the Administration that we'd like to make at this time, and then would ask that proceed with the public comments.

Councilman Shyne: We will, I just opened the Public Hearing up, and I will give you an opportunity if you - - - if the administration has some presentation that they would like to make, but I would hope that it would not run 30 minutes, because we have had presentations time and time again from the Council and from the Administration, I was hoping that this Public Hearing today would be for us to get a good - - - let the public come up and say what they want to say and not the Council dominate this or not the Administration dominate this. We want this to be strictly with the public being able to come up and voice their opinions. If you have some questions, we will - - - such raw sewerage running in your streets, and such as your streets, you will see an increase on your water bill that will help the city in order to take care of that. We've been having

raw sewerage running in streets for the last 20 years. I mean this isn't something that started two weeks ago. But this is why we have increases, this is why the Justice Department has mandated that we do something about it. So I'm going to yield and let the Mayor come up. Mr. Mayor, I hope it's not going to be 25 or 30 minutes, because if you do, I might have to do that. No disrespect, but this is about hearing from the public today. Alright Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Glover Thank you Mr. Chairman and I think just for the record, I believe it is the protocol for all the public hearings that are held whether it's for annexation or for tax abatements or anything else of that nature that it is customary for there to be a presentation from the administration and Mr. Chairman, Council Members, that's what this particular portion of today's public hearing will constitute. We will certainly attempt to make it as brief as possible, but we also think it's important that we end up having the opportunity to be able to share with the people who are in person as well as those who are watching us via cable and those who are watching via Ustream information that I heard as recently as this morning. Many people have expressed that they have not yet had a chance to see, to be able to hear and having exposed to them. And this is something that we have been talking about both here before this council, and throughout the city. We've shared it with the various meetings, but unfortunately much of this information has not had a chance to be able to be conveyed directly and specifically to the citizens. I want to start here with this particular image on the screen. Mr. Chairman and Council Members, and the people of Shreveport. You see here from April 2, 2011 the results of the 2011 Bond Proposition that was placed before the citizens of the City of Shreveport. Combined, those numbers come up to \$175,000, the largest bond proposal ever in the history of this city. You see quite clearly that it is represented in detail as being three propositions. Part of which is that conflict. We'll kinda start this at the back and go towards the front. Part of what's at conflict in this situation is whether or not this is to be considered three separate propositions. That's one of the issues that's at conflict with regards to the now \$53,000 that's still in question. You will see here some information that we recently came across and directed to the City Attorney's office, that City Council Attorney Julie Glass had a chance to review. She still maintains her position, but we also have John Frazier who is reviewing as well, and we think this is information that the Council needs to consider and that the public needs to consider as well. You have here correspondence from January 11, even before the actual bond proposition itself went before the voters. The communication that came from bond counsel staff that says that they want, that being the State Bond Commission, three separate financial disclosure forms based on the amount of each of the three propositions. A clear indication from our perspective that this is three transactions. You see here again a statement from Deborra Beard, a staff of Bill Boles, the City's bond counsel, bill correct me if I'm wrong, but fees and costs should be based on each issuance according to the amount in the proposition. Only one prop carries any appropriate fees and costs would have been approved. Since this will be three separate issues, they want the financial disclosures to match up with each proposition amount. Indicating members that you have three separate propositions, three things to be voted on separately, any one of which could have failed or passed. Turns out the citizens of Shreveport showed confidence and passed all three. You see a response back that came from Grigsby Associates and staff that says okay, we'll get right on it first thing in the morning, we'll have those things to you, in line with SBC directions. You see there a follow up that indicates the information that's needed and required coming from Ms. Jessica (inaudible) of the State's Bond Commission, the State Treasurer's office down in Baton Rouge. And then you see a correspondence that comes from Deborra Beard, assistant to Bill Boles that says Jessica, please see the attached executed financial disclosure forms for Propositions 1, 2, and 3 per No. 1 below. Per telephone conversation earlier today, No. 1, 2 should be submitted by close of business, thank you Dale.

Again, a clear indication that these are three propositions as specifically requested by the State Bond Commission. Now what you see here members to go back and we'll come back to these documents in just a second. This is the detailed billing of the Propositions that were submitted on the financial disclosure forms to the State Bond Commission. Now we have this in packets of information that we will distribute and make available to each of you today once we move forward with the public hearing. We also obviously have copies available for the media as well. And it gives you here Mr. Chairman and members of the Council, a breakdown as you look at the top. Total Fees to Grigsby and Associates submitted to and approved by the State Bond Commission for these three propositions. You see within Proposition 1, \$110,000. You see within Proposition 2, \$69,250. You see within Proposition 3, and approved charge of \$75,580 for a total of \$255,249. The actual amount billed to the City of Shreveport by Grigsby as you can see here, \$63,000 for Proposition 1, \$48,000 for Proposition 2, and \$39,000 for Proposition 3, for a total of \$151,000. Actually \$150+ thousand less than what John Kennedy, his staff Council Members, authorized and approved for these transactions to be based on them being three transactions as detailed by the information that you have be based on them being three transactions as detailed by the information that you have before you, that you will soon have before you. As you see on the screen that came from the Bond Commission. Now, how do we end up in this situation Council Members? We end up in this situation because after passing the largest bond proposal ever in the history of the City of Shreveport, \$175,000,000. Still that \$175,000,000 bond proposal only included \$21,000,000 in undedicated street funding. Councils do what Councils will do and you all decided that that money should be divided seven ways, or \$3,000,000 per district. We understood very specifically that was not going to be enough money Mr. Webb, to be able to address the half-billion dollar street needs across this city. We knew that that there was at least \$100+ (million) of high priority needs that had already been identified. And so we came forward, we came forward with a proposition based upon a majority of this council's agreement to increase our franchise fees from 2% to 5%. Put them in line with the franchise fees that are charged all throughout the SWEPSCO service region. Bossier already was at 5, we were helping to pay the franchise fees with Bossier and the other areas that were already at 5%. And not receiving any of the benefit. In doing that we resulted in an increase of \$6,000,000 in additional revenue for the City of Shreveport. Councilman Sam Jenkins was the lead author of that particular legislation. We also suggested that those dollars in agreement by the council, the four who voted for it, that those dollars should be dedicated to street improvements. We went one step further. Recognizing that there was only \$3,000,000 per district available from the bond proposal, recognizing that the need was going to be greater and that if we didn't come up with additional funds we would end up with District A, District G, District F, District B, all of which with very high need districts geographically large, having needs that are much, much greater than the colleagues in Districts D and C, to some extent in District E. And so we proposed that we fix Shreveport streets now. That we take that additional revenue and that we in turn leverage it as opposed to doing a pay-as-you-go. Pay-as-you-go would have taken that \$6,000,000 and given each Council District an additional \$800,000 per year. By leveraging it, we would have been able to borrow or bond an additional \$100,000,000. That \$100,000,000 would have done streets all across the City of Shreveport and instead of Councilwoman McCulloch, just simply talking about Hersey D. Wilson, and Lewis Carver Place and Councilman Jenkins talking about Carroll Street and some of the others, we would have been talking about the real big problems that really impact all of this city. Linwood and Jewella, and Hollywood and Pierremont, and David Raines and Russell Road that end up serving and impacting all of the city. And that you'll never get a chance to be able to do anything about it as long as you take each pot of money that we have and simply split it up seven different ways and not focus on the biggest and

largest needs. And so we came forward with this effort. We enlisted the support of the community. We went to various areas around the city. We even had Council Members express support for it. But unfortunately ultimately ended up being voted down. But now part of why it was in my estimation, voted down is that there were some as you will see here from an entrant that was submitted to a local political blog that says, you want to repair or build the streets, or highway, first fix the self-interest and abuse of process. Now for those folks who are willing and interested in reading what you will find here is an essential allegation that the real motivation was not to fix the street, but was to come up with another transaction that would somehow result in Mr. Grigsby having a chance to do more business with the City of Shreveport and by Mr. Grigsby doing business for the City of Shreveport that somehow that would result in some benefit to me as the Mayor. Now the sad thing about that is, is that anybody who really has driven the streets of the City of Shreveport, you would know that there is a need for substantial street work to be done. But information like this whether it directly or indirectly affected members of the Council, the public, the media, created the impression that 1) We didn't need to fix our streets, and that 2) Somehow, somehow that possibly there was something wrong going on. In line with that assumption, at the time Council Chairman Oliver Jenkins directed the Internal Audit office to conduct an audit of Mr. Grigsby's contract. That audit came back with no findings of anything unethical, illegal, or improper. Said that there were some management and oversight issues that needed to be addressed and we set about doing that. Council was not satisfied with those findings. And in turn believed that it was appropriate to use its power of external investigation. And retained the Neuner Firm out of Lafayette to do an external investigation. Again, under the assumption that there was something illegal or wrong, or under the table or underhanded going on. While we regretted both efforts, we welcomed the opportunity to be able to prove that we came here, not to be served, but to serve. And so that investigation came up with some questionable expenditures. Given the opportunity we sat and went through issue by issue, concern by concern, and ultimately resolved every one of them. Up to and including this Council, its Audit and Finance Committee and then as a whole council passing a resolution acknowledging that there was no basis to try and seek any sort of action based on the findings of the Neuner Report that cost the City of Shreveport not \$75,000, but over \$111,000. And then without anything else to hang its hat on, went back to the opinion that was rendered by Council Staff that as opposed to three transactions, as you saw detailed in the emails and the propositions themselves, that the actual sale was one transaction, and that Mr. Grigsby was only due compensation for one transaction. As I explained to one of the Council Members earlier, what you end up having detailed from the State Bond Commission speaks for itself. But I'll offer this to you as just a good ole country boy from the Cooper Road, with deep roots in Dixie and Belcher, if you give me three calves to raise, and you tell me under the rules in which we operate that I'm going to be allowed to be able to be compensated for all of the feed for each calf, all of the veterinary services for each calf, all of the other care and associated cost for each calf, and ultimately, 1, 2 or all 3 of those calves could survive and make it to the sale. We get to the sale day. We make it to the sale day, and we sell all of those calves in one lot. But because we sold all three calves in one lot, I go from being eligible to be compensated for three calves to one. That's essentially what we have said to Mr. Grigsby. Now let me go back. In an effort to try and resolve this effort, we proposed on last year, that we resolve this matter through arbitration. If there's an issue of whether or not this actually is owed. Mr. Grigsby has detailed I think quite well why it is not. We think it is backed up by the information that you see provided in detail through the correspondence between bond counsel, Grigsby's staff and the State Bond Commission. But in an effort to resolve and to address, the suggestion was made, let's resolve this via arbitration. There is no need for someone who has served the city well to be dismissed because of what should

be an honest disagreement. There's no need for us to engage the services of an attorney to tie up valuable court time by taking this to court. We can proceed in a very civil and cost effective fashion by engaging in binding arbitration. The suggestion was made that we establish an account, but then also accompanying an account was a resolution that was placed before this council in December of last year and staff can quote me the resolution number and dates and times of when those votes were taken. And so as you can see here from this document, which comes from Bank One, I'm sorry, Capital One, here in downtown Shreveport, you have here a wire transfer on 11/15/13. That is the 15<sup>th</sup> of November of last year. Alright, you can see here the amount to open the account by wire transfer deposited to Grigsby and Associates, of \$50,500. Now, this represents what should have been officially the escrow account with the additional \$2 or 3,000.00 so that we end up with the full and accurate amount, but this was wired in just simply to open it and be able to express and prove upon consideration by this council the resolution from December that in fact those dollars were there. That resolution said that once it's passed, that what we would be directed to do would be to place the city's name onto this account at Capital One Bank, here in downtown Shreveport. Make sure that it has the proper and complete amount that we would agree upon an arbitrator, engage in that process and go forward. These dollars remained in that account until you see here January 17, of '14. When after having received a demand letter and being told by John Frazier, not at my direction, but at the Council's direction which again could be an issue, but being directed that the Council issued a demand letter and was proceeding forth with litigation, Mr. Grigsby withdrew \$15,000 in preparation for what he assumed was going to be litigation. That lawsuit in fact was filed on Valentine's Day of this year. This particular account can very readily be re-established for the purposes of being the escrow account that's needed to resolve this matter. But in order for that to happen, there needs to be a willingness from this council to allow us to be able to go forward in that fashion. Mr. Grigsby represents the team of professionals that we have enlisted since I've been Mayor of this city to help us manage and deal with these issues and challenges. I would offer to you that based upon where we stand right now, we've acquitted ourselves reasonably well, but because there are folks who assume that the motivation is not to fix streets, but to somehow figure out how to put something in my pocket, to enrich myself, then they ended up making me that. Council Members, I've been doing this since November of 1990. I've done it with great price and I've done it with great humility. I respect the fact that as Chairman of this Council, Mr. Jenkins believed that there was something that needed to be investigated and reviewed. That's what you have a duty and an obligation to do. I respect the fact that upon completion of that process, you felt that there was more that still needed to be done. And you called for an external investigation. I respect that fact as well. Both of those processes have moved forward. Both of those processes have come with no findings of anything wrong, illegal, immoral or unethical. In fact as has been acknowledged by members of this Council, the work that Mr. Grigsby has done, has been not just good, but exemplary. When I became Mayor of the City of Shreveport, we had over \$620,000,000 in debt. Today, after passing the largest bond proposal in the history of the city, we have just about \$470,000,000 in debt. When I became Mayor of this city, our general obligation millages were almost 28, 27.9. Today those same millages Council Members are 22.05. Now I'm not sure if many people expected that the Democrat from the Cooper Road would come down here managed the City of Shreveport's finances in a sound, proper and prudent fashion. At the same time, cut taxes, save us money, and put us on a sound road to go forward. But that's what we've done. For doing that, I get accused of being a criminal. People that accused me of being a criminal, at least in this particular case are the folks at Shreveport Dog Park. Those folks on tomorrow will have the benefit of the Architect and Engineering Committee meeting to select the professionals that they want to recommend to me to engineer and design the

city's dog park. That's a dog park that none of these people behind me voted for. That's a dog park that none of the thousands of people that you saw who voted on April 2<sup>nd</sup> of 2011 voted for. Those folks are still waiting for their project. They're waiting for their streets, they're waiting for their parks, they're waiting for their water, they're waiting for their sewer. Tomorrow, the dog park folks will get their dog park. There's something wrong about that Council Members, there's something wrong about it. I hope that you all will reconsider the opportunity of being able to resolve this matter through arbitration. I hope that you will see that Mr. Grigsby has been earnest in his efforts to put forth funding to try and resolve this matter. I hope you will see that based upon what was authorized by the State Bond Commission, that Mr. Grigsby chose not to charge even what he was authorized by John Kennedy and his staff. If there was ever a day when Cedric Glover was said to be more fiscally prudent, then John Kennedy, a Republican and our State Treasurer, then that ought to be a good day for the City of Shreveport. And those are the things that we ought to reward and encourage and support and things that we ought to allow to move forward. These processes have been held up for more than two years. There are projects right now under question that we should not be going out for a bond sale for. These are projects that we should be cutting the ribbon on. Just like we did the Municipal Auditorium, just like we've done with all of the other projects that were fully funded in the first bond proposition. But yet, here we are right now with another six or seven months left in this council term and this administration still here trying to resolve this issue. Mr. Chairman, with that, I'm going to wrap up my comments.

Councilman Shyne: Please, because I don't want anybody else to think that they're going to take this much time, because they're not. I want to be up front with you. Go head on Mayor, please.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, I'm going to speak frankly to you. People have waited three plus years for this administration and this council to take some actions on these issues. I hope that you will not do them the disservice and show them the disrespect of not allowing them to come here today and express themselves to you as they have earnestly have on their hearts and minds to do so.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, they've been waiting seven years. It's been seven years and nothing has been done. But I do want you to know that I'm going to let them come and express themselves, but I'm not going to let them take all day. If they want to put it in a letter or whatever. We've got a lot of people here Mr. Mayor that want to come and speak. And this is how we hold our public hearings. All public hearings are important whether it's small or little or whatever you might think. What might not be important to you, might be important to Joe Blow, so - - -

Mayor Glover: Mr. Shyne, I don't mind your arrogance and your insolence when it comes to me, I'm a big boy, I can handle it. These are folks who have taken time off from things that they could otherwise be doing. I would ask that you show them the courtesy and consideration and the respect that they deserve as citizens of the City of Shreveport.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, I think I've always demonstrated that. I'm not as arrogant as you. If you wrap up - - -

Mayor Glover: I'm through at this point Mr. Shyne.

Councilman Shyne: Hold it, hold it, hold it. Now you and I are not going to make this a debate between me and you back and forth. If you wrap up. Please take your seat and we're going to gonna get on with the public hearing. Now I think there are people out there waiting for the public hearing, you've taken 30 minutes.

Mayor Glover: I just want to be clear Mr. Shyne, that they come up, that they should not feel pressure from you to not fully express themselves as they feel that they should, based upon the

paradigm that you're trying to set by the comments that you're making. With that Mr. Shyne, thank you much and I will take my seat and I look forward to dialogue to come from the public.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, I'm an educated man, and anybody who comes down here I don't put pressure on 'em. I'm running the meeting today and when you run your meeting, you run it like you want to. But I'm not going to let you come down here and tell me, or you put pressure on me on what I should do. I'm not going to let you do that. I was doing this when you were in Jr. High School. I see Ronnie over there, Ronnie was one of my students. Ronnie, you turned out to be a good looking man, I didn't recognize you. And I see Mr. Johnson sitting there that was in what my 7<sup>th</sup> grade and I'm not going to let you come down here and put pressure on me. You telling me about putting pressure on somebody. That's why we're bringing the meetings up. Ron that's why we were nice to your group. I'm not going to put no pressure on you. But you understand that I can't let you all run the meeting, this is what I'm here for. Okay, The public hearing is open. Ms. Bessie Smith would you please come forward. And let me say this now, unless we need to, you have three minutes. So, please (inaudible), we're not going to let you talk as long as the Mayor. We're not going to let you get all this off your chest.

*Ms. Bessie Smith: (1810 Viking Drive {Rings bell})* I want you to hear this. Time out, time out for recess should be over. To everything, there is a season and a purpose. The book of Proverbs says wisdom is the principle thing. Therefore get wisdom and in all of your getting, get an understanding. You know I am, I can't speak for any of the rest of you, but I'm fed up with this, and when I hear my name, Bessie Smith called, you know I'm not like most people. I told you that the other day. If you call my name and you're not telling the truth and you're lying on Bessie Smith, I'm a pray about it, but I'm going to file a lawsuit against you. I want to let you know that too. Now some things I even heard today that I'm not comprehending, I don't understand. Now you've been in all of our meetings Mayor, and I'm very disturbed, because I heard one of the Council Ladies say that she's not from my understanding, her streets don't get done. And I'm standing here saying back there why the streets and parks in Stoner Hill are not getting done. Now let me tell you something, I go by documentation and I've been asking for documentation. Now the Mayor and the Financial Advisor, Calvin Grigsby were able to correct those issues from the previous mayortorial administration. We used Grigsby's company in the passing of the series 2011 bond issues. Please correct me if I'm wrong, because this is what I've been gathering at the meetings. Mr. Grigsby assist the City Council instructing the passing of \$175,000,000 in general obligation bonds. He also played a role in refinancing the existing city debt. We were told at the Stoner Hill meeting that the city was in bankruptcy. Now I'm down here to get some corrections because I have some questions, and they need to be answered. Why is this \$53,000 so important that we cannot retain him? I need some answers today. Has Calvin Grigsby paid the \$53,000 paid back? And if he paid it back correctly, why we can't go on with the project. In July 2013, the Council unanimously voted to accept that Grigsby overcharged the city \$53,000 and I read that according to documentation. The Mayor told us that two years, the previous - - - let me say this slowly, Mayortorial finance advisor earned \$2.8 (million) while Grigsby and Associates working for the Mayor for five long years and a half. He only was paid \$1.2 (million) working for the mayor. I hope I got that correctly. I have a few questions. Were any of you on the council with that previous mayor before Mayor Cedric Glover. I'd like for you to answer. Why have you not held meetings in other districts besides Stoner Hill? I heard about one on the Cooper Road, but I've not heard about any meetings in the Mooretown area, Cedar Grove area, Broadmoor area, Queensborough area. Because when you first came to Stoner Hill, that was one thing I asked you to do. Go to all of the what? Districts. Don't just single us out. I hope you comprehending what I'm saying. It appears someone is out of their lane. I don't know who and I'm not accusing

any of you, but I know some of you are out of your lane. And I am left dangling in the air. Can we get all of this done in six months? The answer is NO. And you know you can't get all of this done in six months. Remember, there is only six months left. This battle needs to end, so progress can start, and I'm including all of you all. Because you are elected officials and allow this administration to carry on the work that they have started for our future bond sale of \$94.5 (million) GOBS approved by the voters on April 2, 2011. Shame on you. Because it's now 2014 with only six months left. And I'm speaking for the citizens in Stoner Hill. We've gotten nothing but plans presented to us. And you can say I'm hoping that you will start on the projects. And this is Bessie Smith and I'm proud of my name. And I leave you with this. One thing, I'm not going to say you're going under the table, because I don't want you to accuse me of going under the table, because if you do, Bessie Smith is going to file a lawsuit on you. And I better end this thing.

Councilman Shyne: Yeah, I was about to say Bessie, I'm sorry we gave Bessie six minutes.

Ms. Smith: Oh you did? I'm so sorry

Councilman Shyne: But Pastor Jackson, we're going to have to cut everybody else to three. Bessie, thank you hear? Pastor Jackson is next. Where is Ms. Irma Rogers? Okay, Ms. Rogers you will be next so why don't you just come on down.

*Pastor Theron Jackson: (6001 Fox Brook Cir)* Thank you for this opportunity. Thank you Mr. Mayor for that presentation, thank you all for holding this public hearing. You know it's hard to be, it's easy let me say to be emotional without the benefit of internet, and that's something you see unfortunately often happening, not uncommon in this place, let me say. I will say to us that I think we don't have the luxury of free commentary of the responsibility of some thought, some research, some understanding. This has been much about numbers, this days presentation has been much about numbers. Not numbers that children can understand perhaps, but just numbers. And for me, I broke it down. I said, you know three years ago, we voted on nine figures. And then according to the presentation, we spent six figures to find out about five figures and it's still been three years, and we still don't have what we are supposed to have in our districts and our situations. The mayor I think chronicled well, something I said last time. It's a great place to live if you're a dog. It's a difficult place to live if you've got a good car and you drive down Hollywood every day, you drive down many of the streets that many of us drive down every day, ducking and dodging potholes. I want to say to you, whether it's Calvin Grigsby - - - Ms. Smith, I was on that previous council that saw this city swap itself up into an unconscionable rate that could have left us hanging over a cliff of fiscal irresponsibility. Thank God that some of you came, and Mr. Mayor, you came and did what you did, because we owe the city an apology for what I think was a great ineptitude to continue down that faulty financial pathway. So I can say that and represent that with that level of credibility. I'll say to you it looks strange. I don't care what anybody says in the street, it looks strange when you see a presentation where the State Bond Commission said that a person could be authorized to charge \$255,000. They charge \$151,000 and we still trippin'. Seems to me if you don't think there's a dead cat on the line somewhere, and maybe you because you have the benefit of more information, may know something that we the citizens do not know. What we'd like for you to do is to step from behind the thin veil of political secrecy or whatever you may want to call it, to say to us, here's the reason why. Because to the average onlooker, it looks as if - - - if we say the \$104,000 in fees a firm could have charged us and did not, it says to me that's plus one for that firm. If we save this kind of money that the mayor was talking about when you start talking about from being \$620,000,000 in debt to \$470,000,000 in debt and those of us who own homes and pay taxes to go from 27.82 millage to 22.0, he ought to be running on the Tea Party ticket for lowering taxes and being the kind of - - - all of you, or whoever played a part in that,

should be excited about that, because I saw the city go in a different direction from a fiscal and financial perspective. Let me just make one closing statement. I think it's irresponsible to be able to stand behind these numbers justifiably to say yes, we did it, and we're just, that's us. I'm suggesting to you that this ought not be about Calvin Grigsby. Why in the world are we in the City Council Chamber talking about one man in a city of 200,000 people who deserve better streets. This is about potholes and the kind of jobs this bond issue could create if there were contractors in this city who hire people to go to work. This is about potholes, infrastructure, and jobs. And either you're for those things or you're not. Because \$53,000 and Calvin Grigsby is not enough rationale to say NO to the potholes, to say basically YES to the potholes, but to say NO to the jobs that could possibly be created in this city is bigger than Calvin, it's bigger than Cedric, it's bigger than Joe, Mike, Oliver, Sam, Jeff, Ron and Rose. It's bigger than that, and I'm asking you to take a perspective that puts you on a higher plane than just talking names and looking at people.

Councilman Shyne: We have to do this with everybody.

Pastor Jackson: Thank you for your time and for the indulgence of the extra time, I appreciate it.

*Ms. Irma Rogers: (1920 Michaud)* Chairman Shyne, Mayor Glover, Mr. Sibley, City Councilmen and City Councilwoman McCulloch. I'm here to follow up on the slide show presentation from February 25, 2014 presented to you on behalf of MLK area. I will speak also for Mrs. Thelma Humphrey who is here in the interest of saving time. We thank you for passing the resolution to send to DOTD, David Raines Road and Russell Roads to be suggested to be minor arterials instead of collectors at this time. However my Board membership has asked me to address the issue of when are the other streets to be fixed in our area. I have by example here and represent one of our neighbors Mrs. Melvina Pugh who is ill. She lives at 3220 Redstone in our area. She's a heart patient unable to be here. She's having problem with the water from an adjacent ditch behind her home off Hilry Huckaby and Roy Road backing up into her home. This is not fair to Mrs. Pugh, this has been going on for some time and some years. She's having difficulty with insurance because they're saying it is a problem with the city and cannot be fixed by them until the problem is fixed. Her husband served in the military, to my understanding was a Purple Heart recipient. He is not deceased, but I'm sure he would be ashamed of this issue that she is facing. So once again, I bring to you the streets and the drainage issues. This time a particular drainage issue in our area. If there is any connection with the bond issue, that you would expedite if binding arbitration which I've heard today to expedite this process, we're asking you as our leaders of our city, as our City Council to take up this matter, expedite it and alleviate these kinds of problems. I think I stated to you in February that we were annexed like 1978, over 35 years ago. But there have only been a couple of streets that have been paved in our area. David Raines Road and one part of Russell Road, some portion of Audrey Lane, not all of it. So these are the issues that my Board is asking. What they're asking me to do is ask for a timeline in writing. Something that will tell us or something that I can take back and give to the people in our area that says this will be done at this time, these funds have been allocated, or what actually has been allocated for our area. Thank you for your time, 30 seconds left.

*Ms. Stephanie Lynch: (5037 Waters Place)* Since I only have three minutes, we do not want a city that's divided. I think that is the main thing that I want to say today, we do not want a city that is divided, socially, economically, racially, any of that. We want good streets. We want our streets fixed. We've been electing mayors in this city for 175 years, since 1839. In 1990, we elected the first female mayor, in 2006, we elected the first African-American mayor. You all know that when Mayor Glover was elected, rumors were rampant all over this city and this parish, that the city finances were deliberately depleted before this city was turned over to the, I'm going

to say the Negras, but y'all know the other word that people were using.

Councilman Shyne: Hold it, hold it, hold it.

Ms. Lynch: I didn't - - -

Councilman Shyne: Please, please do not anybody else who comes up, please do not use that word please? Please. We're intelligent people, we're Christian people, and please. And I love you to death, but please don't do like the speaker did a couple of weeks ago, the financial adviser. Let's don't get into using those kinds of words.

Ms. Lynch: Okay. You all know what was being said. And that the new Black mayor by default, take the fall for the city finances. That Whites would leave this city in droves and that Shreveport would just become another Detroit. That was what was being said in 2006. Here we are in 2014, and guess what, that did not happen. This administration was able to pass the largest bond issue in the City's history to address the streets. When President Bush came here, I don't remember what year it was, Mayor Hightower was the mayor. He asked the question, he said who is the mayor of this town? And the mayor proudly stood there and he said, you all need to get your streets fixed and you know how long ago that was. We're finally at a point of addressing our streets and our drainage situation. And I'm not going to be satisfied with just a park, pacified with a park being repaired, you know? We don't need any more monkey bars, we need our streets fixed. And I don't want to feel like I'm in the wild, wild west where if I say this, I'm siding with the mayor, if I say this, I'm siding with this person. First of all, I'm on the Lord's side. Secondly, I'm on the side of those kids in my neighborhood who have seen an entire new city built out in Southeast Shreveport and their neighborhood still looks the same, and we have been passing bond issues since I've been able to vote, and I'm 51. And I've been voting since I was 18.

Councilwoman McCulloch: I call for the second.

Councilman Shyne: Hold it, hold it, hold it, nope, nope. Look I'm sorry. Didn't I just say earlier?

Ms. Lynch: Yes, but you stopped me to talk to me.

Councilwoman McCulloch: But you interrupted her Councilman Shyne. You interrupted her and she lost time, I watched the clock.

Councilman Shyne: Ms. Lynch, I'm sorry, take your seat. Hold it, hold it now. I'm sorry, I'm not going to let Rose McCulloch run the City Council. I'm the Chairman.

Councilwoman McCulloch: But you interrupted her Councilman Shyne.

Councilman Shyne: I'm sorry, Craig B. Lee.

Ms. Lynch: Thank you Councilman Shyne.

Councilman Shyne: Where is Craig B. Lee. Craig, please keep your comments to three minutes. If you got some more that you want to say, come back down to another Council Meeting.

Craig Lee: I want you to keep your Tap dancing and jigger-boo-ism out today as well because you took up an hour of time doing that.

Councilman Shyne: Naw, I'm going to –

Craig Lee: I'm telling you that –

Councilman Shyne: You start now; I'm going to have you removed.

Craig Lee: Yeah, I'm telling you, you don't run this meeting this is a citizens meeting so you stop your Sambo-ism.

Councilman Shyne: No, no –

Craig Lee: You take an hour of time doing that, Craig Lee, 1035 Eustis Street –

Councilman Shyne: Do we have an officer if he goes beyond his three minutes?

Craig Lee: Yeah, and you do the same thing for you, so arrest you–

Councilman McCulloch: Craig you on the clock.

Councilman Shyne: You on the clock.

Craig Lee: A few weeks ago – I wish you would have me arrested you will get arrested –

Councilman Shyne: You on the clock Mr. Lee.

Craig Lee: The reality of this situation, I want to know if it's not his credentials, if it's not his expertise, if it's not the fact that he save this city over \$150,000,000, if it's not those things what is the issue? Brother Grigsby said it was race. So, everybody and my good colleague John Settle said, oh that's bad to say. Tell me where did racism go in the City of Shreveport. I've been back here since 1994. I came back as a pharmaceutical sales rep and I am a licensed municipal bond broker. I very seriously doubt if anybody on this council has my background or Mr. Grigsby's background. So the mayor has presented this information. He put the \$50,000 into an account. So any sensible person would desire to do arbitration. So there has to be something else other than logic and intelligence as my good Councilman Shyne is trying to perpetrate like we're being intelligent. It would be intelligent if he saved the city a good \$200,000,000. We're obviously not going to squabble over \$50 (thousand), but let me ask you something. Keith Hightower and his administration that put this city in this particular debacle, I don't see any of you all having filed a lawsuit against his administration. What they've come up with \$1600.00 transactions on land, and then when it swapped that problem was the \$100,000,000. So you would rather sue somebody over \$50,000, but not over \$100,000,000? That makes no sense. This is nothing but politics and race as usual. And that's why the City of Shreveport has not moved forward. But you can move forward on dogs. You can give dogs rights, but you can't give legitimate people rights. The City of Shreveport and Dallas at one point and time, the same population, and today, the City of Shreveport still 200,000. Dallas, the top 10 city. Yes, race continues to play a reality in this situation. And that ends my time. And make sure that we get the police when Joe does his Samboism to arrest him.

*Mr. Marvin Muhammad: (1413 Clay)* Well, I've come today not in support of the current administration. I come today not in support of the City Council, but what I do come today as a voice of the citizens of Shreveport. I come today as a voice for the voiceless. I come today as an advocate for the poor. I come today for those who have been marginalized and disenfranchised from the growth and development in this city. I agree with City Councilwoman McCulloch, and not because I'm a younger country boy from the Cooper Road. I agree with her and although I commend Councilman Jeff Everson for the willingness first to vote at the last Council Meeting for the resolution that was on the agenda and I also commend him for the \$6.2 (million) spending capital money to be moved around. I wouldn't call it a pacifier but it's indeed a band aid because that \$6.2 (million) is only a small percentage for not just SPAR, but a very small percentage of Proposition 2 of the three propositions. 15% and 37% accordingly. I too along with City Councilwoman McCulloch, I am ashamed that this Memorial Day weekend when some of my college friends came home and we toured the old neighborhoods and they saw sewerage issues. They saw a street that I, although I still call it Plymouth Street, that has been named affectionately after former Caddo Commissioner Hersey D. Wilson, Hersey D. Wilson Drive. A street that I grew up on. I was ashamed that from Hill Street all the way back to Legardia has been totally ruined. I was ashamed that the Cooper Road, despite being in the City now for decades is still disproportionately not received their fair share. I don't agree with as I have spoken with some of the councilmen on this council, I didn't agree with how the \$21,000,000 was divided up equally between the seven districts.

Councilman Shyne: Marvin, I'm sorry. Let me do my Jigger-boo act, I'm sorry, but I'm going to have to cut you off, you're going to be like Ms. Rogers.

Mr. Muhammad: Well Councilman Shyne, I will do this. You know I'm the voice of reason as you said the last time, a person of compromise and I do believe that this council, as I close in 30 seconds, I do believe that this council, if they believe that Grigsby is a thief, if they believe that Grigsby is a liar and a cheat, then they should. Because I believe mathematically I have a better chance of resorting you to do that thank to get the Mayor to get another financial advisor. And mathematically I feel although some would say that's bad math, I do feel like I have a better chance of getting you to expose him if he is indeed a thief, if he's indeed a liar.

Councilman Shyne: Marvin, you should have said that in the beginning.

Mr. Muhammad: I will.

Councilman Shyne: Pastor Mays, please.

Mr. Muhammad: Thank you.

*Pastor Linus Mayes: (335 E. Dalzell)* As Pastor Jackson articulated very well that what's happening here as you council members know, no six or seven people have the power to hold the City of Shreveport hostage.

Councilman Shyne: I'm sorry, just one minute. Attorney John Settle, you'll be next.

Pastor Mayes: To hold the City of Shreveport hostage. This is what I have a problem with. We have and Cedric, to my good friend Bessie Smith, Cedric Glover did go around the city. When Cedric is wrong, I've been here on this podium saying when he's wrong. But as a Pastor, as a spiritual leader he has went throughout this city to Mooretown and these other areas to present this case. This case just did not receive as much information, well as much media coverage as the dog park. The dog park took precedence over this particular issue. We had our Councilman Jeff Everson who is the Councilman for District B. He came in, thank the Lord, all of you were invited, but thank you Sam Jenkins because came and you also articulated. There is nothing unethical or illegal that Mr. Grigsby done. If it is, show it. But you can't show it and that's the problem that the citizens of this city have. Is that there is no group of people that's going to stand and say you citizens don't have a voice. If this man done saved the City of Shreveport all this money, then why not move forward with the rest of the bond proposal, the \$97,000,000 that is left. Why not finish the job that was started. Now I played football for Huntington. And you never take the quarterback out of the game when you're winning in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. It just don't make sense. It's not logical to do. And I know you all smart in you all's professions, but the bottom line is you work for the citizens of this city. You have a fiduciary responsibility to the citizens of this city and your district. And for you to try to say we're going to hold up these good people out here, or we're going to shut 'em up is just wrong. It's morally wrong. And so if you all gonna be on national TV now, and you all gonna keep this foolishness up, then you are wrong. You better look for another Council seat. Because wrong is wrong and right is right. When Mayor Glover was wrong, me and him had plenty arguments right before this podium. In this particular case, from the proof and the documentation that has been shown he is right. Thank you very much, still got time.

Councilman Shyne: Attorney Settle, I know you're not going - - - please don't turn around address anybody in the audience, please? I'm sorry. Mr. Willie Bradford, you will be next.

*Mr. John E. Settle, Jr.: (6121 Fern Ave)* I resided in Shreveport since being transferred here with the Air Force in January of 1977, and even though my office is in Bossier, I still live in Shreveport. I think it's unfortunate this whole debate has been framed into is the mayor right, and that the council is holding up the money. I took the time to make a public records request, and read a lengthy findings by a reputable law firm and CPA firm that cast considerable doubt into probably a half-million dollars' worth of charges and fees made by Calvin Grigsby. I took the time to do that. And I have followed that the Council has gone through a process to determine if

they should pursue legal action. Now for people to say that Grigsby saved money and therefore should continue to work. That's ridiculous. Grigsby was paid over a million dollars. That was his job to save money. If the Council and other people have found that he overcharged then why should you still use that same vendor? And these people who are saying that, I doubt seriously.

Councilman Shyne: Hold it, hold it just a minute. Pastor, I love you, but if you do it again, those two officers back there are going to escort you out of here and I don't want that to happen.

Pastor Mays: I'm not scared of those cops, go head. You interrupt people and (inaudible)

Mr. Settle: I read the report and I doubt seriously many of these people have, but the real issue is this. Mr. Grigsby was hired to do a job, and he did a job. He was well paid. An independent finding says he was overpaid. That is now in the courts. The real problem is that the Mayor will not go and recommend another person to sell the bonds. That's the real problem Mr. Mayor, that you could have moved on and not made this your *Pièce de résistance* of your mayorship, that you're going to in your last six months get into an impasse here. If you really want to move the city forward, when you realized there was an impasse, you could have gotten a new bond advisor. So I think this whole debate has been framed in a way to make these the bad guys, you the good guy and Calvin Grigsby a saint. And I don't know if he's a saint or not, but any person who was paid a million, two dollars to come to my city to a public hearing and uses the "N" word repeatedly and calls elected officials Klansmen, in your presence is not in my opinion a good employee of the city. And I'm disappointed as Mayor that you allowed that to happen. We can have public debate without using those kinds of words and called those kinds of names. That's detrimental to our city. And so I think that the Council is being cast in the wrong light and you can smirk as much as you want, but I think that the council should proceed as is. You need to get a new bond advisor. Thank you Mayor.

Mayor Glover: You need a dream John.

Councilman Shyne: John, thank you for sticking with the three minutes, and I guess I'm doing my Jigger-boo act, and I've done as much in this community as anybody Black or White. Thank you. That's because you don't know no better.

*Mr. Willie Bradford: (3026 Independence Ave)* I had a lot to say. But it's difficult because this hearing has turned into a farce. Allegations, innuendos, are being made that are unsustainable. Let's talk about what's right Mr. Chairman. First of all, let me just say this. I've been coming to City Council Meetings since some of you were teenagers. Fighting for the interest of the citizens of this city. There was a time when this City Council was a joy to come to because you could leave here feeling good about your public servants doing what they could do to improve the quality of life in this city. We've had some doozies over the past, but I can say that we've had some double-doozies over the last few years. And Mr. Chairman, I have never been a part of a public hearing regarding a financial advisor. I don't think we've ever had one. The reason we never had one is because the Mayor, the Administration vets a competent person, speaks with the council regarding this person and engage that person and handles some of our business. The problem I have today is that the voters approved the largest bond proposal in the history of Shreveport three years ago, and yet three years later, most of that work has not been completed and some of it has not been started. And the reason that we keep hearing is because we don't have a financial advisor. Now Mr. Chairman, the citizens of Shreveport hired eight people. Eight people to do a job. To do a job for us. We didn't hire no financial advisor, we didn't hire anybody in this chamber, but eight people. We had a mayor and seven city council people to do a job. To help make our quality of life better. Three and a half years ago, the citizens of Shreveport gave you some resources to help make our lives better. We passed the largest bond issue in the City's history. To give you resources to help make our lives better. Now, when we passed that bond issue, I didn't

see a footnote - - - Mr. Chairman, please allow me.

Councilman Shyne: Yes, continue.

Mr. Bradford: I didn't see a footnote in that proposal that said that we're going to use Calvin Grigsby as our financial advisor. I didn't see a footnote that said pass the bond issue and there was a clause that said, oh and by the way, we must use Calvin Grigsby as our financial advisor. I didn't see that. That was not a part of the bond proposal. Mr. Chairman, so I want to know, everybody wants to know something today. I'm going to tell you what I want to know. Who gave Calvin Grigsby the power to shut down and impede the progress of this city for three years. Okay, where did he get that power from? We hired eight people to make our lives better, to make improvements in this city. Where did this man get this power from? I agree with John Settle. See, we're missing the point here. If Calvin Grigsby, and I don't know Calvin Grigsby, never met the man, never met him, never met him. Raw sewerage as Councilman McCulloch said is running down the streets of Shreveport yet, somebody has the power to impede us from making that better. Where did he get that power from? Who gave him that power. I'm going to say it again Mr. Chairman. This administration was supposed to have vetted Mr. Grigsby, in which they did I'm sure. Check out his qualifications, his reputability, the mayor recommended Mr. Grigsby to this Body, and to my understanding this Body approved to engage Mr. Grigsby as your financial advisor. Is that correct? That's what I know, I heard that. I know that. Mr. Grigsby done work for this city over the years. For whatever reasons that were instigated by Mr. Grigsby, this Body, this City Council voted to suspend the use of Mr. Grigsby as your financial advisor. I didn't know the details of it, it wasn't my job to know the details of it. I sent a city council person down here to know the details of it. So I'm going to trust that my city council people know the details of why you felt it was necessary to suspend Mr. Grigsby's contract. I'm sure you know that. Now, I know that after this happened, I know that after years, two years at least after this happened, that the Mayor and Mr. Grigsby felt compelled to contest your decision, your actions and in that period, you engaged in some type of litigation. Now, I know that months and months of progress have been idled. Now Mr. Chairman I got one more thing. I believe that your recommendation has been that we let Mr. Grigsby stay idle and you move on with another financial advisor. Now I'm just saying that that was a reasonable alternative to me, because if you're wrong in your suspension of Mr. Grigsby, Mr. Grigsby has legal standing to sue the city and get paid for work that he did not have to do. Now I'm saying so Mr. Grigsby should not have had the power to suspend the work of this city. And lastly Mr. Chairman, I just find it suspicious that a campaign was started several weeks ago targeting African-American communities with Mr. Grigsby, the Mayor and some other elected officials to give the impression to Black people that race was a part of the decision not to move forward. I find that totally disingenuous. When not one time was any vote that was taken on this council went down racial lines. Race has never played a part in the decisions of Mr. Grigsby. Yet, there has been a conscientious effort to make that somewhat of an issue. Now I'm disappointed in this, and let me tell you this Mr. Chairman. In closing, I engaged a financial planner to help me with my finances several years ago. He's been a good guy, he's made me a lot of money. Okay? If I ever get an inkling that my financial planner violated my trust, and embezzled or misappropriated any of my funds Mr. Chairman, he would be gone in a minute. So it is with your situation. Now I don't know what the evidence is, but there got to be evidence, but if you engaged a financial person to take care of the affairs of this city and he violated this city Mr. Chairman, you have no other choice but to maintain and sustain your position until such awareness or such more information or this issue is resolved. You owe it to the citizens of Shreveport. The citizens of Shreveport deserve that. We hired eight people to take care of our affairs Mr. Chairman. Unless, unless the information that you got from the auditor, and I'm going to use a

phrase that Groucho Marx used to use - - - Unless the information that you have been looking at is erroneous, Groucho Marx once said, who are you going to believe, me or your lying eyes? Who are you going to believe. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Shyne: This public hearing is over with at this particular point. That was all the speakers. Sammie, we have a request from you, but it's not in this public hearing.

Ms. Johnson: Mr. Chairman, do you have one for Ronnie Gardner?

Councilman Shyne: Ronnie, If I don't come on up Ronnie. Let me say this. Ronnie was one of the best students, one of the best athletes that we had back at Linear when Linear was just a Jr. High School. And then a high school, the kids off the Cooper Road used to have to go to Booker T. Ronnie, I'm so proud of you, and you're still big like you used to be. You know you always if I can use this expression a big kid. And so good to see you.

*Mr. Ronnie Gardner: (1948 Michoud, USA Retired)* I am here, first of all to meet and see the Mayor and to this distinguished council. I want you all to work together. I am not going to take a full two minutes, but where I live, I need my streets fixed. If we're going to be the next great city of the south, I want you to start at home first. I am also a Cooper Road boy, and I have gone around the world, and I came back home to make a difference. I am a widower of two years and for two years, our streets have not been fixed. Asphalted? Yes. Plugged up? Yes. But the streets are not the streets of the next best city of the south. I get angry when we don't work together. My instructor when I was growing up, I would fight you for my instructor because they would fight you for me. And I am not going to stand here and hear people degrade this councilship and this mayor. I'm back home to work. You have awoken the sleeping giant, and I want to see and expect things to happen. Fix Shreveport's roads now. Thank you.

Councilman Shyne: Thank you Ronnie. Just before you go to your seat, Ronnie is right. Ronnie is Cooper Road through and through. Ronnie is Shreveport through and through. Ronnie a Louisianian through and through. Ronnie is an American through and through. Ronnie was an excellent student when he was in school and he was a tremendous athlete. We talk about guys playing football off the Cooper Road or guys who were athletes off the Cooper Road, Ronnie was one. Ronnie, it's so good to see you. God bless you. I love you and you know if it's anything that your old coach can do for you, you just give me a call. Because Ronnie when I passed by, you said hi coach, Ronnie, you looked so well, I didn't even recognize you. God bless you and thank you, hear?

Mr. Gardner: Thank you sir. My faith is in God and in this Council and this Mayor here.

Councilman Shyne: Frederick Branch, I'm sorry I might have missed Frederick Branch, just before I close the - - - okay. We're going to close this public hearing at this particular point, and I hope the Council will bear with me one more time. Mr. Carter, Coach Carter would you let your kids please stand? I mean so they can - - - you come on up and Mayor I close this, as soon as we let Coach Carter speak - - - I tell you what. Is there anybody who wants to leave at this point, you can feel free. Coach if you just hold it one second. And Ronnie, this is something you might want to do to. You might want to get to know Coach Carter, because you're an old athlete, and he's doing a tremendous job. You see all those youngsters back there? He's doing a tremendous job with them, and Coach, you might want to get Ronnie's address and phone number when you leave. You got a lot of folks, and of course Brother Johnson sitting there too. He doesn't mind working with a lot of - - - with youngsters. And this is what you have, you have some folks who will come down and do a lot of this and they'll call us a bunch of names and all and won't do anything. But you are doing, so will you tell us about your team and what you're here for.

*Mr. Lemont Carter: (3855 Meyer Street)* We've been doing the youth program, and this will be our 8<sup>th</sup> year. Each year, it's a traveling athletic track and field program in which we take

the kids in Shreveport. We go outside and compete against the nation. You know each year, we go to a different location, and we try to make it educational as we go by taking them different locations. A couple of years ago, we went to Baltimore, MD and we got a chance to go to the White House. Some kids had never been out of Shreveport. I mean you don't realize that until you do a program where you get a chance to travel. And so this year, we've had the program set up, we got everything going, been going about a month. And we got the word that we didn't have the money for lodging and travel. And we have all different groups of children on our team. This is just a portion. It's about 75-80 kids on our team. And they have to go through qualifying rounds of each competition and you come up with a number for nationals, and that's how we pick the best of the best. Last year we had the fastest 100-200 meter runner, 4x100 relay, all out of the small town of Shreveport. I mean going against everybody. It's a national competition. And so we're just asking the council to help us keep our program afloat for this year, and our budget got cut a certain amount. We had to raise that money, but then we came back with another cut, we got cut again. And so we're here today asking for some assistance.

Councilman Shyne: Could you tell us how much.

Mr. Carter: For this year's program, it'll be \$27,000.

Councilman O. Jenkins: You've been cut \$27,000?

Mr. Carter: Yes.

Councilman O. Jenkins: What was your total budget in the beginning?

MR. Carter: \$32 (thousand) and we have raised \$6600 ourselves.

Councilman O. Jenkins: What was the budget of the total program?

Mr. Carter: The budget of the total program, like I said they - - -

Councilman Everson: Before it got cut.

Mr. Carter: \$32, and they cut \$27. They cut the travel and the lodging completely out.

And we have raised \$6600 of that budget and we still have some willing to help stabilize like the coaches like me being out there and my assistant coaches and that's it. It's no travel included. I mean kids have been training for a month, and like I said, they put the pamphlets out, they did everything that the program would still go on, but two weeks before we have to leave, we have the competition in the two weeks that we to travel. We just got the word that we can't travel.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay, so essentially you need the \$20 - - -?

Mr. Carter: (Inaudible) go head and like when we had all the (inaudible).

Councilman Shyne: So you need \$27,000?

Mr. Carter: Yes. To go ahead and hold the buses and hold our hotel. They had this planned, but like I said, it came back to us that it had been cut.

Councilman Shyne: Let me say this Council before you say anything else. I'm going to ask Councilman Jeff Everson and Councilwoman Rose McCulloch, Mr. Thompson and I'm going to ask the other Council Members, that the three of us would author a piece of legislation. Jeff and Rose, can I?

Councilwoman McCulloch: That's fine.

Councilman Shyne: And Mr. Thompson, you and Jackie let's scrub the budget. Let's look at what we can do because those young people back there? That's the future of Shreveport. Now we can argue all day long over a financial advisor that don't even live here who doesn't even - - - whose not giving anything back and people can come down and I've given my life here on this Council and call me a "Jigger-boo", and of course anybody who's been watching the council over the last 30 years knows what Joe Shyne is all about. You know I don't even have to defend myself. You know to have been elected as long as I have been elected, that ought to tell you something. And Ronnie and Brother Johnson back there will tell you how I was as a teacher, you

know. So I don't have to defend myself. Am I perfect? No. Do I make mistakes? Yes. Have I made some mistakes? Yes. Will I make some more? Probably so, yes. But did I go to school and educate myself? Yes. Have I always worked? Yes. Have I been concerned about people? Yes. So I don't have to defend myself. But let's at least take care of those young people back there. I'm asking these two council members along with me, as a matter of fact, I'd like to ask the whole council to sign on to author a piece of legislation where we can find some money for those young kids back there. Because this is something that they look forward to, and this is our future. What we just got through arguing over, Calvin Grigsby is not our future. Those young people back there is our future and that's who we need to take care of. Coach my heart goes out to you. It's a hard job nowadays. People don't know how hard it is.

Mr. Carter: But it's enjoyable.

Councilman Shyne: That's exactly right, working with young people. But it is very rewarding. Cause when I can look around and see Ronnie back there, Ronnie, I feel good. I want you to know that. Money can't pay for that. So, I'm going to ask this council and Mr. Thompson, I'm going to ask you to direct Jackie to look to see where we can find some monies in order to make sure - - - is Shelly in?

Mr. Sibley: She's in the back.

Councilman Shyne: Okay, well Mr. Sibley you're the boss man over there.

Mr. Sibley: Well, we're aware and we've been talking to Lemont and he's been working with the department and the issue is trying to come up with the dollars to allow those kids to travel.

Councilman Shyne: Well Mr. Thompson is going to work with you all and of course we don't spend the money, we just kinda have the purse strings. But if we have to give up something Mr. Sibley, we'll be willing to do it. But let's at least you know like the summer work program, how we found some money for that. So let's at least - - - Coach we're gone - - - let me say this. And I want the youngsters to hear this. Can y'all hear me back there young people? We're going to make sure that you all have your program. If I have to get out and knock on some doors of some business people, if I have to go to some banks, if I have to go to Schumpert or if I have to go to Willis Knighton, if I have to go to other places - - - right, Ron said he'll donate a little something in. And I'm not too proud to beg. I'll knock on some doors and we'll make sure that you all have what you need and maybe a few dollars left over to buy you some popsicles after the track meet. Coach thank you hear?

Mr. Sibley: Mr. Chairman, just a note and that may be something that would be very beneficial because any movement as you know will take a budget amendment which will take at least a couple of Council Meetings, and I think they're up against the clock in terms of travel time.

Councilman Shyne: How much time do you all have?

Mr. Carter: One and a half to two weeks.

Councilman Shyne: Let me say this. Jeff and Oliver will help me - - - what we might have to do, we might have to look at raising some money right now. What you might need to do is give Arthur you know maybe how much you need for the first two three weeks, and then we can.

Mr. Carter: Yes, I can get back to him.

Councilman Shyne: Can you get that back to us? And like I say, I've got an old raggedy truck, but I'll get with Oliver. Oliver has a new car and I'll get with him and Jeff - - -

Councilman Everson: Yeah, I thought he had a pretty nice car.

Councilman Shyne: Y'all been looking at the wrong thing. They be seeing me ride with somebody else. But give us a number of what you'll need and we'll see if we can raise that. Because we're not going to let those kids go without that. Coach thank you hear? Appreciate you coming down. And Council, you all have been so great today. Mr. Thompson, you might have to

help me a little bit. We're going to move back into the regular agenda. And Mr. Mayor, I believe the regular agenda - - - Mr. Mayor, you've been so patient, we've been so patient. So we're going to move back. Any awards or recognitions?

**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.

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

Mayor Glover: Thank you Mr. Chairman. We will combine all of the communications.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, I'm sorry. Let me, let me and Rose, don't mind me stopping the Mayor. I'd really like to take care of Ron nem if we can at this point, if we're ready.

Mr. Thompson: We're ready.

Councilman Shyne: And Ron, we appreciate you all coming down. Where is Ron? Okay, I really don't want to stop him from doing that, but I do want to take care of you all at this particular point. Tell him if he'll come back in right quick, and Mr. Mayor, while he's coming back in - - - while we're waiting on Ron, do you have any recognitions?

Mayor Glover: I see Mr. Ardie Ceasario here. I know he was here earlier, I don't know if he had urgent business since it's rainy outside. He may have had to go and ensure that they move some vehicles over there close to the Ockley ditch. I would extend to him any of my personal communications time at this point Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Shyne: Here he is Mr. Mayor. Ron? We're going to take care of you all right quick before we - - - and then we'll let the other gentleman come up. Okay, Oliver you ready?

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay, back to Ordinance No. 36. Okay. Well to start with, I'd like to make a motion for Amendment No. 3 because from the beginning, it was never my proposal to change the sale day. And I appreciate you bringing that to my - - - you and I talked several times on this, and I'm glad you brought that forth. So that was never my intention, and at a minimal before we get on the other amendments, I'd like to at least make a motion for that.

Councilman S. Jenkins: I'll second that.

**Amendment No. 3 by Councilman Oliver Jenkins to Ordinance No. 36 of 2014**

Delete Section 30-91 (k) and substitute the following:

(k) Dates and hours for sale of fireworks. The sale of fireworks authorized for sale pursuant to R.S. 51:650 through R.S. 51:660 is prohibited in the city limits, except from noon June 25th through 10:00 p.m. July 5th and noon December 15th through 10:00 p.m. January 1st of each year.

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Explanation of amendment:

Changes the sale dates to allow sales through July 5 instead of July 4. A

**Motion by Councilman O. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman S. Jenkins to adopt Amendment No. 3 to Ordinance No. 36 of 2014.**

Councilman Webb: Question if I may? If we approve this amendment and then approve it as amended, the only thing we're really changing from the original ordinance is the extra day of firing fireworks?

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay, I think your question is on this particular amendment, you're just authorizing the extra day of sale, which is July 5<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Webb: Okay, and what about the firing?

Councilman O. Jenkins: The firing are in Amendments 1 and 2, or the original piece of legislation. The original piece of legislation, feel free to chime in if I misrepresent. The original piece of legislation was to limit it to the 31<sup>st</sup> of December and January 1<sup>st</sup> firing of fireworks and July 4<sup>th</sup>. That was the original piece of legislation proposed. The 1<sup>st</sup> amendment, Councilman Sam Jenkins offered to extend besides just the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, but to extend from the 24<sup>th</sup> through the 1<sup>st</sup> of January, once again, not talking about sales, just when you can fire 'em off. The sale dates stay the same in all the amendments.

Councilwoman McCulloch: 24<sup>th</sup> till what?

Councilman O. Jenkins: The 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Thompson: December 30<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman S. Jenkins: The week between Christmas Eve up till - - -

Councilman Webb: The reason I asked, I know they need an answer right away because, it has a lot to do with who they hire, when they hire 'em, how many they hire and duh, duh, duh. So, I mean are you happy with - - - does this affect - - - if you're not happy with that?

Mr. Hathorn: My primary concern Mr. Webb is just shooting 4<sup>th</sup> of July day till 10:00 at night. (Inaudible) as the ordinance is written. And I gave evidence to mostly all of you that 10:00 at night on July 4<sup>th</sup>, some people are still standing in line at some of our locations. And then they can't go and shoot. So, that was one of my concerns is the July 4<sup>th</sup> day. Also on the July season, there is a lot of churches and things that have patriotic services for their youth on days other than the 4<sup>th</sup>. Cause the 4<sup>th</sup> falls like on a Wednesday? Most churches have it on the weekend, Friday, Saturday and Sunday for the youth and for the people and for the families. So, just shooting on the 4<sup>th</sup> was one of our concerns, and I also want to go back to Mr. Oliver Jenkins. He said I was trying to shave some days off the front. That's not what really I believe my councilman said. My councilman said, if they sell 100 days, they should be able to shoot 100 days, and he wanted that to be simplistic so it would cut down confusion with the vendors, customers, the shooters and the law enforcement people and we all know who the author of confusion is.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Oh yeah.

Mr. Hathorn: Thank you. So we don't want people confused when they come to buy fireworks and we're like, oh wait you can't shoot 'em, but you can buy 'em.

Councilman Shyne: Let me ask this, Councilman Jenkins is it anyway that the two of you all can get together and talk face to face? Let me see, the two Jenkins and make sure we reach common ground.

Mr. Hathorn: There is definitely a possibility. We had a very, very good conversation and it was very informative on both our parts. And let me tell you, I do understand, he's trying to represent some people in his district. I understand that, but it is in some ways similar that what we've been talking about and hearing that one group controls the whole city. And I would like to go ahead and propose a vote if I win or lose because I'm going to stand on the plan that my councilman has suggested. Even though it's not here, let's vote on Ordinance 36.

Councilman Shyne: Let me ask this to our city attorney. Is there any way we could craft this ordinance and I hope both our city attorneys are listening, is there any way that we can craft this piece of legislation where we can take care of both ends? You now where maybe we could

say in - - - or maybe we might not be able to do this. At some locale, such and such rules will go and then in another locale - - -

Ms. Glass: No Mr. Shyne. Any public safety ordinance like this should be throughout the city.

Councilman Shyne: City-wide. Okay.

Mr. Hathorn: And she's correct. In the state law that which I've been a part of, when it comes to that bit of legislation, it's hard to succeed from the Union? It's kinda hard to make a drive through one particular area, no zone...okay?

Councilman Shyne: I just wanted to know? Mike.

Councilman Corbin: Thank you Mr. Chairman, and Mr. Hathorn, I certainly appreciate you referencing our conversation. There is not amendment that I proposed on our agenda today to try to sync up sale dates with shoot dates for two reasons. Maybe more than that, but I don't think it has the support of the council at this time, and the second thing is as long as we continue to be in this situation we're - - - there's one set of rules for the parish and one set of rules for the city and it's so convenient as in my case, I can literally walk to a parish fireworks stand, and I know how I was as a young boy and I know how my son was that if I had fireworks sitting in a bag in that garage, eventually, I'm gonna beat somebody down until I can light 'em, and I don't care if it's July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup>. So I think if you put something in place, and we decide what we want to put in place whether we do it today or we do it in two weeks, because you guys need to be able to move forward with July 4<sup>th</sup> sales. If we need to come back and tweak it, if we need to look at something down the road, we can. But that's why I don't have an amendment out there to try to sync up sale dates and use dates. In a perfect world that'd be great, but we're just not there yet.

Mr. Hathorn: I'm sorry, I probably used the terminology. It was your suggestion. Not an amendment or plan. But it was your suggestion that it would be great if they sell 'em, then I can shoot 'em this day. But if I can't buy 'em, that should be understood that they shouldn't shoot 'em. So that was what I was actually getting at and I believe that's what you actually suggested, and I agree with that. But we've had two Caddo Commissioners here today. I believe if we could possibly reach some other agreement besides just shooting on what's proposed, I can get the Caddo Commissioners I believe to join together with us.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I appreciate your optima. That'd be excellent. I'd be all for that, and - - -

Mr. Hathorn: It's gotta start somewhere.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Of course as you know we both reached out to them, but maybe from citizen input, it's more likely to move that needle.

Mr. Hathorn: From business input, it also would help that. Because I have a location or two outside the city. And it is to their best interest too. Cause they want to keep the jobs and the sales tax and the revenue coming in for their part also.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Because it's interesting to know we've had some exchanges with some business owners that sell fireworks, that actually are fairly accommodating to this proposal, because they're more concerned with losing it all together. And so, from their perspective, I'll just say the discussion I've had was I'd rather be able to sell to people in the city and the parish for this extended period of time and let them self-regulate where they're expending them, than for you to curb my sales dates and how I plan to manage my business. So I'm not saying my proposal is perfect. I don't pretend that. I just wanted to say that the intent has always been not to manage the sale dates. But I don't get complaints about sale dates. I get a volume about when they go off. But your point on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, that is the way the ordinance is written today. We're not changing the day. You're kind to come to us with a proposal to extend the hours on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. I think we

should have really taken that up months ago, rather than right now, because I think that's kinda getting confused with the issue.

Mr. Hathorn: And we know what confusion is.

Councilman O. Jenkins: So,

Councilman Shyne: Could I suggest this? Could I suggest maybe one more postponement, and then at the next council meeting, we're going to go with it, whatever is proposed. And would that give the two of you all more time to synchronize your thinking. If the you all - - - if the council thinks that they're ready to go now - - - I'm a man of compromise, course now compromise doesn't mean that I'm going to go all your way. Compromise doesn't mean that I'm going to give it to you 100%.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I mean it started in January after New Year's in Public Safety. We haven't just really uncracked - - - I will tell you and I'm not saying I'm going to change things, but he's been very outspoken about this, and that's good because you're the champion for (inaudible). It's just surprising how little other vendors we've had here represented, okay. And I noticed that when he listed his vendors, the vendors that he listed and I don't know about this individual, they were not in the city. They were not selling in the City of Shreveport, they were selling in the Parish, and that's viable. I don't want to take away from revenue from the parish, but obviously, it doesn't generate tax revenue for the City of Shreveport, and nor is this an intent to curb that. I mean I just frankly think that this is a - - - for what the group that I represent has requested and I will tell you that having them come down here probably wouldn't really expedite our process here, I could assure you. You know they would like some accommodation to reduce the days. And they'd like to get rid of them altogether, I told them I don't think that's appropriate. I think we can find some middle ground on managing the days when people can fire off fireworks and I'd like to give that a try.

Councilman Webb: July 5, you won't be able to fire?

Mr. Hathorn: That's correct.

Councilman O. Jenkins: On any of the proposals today, on any amendments, July 5<sup>th</sup> is a non-fire as is - - -

Councilman Webb: But you can buy. That's what just don't make sense to me.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Because that's the state - - - Those dates are right in line with the state. We've adopted state laws for sale. Isn't that correct?

Mr. Hathorn: That's correct, you're right.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Those are the exact state laws and we've just historically had the state law.

Mr. Hathorn: That's correct.

Councilman Webb: Well you ought to be able to fire, if you can buy 'em that day you ought to be able to fire. You buy 'em on the 5<sup>th</sup> and save 'em till December?

Councilman O. Jenkins: The argument really is should you be able to fire 'em on the 26<sup>th</sup> of June.

Councilman Webb: If you can buy 'em, yeah!

Mr. Hathorn: The argument is that it just holds down confusion. For everybody. It holds down confusion, especially if somebody calls in and says you know they're shooting fireworks. Well, they can. But if you call up and say they're shooting fireworks. Where are they at? And you know it's 911 and they're only supposed to do that on the 4<sup>th</sup> and you're going to go down to the end of the street with the police and there's 27 Rednecks in a pickup truck saying I can't shoot 'em?

Councilman Webb: Well the buy and sell dates ought to all be the same. The buying and the firing ought to be the same.

Mr. Hathorn: Mr. Chairman is dinner time. My folks back here are hungry, y'all are welcome to come. I'll buy you lunch.

Councilman Webb: We've been here a while

Councilwoman McCulloch: Councilman Shyne, can I ask a question, because now in District A, I know when my people buy firecrackers, and even my own children, they want to shoot firecrackers, but based on the amendment, the original, the 1<sup>st</sup> amendment, the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment, I'm a scatter brain, I'm really frustrated here and I know you guys know that. So with the original piece of legislation that's already on the books, why can't it just remain like it is, why are we doing - - - why can't we just let everything stay like it is? Let 'em continue to go buy 'em.

Councilman S. Jenkins: We can if all these amendments fail. If all amendments fail - - -

Councilwoman McCulloch: Well, let's vote down the amendments and the ordinance. So no, no, no.

Councilman Corbin: And the original would be July 4<sup>th</sup>, till 10:00. December 31<sup>st</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I think what he's saying, I mean of course in his interest, he'd like to keep it status quo.

Mr. Hathorn: That's correct. Just follow the state law so that enforcement by both the Sherriff and Deputies, and your City Police and your Fire Department, they readily know now. Now quickly, I'm hungry, and I know y'all are too. I want to thank every one of you has called me back. Excuse me Ms. McCulloch, you tried to call me, I was in the doctor's office with my wife. The next time you call me, you purse dialed me and thank you, I listened then just a little bit, it was a wonderful Sunday School lesson. I thank you. I'm sorry, I should hung up, I should have hung on and got some more. Being a preacher's kid we need all we can get. C'mon. So, I'm for win, lose or draw Mr. Jenkins. If y'all want to vote now...

Councilman O. Jenkins: Well I guess at this point since apparently there is a lot of confusion up here about what we're voting on. It doesn't sound like many of the council, sounds like a couple of us are fairly familiar with this, but I think we should postpone it two more weeks, if that's okay with you.

Councilman Webb: Well if we can get past the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and then we've got till the rest of the year to get it straightened out.

Councilman O. Jenkins: You know that option, so when I get all those complaints, I'll tell 'em all to come on down here and they wear their shirts and do the same deal and that's fair. You're right.

Councilman Webb: Well, I'd like to postpone it until after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July to vote on it.

**Motion by Councilman Webb, seconded by Councilman McCulloch to postpone Ordinance No. 36 of 2014 until after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.**

Councilman Shyne: Ron, I appreciate you and your people for coming down and I don't know whether this was a good lesson in Democracy or not, but this is what it's all about. And anytime you're elected to a position, folks are going to talk about you. I've been down here almost 30 years and don't think people have not talked about me. And they talked about Jesus, not only did they talk about Jesus, they hung him on the cross. When they talk about me I feel good, cause then I know they thinking about me. If they don't say anything about me, then you know that's when I worry.

**Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0**

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, I believe you had somebody you wanted to recognize and wanted to come up.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Mayor and Council, I knew that Mr. Ceasario had come down earlier. I believe he had some desire and intentions of making some comments. And since he has returned, I wanted to extend the courtesy of my communications time to him.

*Mr. Ardie Ceasario: (3730 Fairfield)* I thank you Ms. McCulloch for bringing up the issue about possibly binding arbitration. After last week you're right, seeing our government is like sausage being made. Not real pretty at times. After what happened last time on the council, I told the mayor I said, you know at times like this I always go to prayer and possibly the council could get a contention of religious people and to please everyone, maybe some pagans even, just to come down here in a non-binding way to talk about this because Ken Krefft I think said it very succinctly, that a lot of projects are not being completed, a lot of work is not being done, and it's too bad. I'm here just for the water issue, the Ockley ditch, but coming down and seeing the process, right now, we're better than this. We're stalemate right now. And I know you guys are very principled because like for example Oliver wouldn't vote for the arbitration situation and his mother is subjected to the flooding that could actually kill her. We're not talking about flooding, we're talking about rising water. I've been meeting with the Governor's office this week, talked with Mr. North and we asked about - - - to get a copy of the environmental impact and no one can get it. And even from the Governor's office for some reason that interstate was built with no environmental statement. So again, we just ask you to go back. Please, we beg of you to vote to get the bond issues that the people voted on. Get these things approved, get 'em in the works, get past your differences, I know you're very principled, you're taking the high road. You know I think he's been exonerated, but again, and if anything, if you think he's feathering his cap, you think a guy who would be feathering his cap would wear a shirt like that?

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Ceasario, let me say this. I don't know anyone on this council so we can put this to rest, I don't know anyone on this council, and council members, if I'm wrong, I don't know anyone on this council that would say the mayor is feathering his nest. So, I wish you would take another stab at it another way. I don't think Councilman Jenkins, Councilman - - -

Mr. Ceasario: I think Mr. Stonecipher and his indication that he was alluding to and people were getting behind that, that the mayor and some of the council members - - -

Councilman Shyne: Look Mr. Stonecipher is not sitting up here. Say that to Mr. Stonecipher. Call him on the phone, if you need his number, I'll get it to you.

Mr. Ceasario: Well what I'm saying is if that was in your doubt, that the mayor was standing behind Grigsby. Again, I don't know the nuances, you guys know all those. I'm just trying to get a bunch of old ladies not to drown. Trust me once I get this done, I'm going to say goodbye to this town.

Councilman Shyne: Look, I agree with you, but please don't allude to any of us saying anything negative about the mayor.

Mr. Ceasario: Mr. Shyne, all I'm saying is this last week, the way and I saw it on television, the way that you guys were demonstrating your non-communication, thank God someone is coming along to try to bring you together. That's all I'm saying.

Councilman Shyne: Now that's better, but don't, but please especially or and I'll speak for Mike, please don't say Mike and I have said anything derogatory or negative about what's happening between Grigsby and the mayor. And I'm not going to let you stand there and make me a part of that. Anything else you say, I appreciate you coming down here because you want to get some old ladies from drowning. You can say that all day, but please don't include us in that.

Mr. Ceasario: I knew you've always taken the higher ground sir, so I'll give you that and with all due respect, I'll rephrase that. What I would just say is that the city and like Ken Krefft said last week, there's a lot of people watching this and we're better than this to be at a stalemate, that nothing gets done? C'mon guys. Let's get this thing. The people voted all over the city to get this bond issues approved. So work really hard. Do your best to come together. If you can't come together here, get the religious people here in a non-binding way to listen to them. Washington, D.C. did it. Marion Berry did it, and so thank you for your time today. Hope I never have to see you ever again.

Councilman Shyne: Now this is - - - you're welcome to come down at anytime. Well if you don't, that's good. We're going to live, but I've been around long enough to know that even in the church sausage is made, so appreciate it.

Mayor Glover: I would just simply say to Mr. Ceasario and all the other folks who came down today and didn't unfortunately get the Willie Bradford treatment, I think it's unfortunate, you deserve better, the city deserves better and I thank you for coming down today and sharing what's on your heart, what's on your mind and what you believe we ought to be doing as the folks that you sent here and given the privilege of running and leading the City of Shreveport. So thank you for your time. I hope you will continue to stay engaged and know that we will continue to push to move this city forward, to ultimately do what needs to be done.

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

Councilman Webb: Mr. Harris, if you'd come up, I have a question to ask you. I placed on the agenda about a month ago the removal of a 4-way stop sign and change it back to a 2-way stop sign. The administration was against the 4-way stop sign to begin with, and now I'm trying to get it converted back to a 2-way stop sign at the corner of (inaudible) and Helmsdale Ct, which are two cul-de-sacs and Stonehaven. And I understand that y'all are reviewing it and I want to know when y'all will be through reviewing it so bring it back to me.

Mr. Harris: Okay, I can check with staff on that, but I didn't know it had been changed back and forth. If I'd know that then we may have taken a different look at it.

Councilman Webb: It went from a 2-way to a 4-way.

Mr. Harris: It went from a 2-way to a 4-way and now we're going back to a 2-way. Let me take a look at that from that perspective. We call (inaudible).

Councilman Webb: Okay cause I can get it back on the agenda.

Mr. Harris: We thought it was just a request to change from a 2-way to a 4-way.

Councilman Webb: No, from a 4 to a 2.

Mr. Harris: We thought it was an initial request to do that.

Councilman Webb: Well, I hadn't heard anything from anybody so (inaudible) or how long does it take to study it.

Mr. Harris: We sent an email back indicating that we had to review it. But understanding now that it wasn't an original request. In other words, you were just trying to turn it back to what it was before.

Councilman Webb: Turn it back to what it originally was.

Mr. Harris: That shouldn't be a problem. Let me check with our staff.

Councilman Webb: Alright, let me know something.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I just wanted to, actually I'll wait til the Committee of the Whole.

Forgot - - - we got so out of order today, I had trouble trying to figure out where we were.

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

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

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, you'll see two things on your e-agenda with 'As' beside them. That means that the original resolution or ordinance will be removed or there will be a motion or suggestion that it should be removed and the 'A' will replace it. And it's because of technical issues with both of those.

*The Clerk read the following:*

1. **Resolution No. 95A of 2014:** A resolution authorizing the modification of the terms of the Home Loan Agreement between the City of Shreveport, Cornerstone Assistance Foundation, Inc., and Southwood Gardens Adult community Partnership in regard to Southwood Gardens Apartments, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
2. **Resolution No. 98 of 2014:** A resolution selecting The Times as the Official Journal for the City Of Shreveport for the period commencing July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
3. **Ordinance No. 56A of 2014:** ZONING - C-22-14: An Ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance by rezoning property located on the NW corner of West Canal and West 70th Street, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA, FROM B-2, NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT TO B-3, COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (F/Shyne)

Councilman Shyne: Okay, is there anyone present who would like to speak in favor to adding this legislation to the agenda? Is there anyone who would like to speak in opposition of adding this legislation to the agenda?

**Motion by Councilman S. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman O. Jenkins to Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.**

### **Reports**

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

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

Surety Bond Forfeitures Report (*Res 238 of 2010*)

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

Ms. Sanders: Good afternoon. Just a quick update on a high priority master plan implementation project. Our Shreveport/Caddo Unified Development Code. We are having a public meeting this Thursday, day after tomorrow, May 29<sup>th</sup> Riverview Hall at 600 Clyde Fant Parkway from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Our consultants will be in town. They'll be presenting to the public their recommendation on how to actually write the code. All the different things they're proposing to include in that first draft. So you're very welcome to come. We always love to have you at those meetings, and of course we would very much appreciate you passing the word along to your constituents. Thank you.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Dara, did I understand there was going to be a problem with parking in the email?

Ms. Sanders: There is another meeting scheduled at Riverview Hall that night and so you know parking convenience may be an issue. I don't think parking will be an issue, because there are so many parking lots. So on our Facebook page, we uploaded an image of a map of all the surface and parking structures within the area around Riverview Hall, just to let people know where they can actually park their cars and remember there is free on street parking along Commerce Street. So I can email that map out, I can print it out, whatever you think would be best.

Councilman Shyne: Ms. Critcher, please come up. Mike and Oliver both brought it to my attention. And I told them when they get to have as much grey hair as I do, they'll understand.

*Ms. Adrienne Critcher: (817 Ontario)* Mayor Glover, Chairman Shyne and City Council Members, thank you for allowing me to speak briefly. I'm here to speak about the Human Relations Commission ordinance that's on the agenda, just to be introduced. I'm a member of a local organization called PACE, People acting for Change and Equality, and we are in strong support of this ordinance. It's simply a follow up to the Shreveport Fairness ordinance that was passed in December. This Human Relations Commission will be the enforcement mechanism as specified in the fairness ordinance, so it's fairly straight forward. The fairness ordinance specifies that a first violation of the nondiscrimination ordinance could result in a \$500 fine with subsequent violations that could result in a \$1,000 fine. There are exemptions for religious nonprofits and small businesses. But we anticipate that the purpose of the Human Relations Commission will really be to educate and to mediate. The volunteer commission will be - - - it will be strictly a volunteer commission, it will be composed of nine members appointed by the mayor and approved by the City Council Larry Bagneris of the New Orleans Human Relations Commission has talked to us here locally about their commission that's been in operation for 25 years, had a lot of experience. 99% of their grievances are handled through mediation. So we think that this commission will be a good tool for unifying our city and bringing our city together. In New Orleans, most of the grievances come from the African-American community, and even though African-Americans do have recourse through the courts because of federal and state laws, often times people don't want to file a lawsuit. They many times just want an apology. And so we believe that the purpose of this commission can educate, mediate and to really bring our city together. And as we've heard today, I think that's needed. And so we think that this Human Relations Commission can really serve a great purpose in unifying people in our city. The New Orleans Commission gets about 1 or 2 grievances a month. They think that we would probably get less once our commission is started. So we just see that this would be a win-win for our city with all positives outcomes for everyone. Thank you.

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

Confirmation and Appointments: None.

**To Introduce Routine Ordinances and Resolutions**

**Resolutions:** None.

**Ordinances:** None.

**To Adopt Ordinances and Resolutions**

**Resolutions:** None

**Ordinances:** None.

**Regular Agenda Legislation**

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

*The Clerk read the following:*

**RESOLUTION NO. 88 OF 2014**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH NORTHWEST LOUISIANA YOUTH GOLF AND EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC. DBA FIRST TEE OF NORTHWEST LOUISIANA AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

WHEREAS, in 2009 the City and Northwest Louisiana Youth Golf and Education Foundation, Inc. dba First Tee of Northwest Louisiana entered into an Agreement for management of Jerry Tim Brooks Golf Course; and

WHEREAS, First Tee of Northwest Louisiana has operated the pro-shop and pro-shop at Jerry Tim Brooks Golf Course, a public golf course located at 2200 Milam; for the last five years; and

WHEREAS, First Tee of Northwest Louisiana has offered to partner with the City to now operate and maintain the grounds at Jerry Tim Brooks Golf Course for and on behalf of the City; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City to accept such offer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that the Mayor is authorized to execute an amendment to the agreement with Northwest Louisiana Youth Golf and Education Foundation, Inc. dba First Tee of Northwest Louisiana (First Tee), substantially in accordance with the draft attached hereto and filed for public inspection with the Office of the Clerk of Council on May 6, 2014.

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

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

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman O. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman S. Jenkins to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 89 OF 2014**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF \$16,000 FROM THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR THE PAINT YOUR HEART OUT PROGRAM AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO**

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has by ordinance created an Enrichment Fund as a

trust fund for the receipt of donations for the enrichment and improvement of city facilities, program and services. The ordinance is contained in Section 26-186, et seq of the Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Section 26-187 of the ordinance authorizes the Mayor or his designee to accept donations of funds up to \$10,000 per donation from any person and to execute donation agreements to obligate the city to expend such funds for any public purpose designated by the donor; and

WHEREAS, this Section of the ordinance also provides that donations over \$10,000 may be accepted only with the approval of the city council; and

WHEREAS, the Community Foundation ("Donor") has approved a grant of \$16,000 to the City of Shreveport exclusively for marketing and materials for the Paint Your Heart Out Program; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to accept the donation of the funds from the Donor and to use the funds for the purpose stated by the Donor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to accept the donation of \$16,000 from The Community Foundation, the said funds to be used exclusively for marketing and materials for the Paint Your Heat Out Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to execute any and all documents reasonably requested by the Donor acknowledging acceptance and receipt of the donation.

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 Everson, seconded by Councilman McCulloch to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 90 OF 2014**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF RENTAL FEES FOR RIVERVIEW PARK, THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY, MAY 29- JUNE 1ST FOR THE USA WAKE BOARD NATIONALS TOURNAMENT, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

By: Councilman Jeff Everson

WHEREAS, USA Wakeboard is heading to the Red River again for the 2014 Alternate Games Collegiate Nationals. The event was in Shreveport last year and in Oklahoma City and San Diego the two years prior to that and will be televised on Fox Sports. The final event of a six event season is set for May 29-June 1. Spectators can watch the nation's top riders from Riverview Park on the Shreveport side or from the Louisiana Boardwalk on the Bossier side. Admission to the wakeboard nationals is free; and

WHEREAS, the USA Wakeboard is requesting that the City of Shreveport waive fees for Riverview Park Thursday thru Sunday. This request totals \$6,000.00; and

WHEREAS, this event is an exciting fast-paced water-sport, which involves riding a wakeboard over the surface of a body of water at a high speed while executing stunts without falling. The finals are set to compete with 16 teams, each with seven riders per team for a total of 112 riders working their way through seven different heats. The universities include Central Florida, Miami University, Florida State University, Oklahoma State University, University of Louisiana at Monroe, University of Wisconsin, Louisiana Tech University, Texas Tech University, San Diego State, Arizona State as well as individual athletes from several universities; and

WHEREAS, the local hotels will serve as hosts for the athletes and will have approximately 50 rooms for three nights for the participants for a total of 150 room nights. Additional room nights will be booked by friends and spectators; and

WHEREAS, the total direct economic Impact for USA Wakeboard Nationals is estimated at \$433,600, as follows:

- 1) \$33,600 -112 athletes spending \$100 average a day for three days
- 2) \$300,000 -1,500 friends and families spending \$100 average a day for two days is (some fans will not come for entire event-thus deduction of one day)
- 3) \$100,000 – 1 1/2 hours of Event Coverage on Fox Sports Media Value

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, regular and legal session convened that the fees for the use of Riverview Park, by USA Wakeboard, on May 29 – June 1, 2014, are waived and the provisions of Section 15 of the City Council Rules of Procedures are suspended relative to this event only.

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

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

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Everson, seconded by Councilman Corbin to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 92 OF 2014**

#### **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE GRANT DOCUMENTS WITH THE U.S 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 \$132,984 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 \$69,816.60 and the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office to receive \$63,167.40.

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 system upgrades (hardware/software). 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 Everson, seconded by Councilman McCulloch to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.**

#### **RESOLUTION NUMBER 93 OF 2014**

#### **A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY'S INTEREST IN CERTAIN ADJUDICATED PROPERTY AS SURPLUS AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO**

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

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the City of Shreveport has an adjudicated tax interest in the properties described in Attachment "A-8" for the non-payment of City property taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, the purchasing agent has inquired of all City departments regarding the properties described in Attachment "A-8" and has not received any indication that they are needed for city purposes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened that the properties described in Attachment "A-8" are hereby declared surplus.

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

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

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

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

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman S. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Corbin to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.**

**Introduction of Resolutions (Not to be adopted prior to June 10, 2014)**

*The Clerk read the following:*

2. **Resolution No. 95 of 2014**: A Resolution ratifying the modification of the terms of the loan to Cornerstone Assistance Foundation, Inc., in regard to Southwood Gardens Apartments, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

**Motion by Councilman McCulloch, seconded by Councilman Corbin to remove Resolution No. 95 of 2014 from the agenda. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.**

1. **Resolution No. 94 of 2014**: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a donation agreement between the City of Shreveport and Provenance Development, L.L.C., hereinafter called "Owner" and acting herein through David M. Alexander, Manager, for the private water and sewer improvements for Provenance Phase 2 Units A&B, and related facilities and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Corbin)
2. **Resolurion No. 95A of 2014**: A Resolution authorizing the modification of the terms of the Home Loan Agreement between the City of Shreveport, Cornerstone Assistance Foundation, Inc, and Southwood Gardens Adult Community Partnership in regard to Southwood Gardens Apartments and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
3. **Resolution No. 98 of 2014**: A Resolution selecting The Times as the Official Journal for the City Of Shreveport for the period commencing July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Everson, seconded by Councilman O. Jenkins to introduce Resolution No(s). 94, 95A, and 98 of 2014 to lay over until the next regular meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.**

**Introduction of Resolutions (Not to be adopted prior to June 24, 2014)**

*The Clerk read the following:*

1. **Resolution No. 96 of 2014**: A resolution affirming the City of Shreveport's endorsement of Home Federal Bank to participate in the benefits of the Louisiana Restoration Tax Abatement Program and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (*Public Hearing to be held June 24, 2014*)
2. **Resolution No. 97 of 2014**: A resolution affirming the City of Shreveport's endorsement of Petroleum Building, LLC to participate in the benefits of the Louisiana Restoration Tax Abatement Program, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (*Public Hearing to be held June 24, 2014*)

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Everson, seconded by Councilman Corbin to introduce Resolution No(s). 96, and 97 of 2014 to lay over until the next regular meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.**

**Introduction of Ordinances (*Not to be adopted prior to June 10, 2014*)**  
*The Clerk read the following:*

2. **Ordinance No. 56 of 2014**: **ZONING - C-22-14**: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City Of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the NW corner of Shreveport Barksdale Highway Service Road and Knight Street, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA., **FROM B-2, NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT TO B-3, COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT** and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (F/Shyne)

**Motion by Councilman Corbin, seconded by Councilman S. Jenkins to remove Ordinance No. 56 of 2014 from the agenda. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.**

1. **Ordinance No. 55 of 2014**: An ordinance amending and reenacting Chapter 39 of the Code of Ordinances relative to Human Relations to establish a Human Relations Commission, to provide relative to its officers and powers, to provide relative to administrative matters and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
2. **Ordinance No. 56A of 2014**: **ZONING - C-22-14**: An Ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance by rezoning property located on the NW corner of West Canal and West 70th Street, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA, **FROM B-2, NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT TO B-3, COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT** and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (F/Shyne)
3. **Ordinance No. 57 of 2014**: **ZONING - C-30-14**: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City Of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the NE side of N Market 1200 feet north of Tanglewood Drive & being also 190 feet NE of N Market, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA., **FROM B-2, NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT TO B-2-E, NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS/EXTENDED USE DISTRICT LIMITED TO "AN INDOOR DOG TRAINING, GROOMING, AND**

**OVERNIGHT BOARDING FACILITY” ONLY**, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/McCulloch)

4. **Ordinance No. 58 of 2014: ZONING - C-31-14:** 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 Olive St bounded by Southern Ave & Buckner Street, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA., **FROM B-2, NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT TO R-A-E, RESIDENCE-AGRICULTURE/EXTENDED USE DISTRICT LIMITED TO “A NON-PROFIT COMMUNITY GARDEN AND OUTREACH FACILITY” ONLY**, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Everson)
5. **Ordinance No. 59 of 2014: ZONING - C-32-14:** An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City Of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the NW corner of Youree Dr & E Washington St, 176 feet north of E Washington, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA., **FROM B-2-E, NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS/EXTENDED USE DISTRICT TO B-3, COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT**, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Everson)
6. **Ordinance No. 60 of 2014: ZONING - C-33-14:** An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City Of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the SE side of E 70<sup>th</sup> St 2300 feet east of Dixie Gardens Road, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA., **FROM B-2, NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT TO B-3, COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT**, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Corbin)

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman O. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Corbin to introduce Ordinance No(s). 55, 56A, 57, 58, 59 and 60 of 2014 to lay over until the next regular meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 6. Nays: Councilman Webb. 1. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0**

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

*The Clerk read the following:*

2. **Ordinance No. 46 of 2014:** An ordinance levying a tax of Eight and Sixty-Four One Hundredths (8 and 64/100ths) mills per dollar on all property subject to Ad Valorem Taxation within the bounds of the Downtown Development District of the City of Shreveport as defined by Act 554 of 1078, as amended, for the year 2014, for the purposes as set forth herein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

**Having passed first reading on May 13, 2014 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Everson, seconded by Councilman Corbin to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 6. Nays: Councilman Webb. 1. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.**

3. **Ordinance No. 47 of 2014**: An ordinance levying various taxes totaling Seventeen and Sixty-Five One Hundredths (17 and 65/100ths) mills per dollar on all property subject to Ad Valorem taxation within the City of Shreveport for the year 2014 in the amounts and for the purposes described herein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

**Having passed first reading on May 13, 2014 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Corbin, seconded by Councilman Everson to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 6. Nays: Councilman Webb. 1. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.**

4. **Ordinance No. 48 of 2014**: An ordinance levying a tax of Twenty-Two and Five One Hundredths (22 and 5/100ths) mills per dollar on all property subject to Ad Valorem Taxation within the City of Shreveport for the year 2014 for the purpose of paying principal and interest on the outstanding General Obligation Bonds of the City of Shreveport, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

**Having passed first reading on May 13, 2014 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman O. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Corbin to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 6. Nays: Councilman Webb. 1. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.**

Councilman Shyne: Dale, I forgot, Ron when he gets ready to run for the senate seat over that way, he doesn't want anybody to say he voted for taxes. That's smart.

Mr. Sibley: Oh, okay.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I think we got to pay our debts, I mean I'm not for taxes, but if we got a debt out there, I think we're obliged to pay it and I'm going to have to vote for that, that's just the way it is. It's a little different. You got a debt there, you gotta pay that one, you don't have a choice of deciding whether - - -

5. **Ordinance No. 49 of 2014**: An ordinance amending the 2014 General Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized herein and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

**Having passed first reading on May 13, 2014 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman S. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman O. Jenkins to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.**

6. **Ordinance No. 50 of 2014**: An ordinance amending the 2014 Community Development Special Revenue Fund Budget, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

**Having passed first reading on May 13, 2014 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Everson, seconded by Councilman S. Jenkins to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S.**

**Jenkins. 7. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.**

7. **Ordinance No. 51 of 2014**: An ordinance closing and abandoning a 50 foot wide portion of Independence Avenue running between South Fairway Drive and Cloverdale in the Country Club Heights Subdivision, Unit 5, located in Section 8 (T17N-R14W) Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

**Having passed first reading on May 13, 2014 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman McCulloch, seconded by Councilman S. Jenkins to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.**

8. **Ordinance No. 52 of 2014**: An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Dr. David Clemons to grant access and permission to plant and maintain Live Oak trees on the east right of way of Creswell Avenue, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

**Having passed first reading on May 13, 2014 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Corbin, seconded by Councilman O. Jenkins to postpone until the next regular meeting.**

Councilman Webb: How long of a contract is he wanting?

Councilman O. Jenkins: I don't know if there's a contract.

Councilman Corbin: He's doing some landscape work on his own time and this is just releasing some liability and hold harmless.

**Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.**

9. **Ordinance No. 53 of 2014**: An ordinance amending the 2014 Capital Improvements Budget and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

**Having passed first reading on May 13, 2014 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Everson, seconded by Councilman McCulloch to postpone until the next regular meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.**

10. **Ordinance No. 54 of 2014**: An ordinance authorizing an amendment to the agreement and lease with MB Industries, L.L.C., and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (*Not to be adopted prior to June 10, 2014*)

**Having passed first reading on May 13, 2014 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman O.**

**Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Corbin to postpone until the next regular meeting.. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.**

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, for the record, just want Council to know that we will be sitting and visiting with council starting with Councilman Corbin and other members of Council between now and June 10<sup>th</sup> to defer the detail of provisions so that we'll be in a position to have everyone fully briefed, any questions or concerned answered or resolved by now and the next meeting.

Councilman Shyne: Thank you.

*The adopted ordinances and amendments follow:*

**ORDINANCE NO. 46 OF 2014**

**AN ORDINANCE LEVYING A TAX OF EIGHT AND SIXTY-FOUR ONE HUNDREDTHS (8 AND 64/100THS) MILLS PER DOLLAR ON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO AD VALOREM TAXATION WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT FOR THE YEAR 2014 FOR THE PURPOSES AS SET FORTH HEREIN, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

WHEREAS, in accordance with La. R.S. 42:19.1, the date, time and place of the meeting in which this ordinance was scheduled to be introduced and the date, time and place of the meeting in which this ordinance was scheduled to be adopted were advertised in the official journal of the City of Shreveport on April 5, 2014, and an announcement of the intent to introduce and adopt such ordinances on those dates was made in a regular meeting of the City Council on April 8, 2014.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that an ad valorem tax of Eight and Sixty-four One Hundredths (8 and 64/100ths) mills per dollar of assessed valuation be and the same is hereby levied on all property subject to ad valorem taxation within the bounds of the Downtown Development District, as provided in La. R.S. 33:2740.38, for the year 2014, and to be expended by the Downtown Development Authority for administration, operational expenses, capital improvements, project expenses or the retirement of bonds or other evidences of indebtedness, all in accordance with the results of a special election held November 5, 2002, and this shall be full authority to the Tax Assessors of Caddo Parish and Bossier Parish to extend said tax on the assessment rolls of the City of Shreveport for the year 2014.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Director of Finance, Ex Officio Tax Collector of the City of Shreveport, is hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to cause said taxes, as herein above set forth, to be spread upon the tax roll of the City of Shreveport for the year 2014, to collect said ad valorem taxes for and on behalf of said City, according to law, and to place the same to the credit of the funds described herein above as provided for and authorized by the special election held on November 5, 2002. The taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and the collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Clerk of Council shall provide a certified copy of this ordinance to the Tax Assessor of Caddo Parish and the Tax Assessor of Bossier Parish immediately after its final passage by the City Council and approval by the Mayor.

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

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

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 47 OF 2014**

#### **AN ORDINANCE LEVYING VARIOUS TAXES TOTALING SEVENTEEN AND SIXTY-FIVE ONE HUNDREDTHS (17 AND 65/100THS) MILLS PER DOLLAR ON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO AD VALOREM TAXATION WITHIN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT FOR THE YEAR 2014 IN THE AMOUNTS AND FOR THE PURPOSES DESCRIBED HEREIN, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

WHEREAS, in accordance with La. R.S. 42:19.1, the date, time and place of the meeting in which this ordinance was scheduled to be introduced and the date, time and place of the meeting in which this ordinance was scheduled to be adopted were advertised in the official journal of the City of Shreveport on April 5, 2014, and an announcement of the intent to introduce and adopt such ordinances on those dates was made in a regular meeting of the City Council on April 8, 2014.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due and legal session convened, that an ad valorem tax of Ten and Thirty One Hundredths (10 and 30/100ths) mills per dollar of assessed valuation be and the same is hereby levied on all property subject to ad valorem taxation within the City of Shreveport, for the year 2014; for the purpose of general operating expenses of the General Fund.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that an ad valorem tax of Eighty-three One Hundredths (83/100ths) mills per dollar of assessed valuation be and the same is hereby levied on all property subject to ad valorem taxation within the City of Shreveport, for the year 2014; for the purpose of operating and supplying recreational facilities and appurtenances and maintaining the same, title to which shall be in the public, in accordance with the results of a special election held April 6, 2013.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that an ad valorem tax of One and Forty-seven One Hundredths (1 and 47/100ths) mills per dollar of assessed valuation be and the same is hereby levied on all property subject to ad valorem taxation within the City of Shreveport, for the year 2014; for the purpose of providing revenues sufficient to enable the City of Shreveport to provide a three-platoon system in the Police Department, now in effect in the City of Shreveport in accordance with Act 323 of the Legislature of Louisiana for the year 1936.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that an ad valorem tax of One and Twelve One Hundredths (1 and 12/100ths) mills per dollar of assessed valuation be and the same is hereby levied on all property subject to ad valorem taxation within the City of Shreveport, for the year 2014; for the purpose of improving, repairing, and maintaining the streets of the City of Shreveport, title to which shall be in the public, in accordance with the results of a special election held April 6, 2013.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that an ad valorem tax of One and Twelve One Hundredths (1 and 12/100ths) mills per dollar of assessed valuation be and the same is hereby levied on all property subject to ad valorem taxation within the City of Shreveport, for the year 2014; for the purpose of continuing the salary and wage schedule of City employees, in accordance with the results of a special election held April 6, 2013.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that an ad valorem tax of One and Twelve One Hundredths (1 and 12/100ths) mills per dollar of assessed valuation be and the same is hereby levied on all property subject to ad valorem taxation within the City of Shreveport, for the year 2014; for the purpose of

police and fire personnel and allowance for uniforms and equipment for said departments in accordance with the results of a special election held April 6, 2013.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that an ad valorem tax of One and Sixty-nine One Hundredths (1 and 69/100ths) mills per dollar of assessed valuation be and the same is hereby levied on all property subject to ad valorem taxation within the City of Shreveport, for the year 2014; for the purpose of providing funds for the City's portion of pensions, employee life insurance and hospitalization plan for City employees in accordance with the results of a special election held April 6, 2013.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall be full authority to the Tax Assessor of Caddo Parish and the Tax Assessor of Bossier Parish to extend said taxes on the assessment rolls of the City of Shreveport for the year 2014.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Director of Finance, Ex Officio Tax Collector of the City of Shreveport, is hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to cause said taxes, as herein above set forth, to be spread upon the tax roll of the City of Shreveport for the year 2014, to collect said ad valorem taxes for and on behalf of said City, according to law, and to place the same to the credit of the funds described herein above as authorized by law. The taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and the collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Clerk of Council shall provide a certified copy of this ordinance to the Tax Assessor of Caddo Parish and the Tax Assessor of Bossier Parish immediately after its final passage by the City Council and approval by the Mayor.

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

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

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 48 OF 2014**

**AN ORDINANCE LEVYING A TAX OF TWENTY-TWO AND FIVE ONE HUNDREDTHS (22 AND 5/100THS) MILLS PER DOLLAR ON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO AD VALOREM TAXATION WITHIN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT FOR THE YEAR 2014 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON THE OUTSTANDING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

WHEREAS, in accordance with La. R.S. 42:19.1, the date, time and place of the meeting in which this ordinance was scheduled to be introduced and the date, time and place of the meeting in which this ordinance was scheduled to be adopted were advertised in the official journal of the City of Shreveport on April 5, 2014, and an announcement of the intent to introduce and adopt such ordinances on those dates was made in a regular meeting of the City Council on April 8, 2014.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that:

An ad valorem tax of Twenty-two and Five One Hundredths (22 and 5/100ths) mills per dollar of assessed valuation be and the same is hereby levied on all property subject to ad valorem taxation within the City of Shreveport, for the year 2014, for the purpose of paying the principal and interest on the outstanding general obligation bonds of the City of Shreveport, and creating a reasonable reserve for the payment of such principal and interest as the same respectively become due and payable, and this shall be full authority to the Tax Assessor of Caddo Parish and the Tax

Assessor of Bossier Parish to extend said tax on the assessment rolls of the City of Shreveport for the year 2014.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Director of Finance, Ex Officio Tax Collector of the City of Shreveport, is hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to cause said taxes, as herein above set forth, to be spread upon the tax roll of the City of Shreveport for the year 2014, to collect said ad valorem taxes for and on behalf of said City, according to law, and to place the same to the credit of the funds described herein above as authorized by law. The taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and the collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Clerk of Council shall provide a certified copy of this ordinance to the Tax Assessor of Caddo Parish and the Tax Assessor of Bossier Parish immediately after its final passage by the City Council and approval by the Mayor.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this ordinance and the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared servable.

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

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 49 OF 2014**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2014 GENERAL FUND BUDGET, APPROPRIATING THE FUNDS AUTHORIZED HEREIN, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

By:

WHEREAS, the City Charter provides for the amendment of any previously adopted budget; and WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend the 2014 General Fund Budget to adjust appropriations, to re-allocate funds to the appropriate budget line items; and for other purposes; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that Ordinance No. 120 of 2013, the 2014 General Fund Budget, is hereby amended as follows:

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

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Decrease Personnel Services by: \$40,000

Increase Contractual Services by: \$40,000

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance No. 135 of 2012 shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

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

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

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 50 OF 2014**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2014 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND BUDGET AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO**

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend the 2014 budget for the Community Development Special Revenue Fund, to adjust appropriations, reflect current revenue estimates and for other purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that Ordinance Number 123 of 2013, the 2014 budget for the Community Development Special Revenue Fund, is hereby amended as follows:

**In Section 1. (Estimated Receipts):**

2013 and Prior Year Funds:

Increase Prior-Year - CDBG Entitlement By	\$ 1,500,000
Increase Prior Year - Home Entitlement By	591,000
Increase Prior Year - Home Pgm Income By	107,000
Decrease Prior Year - SHMA Pgm Income By	10,700
Decrease Prior Year Bus Dev Loan Pgm By	39,500
Decrease Prior Year WIA Grants By	233,900

Fiscal Year 2014 Funds:

Decrease CDBG Entitlement By	97,100
Increase Home Entitlement By	12,300
Increase Federal ESG By	12,800
Increase State ESG By	14,900

**In Section 2. (Appropriations):**

2013 and Prior Year Funds:

Increase Prior Year - Housing Program By	\$ 1,000,000
Increase Prior Year - Special Projects By	474,600
Increase Prior Year - Housing & Bus Dev By	25,400
Increase Prior Year - Home Housing Program By	554,400
Increase Prior Year - Housing & Bus Dev By	36,600
Increase Prior Year - Home Pgm Income By	107,000
Decrease Prior Year- SHMA Pgm Income By	10,700
Decrease Prior Year - Bus Dev Loan Pgm By	39,500
Decrease Prior Year - WIA Youth By	268,400
Decrease Prior Year - WIA Dislocated By	10,200
Decrease Prior Year - WIA Rapid Response By	29,200
Increase Prior Year - WIA Adult Program By	12,300
Increase Prior Year - Disability Employ Init By	17,600
Increase Prior Year — Lajet Program By	44,000

Fiscal Year 2014 Funds:

Housing & Business Development

Decrease Housing & Bus Dev (CDBG) By	\$	19,400
Decrease Housing Programs By		77,700

Increase Housing & Bus Dev By	1,200
Increase Home Housing Program By	20,100
Decrease CHDO By	9,000
Increase Com Dev Admin By	1,700
Increase Fed ESG By	11,100
Increase Com Dev Admin By	400
Increase State ESG BY	14,500

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

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

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

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 51 OF 2014**

**AN ORDINANCE TO CLOSE AND ABANDON A 50 FOOT-WIDE PORTION OF INDEPENDENCE AVENUE RUNNING BETWEEN SOUTH FAIRWAY DRIVE AND CLOVERDALE IN THE COUNTRY CLUB HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, UNIT 5, LOCATED IN SECTION 8 (T17N-R14W), CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO**

**WHEREAS**, on April 22, 1948, Independence Avenue was dedicated to the public and was filed and recorded in Book 600, Page 191, of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana on May 11, 1948; and

**WHEREAS**, this publicly dedicated roadway lies south of South Fairway Drive and north of Cloverdale Street;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Shreveport has received a request from all of the adjacent property owners to close and abandon this street; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Shreveport shall retain a permanent utility servitude over the closed and abandoned area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Planning Commission approved this closure and abandonment at their meeting on April 2, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed closure and abandonment meets the requirements and approval of the City Engineer's Office;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, regular and legal session convened, that the 50 foot wide, 280 foot long portion of Independence Avenue between South Fairway Drive and Cloverdale Street of the Country Club Heights Subdivision, Unit 5, as shown and indicated on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, is officially closed and abandoned.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that the City of Shreveport shall retain a permanent utility servitude over the entire area of the closure and abandonment.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance shall be filed and recorded in the official records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

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

to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

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

### **Tabled Legislation.**

1. **Ordinance No. 170 of 2012:** Amending and reenacting portions of Chapter 90 of the Code of Ordinances relative to Residential Parking Permit Zones, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto (*Tabled December 11, 2012*)
2. **Ordinance No. 89 of 2011:** Amending and reenacting Chapter 74 of the Code of Ordinances relative to Solid Waste Collections, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto (G/S. Jenkins) (*Tabled August 13, 2013*)

Councilman S. Jenkins: I believe we have addressed the concerns in the previous amendment to the solid waste ordinance.

**Motion by Councilman S. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman O. Jenkins to remove Ordinance No. 89 of 2011 from the agenda. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0**

3. **Ordinance No. 90 of 2013:** Amending and reenacting Section 102-47 of the Code of Ordinances relative to insurance required for Vehicles for Hire and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (F/Shyne) (*Tabled August 27, 2013*)
4. **Ordinance No. 12 of 2014:** Changing the name of Steeple Chase Plaza Drive to Gregory Kirby Plaza Drive, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (G/S. Jenkins)
5. **Ordinance No. 19 of 2014:** Amending the 2014 Water and Sewerage Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
6. **Ordinance No. 20 of 2014:** Amending the 2014 Community Development Special Revenue Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
7. **Ordinance No. 21 of 2014:** Amending the 2014 Airport Enterprise Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
8. **Ordinance No. 22 of 2014:** Amending the 2014 Golf Enterprise Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
9. **Ordinance No. 24 of 2014:** Amending the 2014 General Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

10. **Resolution No. 52 of 2014:** A resolution amending the Pay Plan for General Classified Employees to provide a one-time lump sum pay increase and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (E/Webb)

## **Appeals**

### **Property Standards Appeals**

- PSD1000086** 2837 Logan Street, Shreveport, LA (G/S. Jenkins) Ms. Carolyn Ivory Wilson, 3646 Del Rio Street, Shreveport, LA 71109 (G/Jenkins) (*Postponed March 24, 2014 until May 23, 2014*)
- PSD1000141** 728 Austin Pl, Shreveport, LA (B/Everson) Ms. Deborah Bryant, 9640 Tammy, Shreveport, LA 71106 (Caddo Parish) (*Postponed March 24, 2014 until August 25, 2014*)
- PSD1300218** 360 E. 68<sup>th</sup> Street, Shreveport, LA (C/O. Jenkins) Mr. Daniel Southern, 368 E. 68<sup>th</sup> Street, Shreveport, LA 71106 (C/O. Jenkins) (*Postponed March 24, 2014 until May 23, 2014*)
- PSD1300137** 1447 Hollywood Avenue, Shreveport, LA (F/Shyne) Ms. Mary Dickens, 6004 Fox Ridge, Shreveport, LA 71129 (G/S. Jenkins) (*Postponed April 7, 2014 until May 23, 2014*)
- PSD1300213** 2701 Martin Luther King Drive, Shreveport, LA (A/McCulloch) Ms. Sherri Smith, 5992 Canada Court, Bossier City, LA 71117 (*Postponed March 10, 2014 until June 9, 2014*)
- PSD1300253** 3640 Del Rio Street, Shreveport, LA (G/S. Jenkins) Mr. Terry Williams, 900 Whispering Lake Drive, Shreveport, LA 71107 (*Postponed March 10, 2014 until June 9, 2014*)
- PSG1300703** 3640 Del Rio Street, Shreveport, LA (G/S. Jenkins) Mr. Terry Williams, 900 Whispering Lake Drive, Shreveport, LA 71107 (*Postponed March 10, 2014 until June 9, 2014*)
- PSD1300207** 1622 Creswell Avenue, Shreveport, LA (B/Everson) Mr. John C. Smith, 224 Cane Bend Drive, Haughton, LA 71037 (*Postponed April 7, 2014 until October 13, 2014*)
- PSD1300319** 3040 Skelly Street, Shreveport, LA (A/McCulloch) Mr. Thadious L. Hawkins, 650 Kingridge Place, Shreveport, LA 71108 (*Postponed April 7, 2014 until June 9, 2014*)
- PSD1300040** 600 W. 73<sup>rd</sup> Street, Shreveport, LA (F/Shyne) Mr. James McReynolds 135 Mahaffey Road, Princeton, LA 71067 (*Postponed May 12, 2014 until June 9, 2014*)
- PSG1400174** Vacant lot north of 615 W. 70<sup>th</sup> Street, Shreveport, LA (F/Shyne) Ms. Lola Armstrong, 315 Camp Zion, Haughton, LA 71037 (*Postponed May 12, 2014 until July 7, 2014*)
- PSD1400022** 2806 W. Maple Street, Shreveport, LA (G/S. Jenkins) Mr. Gary Sweatt, P.O. Box 3212, Shreveport, LA *NEW*

### **Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance Appeals**

Revocation of an Alcohol Beverage Permit for on Cloud Wine, 6936 Buncombe Road, Shreveport, LA 71129 (G/S. Jenkins) Ms. Debbie Keckler, On Cloud Wine, 6936 Buncombe Road, Shreveport, LA

## **Metropolitan Planning Commission Appeals and Zoning Board of Appeals**

### **Other Appeals**

Caddo Parish Animal Services Board decision appealed by Mr. Daniel R. Keele, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 303, Shreveport, LA 71162 on behalf of Mr. Matthew Phiffer. (*Postponed May 12, 2014 until May 23, 2014*)

**Taxi Appeal:** None.

**SOB Appeal:** None.

**Reports from officers, boards, and committees**

### **Clerk's Report**

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Thompson, you've done such an excellent job, if it's alright with Councilman Oliver Jenkins, your best friend, we will bypass a report from the Clerk unless there is something that you. Okay, I know how Oliver is. Oliver likes for you to give your report.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Work a full day and earn a fair wage, that's what I'm all about..

Councilman Corbin: I see Mr. Thompson has something under his report.

*Appeal Letter:* SC-13-14: East side of Railsback Ridge Drive immediately south of Bayou Pierre, Shreveport, LA (D/Corbin) Mr. Tom Arceneaux, Blanchard Walker, 400 Texas Street, Shreveport, LA

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

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

Councilman Shyne: I believe we are at the end. We're going back into our Regular Session.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I got a comment.

Councilman Shyne: Shoot it.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay. Are we back in Regular Session?

Councilman Shyne: Yes.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Earlier last week there's a letter sent out to the department heads and subsequently disseminated to employees about proposed changes from the Employee Retirement System Board to the retirement system and how that's calculated. As you know, there are six or eight of us that sit on that. I do know there is one council representative. I do know that Dale Sibley sits on it. I know that the mayor has a seat on there. I know there are two retirees on there and then two current employees, so however many that number is, those who I believe who make up that board we have been working on some ways to make our retirement system and the fund viable for the long term. And so this is a proposal that is totally at the board level at this point. We are looking for input from employees, stake holders, what have you this Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. and Thursday at 5:00 p.m. at Riverview Hall. We all intend to be there in our capacities at whatever times we can work out that day to take that input. This proposal has not come before

the City Council at this point. This is at the committee level just like we do in Public Safety or any other type of committee. We come up with from the committee standpoint and make a proposal to the council, but we recognize it's an opportunity to get stake holders input at this stage in the game. I have sent all of you all an email of what that proposal is today. What that discussion's gonna be – certainly welcome input at the council level at the meeting on the Wednesday or Thursday. Come in, sit and listen to what their – you know, the employee issues are. That to say that this issue is a fait accompli at this point is definitely an understatement. We are in the discussion phase and proposal stage rather than it hasn't shown up on our agenda, though frankly if you do the math I have to tell you there's ways to be more drastic, but there are definitely not too many ways to keep it viable over the next thirty years if we don't take these measures. And I'd be happy to debate that with anybody that has some additional proposals. Are there areas to, you know, if you can figure out – absolutely, but for every bit of that there's gonna have to be every give, there's gonna have to be some take. Financially we are just, you know, frankly under-funded at this stage so that's my – I'll call it sort of editorial comment, but you know, I do think it is extremely important for the long term viability of the system, the employees and the City of Shreveport that we tackle a rather urgent matter at this point.

Councilman Shyne: Councilman, thank you. One other remark – Sibley –

Mr. Sibley: Yes, sir.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Thompson, council members, please stay in touch with Coach Carter and see how much they need with this – Councilman Jenkins and Councilman Corbin and all of the council members. Shelly, we're gonna see if we can raise maybe the first couple of weeks right quick and then we're gonna still continue to raise and I'm gonna ask Mr. Thompson to get with you and we want to prepare a budget amendment so we can make sure Shelly, that these young people have an opportunity to enjoy a good track season. And Jeff is going to be with us and Rose and Ron and if we have to knock on some doors and beg some preachers and some business folks that we can get this money where these young people can be able to enjoy a good track season because as old as I am I might – the mayor and I might get out and show them youngsters how to hand the stick off on the 440, you know. Mayor, we might have to call 911 for myself, but you know, I'm going to give it a shot because we need – I mean this is, you know, out of all the haggling and discussions we go thru we want to make sure that we take care of these young people. So Mr. Thompson would you please do that? And Oliver would you and Michael would you all please start making some connections so that we can raise some money so these youngsters will have a good summer? And I just forgot mayor we might have to – this front over here that's got on this blue jacket, you know.

Councilman O. Jenkins: That was never my thing. I could tell you that if sports mean to dress to kill that's never been my kind of calling out there.

Mayor Glover: I'm more of a distance man Mr. Shyne.

Councilman Shyne: Okay, because Ron and I might have to flip the coin.

Councilman Webb: I'll tell you heads I win, tails you lose.

Councilman Shyne: Now that's great. Meeting's adjourned.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:44 p.m.

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//s// *Joe Shyne, Chairman*

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