



Council Proceedings of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana

November 27, 2012

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana was called to order by Chairman Sam Jenkins at 3:17 p.m., Tuesday, November 26, 2012, in the Government Chambers in Government Plaza (505 Travis Street).

Invocation was given by Reverend Willie S. Banks.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman 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 O. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Shyne to approve the minutes of the Administrative Conference, Monday, November 26, 2012 and Council Meeting, Tuesday, November 27, 2012. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.

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

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

Councilman S. Jenkins: I believe we have a couple of distinguished guests that we want to bring up during this particular time. Councilman Everson, I believe you have a distinguished guests that you'd like to bring up at this time?

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, just before you do that, Mr. Sibley, would you - - - could you send for - - - is Terri here?

Mr. Sibley: She is, she's upstairs. Get her down?

Councilman Shyne: Right.

Councilman Everson: Not a problem. I need to recognize Stacy Brown with the Convention and Tourist Bureau.

Councilman Shyne: Ms. Stacy got on her Christmas colors today, have you noticed that? A red blouse.

Ms. Stacy Brown: Well, I didn't get green, but I could probably find some. Green eyes! Good afternoon Councilmen, I don't know if the Mayor is on the phone yet. Mayor and Chairman Jenkins, I appreciate y'all allowing me to come before you today. To give you a brief overview of tourism, and a copy of our 2013 budget and business plan are being handed out to you now. At the bureau, we have a true passion for what we do and a sincere desire to grow tourism and the convention business in Shreveport/Bossier, Caddo and Bossier Parishes. We want to work smart, not just hard. So each year, we really evaluate our programs for effectiveness. Look at what went well, what could be better and what programs we may need to scrap for the future. We bring in a fresh pair of eyes each year to look at what we're doing to evaluate those, tell us about the latest trends in the industry and things we may want to focus on for the future to better return on investments for the money that we put into tourism. Berkley Young with Young Strategies worked with us this year on our email destination business and marketing plan. One of the things that we talked about is you know so often we do these big marketing plans that are so detailed, nobody ever reads them. So this year, we've done a nice brief one for you and hope that you'll take the time to read that and understand a little bit more about what we do at the bureau. All of our staff was involved in putting it together, doing some brainstorming on what are some of those things that we can do a little bit differently to attract some new business and to keep our existing business coming back again and again. As you know this year has been a challenging year. We've had a number of new hotel properties built in the community. We also have seen a decline in the Haynesville Shale workers. As you know 2010 was a banner year with the increase in the Haynesville Shale. Right now we are at 58.6% in occupancy as of the end of October which is down about 12.8% from last year. However this is pretty equal to 2009. We actually have 137,000 more room nights to sell now than we did in 2009, because of the growth of the hotels, with some new properties already under construction on the way to open. One of the things we have to do is work on what are those availabilities? As you know, you have the bond issue coming out and some of the properties that we're used to selling are going to be out of the market for a little while. One of those is Cargill Park. We have been able to move all but one of the tournaments to other locations throughout the cities of Shreveport and Bossier. That one, there just wasn't enough space to be able to move them. But they are looking to come back next year. And so we are very pleased with that. SPAR has been working very well with us,

and we really appreciate all their assistance in making that happen. Also the Barnwell Garden and Art Center will be closing and the Municipal Auditorium as well. So as we get more details on those and the closures, we're making sure that we're transitioning clients to other properties for the future. One of the things we will be able to do, at the Municipal before it closes for its renovation, we're participating with the State of Louisiana in a project to really promote music. Obviously with the Municipal Auditorium, we have a venue that can't be missed. So we're working with a publication called Oxford American to do a series of concerts throughout Louisiana and some music panels. So the first one will be held here in Shreveport/Bossier in January at the Municipal Auditorium. So we're really excited about that opportunity. Some of the highlights for 2012 included the formation of the Shreveport/Bossier Sports Commission. As you know, you worked with us on a cooperative endeavor agreement, the two cities and two parishes along with the bureau to form that. And because of that, we've been able to be successful in generating a number of events. Of course the premier one this year was the Bass Master Classic with an economic impact of more than \$21,000,000. Generating more than 93,000 visitors through the doors that weekend. That is obviously a significant impact. It was second only to ourselves back a few years ago. And obviously Bass is very interested in coming back and we're in preliminary talks about 2016. So we're excited to host them again. We were working with them on other tournaments in the mean time, and in April, they will be coming with one of their Bass Open series tournaments. We have a little bit of a challenge with that as many of you know. Right before the Classic, we learned there were some changes in the Recreational Product Show rules. So we worked with our legislators to put some new laws in place, and now we're working with the Motor Vehicle Commission to make sure those rules match the laws and that it enables events like the Bass Master Classic to be successful. This year, we also focused on the Bicentennial and celebrating The Beginnings. Obviously Shreveport/Bossier wasn't here at the start of Louisiana, but we do have a number of events and programs that we've done throughout the year to promote the Bicentennial. Our Boomer Bus Byway which is Hwy 2 has been very successful in generating a number of federal grants over the years, and we just completed two major projects this year. One of them was some panels and kiosks in the four major parishes, as well as a new audio-video tour and those are available now at our bureau office. We've partnered with the Byway on the other side of the state with Monroe/West Monroe. So you can pick up that machine anywhere along the state, or if you've got a smart phone, you can just use your (inaudible) code to take you to it. And as you travel along the Byway, a GPS activated audio-video tour will come up and tell you where you are and about the place that you're in, and really encourage people to get out into the rural areas as well. One of the things we've concentrated over the last couple of years is with our attractions and really working to build our attractions, they need to be viable with the local constituents as well as the out

of town visitors. So we've worked out some things with Lamar Billboards to do some special billboards once the visitors are in town, and also to make our local people more aware of what's happening in our community. We also partnered with SRAC to produce the Fun Guide, and that's been very successful to really generate more information for the community as well as those outside visitors. This year, we brought in Judy Randle again. She did some research for us, and came up with some one on one activities that each of the attractions could put into place, to generate better sales at their gift shops, better improve the attendance as well as improving the experience of the visitors while they're there. We'll continue to focus on advertising, social media and creating experiences at our attractions. Through these programs, we're working to develop tourism and develop our destination by taking an active role in the support of the infrastructure and strengthening the participation with the attractions. On a very strong (inaudible) and partnerships, and one of the things we do is partner with a number of different organizations. Some of those are created in house, and we are the fiscal agent for Louisiana North, Holiday Travel Lights and the Boomer Bus Byway and those are all included in your packet as well. Some of the major changes that you see in our budget are due to our increased role in the Sports market. We have also worked diligently with you on the FLW's Forrest Wood Cup which will be coming in August of next year, and other major sports events. So we're excited about the opportunities for the future. We've exercised I believe sound fiscal and business planning as well as responsible budgeting to position us well for next year in the upcoming projects. And again, Mayor Glover, President Jenkins, and Council, I appreciate you allowing me to come before you today and I'd be happy to answer any questions you might have.

Councilman Shyne: One question. Is it anything that we can do to help your program besides giving you some more money?

Ms. Brown: Actually I'm not asking. The only thing we've asked for money for, is for the FLW Cup for sports. We have not asked for any for the bureau. We do ask for your partnership and your team at the Mayor's office has been wonderful in partnering with us. Most recently I worked with Rod Richardson on the Veteran's Parade. So we work very closely with the Mayor's office and the staff. SPAR has been a tremendous help to us in a number of different ways in putting on not only sporting events, but other activities as well in their support of the attractions that's tremendous.

Councilman Shyne: I think you all have done an excellent job, and what you all do is extremely important for not only the economic growth of this city, but the quality of life and a lot of times when people look at moving into Shreveport, I've gone on a few recruiting trips, and they want to know about the quality of life. And you all play a great part in the quality of life. So you all do an excellent job.

Ms. Brown: Thank you. I appreciate that.

Councilman O. Jenkins: On a budget perspective, under the communication section, do you fall personally under the Administrative section?

Ms. Brown: That's correct.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Then the visitor center personnel, do they fall under communication or do they fall under tourism?

Ms. Brown: Yes they do. They fall under communications.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay, gotcha.

Ms. Brown: You're welcome.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Anyone else for Ms. Brown? Thank you so much for everything you do. You're doing a great job. Thank you for coming down.

Ms. Brown: Thank you. I appreciate that.

Councilman Shyne: I see you have a - - - is that a new staff member? Do you want her to stand?

Ms. Brown: Yes I do. Christie Whitaker is my new assistant. Her husband is in the military and has been transferred to our area, and we appreciate his service, and she is just recently moved here from Dallas.

Councilman Shyne: And we have an ex-military brat here on the Council.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Well the military brat would be Brian over there. He counts as a military brat, but I was in the military. Welcome to Shreveport.

Ms. Whitaker: What branch were you in?

Councilman S. Jenkins: Marines.

Ms. Whitaker: Oh okay, my husband is Army.

Councilman Shyne: Brian, I didn't know you were a military - - - I thought maybe your people had been one of those big plantation owners, down, kinda south of here.

Mr. Crawford: No sir.

Councilman Webb: I wanted to ask Elliot Stonecipher to come up here. He has some information he wants to share with the Council.

Mr. Elliot Stonecipher: Thank you Councilman Webb. Mr. Chairman and members of the Council, I appreciate the time that you will allow me to get these facts in the record. And I apologize for it being relatively formal. But we believe that, that is required at this point. Also, I would like to say in advance that there is nothing about this that the Finish 3132 Coalition intends to be at all disrespectful of any of the parties involved in this. The degree to which I will be direct is not intended to be disrespectful. We believe it is necessary and from questions we've been asked by Council Members, we hope that it will be helpful as well. I'm not sure if this is even on.

Ms. Johnson: I believe its on. If you just place your document face up.

Mr. Stonecipher: These comments are in reference to the roadway that is under construction for Esplanade Subdivision. On two separate occasions, earlier this year, the Shreveport Metropolitan Planning Commission Members, both times by unanimous votes refused to approve the construction of this roadway, now called Forbing Ridge Road. The City Council then by a 6-1 vote affirmed the MPC action by dismissing Mr. Larkin's appeal. The City Council voted last month on October 9th, and then the following day, October 10th in spite of that vote and supposedly basing his argument on a single remark made by the City Attorney, Mr. Larkin wrote to the City Engineer saying, "We believe we have the lawful right to construct the required road including the Forbing Ridge Road." In other words, Mr. Larkin found a comment by the City Attorney that was useful for his purpose, ignored the two unanimous votes by the MPC, and the 6-1 vote by this Body, and went to Mayor Glover to confect so called approvals for an action that Mr. Larkin has intended since 2007. The building of the roadway from the bridge over Bayou Pierre into Flournoy Lucas Road. The roadway that is necessary because of a contract Mr. Larkin entered into with the Railsback Road Homeowners Association. Before Mr. Larkin can build houses. That agreement in 2007 also became a Caddo Parish Ordinance, which we've discussed with the Council previously. Acting as directed by our Mayor, the City Engineering office set about to create some documents and withhold others we have learned to create the appearance of legality in the construction now underway. In continuation of the Coalition's effort to protect the future route of the 3132 extension, we have suits pending in state court and another in preparation for the federal court to protect the extension and stop the construction. Both courts however have recently taken preliminary actions to refer the matter of Mr. Larkin's roadway construction back to where the courts believe those actions belong. This City Council. The process for the City Council action is direct and

is set forth in it's own-in our own city ordinances. Contrary to comments made by some, this road is not being built on private land. I'd like to repeat that. Contrary to comments from some, this road is not being built on private land, it is being built on a servitude already dedicated to the public and therefore on public property. There is a great deal of verbiage on this document which was forwarded to the City Council late last month, and then we obtained it then. It is of course in the darkened area the path of the roadway that we're discussing. Flournoy Lucas is here, the bridge is over Bayou Pierre is here. In the upper right hand corner is language I'm about to read to you. But please note at the very top as well, this says public servitude of passage. Here's what the language in the smallest print says, and please note right here, this is signed by Mr. Larkin on April 12th of this year. April 12th of this year. *"The undersigned owner hereby dedicates a public servitude of passage upon the described right of way. The servitude of passage or any portion thereof may not be revoked without the dedication of a replacement servitude connecting the Flournoy Lucas Road to the existing Bayou Pierre Bridge. The roadway improvements within the servitude shall be constructed to comply with all local and state and federal guidelines that are applicable to said construction. This roadway shall be privately maintained until such time as the public dedication is granted."* But it was signed on April 12th of this year. By his October 10th letter to the City Engineer, Mr. Larkin applied for a permit to construct his proposed street. According to records we've obtained through court action with many more records yet being withheld, the street is 60 feet wide. The permitting process necessary for this construction to have begun, has not been followed, thus the roadway is illegal and actions in regard to his "approval" by certain city officials are wholly unauthorized and improper and constitute direct violations of their oaths of office and duties under the City Charter. Here are some points about the permitting process ladies and gentlemen. First, any private street or drive within subdivision must be approved and authorized by the MPC or the City Council. Mr. Larkin admitted he needed such approval when he filed his original zoning application, seeking that approval and authority with the MPC. The MPC, twice, both times unanimously, and the City Council by a vote of 6-1 rejected that application. The street in question will connect one of the streets of the city, Flournoy Lucas Road to land that is zoned for residential development. Under the Shreveport Municipal Code, Mr. Larkin cannot connect to any such street without first applying for and obtaining a permit to do so. That's under the language *'Permit Required'*. Third in fact because the private street or drive that Mr. Larkin's building is over 10 feet in width, such application for the required permit application must be made to the City Council. I'd like to read this language, and then I'll put it up. This is Ordinance 78/56. *The Director of Public Works shall have the authority to issue a permit for the construction of a driveway, approach or entrance in the residential area of the city, or upon (inaudible) properties owned for residential use. Such a permit shall be issued by the Director of Public Works as a matter of*

course, unless the Director shall find that the granting for such a permit would be unsafe, dangerous or greatly inconvenient to the public. In which event, he shall afford the application for the permit to the City Council. Part B: No permit shall be issued by the Director of Public Works under Subsection A, (that's the part I just read) of this section for the construction of a driveway, approach, or entrance exceeding 10 feet in width at the property line." First of all, I'd like to point out for the record that for whatever reasons, I think we're still trying to get this section up, for whatever reasons why the ordinance stipulates that it has to be the Director of Public Works, the Director of Public Works has not been contacted in any form that any records show, only the City Engineer. And it's very important for us to understand too that the ordinance is specific in saying that if the driveway or street is more than 10 feet wide, it has to come to the City Council for approval, regardless of anything else. Mr. Larkin (inaudible) has never applied for or obtained the permit he must have from the City Council for his roadway to be legal. Each of us well knows and understands the history of the way the Hwy 3132 Extension was killed in April 2011 by the direction action of our Mayor, Mr. Larkin's attorney, and the Director of NLCOG. In the year and a half since, our coalition's worked as diligently as it can to prevent anything which would further that action. Mr. Larkin's roadway does precisely that. As he is well aware and it was explained to us by the Secretary of Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, once this roadway is built, the chances of the extension ever being built dropped dramatically. The proper route for the extension is directly over the road Mr. Larkin is building. And directly through the development he will begin constructing as soon as his roadway is complete. As many of you know the court strongly prefer that any action on their part to stop this construction not come from private interests, like the Coalition, but rather from public ones, in this case, the City Council. Though we understand the Council must retain independent counsel to file such a suit, you have just done so in the matter of your investigation of the financial advisor. If Mr. Larkin is allowed by the Council to build this roadway, it does so at a real cost to the city. How a city measures the damage done to it when the rule of law is not only ignored, but in fact as in this case, laughed at. I don't know. We do know though that the damage is nothing to laugh about. Its real, and it (inaudible). How can this Council or the MPC ever fairly make some other person follow these ordinances in any kind of permit. Can a handful of City Officials can create the appearance of legality is not heavy lift. Ordinances are easily manipulated to get around them which is why the Council and MPC spend so much time refereeing those fights. That's not what's at issue here. What's at issue is whether or not the City Council will take the action that only the Council may under our Charter. An act to stop construction of this roadway now because it's the duty of the Council, and because it's the right thing to do. If there are any questions Mr. Chairman, I will try to answer them. I thank you for your time regardless.

Councilman Shyne: Of course I'll yield to Councilman Webb in a minute. Councilman, you don't mind me - - -?

Councilman Webb: No, go ahead.

Councilman Shyne: It seems like Mr. Stonecipher, the information that you've given us, this has just been an outright disregard for the law. Is that - - - ?

Mr. Stonecipher: It's not only an outright disregard for the law Mr. Shyne, and I wished that were the case. It'd be bad enough if it stopped there. The fact of the matter is that several city officials, and I have identified them already, had to act in concert to create the appearance of legality where it does not exist. Lets remember there has been an 18-month period that we'd been debating this. Much of that time was spent, especially this year, in two trips to the MPC, they voted unanimously against this both times; Then just last month here, and in voting 6-1 to dismiss this, we all believed of course that that was of course to dismiss the MPC appeal, which was to uphold not constructing the bridge, I mean the roadway. So literally, we have the MPC on two occasions, the City Council, this City Council on another one as recently as last month, and literally the Mayor and some officials that are very, very close to him, are creating the appearance of legality where it doesn't exist. I'd like to add for whatever its worth, and I think its important. The Council voted 6-1 on the 9th. Mr. Larkin wrote his letter to the City Engineer the next day and literally asserted based on a single remark made by the City Attorney that I don't care what y'all said, and I don't care what the MPC said, the Mayor says that its okay. And that's where we are. Now for the record, it was 20 days from the date of that letter before the Mayor let the members of this Council know that any of that had happened.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Sibley, I'm going to make this statement to you, and I'm going to say this and I don't necessarily want you to answer, because I know who you work for. I don't want to put you in jeopardy. But I do want to say to the Council because we all work for the City.

Councilman O. Jenkins: The Citizens.

Councilman Shyne: Right. He said 50 cents, but I guess that's - - -

Councilman O. Jenkins: I said for the Citizens.

Councilman Shyne: Oh, for the Citizens. Right. For the Citizens.

Councilman O. Jenkins: We don't work for the City.

Councilman Shyne: Okay, we work for the Citizens. I don't understand either. I mean I'm puzzled. I mean I've been down here for a long time, and Mr. Chairman, Mr. Jenkins, we've never had this to happen. I think like Mr. Stonecipher said, the MPC voted twice unanimously. The City Council voted a 6-1 vote. And the Mayor went right on Willie, and that's your cousin. He went right on anyway, and gave the okay. And of course I can understand if the Director of Public Works followed the instructions of the Mayor, because that's who he works for. And gave the permit - - - was the Director of Public Works or was it the Engineer?

Mr. Stonecipher: It's interesting. The ordinance specifies the Director of Public Works. The Director of Public Works has never appeared in the permitting process even by signature. There is no appearance of the Director of Public Works, only the City Engineer.

Councilman Shyne: Well Mr. Harris, I'm not going to ask you either, because I know who you work for. I mean this has gotten to be - - - you know this is a situation ladies and gentlemen that I've never seen happen down here, and Ron, you've been a part of Parish Government, and Ms. McCulloch, you've been a part of Parish Government and Mr. Sam Jenkins, you've helped to run Parish Government. So I'm just - - - I've never seen this happen before I always thought when it came to the City Council, I mean, you know this is kinda the final say so, and the intent of this was to have the person that's doing the building the road to wait until we got the report back, to see where 3132 would be going.

Mr. Stonecipher: The Stage I Feasibility Study.

Councilman Shyne: That's exactly right. But it seems like its almost like having heart surgery. Look, I need to hurry up and get this tomorrow, because if I don't, I'm going to die. But this is not the point that I'm saying. Do you have any suggestions on what we need to - - - cause the City Attorney is not in here at this time.

Councilman Webb: I can give you a suggestion.

Councilman Shyne: Okay.

Councilman Webb: I think this body, just like I asked the current Chairman, we need to call a special meeting, we need to hire an attorney to represent us, we need to stop the abuse of power because there is a division of power. And this council made a ruling that's been totally ignored, and we should take a stand with our ruling and defend ourselves. I haven't been able to get that special meeting called, and I know our new chairman is not going to call it, so.

Mr. Stonecipher: Mr. Webb, can I add one comment?

Councilman Webb: (Inaudible) one of the members beside the Chairman to do it, but it could be called. Yes sir.

Mr. Stonecipher: I'd like to at least add for the record, and this applies most directly I think to Chairman Jenkins. The way it would work, the way we were explained and I'm not an attorney, I'm going by what our attorneys told us. We of course are in court with two different suits at the state level. The advantage the Council has is that if the Council decides to enter into this discussion, it could in fact, I believe Chairman Jenkins, intervene in the existing cases or existing suits, if it chose to - - - the heaving lifting on the legal research and so forth is done. That's not going to change, no matter who the plaintiff is. But it literally the case as we have learned. And we were willing to try, and we were willing for Willis Knighton to pay the bill quite frankly, but we have learned that the courts expect this City Council to take this issue up directly before they enter.

Councilman Webb: It's the same thing, in court. A judge is not going tell a lawyer how to defend or represent his case, he's got to do his own representation. And that's where we need to - - - the court is not going to tell us what we need to do, we gotta tell the court we need help.

Mr. Stonecipher: The legal term, excuse me Mr. Jenkins, Chairman Jenkins.

Councilman Webb: I said a long time ago, this was going to wind up in the courts to be decided, and the quicker it gets there, the better it is, so we can resolve it for the benefit of the citizens and the future of Shreveport.

Mr. Stonecipher: Well its being built as rapidly as it can be built. And I do want to say at least one more time for whatever this is worth. That that public dedication is a done deal. That was signed on April 12th. So for there to be an assertion that its not publicly dedicated, is part of the confection. The point is that roadway belongs to the people of Shreveport. And its now being paved. And I run out there everyday, and I'd rather run on dirt. I don't think he has the right to pave the road. On top of all these other issues. So the Council has plenty, plenty, plenty of arguments to make in a court room.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Mr. Stonecipher, I do appreciate that you read it for the record. Could we possibly get a copy when you spoke about the dimensions and the actual ordinances. Sometimes it takes us a couple of days to get those type of (inaudible)

Mr. Stonecipher: Not a problem. Be happy to.

Councilman O. Jenkins: (Inaudible) to see 'em to just review a few of 'em didn't really make sense to me, but obviously you're reading them and I'm trying - - -

Mr. Stonecipher: Well, let me say this. We have not been able since trying since June 28th to even get the plans. We get plans that are not the final plans. So I do want everybody to know on top of every thing else, the certified set of plans necessary before it started being built, was never produced in the course of the litigation, which is to say if we want to see if its 60 feet, we'd better go out there with our tap measure. S I will definitely get it to you. But there's a lot of - - -

Councilman O. Jenkins: (Inaudible) references I was trying to figure out exactly where we are. Okay, thank you.

Councilman S. Jenkins: You know I think I have stated time and again, Councilman Shyne and Mr. Stonecipher, that I thought it would be wise not to build a road or put any other construction in that area until we resolve the issue of the highway. I mean I've said it time and time again. In my opinion, that has never changed. Even in my conversations with the Mayor, even though we have some differences of opinion about that respectfully. Different opinions about (inaudible) to the extent that this road is being built on that property. When that was brought to the Council, I said then it did not appear to me to be an issue that needed to be before the Council. Mr. Larkin from what was being explained to me, did not need Council approval to build his road. He is basically coming to us and he was saying 'Will you approve my road before I build it?' I felt that that was asking for an opinion that the Council was not in a position to give. You build the road and then you bring it, and then you try to get it approved. But he was asking us to give him some kind of opinion about approving his road, before he ever built it. We didn't think that was a proper question to be bringing before this council. And what we did was, the action that the Council took, the Council never said 'Don't build a road, or you can build a road.' That's not what we did down here. What we said is what you're asking us is something that we don't do. You don't come to us and ask us to approve something that's never been built. You don't know what the outcome of something like that is going to be. For those reasons the appeal was dismissed with the thought that the parties would take all these issues up in the lawsuits that were already pending. Some of which I believe the city is a party in those lawsuits already. Now let me say this, and I know you got some more to say. I just want to you know since this is discussion is taking place - - -

Mr. Stonecipher: I'm with you every step Mr. Chairman.

Councilman O. Jenkins: What I said to Councilman Webb when he asked me about the special meeting was that the first thing I need to know since we're going to have a

special meeting, and was going to be taking certain action, I wanted to know could we be legally taking that kind of action. Which I believe was going to be, can we order this guy, Mr. Larkin not to build a road. So I said, let me get legal to take a look at it and I think it was distributed out that what was referred to Council was not - - - what came from the Council was not in order to build a road, or not to build a road. Okay. It was dismissed because he was asking us to do something that we cannot do. Now, the only thing I have with the situation right now, which I will say again, I think its not wise to do, is that this is a private roadway being built on private land with someone's private funds.

Mr. Stonecipher: Except that its publicly dedicated already.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Right. I mean I understand - - - I don't want to get into the exact legality of that because I don't think simply because we got some kind of public right of passage or something, that necessarily changes the character of your property.

Mr. Stonecipher: No, it was actually the dedication that did it. The language of the dedication back in April. But Mr. Chairman, if I could, I'd like to respond.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Well let me wrap it up and let you respond. I felt like the action of the Council was not in order to Mr. Larkin that you couldn't build a road. Now if the action of the Council was to Mr. Larkin that you couldn't build a road, and he went out and began to build a road, that would have been a different story. But I don't think that that's at all what we were deciding or what we were trying to give some decision about. We thought that of course we were going to get all this stuff worked out in court. Someone would say to me that this Council can act in a manner that would tell Mr. Larkin he can't build a road, I'm not hearing that and I haven't heard that yet. That we can order him or say to him you can't build this road, I have not (inaudible) figuratively led that out to me yet, and I certainly don't want the Council crossing certain lines where we as a city, could get sued for damages for delays, interrupting someone's private rights, a whole lot of other things that can come out of something. But that simply has not been definitively said to me. Now I'll wrap it up and let me say this here. I will say again, I think the wise course of action is to try to get the highway, and the route of the highway and all of that stuff out of the way. Because I can see it being disruptive for a highway to come through after someone has built the road and built houses and everything else. You talking about relocating people, and all those different things that go along with something like that. Why not get the highway issue out first. Now I've said that from Day 1. Still feel that way today. I just haven't been given that comfort level that says I can cross the line and tell someone they can't built this particular road on the property. That just hasn't been given to me in any kind of sense

that makes me comfortable that the Council can take an action like that. So, I give it back to you.

Mr. Stonecipher: Mr. Chairman, I will tell you, I would not even to try to begin to try to sort this out. If I hadn't had the advantage or the disadvantage of having been working on this for the full 18 months. If you did, it actually makes sense, and the illegality is obvious. So let me try to explain it this way. The Council voted 6-1 to dismiss the MPC's referral back to this Council of an appeal. That appeal was based on would be, maybe, could be, what if, end of story. And by the way, the record, thank you Ma'am, which is so clear, y'all's record of these meetings is very, very clear. And Mr. Chairman, if you go back and read your comments, they said exactly what you just said they say. You were clear. Now you did preface those remarks, for whatever its worth, on completion of the studies. And these mentioned that year long period. But you said exactly what you just said. Here's our dilemma. None of that matters. The road is now being built. Imagine that it's October 9th. That's when you voted 6-1 against. Imagine it's October 9th but the road is being built. Contrary to two unanimous MPC votes against it. That would have been an entirely different discussion and debate. Today, it's being built. This is brand new. We really can set, except as to intent of MPC members and this Council, and you did state your intent, under a different set of circumstances, set it aside. Mr. Chairman, here's what's different. You're in charge of the permit for the construction that is now going on, there's not one. The one that there is was literally created out of a shuffling of paper by people who had been on the side of this developer since April of 2011. It is a confection. Now, to me, foolish enough to do all this because this is my city too, it's an outrage. I'm 61 years old, born here, reared here, I've seen it all. From Mayor Calhoun Allen till right now. No one, has ever tried something like this on the City of Shreveport. This has never happened. And for anybody who knows the totality of what occurred, this is no languor about that roadway. Its not even about 3132, its about is the Charter real? Is there a separation of powers? If the Mayor whether it's the Dog Park or this, if the Mayor looks at this Council and says 'stuff it', what are you going to do? So far, this Council has been willing to stuff it. That hurts this city in ways that we cannot explain. But I'll give you a hint. I'm not comfortable living in a city where that's okay. There is a rule of law, and it even applies in Shreveport. A mayor who is very, very close to a developer doesn't get to create the appearance of a legality. Now, if the Council, and quite frankly, if I were you, this is what I would do. I would simply recognize this one needs to be decided by the courts. Send it up. Willis Knighton and they're not here today, so let me speak for 'em. Willis Knighton has been willing to foot the bill for this. This entire 18 months and the litigation. I don't believe for a second that understood what's at issue here, wouldn't decide that its better for the Council to spend that money. It's not right for any private entity to have to do the government's work. Only according to the federal and state court, only this Council can

make this right. And ladies and gentlemen, if you don't imagine what the future holds for Shreveport. Cause I'm going to tell you something, and the rest of everything else that I could say, here's the part that sticks with me the most. If you let this happen and then make some working man or woman go through the permitting process and you find some technical reason not to grant it, or the MPC does or the Zoning Board of Appeals does, you should be ashamed. If you let this happen, permitting is out the window. Don't hold anybody else to it, if it's not going to apply to Mr. Larkin. And I don't want to pick on Mr. Larkin in that case. Anybody who can pull this off in broad daylight, after public meeting, after public meeting, after public meeting, I would name that person the way I just said Mr. Larkin. But if you choose to let this stand, just throw away the ZBA and the MPC, at least as it relates to permitting. Because it would be very wrong for you to hold anybody else to these ordinances that I've just read. They make this the Council's responsibility. The Mayor didn't want you folks to have a shot at it. And Mr. Jenkins, Chairman Jenkins, that's why this is a separate discussion. All the frustration I feel, all the frustration you feel, the MPC members feel, its because there are some very, very sharp practicers in City government. And they know how to make things appear to be that aren't. They've been at it for decades. They're good at it. But ladies and gentlemen, it's a dark art, and we should not want a city built on that.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, just one other thing before Mr. Stonecipher goes to his seat. He's exactly right. If you get ready to build an extra bedroom onto your house, you have to get a permit for that. If you get ready to build a carport, matter of fact and I know Councilman Oliver Jenkins remembers about two weeks ago, I went out and looked at a lady's place. She was trying to - - - it really wasn't a carport, it was just a shed. I guess it was maybe \$40 little ole metal thing to go over her car, you remember? She had to come to the Council. I had to go out and look at it to see if it would be a safety hazard. We had to give her a permit for that. Now here's a person that's building a road, that will impact 3132 that the voters voted on 15 years ago. A very important road for the City of Shreveport, and this guy can go and build a road, where we have told him to hold up, let us see what the report is going to be, and then he gets the permit to go on and build the road anyway. I mean, I'm just - - - you know like you say, he almost said, well y'all stuff it with the City Council. You go out and start building something to go onto your house and don't get a permit to do it, the city will send somebody out there to stop you. Look like we're telling Mr. Larkin, and I love Mr. Larkin, I think he's a fine gentleman, but I think what he's doing is wrong. And like you say Councilman Webb, we just sit here on our hands. It seems like we're afraid to do anything. And it seems like you know, really and truly, you don't need a City Council, you don't need nothing but a Mayor. I always thought the Charter said it was a separation of power. You start doing something that the Administration is doing, either one of us as Council Members, and see if you don't get stopped right away. You can't

even call a department head now. If you - - - you can't even call a department head and say what you want. And Mr. Sibley, this is nothing at you, because I know you didn't make this policy. Cause if you had, I'd have come over there and told you off, because me and you about the same size, but - - - Willie, did you understand what I'm saying? But we need to do something. Not only - - - we need to do something for the city of Shreveport for the citizens, for the City Council. We can't just sit here and be talked to any kind of way and we just go along with anything. Look, I've been down here for a long time. I've never seen this happen before, and Elliot, you're right. Starting back with the Mayor, I've never seen this happen before. Ron, I don't know what we're going to do. I mean you know you had a suggestion. Mr. Chairman, I'm through.

Councilwoman McCulloch: I'm just reminded of the last time we met and this issue was addressed. I don't know if it was in writing, but I do know it was stated that the Director of the MPC stated that he believed in those same words, that Mr. Larkin could build that road. And that was what Mr. Larkin, if we pull the minutes, I'm sure the minutes would reflect that it was stated that the Director expressed to Mr. Larkin that he believed that it was okay for him to build that road. And maybe Mr. Larkin is operating, you say at the end of the day, it comes back to the City, it comes back to the MPC, maybe Mr. Larkin is operating from being directed by MPC that it would be okay. I don't know any - - - I mean, yes sir.

Mr. Stonecipher: It is convenient that is used by Mr. Larkin and it is convenient, but with all due respect to Mr. Kirkland and some of us have known him for a very long time. Even with Councilman Corbin's urging, consistent urging, why Mr. Kirkland was willing to make that comment, just for use, whenever and wherever, he was not able to get his MPC members who serve as volunteers to agree. Twice they voted against that kind of thinking based on their interpretation, and they voted against it twice. And with due respect to Mr. Kirkland, Councilman Corbin proved that Mr. Kirkland was never willing to put that opinion in action. He has never written a letter where he said it's okay for 'em to build the road. These ordinances Councilwoman McCulloch are specific as to the City Council, not MPC. So even if he had that opinion and his members had decided to follow that advice, in this instance, this is literally only about an action that the City Council can take. Not be able to go back to the MPC.

Councilwoman McCulloch: And the action that you - - - I mean that we would be expecting to take, I mean we would be expected to take Chairperson Jenkins, is what?

Mr. Stonecipher: Well you're being asked to literally restrain any further construction of the roadway until the studies are finished.

Councilwoman McCulloch: And what's that process?

Councilman S. Jenkins: And that's an action, I'm going to say it again, I know that this is and it will remain a very hotly contested issue. I really do. It has a lot of political consequences to it. It has a lot of legal consequences to it. This is where I'm at Mr. Stonecipher. I have not seen, have not been provided anything that tells me, this Council to go our and tell Mr. Larkin - - -

Mr. Stonecipher: No sir, you're right, it can't. It cannot

Councilman S. Jenkins: That he cannot build that road. Willis Knighton, to their credit and I understand this, filed a suit in federal court seeking to have that road (inaudible). I understand that a federal judge lifted that TRO.

Mr. Stonecipher: Can I say why?

Councilman S. Jenkins: Sure you can. I mean I know why, but if you want to

Mr. Stonecipher: Because the judged ruled that there was no private cause of action.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Now here's the point I'm making.

Mr. Stonecipher: The Coalition and Willis Knighton couldn't do it. It would take a public cause of action.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Right. Here's - - - just like you have taken that position and I understand that.

Mr. Stonecipher: That was Judge (inaudible), I'm sorry.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Right. I mean just like that position is out there, I am saying no one has shown me that the Council has a cause of action where it could step out and tell Mr. Larkin you can't construct a road.

Mr. Stonecipher: All you can do hire a lawyer and file suit.

Councilman S. Jenkins: If there is a member - - - now hear what I'm saying. If there is a member of the Council who feels as though they want to bring forth some legislation to hire a lawyer and to review it, because we did have legal look at all the options. I specifically said, in light of the development that Mr. Larkin is building this roadway, what are the options for the Council? And I believe you probably seen those opinions just like I did. The bottom line of it is that, that is not something that we can take some action to do. That's what was communicated to me. Now as it relates to enjoining him or telling him he can't do it. Now where I see the situation to be right now is that it is in

court, the Council received a legal opinion about our options, what we can and cannot do right now, none of them included that we could go out and stop this gentleman from building a roadway over there. If we had something like that, and we just decided that we weren't going to do it, that would be different. And I don't want the public to think that the Council has been given something like that, where someone has said to us, you've got the legal authority to step up and stop this. Would it be a wise thing for him to not build that road? I think so. Would it be a wise thing for him not to be building houses over there where a highway is fixing to come through? Common sense tells me that you shouldn't do that because all you fixing to do is go back and displace a lot of people and have to move a lot of things that the highway move around on you. Where I'm at right now, is I haven't been given something that shows me we could cross that line Mr. Stonecipher. And then if we cross that line and Mr. Larkin and his lawyer sue the city for violating his right and delaying his project for doing this, first one thing and the another, then we'll be answering some more questions. Because somebody is going to say you know Councilman, you didn't do your due diligence. You acted off emotions. You acting off politics. Don't you have lawyers down there? Don't you have people advising you about what you can and cannot do? And the answer to all those questions going to be yes. I simply think it's a matter that's in court right now. Courts need to work it out. I would welcome any information that would tell this council and any Council Member up here who wants to bring wants to bring forth some legislation based upon some legal opinion that we can get a lawyer and enjoin Mr. Larkin from building that road, I'd be more than happy to see it, and act upon it. But right now, that's not what we have.

Mr. Stonecipher: Can I respond? First of all, I hear the repetition with what you state your position, and I want to very respectfully tell you that it makes no sense. Because that's not what we're asking. That's not what we're asking at all. And I need to find a polite way to say in addition, that I hope I didn't just offend you, I'm not at all interested as a Shreveport taxpayer who is paying taxes way too high for what we're getting by the way. I'm not comfortable with one of Cedric Glover's absolute totally and completely his city employees, the City Attorney, and I respect her and her position, but she has to do what the Mayor wants her to do. My argument is just as you found in hiring Frank Neuner, I think in this case, we the people of Shreveport for all the reasons you've already articulated about the importance of this, the malaise that it seems to be. By the way I don't think it's a malaise. I think this is obvious as the nose on my face. You hire an attorney who is not at all in question and ask them to file suit so a court can decide what the city should do. Now, I'm recommending that to you. If I were in your shoes, I would definitely want a lawyer to take care of this. But I would want the people of Shreveport to know that the lawyer on whose opinion all of this road construction began. Lets remember, Mr. Larkin used a single statement made by the

City Attorney to do all this. Look at his October 10th letter to the City Engineer. We the people don't want that attorney any more than we wanted the City Attorney when Frank Neuner was hired to look into Calvin Grigsby contract. We want a fair shake, and we're not getting one. That's what this is about. We just want a fair shake.

Councilman S. Jenkins: It's about hiring an attorney, the Council hiring an independent (inaudible)?

Mr. Stonecipher: You have to. I don't see any way you get around that. That's exactly the same situation as the Frank Neuner case. And lets let the record show that it's my opinion and belief that none of us having this debate are the issue here. I find it quite frankly repugnant that we're having to debate when we didn't cause any of this problem. The people that caused this problem are the ones that have commandeered the levers and the gears of government here over the last 18 months, to do something that is patently wrong and a lot of people of Shreveport are watching. And they know it. They're waiting to see what we're going to do about it. These things happen. But there's supposed to be a remedy that is fair. The remedy that we've been handed is anything but fair. It's the opposite of fair. Mr. Chairman, the permit is the issue. It's a brand new ballgame, once a permit was confected. That changed everything. And I think we know the reason that it happened when it did. That's something I'll be happy to share with individual members. Its about the financing of Esplanade. But it really doesn't matter. The point is it's not a fair shake. We just deserve a fair shake. And quite frankly I don't think the City of Shreveport wants a private entity having to do this work and pay the bills. This is something that the city ought to be doing for the city and for its people, in my opinion.

Councilman Webb: I can promise you this, the next council meeting, there will be legislation on the agenda.

Mr. Stonecipher: Thank you. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Thank you. Okay, anybody else on that subject? Okay, What I'd like to do right now is entertain a motion to suspend the rules so that we can consider Resolution No(s). 213 and 214.

Councilman Shyne: So moved Mr. Chairman.

Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Webb to consider Resolution No(s) 213 and 214 of 2012. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.

Councilman Everson: Thank you for being here today Simone, and we appreciate all that y'all have done to help with the issue of homelessness, you and the many wonderful service providers that work with our homeless population locally. We want to acknowledge Homeless Awareness Month, and so I'll read the resolution here.

Councilman Everson read the following:

RESOLUTION NO. 213 OF 2012

A RESOLUTION DECLARING NOVEMBER 2012 AS HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS MONTH AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

BY: COUNCILMAN JEFF EVERSON

WHEREAS, in America, a country filled with infinite promise, the continuing problem of homelessness is deeply disturbing; and

WHEREAS, the most recent available data estimates that there are 649,917 people experiencing homelessness in the U.S. on any given night and that more than 1.59 million people spent a least one night in emergency shelter or transitional housing over the last year; and

WHEREAS of the 649,917 people experiencing homelessness on any given night 238,110 are people in families and 404,957 are individuals; and

WHEREAS, the current economic recession and foreclosure crisis exacerbate the problem of homelessness and that the number of homeless individuals is projected to increase by 2% over the next year as the lingering effects of the recession and constant budget cuts continue to aggravate deep poverty levels; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 4,500 people experience homelessness each year in Northwest Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the National Center for Family Homelessness, reported that 43,488 children are homeless in Louisiana and Louisiana ranks 48 of out 50 for the extent of child homelessness, and 46 when measuring the risk level for families to become homeless; and

WHEREAS, in 2011 Providence House served 1122 homeless people in 318 families including 652 children and 407 adults and could not serve 1111 other families due to lack of vacancies; and

WHEREAS, in Louisiana it takes wage of \$15 dollars an hour to afford a 2 bedroom apartment or 2 full-time minimum wage jobs for an adult; and

WHEREAS, adequate and permanent shelter is a basic need, and its absence has a deleterious effect upon physical and mental health, personal development, and the ability to exercise individual rights and obligations; and

WHEREAS, ending homelessness is critical to the vitality of our community and we must commit ourselves to understanding the causes of homelessness and how to best serve those in the greatest need.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that it hereby proclaims November 2012 as Homelessness Awareness Month.

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

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

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

Ms. Simone Hennessey: Thank you and as y'all move into the budget decision making, we ask that you again consider not only domestic violence is a critical issue in this community that is a predictor of homelessness. In support of that budget that we had requested about \$80,000 and \$30,000 towards our main program on homelessness, we ask you that you continue consider those essential services, and I thank you very much.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Thank you. Alright, we'll take up Resolution No. 214 for Aids Day at this time. I believe we have some guests down on this one Mr. Evans and other

guests. If you'll come forward. Mr. Clerk, I'm going to ask you to read that resolution for us. His voice is so much clearer than mine.

Councilman O. Jenkins: He doesn't give much of a Clerk's report anymore, you know might as well make him (inaudible).

The Clerk read the following:

RESOLUTION NO. 214 OF 2012

A RESOLUTION TO OBSERVE WORLD AIDS DAY ON DECEMBER 1, 2012, TO ENCOURAGE CITIZENS TO UNITE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HIV, TO SUPPORT PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV AND AIDS, TO COMMEMORATE PEOPLE WHO HAVE DIED FROM AIDS AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY: COUNCILMAN SAM JENKINS

WHEREAS, World AIDS Day, observed on 1 December every year, is dedicated to raising awareness of the AIDS pandemic caused by the spread of HIV infection; and

WHEREAS, AIDS killed more than 25 million people between 1981 and 2007, and an estimated 33.2 million people worldwide live with HIV, making it one of the most destructive epidemics in recorded history. Despite recent, improved access to antiretroviral treatment and care in many regions of the world, the AIDS epidemic claimed an estimated 2 million lives in 2007, of which about 270,000 were children; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control estimates that more than one million people are living with HIV in the United States (U.S.). One in five (20%) of those people living with HIV is unaware of their infection; and

WHEREAS, new HIV infections continue at far too high a level, with approximately 50,000 Americans becoming infected with HIV each year; and

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2012, some 981 people were living with AIDS in Caddo Parish, and the Philadelphia Center in Shreveport has supported 505 individuals living with HIV and AIDS in the last year; and

WHEREAS, more than 17,000 people with AIDS in the U.S. died in 2009 and more than 619,000 people with AIDS in the U.S. have died since the epidemic began; and

WHEREAS, since AIDS was identified 30 years ago, the United States has played a leading role in achieving scientific progress, and in translating science into programs. The President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief established by President George W. Bush and a bipartisan Congress and expanded by President Obama, has put that science into action to save the lives of millions in the developing world; and

WHEREAS, World AIDS Day is an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV, to show their support for people living with HIV and to commemorate people who have died; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due regular and legal session convened that World AIDS Day shall be observed in Shreveport on December 1, 2012 and all citizens are encouraged to unite in the fight against HIV, to support people living with HIV and AIDS, to commemorate people who have died from AIDS, and to support efforts, especially local efforts in this regard.

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

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

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

Councilman S. Jenkins: And we certainly salute all of you at the Philadelphia Center for your work in this area and just want you to know that we recognize that, and that has a value and we appreciate what you're doing. And you will receive a copy of that resolution. Thank you so much.

Mr. Evans: (Philadelphia Center) We'd like to thank the City of Shreveport for its continued support. And just so you know this year's theme is (inaudible) the CDC has put out is getting to zero, and it means that there is a possibility of ending this pandemic in our lifetime as long as we keep the awareness. And that's why I appreciate the city and the parish doing for us. Thank you very much.

Councilman S. Jenkins: If you don't mind, give us each one of your names so we can put it in the record.

Mr. Evans: My name is Eric Evans, I'm the advocate for the Philadelphia Center.

Ms. McIntyre: My name is Sylvia McIntyre and I'm the Director of Prevention.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Alright, thank you all for coming down. Thank you so much. Lets move - - - we've got a number of people down here for the Public Hearing.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, can you hear me?

Councilman S. Jenkins: Are you there?

Mayor Glover: Yes sir I am here and I have restrained myself from speaking up until this point, but I could not sit here any longer during today's proceedings without taking a moment, based on this past resolution to offer just a couple of comments. I've been around local government long enough to remember and see how certain issues have evolved both at the local, state and nation level. Having come on the City Council back in 1990, I met a young man and his mother whose name or their names I think, without question needs to be a part of the record of today's Council Proceedings. And that young man I believe was Chuck Selber if memory serves me correct. His mother Flo, was also a very wonderful, strong, passionate woman who loved her son deeply. But Chuck Selber was a young man who helped educate me and so many other Shreveporters at a time in our city's history and our country's history with the issue of Aids and HIV was still far from fully evolved. And so many of us knew so little. But he challenged to be willing to have open minds and open hearts and to ultimately to learn to evolve and to become better. And so as I sit here today, and I watch this Council unanimously pass this resolution, I think its most appropriate to invoke the names of Chuck Selber and Flo Selber and know that they're somewhere high looking down on Shreveport today, smiling and very proud. So thank you Mr. Chairman and thank you members of the Council.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Alright, thank you Mr. Mayor. What I'd like to do at this time is move to our public hearing on this 164 of 2012. That's our redistricting ordinance. I know we've got a number of people that are down here, I don't want to allow it to get too late in the day before we give them an opportunity to speak. So I'm going to call for the public hearing now. Mr. Clerk, lets call for our public hearing now and we'll move from there with any presentation from the Administration, and then we'll move from there to I guess Dr. Joiner and whatever information he has to provide for us. Then those persons wishing to speak as it relates to the redistricting.

Public Hearings:

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I assume that the presentation would be from Mr. Joiner. I don't think that the Administration would (inaudible).

Mr. Sibley: That's correct.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Alright.

The Chairman read the following:

1. Proposed Ordinance No. 164 of 2012: Amending Section 2-27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport to reapportion the several council districts of the City and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (G/S. Jenkins)

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to just make a statement while he's getting ready. I believe that you put on Plan No. 8, and there's also an amendment to adopt Plan No. 9. So I think that those are the two plans that Dr. Joiner will be discussing in his presentation.

Mr. Joiner: Council Members, how are you doing? Glad to be here. The two plans that we have now are Plans 8 and 9. Plan 8 was the one that was the last for consideration and some of the Council Members asked if it could have some minor adjustments to it, which we did. This is Plan 9, and this is Plan 8 for the audience, and we have statistics up here for anybody that wants to get them. The basic difference between 8 and 9 is that 9 smoothes out the boundary between Districts D and C, using 70th street as the primary east-west running, but north boundary. Also it puts Betty Virginia Park and the blocks around it back into District B, where it currently is. It does not affect Districts A, E, or G. Now, the population of Shreveport certainly indicates there should be four minority-majority districts, African-American based districts. Plan 9 increases the minority population by about a percent in B, up to 55%. It provides for those four minority-majority districts in 18+ population. I (inaudible) bury it down into statistics where it doesn't matter. But there's two things that we have to look at. First is total people, and second is an 18+. And then you have to look forward about five years, and there are some ways to do this. Generally speaking, there is a buffer of 6 point spread between African-Americans and Whites that are not registered voters, but they're voting age population which is called VAP in District B. District B is the one that is the most, not contentious but it's the one that needs to be looked at. The other districts, less so District E, are firmly White or African-American. I mean that's just the way the city population is. Within the next five years, that 6% increase between African-American and White is going to increase as roughly - - - say a third from (inaudible) of those folks

get to be age majority. There's a lot of young people in that district. They are primarily African-Americans. So its not going to retrogress at all, its simply going to get stronger. And of the two plans, I thin 9 is better than 8 because 9 answers some internal questions about boundaries and I think it'll reduce voter confusion. Where do I vote? What - - -? You know what neighborhood you're in, and from the majority of the city, these neighborhoods are kept together. Sometimes you can't do it entirely, simply because with a population of 200,000 people, there are no simple lines. Both these plans also try to keep whole voting precincts together. Can't do it all the time, but I can do it in the vast majority of the time. And really that's the difference between the two plans. Have you got any questions on any of this?

Councilman S. Jenkins: Does any Council Member have any questions on the two plans that's being presented for Dr. Joiner? Okay, thank you sir. Okay, what we'll do now is I believe we have (inaudible) who have filled out forms, and would like to speak on the matter, so what I'm going to do is just go through basically and call you up and give you and opportunity to express your opinion on this.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Brooks, before you start, if its anything specific, Dr. Joiner is the one that's going to actually be drawing the plan, so you want to make sure that whatever you say, that he understands too, what you're saying. I just wanted to make that - - - and any of y'all that come up, Dr. Joiner is the one that's going to be drawing the plans.

Mr. Louis C. Brooks: (6629 Virgo Dr) Okay, thank you. I am the President of Twilight Meadow Community. Mr. Chairman Jenkins and Council Members, we are here because of redistricting of A and G. I would like to say before we make any correction of any of the seven districts, I think we need to know exactly what we're talking about and what we're doing. Now, we have seven districts. Mr. Joiner - - - I don't know who gives you the authority or the approval of all these districts to move these districts around or make any changes. These changes should be talked about and dealt with, with the citizens of Shreveport before any changes should ever be made. We're taxpayers. Taxation without representation in Shreveport shouldn't be. We should have a voice on - - - if any district is to be moved, it should be talked about and discussed with our citizens of Shreveport in these districts. Now, any move that we make here today, this move will be a move that will move Shreveport forward or take it back. Now we must be very intelligent about this, and make these decisions. These decisions should be made, we should pray about these decisions before you make these decisions. In Corinthians, its says and in the Bible it says, "All things must be done decently and in order." Lets do that today. Before we take a vote on this, lets screen it out, know what they're voting on, and where these district boundaries are and where these districts on and off, shuts and close of what we're talking about. Now, I am in opposition against

this until we get maps detailing and telling us what you're doing, where you're doing it and how you're doing it. We should have maps today explaining what you're doing. If not, we shouldn't move forward. We should hold this up before you take a vote, lets hold this up until we all understand what you're talking about. Cause right now, we have no knowledge of what you're doing. You're speaking on seven districts. You have 8 and you have 9, but you have not explained this to us. I think we should have some maps and details here explaining where you're moving what to and from. God bless and God keep you. We're waiting to hear that.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Alright Mr. Brooks, now first of all, you are a constituent of mine in District G. So I just wrote a few notes and comments, and I just want to interject a few things now. There is a number of plans, reapportionment plans that have been on the website for any number of months now. And I know your area, Precinct 83 is connected out there with the West Shreveport area. I know I've met with some of the residents out in Precinct 83, and I do understand that I believe what you all are really concerned about is that precinct coming out of G into A, under Plan 8 and also the same would happen under Plan 9. And I believe that's at the heart of the concern that I heard when I met with them and talked with some of the residents out there. But I am saying that this is information that's been out there a while. It looks like Precinct 83 is going into District A, because there's a shift that was made southward in order to try to make up the numbers. That appears to be why that move is being made. I just wanted to say, I don't know how this vote is going to come out today, but I want the people of Precinct 83 to know this is not something that me or Councilwoman McCulloch have gotten together and shifted things back and forward. I certainly don't want you to think as your representative that I would want to move you out of District G. (Inaudible) of these things to be heard. If there was some way to keep you there and keep all that together because I think you got a community of interest over there, I would love to do it, but these numbers are causing some difficulty when you begin to try to keep the ratios and the make up of these districts the way that they need to be. I just wanted to say that I do know and understand what that concern is. That's moving Precinct 83 out of G into A.

Mr. Brooks: Yes, I understand that also. Its an increase in population, right? You said that the Census Bureau was taken right? You said it was after Census Bureau was taken?

Councilman S. Jenkins: We (inaudible) that census and each district has got to have a certain population. That's what these statistics that's on the website are all about. They're trying to get about 28,000 people in each district. You got to kinda have the same number of people in each one of them. But when you looked at the census as it affected G and A, that Councilwoman McCulloch represents, and B that Councilman

Everson represents, there was some loss there. And the others kinda remained the same or they built up a little bit. And that's why some of this movement is taking place.

Mr. Brooks: Well, we were concerned about the city ordinance and what guidelines were taken here. As you stated earlier when talking about 3132. There's an act of law here. And there's an act of doing this correctly, and doing it right. So this is what we're concerned about. And whenever this move is made, we would love to see maps on it that we can read the streets and see what and where these areas have been changed, what's been changed here. And then we'll know. And then can we have some maps today or soon get some maps on this?

Councilman S. Jenkins: Yeah, I know there are maps available.

Mr. Brooks: You have some?

Councilman S. Jenkins: Yeah. A lot of these maps have been furnished.

Mr. Brooks: Yeah, (inaudible) 8 and 9, we need that.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Yeah, they're on the website and of course they're here and they've been posted out there in the lobby for a long time. And I know some of these maps have been disseminated around. So if someone have some that you may want to look at today. I see Mr. Wills is willing to let you look at - - -

Mr. Brooks: Well there were some the other night at the meeting, but the print was so fine, you couldn't even - - - you needed binoculars or a magnifying glass to even read the streets on it, so we couldn't see anything.

Councilman S. Jenkins: I understand, but like I say, the larger map on 8 I know has been out there for a while. The map on 9 all of that just got developed within the past couple of weeks. I've been reading on that one myself. And I know the others that if you zoom, I don't know if you have access to the web page or not, but if you zoomed in on 'em, it would enlarge all of that information for you to take a look at. I'm not trying to take away from your concern and your comments, I'm just simply wanting to interject now, so people would know this has been going on all year.

Mr. Brooks: Well I understand. Okay, before we leave tonight, will there be available maps or a certain day or time that we can get - - - when we leave here tonight, we need to know where we can get these maps, who will have these maps produced.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Brooks, I want to answer about two of your questions. First of all, I'm going to ask my colleagues here if we could postpone the vote until next Council Meeting. I've talked with the incoming Chairman, and some of the members. So I would hope that we would postpone this for another Council Meeting. When is it Bea?

Ms. Johnson: December 11th.

Councilman Shyne: December 11th. And in the meantime, and I know Mr. Jenkins doesn't mind it, the Chairman now, if you need him to come to your house, your church, your restaurant. Where else will you go Sam? Almost anywhere.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Almost.

Councilman Shyne: Yeah Sam will go almost anywhere, unless - - - is my Pastor still over there? I was about to say Sam won't go into no little ole girlie club. Sam is a Deacon at his church. But anywhere you want Sam to come. And let me say this about Dr. Joiner. You want to know who gave him the authority. We did.

Mr. Brooks: That's what I needed to know. Thank you.

Councilman Shyne: And I want you to understand now, Mr. Joiner isn't doing this free. We're paying him because he is a professional in this. Sam is not, I'm not, Councilman McCulloch is not. Dale Sibley might be (Dale, I'm giving you another title). No, Dale is not, but that's why we have a professional. And Mr. Joiner has done this for us for what? Mr. Joiner for the last 20 years?

Mr. Joiner: Yes sir.

Councilman Shyne: Okay, he has done this for us for about the last 20 years, and let me say this on behalf of Dr. Joiner. He has done an excellent job whenever your representative to do in that district, he will do his best to do it. Whatever I need him to do in my district or whatever, and he has done this over the years. He has proven to me over the years. And to be truthful with you, Dr. Joiner is the best you gone find around here. He's the best you're going to find around here. Councilman Jenkins will meet you anywhere and will explain and will have a map and he will have a magnifying glass.

Mr. Brooks: Yes, and I will have mine also. Thank you.

Councilman Shyne: He will have a magnifying glass so you will know the main streets.

Mr. Brooks: Yes indeed. Well, thank you Mr. Chairman if we (inaudible) on that and we'll see you back on December 11th. Praise the Lord. Thank you.

Mr. Willie Bradford: (3026 Independence Ave) Mr. Chairman, before I give my remarks regarding redistricting, let me just say that I am disturbed regarding the presentation that Mr. Stonecipher gave to you all. As a citizen of this city, I see no ambiguity here. The citizens deserve - - - you were elected for the good, the bad and the ugly. You took an oath to look out for the interest of the citizens of this city, not individual personalities. The citizens deserve to know does the Mayor have the authority to circumvent the wishes of this body, not for you, but for the future body of the City Council to know if the Mayor has the authority to circumvent your will or your wishes in regards to any legislation that you have your footprint on. The citizens deserve to know that. So, Mr. Webb I support your proposal to act as a body to hire your own legal representation to see, not for you, but for the citizens. We need to know. Because if there is some inconsistencies in the way that we have been thought of the balance of power in this city, that needs to be known, because that needs to be addressed. And the only what it can be known is that you act on that. And I pray that you are acting, and not for yourselves, but for the citizens that elected you to represent them. Now in regards to the redistricting, Mr. Chairman we met several months ago at the Independence Stadium. Mr. Joiner made a presentation. He expressed to us that he had met with each council person, got your input on the various plans that was on display at that site. Hence there has been other forms in which citizens had the opportunity to review plans in regards to those that were presented at that time. We had a very open and candid discussion there in regards to Shreveport's political future. Shreveport has now evolved into a majority African-American city in that we agree that the representation, the elected representation of this city council should reflect the population change of the city. The plans that we most likely agreed on was No. 8. Because the district that was in question was District B. No fault of nobody's, it just happened. It is what it is that the City of Shreveport has evolved into an African-American city with the first wave going into the Highland-Caddo Heights area.

Councilman Shyne: Stoner Hill.

Mr. Bradford: Stoner Hill area, okay. District B. And that District B had now shifted from a swing district into a majority African-American district. We had that conversation, and I left there confident that we were on accord. In 1978 to make sure that this city would have representation, the citizens would have representation. This form of government was changed, so that each citizen would be represented by somebody who they felt represented their interest. That's when that was created. The Mayor/Council form of government. At that time, three districts were developed to insure African-American representation, and four insured that the majority at that time

was White, would be the majority on the council. But yet over the last 34 years, that has changed. I'm only asking you today to do what we're talking about and that is to respect and to acknowledge that this city has changed, and that the elected leadership needs to also change. In 1992, then Mayor Hazel Beard created the Greater Shreveport Human Relations Commission. That Commission was made up of 12 citizens of this city in response to - - - it was initiated because the almost gubernatorial election of David Duke. But the Mayor Beard at that time was conscious of the racial tension and relations in Shreveport. It was only a few months or years past the Cedar Grove incident, and (inaudible) intention to forge - - - to try to forge better race relations within the City of Shreveport. I served on that commission for 10 years, and I can proudly say that I felt we were really making a difference in regards to the racial makeup and the racial inclusion of this city. But in 2012, at the time under Mayor Hightower and the Council at that time, decided that we didn't need it anymore and they stopped funding it. The question was why did they do that? Why would they say we don't need it anymore? I'm sure Mr. Shyne remembers. The reason they said we don't need it anymore is because they said, the majority of the Council at that time said we don't need it anymore because we reflect the city. And we can best serve as human relation advocates. We can be the agents to forge race relations, to forge inclusion for this city. And it sounded like a good idea. And it worked for a while, it really did. I'm not saying its not working now, but I want you to know that some of the problems that we've had even in regards to what Mr. Stonecipher is saying is that too many of us have forgotten or don't know the history of this city, both the racial history as well as the political history. We would be well served if we understood that if we had a reference to what we're talking about here today. And I want to commend your predecessors because from the beginning of 1978, your predecessors always acted in sensitivity and professional by at least electing your leadership. We have a Black Chairman, and a White Vice-Chairman. We have a Black Vice-Chairman and the opposite Chairman. So that rotation has always been a part of your precedents, and I appreciate the fact that y'all have not - - - nobody has ever tried to disband that. That's been healthy for the city because again, the citizens right now are watching and they're conscious of what goes on here. So B, District B in particular, needs to be - - - you need to ensure as we talked about earlier, that you will ensure as city councilmen and as the agents of better relations, political and racial to accept the reality that Shreveport is now African-American, and that regardless of how the maps are drawn, I think Plan 8 best, because I don't know what - - - my understanding is somebody went to Mr. Joiner several months ago, several weeks ago, and said lets do some configurations to alter to make it different. Now unless the difference increases the opportunity for an African-American to be elected, I would suggest that we maintain what we discussed. Now again, Councilman Everson, you represent that district, and certainly to all my understanding that you're doing a fine job. But I still believe that the citizens deserve the opportunity

to elect somebody who looks like them, and who understands their needs and their wants, and who would be there for them to address them as it relates to the interest on this council. So, you mentioned at the (inaudible) that you know, hey listen I don't care how you draw it, I'm going to still run, which is your privilege and your right. But I'm asking this Council as a whole that you would do your due diligence in ensuring that we don't go back. The Justice Department as well as the Voter Rights Act say whenever the opportunity comes, that we can create another majority-minority district, that we look at ways in which we can do it, not look at ways in which we can do it, not look at ways in which we can't do it. So I'm asking you to consider all the components of this process with Mr. Joiner's certainly, professional guidance to insure that we meet the standard of a majority district. I think that standard is at least 8 or 9 points above average. So, please do the right thing. The citizens deserve this city to reflect its citizenship. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Everson: For the record, Plan 9 does increase the percentage of African-American population in District B. And (inaudible) did not initiate. I was called and consulted on it, but I did not ask for the change in Plan 9. But I am pleased to see that it does actually increase the African-American population over Plan 8.

Mr. Bradford: Okay, thank you. Thank you very much.

Mr. Michael D. Williams: (2101 Carver Pl) To the Mayor in his absence, to my Commissioner, Commissioner Rose McCulloch and my church member, to the Dean of the Commission and Councilmen, City Councilman Joe Shyne. Mr. Chairman and members of the Council, I rise in support of basically everything what Mr. Bradford has said. We have a rich heritage, but we have blight future. I think Mr. Joiner has so eloquently stated about the four majority districts. I respect the work he's done as a Caddo Commissioner. We've worked in this process, and I commend the work that he done. And I haven't always agreed with the outcome of the process, however, we shouldn't today disagree with the outcome or the process as well, because this is the process that we have inherited here. So I'm excited as a young African-American male, back in 1978 at Booker T. Washington High School, when they started a Mayor-Council form of government, I was still in high school when it started, so I'm grateful for the work that's been done by our forefathers and our leaders that had the fortitude to understand that for a young African-American male to have the opportunity to run for public office, that one day we would have a majority City Council in the City of Shreveport. And in saying that, we know that we lost Brother Baruti today. He was the bean pioneer and the bean leader of Shreveport. He may be missed, but I think his spirit is alive and well. If he were here today, he would be advocating for justice, for equality, for unity, especially for the poor, and the lost. I say to this council, I think Mr. Joiner has done an excellent job in identifying the growth in that particular district in District 9

or 8, in District B with plan 9 or 8, and I think we should support the facts that are here. And I'm very, very, very excited to see progress in Shreveport, because we know the dynamics of America has changed throughout this election. The Vote has tried to be suppressed, and depressed and oppressed all across this country. We hope that we don't do the same way they did across America. That we would move forward. Progress is here and our forefathers would be very proud of us, because they had the courage. They were brave. It was unpopular for them to vote, and it was unpopular for them to do the things that they did. A certain hostile environment, the political climate has changed. There is now sunshine would be over city hall, and we should be grateful for the challenges and the strides that they made. And so I say to this council, I hope you would follow what has been put before you. That we have the strong religious and Christian foundation in our community. We relied on our faith for everything that we have done. Been very solid. And I hope that we meet those challenges like today and we support Plan 9 or 8 in District B, and I appreciate the opportunity to speak before this body. Thank you.

Mr. Lloyd Thompson: (P.O. Box 3083) I simply rise to ask you to look at the plans that's being presented today, and by all means lets make sure that this community has the opportunity to elevate and to give the African-American community the opportunity to have four Council seats. I talked to Mr. Joiner earlier, he said it could happen. I'm asking you to look at that. If it can happen, lets make it possible. Also make sure that District G feel comfortable with the plan that they are facing. Because this is about treating folks right, and we want to make sure that happens. Mr. Wills is going to talk a little bit more about it because he's been working hard with it. But I wanted to come and say that stand ready to make sure that this city is the next great city of the south, but we've all got to go there together. So, thank you.

Councilman O. Jenkins: By the way, great job on your job initiative for (inaudible). I sent it in to you last night.

Mr. Thompson: Caddo is 500. So that's what this city is made up of, Black and White coming together, trying to find opportunities for employment, and that's what we want to do, make sure that this city is successful. I'm going to go on the radio and talk about y'all now.

Mr. Joe Wills: (1619 Easy Street) Thank you. Mr. Chairman and to the City Council. Let me tell you like it is. In 1978, I was in Judge Dawkins' courtroom fighting a suit. We filed a suit against this city to change the Commission form of government to where y'all at now. Because they changed the Commission form of government, because Blacks couldn't get elected. Because Blacks - - - you had to run At-Large with the Commission form of government. So Blacks couldn't get elected. So Black united in

asking for leadership which I was a member and I was a plaintiff in Judge Dawkins' courtroom. We went there, he said Commissioner form of government is unconstitutional. He said now let me tell y'all something right now. These Black people got to be represented. You can't take their money and nobody to represent 'em. That's unconstitutional. That's how y'all got there now. That's been 34 years ago. Didn't none of y'all earn them seats y'all got. Y'all didn't earn them seats. Them seats was created so Blacks could be represented fairly. And it didn't go by no percentage. It didn't go by what part of town you lived in. It went by the population of this city. One guy said, well White folks out vote 'em. We got more registered voters than Blacks. He said I'm glad you asked that. He said you know why you got more White voters than Blacks? He said, if you count them years y'all would have let 'em register, if you count them years you wouldn't let them vote, don't you think y'all ought to be way out ahead of us? So we're not going by registered voters. Hear me straight people today. I was in the courtroom. And if I have to go back, I'm going there. He said, y'all create a district where Blacks can represent Blacks. The Justice Department left us here. We started discussing. We wanted two. Attorney Hilary Huckaby was our lawyer. And the Whites wanted to give us one. Huck said we want two. He say we'll give you one. Justice Department come back and said y'all reached a decision? They said naw, we can't reach no decision. They said give it to us, we'll take it back to Washington, and we'll work it out. When they came back, they came back with three seats. Three Black seats, and four White seats, and said now this is done fairly. The reason you got four White seats at the time, because the Whites outnumbered the Blacks in the City of Shreveport. Now, when the Blacks became 52% in this city, I knew by then, we were supposed to get that fourth seat, but we didn't get it thanks to Mr. Joiner. And I have to give him credit. He gave us a 'swing' district. He did. Because we became 52%. Even though that fourth seat was supposed to automatically gone to the Blacks, but I knew he wasn't going to do it. Out of 34 years, all they were doing is playing checkers with us. They moved us over here, they moved us over there, all they were doing is keeping three Blacks to four Whites so the Whites could out vote the Blacks. We ain't accomplished nothing in 34 years y'all. We just walking around in the wilderness 34 years. The Justice Department gave y'all them three seats you got now. It was supposed to go by population. Now, the time has come. The population is by last count was 118,000 Blacks to 84,000 Whites. Let me say it again, might be done changed by now. 118,000 Blacks and 84,000 Whites. Now let me tell you, I don't care where you move us. You can put us in the country. I don't care where you go, the Justice Department gone say that. They say you got to represent the people that you got there. So we got to give 'em four Black seats. We at the NAACP, we hooked on (inaudible). The Shreveport Chapter of the NAACP, we're asking that the City Council receive Plan 9 and 8 and make District B a 62% minority-majority Black district. And this is what we ask you all to do. And this is what the Justice Department probably would require. What we just ask you

to do, ask yourself is it fair for us to have 118,000 people to 84, 000 and the same thing you got there now, been there for 34 years. Some of y'all were little children. 34 years.

Councilman Everson: I wasn't alive.

Mr. Wills: You weren't alive. It hasn't moved Sam. It hadn't moved. We hadn't went up. Sam, we hadn't went down. It's time for a change. Thank y'all very much.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman? Dr. Joiner, would you come forward? And let me clear this up too. 34 years ago, Jeff wasn't born. 34 years ago, I was 8 years old.

Councilman O. Jenkins: He keeps it all in perspective for us.

Councilman Shyne: Y'all act like I might not be telling the truth. Mr. Joiner, on behalf of the NAACP, I respect that organization, and I respect President of that organization. Is Mr. Lloyd still in here.

Mr. Wills: Naw, he had to leave.

Councilman Shyne: And Mr. Joe Wills, who is the Vice-President. And of course, Joe know this isn't anything new. When was it 10 years ago, we had to - - - we fought for this again. But now Joe what we have to understand is, if it's a majority Black district, and Black folks don't get out and vote, Councilwoman McCulloch, you know if they don't get out and vote and you got somebody like Jeff who comes along with an afro-wig on he put a little smut on his face.

Councilman Everson: He's putting me in costume.

Councilman Shyne: And he gets elected, its not really Jeff's fault. Is it Jeff?

Councilman Everson: Its not my fault if I get elected. I asked for a vote, people vote for me, it's not my fault. But I didn't take this personally.

Councilman Shyne: Right. And let me tell you, Jeff can campaign now. Jeff is a good campaigner. And I met Jeff on the campaign trail a number of times, and Ron, he was out there doing the same thing that I do. And I you know kinda get to the people. But Mr. Joiner, would you see if you can come up with a plan for the Council that would show a 62% minority-majority district in District B?

Mr. Joiner: Absolutely.

Councilman Shyne: Joe is that exactly what you all are asking for?

Mr. Wills: Yes sir Mr. Shyne. I appreciate you for saying that and I want to say one thing about it, if we do become 62% Black, and Jeff want to run, I want the Blacks to be able to vote for whoever they think their best man is.

Councilman Shyne: There you go.

Mr. Wills: All we're doing is putting the Justice Department in there, the thing that we're required to do. Now once you do what they say they'll required to do, now I'll vote for Jeff myself. I mean he's the best man. And not only in Stoner Hill, but all over the city. That's the way its supposed to be, but we just want to go by what the Justice Department say is fair to the people.

Councilman Shyne: Right. But now if you want a minority candidate in there, me and you make sure we get out and work for him right? Alright, alright. We want to just - - - but Dr. Joiner, if you would do that, and if you could get it - - - I don't want to give you a short time, but if you could get it between now and the next Council Meeting.

Mr. Joiner: No, I think you'll have it before the end of the week. Because I'm going to build it unless I hear otherwise from Council. I'm going to build it off Plan 9. So it's not like having to build an entirely new plan, its just really making an adjustment. There's one precinct that I've looked at. We've talked about it. It was 34. It's in District B now, and probably be back in B. It's got 10%. Its very, very large in population. It has 10% of a full district. I'll put that. My plan will be to put that in there, and then figure out where to remove the excess population. I'm thinking I would put some of it into A. That will bring A back up to close to 0. I can't give you too much, but I can do that. And then I can probably do some out of C. But yes, I'll have maps and the statistics to Mr. Thompson, Thursday or Friday.

Councilman Shyne: And in the meantime, is Mr. Brooks back there? Mr. Louis Brooks? Mr. Brooks, stand up just a minute. In the meantime Dr. Joiner, could you give Mr. Brooks your office number?

Mr. Joiner: Absolutely.

Councilman Shyne: So - - - and Mr. Brooks, could you right this down? And would you call Dr. Joiner lets say at the - - - could he call you Friday Dr. Joiner?

Mr. Joiner: Yes sir.

Councilman Shyne: Call him Friday, and I'm going to ask the Chairman, Mr. Jenkins to get you a magnifying glass.

Mr. Brooks: I have one.

Councilman Shyne: Okay. I wanted Dr. Joiner to get you the map, and the Chairman to get you the magnifying glass. But if you got one, if you'll call Dr. Joiner, he will get that plan to you. Now, let me say this. I don't know whether you're going to be happy with it, or whether or not you're going to be sad with it. But whatever it is Dr. Joiner, I want you to get it to him. And if its anything that you don't like about it, call - - - there you go. That's the man you pointing at. Call him. Dr. Joiner, we appreciate all of the fine work that you've done. And Joe, did we satisfy the NAACP, is that you all wanted that 62? Okay.

Councilman O. Jenkins: And I'm just curious. I mean I'm a demographer, but how does the number 62% - - - I mean where does that come from?

Mr. Wills: It has to be at least 62% to make it a predominantly Black District.

Councilman Everson: It doesn't have to be 51?

Councilman O. Jenkins: 51? I mean - - -

Mr. Joiner: I can answer that. I can do it.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I mean I just don't - - - if you say what's predominant, if its anything over - - -.

Mr. Joiner: There's no law that says you have to use 62%. But there is a certain window of comfort in historical voting patterns, when you have a majority-minority district, and this is not Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, it could be anywhere else, as long as there is a dichotomy of genders and race. Minority districts traditionally, this is not true sense 2008, but traditionally have lower voter turnout. So, 62% - - - 30 years ago, it was 60. And then they decided to go up to about 65, and now its settled back down to about 62. And what that means is that you have to ameliorate a number of children who are disenfranchised voters because they're too young. So, in this case, in District 9, there is a healthy majority between Black and White. Its 55.04% Black and 38.45% White. When you look at the voter age population or the pool, not voters, there still an over 6% comfort level in what would end up with 62% would increase that probably to about 10 with a 7% increase. It just provides for more chances for an African-American candidate to carry.

Councilman O. Jenkins: So there's no kind of national benchmark or establishing 62% -
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Mr. Joiner: Court cases.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Has some benchmark number?

Councilman Everson: And what are the Department of Justice's - - - you know what is their sort of leaning towards it?

Mr. Joiner: Well, traditionally, their comfort level is 60-65 or above. But you have to be careful in other districts around it. Lets say that you have - - - and we do not have that here. But lets say that you've got a single Black district that's completely surrounded by White districts. You can't scour everybody that's Black and put them in and pack them. Packing and (inaudible) are the two worst things you can do. Fracturing, splitting that into pieces of the pie and putting them other places, we don't want to do that. We have two districts here, that traditionally have always been African-American, they always will and that's A and F. And they are going to hover around 90%. It's going to happen. The more people you put into it, they end up being higher than 5%, so you see you can't do it. A is in the north end of the Parish, you can see it on the maps. But its really limited because its got areas of the Parish that are outside Shreveport, plus its got Cross Lake. Back to Mr. Brooks, one way to get population without destroying the eastern side of the city is to jump across Cross Lake, and its been done since the '90s, and bring in population along S. Lakeshore, Willow Ridge, Willow Pointe. And I did maps by the way that did both. And it just - - - if you put that population which is basically White, but not entirely, and you put it n G, G becomes a threatened minority district. It dilutes it. And so my attempts to keep G as a solid African-American district was to allow that excess White population, if you will to go back where it has been in A. and that solely keeps A from being right at 100%. So, it works both ways. Its very much a two-lane two way highway. I hope that helps.

Councilman O. Jenkins: (Inaudible) you got my head turning on the 62%. I didn't what that - - -

Mr. Joiner: it comes from a variety of court cases over the years. To define not necessarily the fact that its 62%, that's some type of golden mean, but its also a little bit of a contrivance for one reason in that you have to be able to assure a positive percentage. 6% difference with 18 + is not bad. This will increase it. So, yes.

Ms. Joyce Lawrence: (4107 Scenic Drive) Hello, good afternoon. I guess I should say I'm Black and I'm proud.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Part of it, we see. The other part of it, you gotta show.

Ms. Lawrence: Mr. Everson, I want you to know that I looked at the numbers and when you were elected to your seat. The district that you were representative from was majority Black at the time.

Councilman Everson: It was.

Ms. Lawrence: So if people don't get out and vote, that ain't yo problem. And I'm not here to own that either.

Councilman Everson: And I have to say, I did actually ask for votes from Black voters, and I received some. And I hope that I represent them well. So lets keep in mind I vote for Black candidates too. So people don't only vote by racial lines.

Ms. Lawrence: And I'm hoping we're moving forward so that we do adhere to the DOJ's guidelines for redistricting, and that we're adhering to Section 5 and Section 2 of the voting rights act. But I got some real serious concerns about this whole process which it seemed 1) a little convoluted; 2) a little hoarding of information. So, I'm going to start with three questions that I have because I asked for, and it may be that I am not the average citizen who would ask for when the lines were redrawn, what precincts were shifted? Which is a simple question, because if you re-drew the lines, you knew what precincts were moved. And I did that some two or three months ago. And I'm still waiting the data that shows me what precincts were moved. Precinct 83 which was Mr. Brooks' group, happen to learn through some information that I disseminated in an email, that they were impacted by this redrawing of the lines. I'm concerned that there are others whose lines have been redrawn that is not familiar or informed by this process. There was a meeting as I understand it on June 12th at the Independence Stadium where there were a number of plans discussed. Eight of 'em okay? I understand that that was billed as a public hearing. I'd like to see the minutes from that public hearing because I did hear one gentleman say that he left that meeting with the understanding that Plan 8 was being moved forward. I talked to a number of people that was at the meeting. They left believing that there were all these plans out there and at some point, some decision was going to be made. And I think that that, when I say that this whole process was convoluted, public hearings here seem to have a problem in terms of notification of the public. It's a one time deal, you miss it, you're done. That's not adequate public hearing you know from where I see government or from what the federal government defines as public hearing. The second thing that I want to know and Mr. Shyne, you've asked for a number of pieces of information. I want to know what City Council districts have the 10% variance that requires a redrawing of the lines. I'm familiar with the city ordinance that says in Section 405 you can do this and its done after every you know 10-year census, and that you try to divide the districts equally, but there is a federal law that says that there has to be a 10% variance. There was a shift in

population that I think everybody who watches the newspaper knows that Shreveport had a 4% decrease in its overall population, though there was movement and you know, building and homes out in southeast Shreveport. I want to know what districts, what City Council districts have the 10% variances that are driving this redrawing of the lines. The other question that I have is that if a decision was made at the June 12th public meeting or public hearing on all eight of the plans where was that documented for any citizen to know, that one of those plans was coming out of that meeting and was the driver and that this City Council was going to vote on it. I have enumerated in an email to Councilman Jenkins who is my elected leader here on this council. I have prepared copies for the Clerk and the other six City Councils about my concerns about whether this whole process is even in your own - - - is due process within your own city ordinance. Under Section 4-05, paragraph 3 reads: *Within one year after the date of the report of the regular official federal census of the United States to the President of the United States, or at such earlier time as required by federal or state statute, the council shall by ordinance, reapportion the several city council districts of the city. Subject to the foregoing requirements, such reapportionment shall, to the maximum extent possible, preserve the geographic pattern of districts which existed prior to revision.* I sent to Councilman Jenkins, and I've given to you, and I'm sorry I couldn't get it up and working before I got here this morning, a copy of the news releases that I received directly from the Census Bureau of when the regular report of the census went to the President of these United States. That went on December 21, 2010. According to the city ordinance, this body had within one year of that report being delivered to make a decision on whether you were going to redistrict or not. This redistricting ordinance hit this agenda on November 27th. Am I right about that?

Councilmen McCulloch and S. Jenkins: Yes.

Ms. Lawrence: Okay, for a public hearing and a decision to be made. That's almost two years ago. So I think this whole process is out of order and it is definitely untimely. And its not within the City Code that you're here to ensure as followed. There are some other little things that you could consider that I might be petty about this whole thing, but that first one is very important. I've talked to the Department of Justice and I've talked to the Census people about this. I've attached news releases from the federal census department that they released on the President getting this information, and I also attached the one that the U.S. Census Bureau sent announcing that the State of Louisiana's data for the 2010 census was issued to them, and that was on February 3, 2011. So this is still not timely even based on when it was sent to the state. Now are there any voters being disenfranchised with the current state of the precincts and the City Council districts as we know them now. And I think that would lie within the

answer to my question is, what City Council Districts are there a 10% - - - yes Mr. Jenkins?

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay, so I can answer that by looking on the website. Because it all clearly spells it out on the website from the beginning. Site Plan 1 shows what our existing city council districts and precincts are based on. And then you moved to each successive plan, you will see where those precincts move out of one, just by the colors on the (inaudible), you can follow through it. But specifically looking at the data that's provided, District B has less as per the new census, and they're 10% below the optimum, i.e., a requirement for redistricting and in accordance with that. District D is 18% above, so once again, that's a requirement to change it, and then according to this, there is a district at 9.96%, though not quite 10%, District E. So that if you're looking for a baseline, I mean I'm sure Mr. Joiner can explain this further, but with a little bit of looking at that, that's apparent to me just in this discussion. I will also say I for one say yes, I think your criticism of us being behind the times in terms of when we should have had this done, I'm certainly happy to accept that criticism. I will say that as he is the lone professional demographer that does this in the region and does this for the Parish, the School Board as well as our sister Parish and School Boards in a lot of other regional areas, we could've still moved faster. We had some issues with the way the census was done to begin with, which delayed us. And in that we put in a petition for - - - oh, I don't remember maybe 800 more voters that we found were 1,200 voters. (Inaudible) 64, that is not acknowledged in these numbers, but certainly cognitively needs to be when we talk about the future growth of our city needs to be considered. So, I certainly accept the criticism that maybe this isn't as timely, but there is clearly a requirement on the data that we have in front of us to do redistricting.

Ms. Lawrence: Okay. You know first of all.

Councilwoman McCulloch: May I say something?

Ms. Lawrence: Yes Ma'am.

Councilwoman McCulloch: In regards to the public hearing, was it in July?

Ms. Lawrence: June 12th.

Councilwoman McCulloch: I attended that public hearing, and I don't recall at anytime that we decided on a particular plan. The reason being is because as I was leaving the Independence Stadium, getting on the elevator, I had some constituents to say, Oh, we want Plan 6, or oh I like Plan 8. It was my understanding that once we had the public hearing, nothing was decided at the public hearing. No plans were as far as I remember

were decided on at the public hearing. But if you would have taken an overall consensus among the citizens, you would have been led to believe, and in talking with some of my colleagues, well it seems like everybody wants Plan 8. And so but we were to come back as a body to decide which of the eight plans, you know which one of the eight plans would be selected. And so, I'm assuming that's where we are now, because we haven't met the timeframe. The Chairperson said we needed to go on and move forward with this, and I'm assuming along with that Plan 9, for some reason out of the blue popped up.

Ms. Lawrence: Yeah, which I think is problematic.

Councilwoman McCulloch: But again I do know for sure at the public hearing, we did not decide on a particular plan. Its never been decided on particular plan, but as an elected official, if I had to give an overall consensus, I would say most of the citizens that attended the public hearing were torn between Plan 6 and Plan 8. The majority was Plan 8. So that's probably where you're getting that from.

Ms. Lawrence: Yeah. No, I did hear one gentleman speak to that he left that meeting believing that they were putting forth Plan 8. And then I talked to other citizens who left there just saying that there were all these plans proposed and which one's going to be picked. So that is I think confusing, and it sort of murky's the water for a lot of folks, like the folks who did hear you know a few weeks ago, that they were being redrawn to another district. And so then I still have the question about how many other people that are being moved know that they're being moved.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Well lets address that one. And maybe Dr. Joiner can assist us with that. I know that you made a request that was passed onto Dr. Joiner for the precincts that are being moved from one district to another, and I think you wanted to know the racial makeup of those precincts? Or the numbers or statistics?

Ms. Lawrence: Yeah, the Secretary of State has the most recent racial makeup on their website in terms of registered voters. And because population is also a driver, that information is not kept by the Secretary of State in terms of when you move, and redraw the lines around certain precincts. But I'm not going to belabor the issue because we all have to do what we have to do.

Councilman S. Jenkins: You can belabor the issue, but you brought up several times though. Is that information available to show? Say for instance if Precinct 83 is being moved from G to A?

Mr. Joiner: The Secretary of State's information is only registered voters.

Ms. Lawrence: Exactly.

Mr. Joiner: And there is a report that can be printed out from the Registrar of Voters office immediately called a 1A report. And its by precinct and if there are different ways to run it, but they can do in and out of the city.

Ms. Lawrence: No, I've obtained that.

Mr. Joiner: Well that's the latest available.

Ms. Lawrence: Well that's registered voters, but one of problems is population.

Mr. Joiner: Well population - - -

Councilman S. Jenkins: Wait, I thought - - - I just want to be clear on what's being requested. Is there a list of precincts under Plan 8 or Plan 9 that would move from one council district to another? And what you wanted was the statistics on those particular precincts, right?

Ms. Lawrence: Right. Where the lines were redrawn.

Councilman S. Jenkins: That's the thing. I'm thinking what we want is a list of the precincts that's moved from one council district to the other, and what are the statistics in those precincts?

Mr. Joiner: Well, this is it.

Councilman S. Jenkins: No, by precincts.

Mr. Joiner: By precinct, the question is do you want it from Plan 1 which is the current, to whatever plan they want to adopt.

Ms. Lawrence: I'm looking at whatever you're planning to adopt. But you know what would be a good baseline of information for the public since it seems like the players know what the game is, is that when you are creating documents like this, if just a visual since you have them on what you intend to get passed, of where we are now, and so that there is a context to draw on here's where we plan to go. This is what it looks like now, this is what is being proposed.

Councilman Everson: We've done that.

Councilman Shyne: We've done that already.

Ms. Lawrence: No, no I have them from the internet. That's not here in the meeting, and some of these people haven't been to any meeting except for this one.

Mr. Joiner: The others are still - - -

Ms. Lawrence: And you assume that when your staff post something on the internet, that we're supposed to know that its out there? What is the medium for conveying that hey we put all these maps out there on the internet. I mean Sam knows that I go looking. The average citizen in this city doesn't. Whose to know that we're supposed to check every 10 years on the city's website, because they may be doing some redistricting, and we might just need to go out there and see if there are some maps there. I mean that's - - - but Sam, the last thing I want to say is the gentleman that brought up the information about the census - - - thank you for bring up the data counts for the census and the errors. Because one of the things that comes out, if you go and look at census.gov, and you look at all of the major cities in the State of Louisiana, Shreveport's count - - - there's a variable and there's an allowance for like errors. If you look at them in the context with all of the other five major cities in Louisiana, Shreveport's error rate is 4-500 more than the others. Meaning that for example, I don't want to misquote, but for example, lets just use Lake Charles or Baton Rouge would be better. Baton Rouge you know there's an allowance for you know miscounting people not returning forms, somebody moved out before you could get to 'em and that kind of stuff when you're taking the census. And there is an error rate that's allowed. Shreveport's error rate is like 1,043. All of the other cities error rates is between 4 and 500. So, Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Oliver Jenkins, when you bring up that there was an issue with the counting and bringing in numbers after the fact and stuff, the whole census has a credibility issue for the City of Shreveport. So, what I'm saying is you can move forward as you will. To do so and to adopt a plan outside of the city ordinance that you're here to legislate and to enforce, I believe is out of context with what you have set forth for yourself as the law in terms of reapportioning. So, I just wanted to make those points because when people say that they haven't heard, you've gotta know that there is always somebody that's not going to get the message. So we don't - - - you know there's always going to be a Johnny come lately. But in terms of all the seven plans, you know either one can be adopted and its probably not going to make everybody happy. And I'm not here because I'm dis-happy with Plan 8 or Plan 9. I'm happy because I'm dis-happy because of the process, because that to take or redistricting or redrawing this late in the game, some two years after the deadline has expired is not within the spirit of the law as its written.

Councilwoman McCulloch: May I ask Mr. Joiner a question?

Councilman S. Jenkins: Yes.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Mr. Joiner, based on the deadline that we're looking at, that we have exceeded, compared to other lets say entities involved, is this common?

Mr. Joiner: It is common. Its very, very common. In this case, I'm going to make a clarification, and this gives me a chance to do it. What Councilman Jenkins was talking about with the irregularity, its not in the count itself, because we know that there was some of that. That's just normal. We have an additional problem which took a lot of time, and that's because when the census came out, its based - - - their layers are based on something called the boundary annexation surveys or the BAS maps. And the BAS maps do not agree with what the boundaries are for the city. And we've got some long standing problems, and to track down where those problems are would require an enormous - - - to define where they came from would require an enormous amount of time and manpower, and I don't know what good it would do. But there are two separate versions of the census maps that I've had to use to do this. And its simply because of the way that Shreveport is in two parishes. That's the first thing. The second thing is that over the last several years, and the city has corrected this through the discovery of this, there have been sort of fits and starts with getting annexations approved. The typical thing is, is that the city creates an annexation ordinance. It passes this body. It's sent to the Department of Justice and 60 days later, they tell you okay you can do it or no you can't. There was a problem with the Shreveport City Court in the '90s in which they disallowed initially over 400 annexations going back to the 1950s. The City Council was fined, the City Marshal was fined, the City Court was not, and it took four years to handle that. Sort of the left over (inaudible) from this is this is that there are annexations that appear on one set of census maps that do not appear on the other. And what I had to do was go through and find them. I found 30 of them. And they're not areas in which there is no population. There's no way to tell exactly how many children are in it, but I identified 1,264 voters that are at risk. In no case do they change any of the districts, because they're spread out along the east and southern boundaries. Some of them are in G, some of 'em in E, most of 'em are in D. And there's some in C. And I think there may be one in B. So, that has to be figured out. The problem with that is that it has less affect on the Department of Justice as it does on the Secretary of State's office. They found some irregularities particularly in south Louisiana, that they felt like they were going to have to defend or to attack, and so they made a decision that every municipality that has done annexations is going to have to not just use the Department of Justice maps, the census maps, you've got to account for those. And that has taken an enormous amount of time. So they understand. As long as we get this up, my comfort level is certainly by the end of the year and we're going to do that. And then they have 60 days to reply, and if they have any questions that we have 60 days to answer.

Ms. Lawrence: You're talking about the pre-clearance process?

Mr. Joiner: Yes, the pre-clearance under Section 2. Absolutely, but we're making sure. We're going beyond the extra mile to make sure that - - - lets say that the Department of Justice passes it. And this has already happened once in another jurisdiction. The Department of Justice passes it or says yes, this is going to be fine. And then the Secretary of State's office comes in and says, wait a minute. Where is this? And its an annexation in another town that was done after the census was done, and they still attacked it. And it had to be - - - the plan had to be withdrawn, recalculated and sent up for 21 voters. 21 people, excuse me. Half of 'em are kids. So, we're not going to let that happen to Shreveport. I did Bossier City, I did the same thing for them. And its just a long convoluted process. But its good, its viable, and it works. Hope that helps.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, let me say this. Dr. Joiner does an excellent job, and like I say, you've been doing this for us for - - -

Mr. Joiner: This is my third go around in 20 years.

Councilman Shyne: Yes, third go around and he knows that if he doesn't come right, he knows one person that's going to raise Oliver, that's going to raise a lot of sand. That's that good Christian boy.

Councilman O. Jenkins: There are a lot of 'em up here.

Councilman Shyne: But you know I think that we can be, Mr. Chairman I think that we can be pretty well assured that what Dr. Joiner puts together will pass the Justice Department. He's done this before, and I think we can be pretty well satisfied with it.

Councilman S. Jenkins: I know the time hasn't been optimum for this process, but if we get it done in enough time ideally before the next election, you know so people can educate themselves on where things are, I think that's important.

Mr. H. Calvin Austin: (3546 Pleasant Drive) Mr. Chairman, Councilmen, Mr. Mayor, you still on the phone? Has he hung up?

Mayor Glover: I'm right here with you Dr. Austin, How are you doing today?

Mr. Austin: Well I'm fine, how are you sir?

Mayor Glover: Doing very well.

Mr. Austin: Well my prayers must be helping. I hear that you're up and moving around a little bit, and so I do charge for prayers.

Mayor Glover: I've been steadily moving Dr. Austin, so I thank you for them, and I'll let the Lord pay you.

Mr. Austin: Thank you sir.

Councilman O. Jenkins: And have Councilman Shyne probably chip in too.

Mr. Austin: Let me thank the Council for allowing me to come. First before I go into what I've come to say, I want to commend my friend and my brother, Brother Brian Crawford for the service that he has rendered to our city as he prepares to leave and go to the big state of Texas, in the big city of Plano. Best of luck to you.

Mr. Crawford: Thank you.

Mr. Austin: To you my Council Members, Mr. Joiner has presented something that should be very carefully looked at. (inaudible) this. He's a professional. If you look at our sister city across the water, how he pulled it together, and how its bubbling. It can happen right here in our own city. 15 days from today, according to you, December 11th. You'll have a new Chairman in place, you'll have a new Vice-Chairman, you'll have the same group, but you'll have a decision that must be made that will benefit the citizens as Brother Oliver says, you work for the citizens of Shreveport and what you say and what you do on that day, according to Mr. Joiner, 60 days from that day, the Justice Department has to either accept or reject. And I would hope what you do and how you do it and where you pull it together, would not be to benefit one particular group, but to benefit the City of Shreveport. Also here in a few minutes, you're going to be making another decision. I heard Mr. Brooks say earlier that everything that we do according to the word of God, we do it decent, and we do it in order. Mr. Corbin, I'm aware that you'll now become the Chairman, is what I'm informed of. But the Vice-Chair is a very important position also. I say to you Council Members, Mr. Shyne and Mr. Everson, when I'm talking, nobody else talks.

Councilman Shyne: Naw, hold it, hold it,

Mr. Austin: I do it at my church.

Councilman Shyne: Hold it, hold it.

Mr. Austin: I do it at my church and that's called respect.

Councilman Shyne: Hold it. You're not at your church.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Say it again? Its called what?

Mr. Austin: I think its called respect. When someone has the floor, I think you ought to respect the floor that's standing behind the mic. I don't care whatever else is going on. I think that's what's called protocol.

Councilman Shyne: Naw, you at the wrong place.

Mr. Austin: Naw, I'm at the right place if I'm a citizen of Shreveport, I'm in the right place.

Councilman Shyne: Naw, naw, naw, you're not at your church now. You come down to speak.

Mr. Austin: I think you should respect me while I'm standing, and not have a conversation Mr. Shyne.

Councilman Shyne: I'm going to respect you, but you're not going to come down here and tell me what I can or cannot do.

Mr. Austin: Well you should not disrespect me.

Councilman Shyne: Now you can be at the (inaudible)

Mr. Austin: Mr. Chairman, you're the Chairman, you can call a point of order.

Councilman Shyne: If I want to get up and walk out, I'm going to do that.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Can we - - - lets just maintain order.

Councilman Shyne: Right. Let him go head on and do what he got to do. He (inaudible) my actions.

Councilman S. Jenkins: He has the floor, he has the floor, go ahead.

Mr. Austin: But the thing is - - -

Councilman Shyne: (Inaudible) my actions.

Mr. Austin: But the thing is make a wise decision, make a wise decision in what you do, because its important. Its very important. I apologize to you Mr. Shyne.

Councilman Shyne: I apologize to you. Thank you.

Mr. Austin: Because we don't need to have no issues with us.

Councilman Shyne: There you go.

Mr. Austin: You're my councilman. I know how to put you in check when I need to. But let me say this, regarding the redistricting, and the make up of that District B, Shreveport is a city that has come through a lot storms, a lot of trials, a lot of tribulations. I was a part of some of the in-fighting and out-fighting, and the make up of this Council, the way this government is set now. I'm one of the reasons that the City of Shreveport took a chance. But I'm so concerned that the ole cliché is can't we all get along? Can't we all work together? We have a thing in our constitution called united we stand, but if we are divided on the Council, then we are divided in this city. We have a problem. My prayers are with you and what you do. Thank you. And 62%, don't you worry about it, you're alright.

Councilman S. Jenkins: And I believe that was all the persons who filled out a form wished to speak that we've allowed that to happen. Did we overlook anyone who wanted to speak on redistricting or reapportionment? Okay, then I believe - - -.

Councilman Shyne: What is that Mr. Chairman, speak now or forever hold your peace.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Sounds like the Mayor is (inaudible)

Councilman S. Jenkins: We're going to get ready to move.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, I'd just like to offer a quick word.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Please. Go right ahead.

Mayor Glover: I want to first of all commend you on your leadership of this issue. Reapportionment is never an easy process. I had the distinct privilege and honor going back to the 1990s and engaging in exactly what it is that you all are doing right now, and that is that you all are doing right now, and know that there are never any easy solutions when you talk about having to move lines and shift precincts and what have you. But I think you and the rest of the Council have led this in a very dynamic way. I also want to say that this particular process for me is a little less steady and unsure because throughout the entirety of this time, Dr. Joiner has been a constant in this process, and in his work. He is certainly well respected. For the first time since I've been on the public stage here in Shreveport, we are engaging in this effort without the

presence and the involvement of one Hershel Cecil Brown, a man who styled himself as a demographer who understood numbers in a way that was beyond comprehension, especially based on some of the conversations and dialogues and debates that I had with him throughout the years. And so I also think its proper and appropriate since he passed away some almost four years ago to honor and recognize an individual who was a part of the effort to try and ensure that this reapportionment effort for the City of Shreveport, for the Caddo Parish Commission, for the School Board and other respective offices throughout this region was always done in a way that was fair, that was transparent, and that was above board. So again, thank you for your leadership, thank you for your effort, and thank you all for the work that you've done towards this end.

I know we're still under suspension of the rules. It was another matter on the agenda that I'm concerned that maybe some people are here. I'm trying to find it, but I believe was this the rezoning matter in District F?

Councilwoman McCulloch: Councilman Shyne? You got an issue in District F.

Councilman S. Jenkins: The zoning matter in District F. C-69-12. It was two or three people who had signed up to speak on that? Are those persons here? Well while we're under the suspension of rules, I know its getting late in the day and I was trying to accommodate the folks who came down to say something about something on the agenda. If we want to take this up now, we can. Is she one of the persons who wanted to speak? Are you Ms. Cameron? Okay, Council recognizes Ms. Karyn Cameron. We're taking up folks who wanted to speak on C-69-12, a zoning matter.

Ms. Karyn Cameron: (1205 Mercedes Benz Drive) I'm a representative from Enterprise and we have applied for the rezoning of property we're looking to purchase at 5225 Monkhouse for M3E with an above ground fuel storage tank. Mr. Shyne and I spoke and I know that he had several concerns about the above ground tank that he mentioned. So I have a couple of representatives here to - - - just to make sure that you guys are presented with the facts before you vote on the decision that will be in two weeks before you make our decision. Just some information about the tank, and the placement of the tank from the intersection. What safety precautions that we have in place. So I think that probably the representatives here will probably be able to present and answer the questions a little bit better than I will.

Councilman Shyne: You want to let them - - -

Councilman S. Jenkins: Sure. We want to give them an opportunity to speak, I know its getting kinda late. So, I have Mr. Campisi?

Ms. Cameron: David Campisi is the architect.

Councilman S. Jenkins: And then Mr. William Anderson?

Ms. Cameron: And then we also have Rusty Anderson from Jones Brothers Environmental, he's a fuel tank specialist.

Councilman Shyne: And Mr. Chairman, when they get through, I want to make a statement.

Mr. David Campisi: (515 Janie Lane) I'm representing the owner for approval of relocating the above ground storage tank to the site that they want to purchase, and I have a diagram, site diagram just showing the general location of where the fuel tank is going to be sitting on the site. The site is at the corner of Monkhouse and Hollywood, and the actual fuel tank itself will be sitting approximately 168 feet from Monkhouse property line, and 175 feet from the Hollywood property line, and will be barricaded with concrete ballers around the entire tank for safety from cars and rental cars that may be fueling.

Councilman Webb: What would it cost you to put it underground?

Mr. Campisi: Mr. Anderson would probably be able to answer that question, as he is the representative with the actual relocation of this fuel tank, and also be able to put a fuel tank underground.

Mr. Anderson: Could I answer that question because that's what we do.

Councilman Webb: Come to the microphone.

Mr. Rusty Anderson: (3323 Colquitt Road) I was asked to come here to talk about the safety features of the tank that is existing now. There's pretty two projects. One is moving the (inaudible) property to another location, and then moving this tank with it. I have a picture. Can I get this on the overhead?

Ms. Johnson: Yes sir. Place the document face up.

Mr. Anderson: This tank is one that is at one location and is going to be moved less than a quarter of a mile from where it is now. This tank was approved by the state fire marshal when we first put it in 2006. It was approved by the Shreveport Fire Prevention at that time. What we're moving is the equipment as you see it here on this picture, we're moving it exactly. There's no additions, no changes, it was approved and its

probably - - - there's not another type of tank configuration that is more safe than the one that you're looking at now. That tank is what they call a fire guard tank, its bullet resistant, it has a coating that allows it to - - - if there was a fire around it, it could withstand a fire for up to two hours. It has all the different safety features on it that would preclude it from ever being involved and exploding because of the way its built, the safety features would not allow that to happen. So, we're talking about moving this like I say, a quarter of mile, and I don't think that its going to be - - - I would say that it would probably be even safer by moving it away because right now, it's closer to the airport runways, than it would be by moving it farther out. So if you have any questions about the tank or the tank safety features, I'll take those.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, I'm sorry. He never did say what the price is.

Mr. Anderson: Well, to take that tank and put it underground, it'd cost probably about three to four times as much as an above ground because you're dealing with environmental issues. Once you go underground, the safety features are quite extravagant when start talking about going underground because of the requirements by the EPA and the DEQ.

Councilman Webb: \$1,000 - - - \$2,000? How much or three times more?

Mr. Anderson: Total? Well all of this goes away, so the expense of that goes away. So to have this same type of configuration underground with a single tank above, probably around \$60,000.

Councilman Shyne: We're not talking about that son, we're just talking about a normal tank. But let me say this. You all know what Calumet is, with those tanks there. That has been a pain in the butt for the last I don't know how long. And you remember when we had the company there on the corner of Hollywood and Jewella? They wanted to put some explosives in a concrete bunker, that was maybe 3-400 feet away from the road. We had maybe 1,000 people who turned out, that was against that. And of course I think Mr. Sibley remember and Mr. Mayor, can you hear me?

Mayor Glover: I hear you Mr. Shyne.

Councilman Shyne: And a lot of it was led by the Mayor's good friend, State Representative Barbara Norton. Do you remember that meeting?

Mayor Glover: I do remember that meeting Mr. Shyne.

Councilman Shyne: Okay. I don't want us to open up another can of worms, and I wanted to be up front with the people, and let 'em know that I have no problems if you would put it under the ground, or either I have no problems if you would leave it where it is and send your cars there to be gassed up. Because we're asking problems Councilmen that we just don't need. First of all, it looks bad. I mean if you're coming into the city, you don't want to see a big gasoline tank up above the ground and you're coming into the city of Shreveport. I go along with you having the zoning, but for the gas tank there? No. And the next thing its going to be close to is some hotels, that's going to be right behind there. And to keep down any problems, I'm asking the Council that we just, we don't need it. Appreciate having your business there, but the gas tank? No. I think you would come out a whole lot better if you would put it under the ground. You can put a gas tank under the ground that size for less than \$60,000. Now if his company can't do it, I can get you all a company who can.

Mr. Anderson: Well you're saying that you think you're going to see a large tank above ground, I would be hesitant to think - - - this thing is probably less than 6 feet tall, and if its back in behind the buildings, you're not going to even know its there sir.

Councilman Shyne: Sir, let me tell you again. We done had a problem with - - - didn't I just get through telling y'all that we had a problem in a concrete bunker that was 200 feet away from the road that nobody was going to see. We don't need it in the area. I hope I'm making sense to you, we don't need it in the area.

Councilman Corbin: Mr. Anderson, just out of curiosity, where is the tank located now? Is it a business that's out of business? Or where is it now?

Councilman Shyne: Its located on Airport property.

Mr. Anderson: Its on Airport Drive (inaudible)

Ms. Cameron: Its currently about 400 yards off Hollywood on the Airport's property, and we're wanting to move it across the street, about 200 yards from the intersection.

Councilman Shyne: Councilman Corbin, they need to leave it where it is if they want it in that area. If they got a car that needs some gas in it, its no more than about 4-500 feet. Send the car there, get the gas, they're on the road.

Ms. Cameron: Well part of the concern is that property is under lease, and we will have to give that property back for the airport to re-lease at the end of our leasing. The expense of re-leasing that property from the airport is over \$1,000 a month, and we can't continue to incur that expense, as well as the delay its going to take to go across

the street, fill the cars and back out of the airport. You do have to circle through in front of the entire terminal or go down and take some back roads to get into it. So it does add some time on turnaround of our vehicles. So, again to have the tank on site is what helps us conduct our business and be able to afford to operate it.

Councilman Shyne: And Councilman, just on the other site, you probably pass by it on Jewella that was cleared out. They have to go more than 400 feet to get the explosives, they have to go about 15 miles. It would have been a whole lot shorter. But if you lived in that area, you wouldn't want it there. If I'm making any sense to you.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Okay, of course no action will be taken on this until the next meeting. Appreciate your comments.

Rev. Emanuel P. McIntyre: (4007 Delmont Ave) What my issue is I need your help. Because there is a population that we have been overlooking and that's the penal system. On January 1st of this year, 15,000 ex-offenders came back to Louisiana, an additional 2% came from other states getting out of the penal system. What I do is I specialize in helping ex-offenders rebuild their lives through education, schooling, but one of my biggest problems is still the prejudice that some businesses have for ex-offenders. My goal is to reduce recidivism, because I prefer a man ask me for his check, than my wallet. And what I'm trying to do, and what I hope that you may be able to help me with is remove the statement from applications about 'are you a felon'? Because 90% of the time, when they check 'yes', they don't get hired. And by them not getting hired, two things are going to happen. They're going to go back to their old ways, and commit a crime and maybe end back up in prison. But if we can help to get them jobs - - - right now, what I do is I'm in my office 4 days a week. On Friday, I'm out looking for employers that's willing to hire ex-offenders. And some of the applications still have that on there. I can understand about a sex offender. That's a whole different ballgame with me. But if you can, because that population gone have to live somewhere in the Shreveport/Bossier area. I understand and I admire what the Hope Foundation is trying to do for homeless people, but ex-offenders cannot be in that program because they have a felony. They're not allow the housing. If they're doing drugs before they went in, they can't get food stamps. But a job is the best thing that we can do for them. And if you can help me to get the message across to the citizens of Shreveport and Bossier that they have spent their time, that we don't need to keep 'em locked up. That's why they're out of prison. We need to get them jobs. I have some that some of the prisons have where they can get college degrees in prison. I have some with Masters and Bachelors degrees in different business areas. Nobody will touch them because they've got a felony. And if you can give me an answer to help me to understand what I can do to better the quality of life for these people, I'm all ears.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Well, I tell you I've known you a long time, and I know you've been working with this effort a very long time also and doing an admirable job. I don't know if I have any answer I can just give you for certain today, but we do have your contact information here.

Rev. McIntyre: I can leave several of my business cards, and it has my email address on 'em as well.

Councilman S. Jenkins: And what we probably have to do is find a less formal setting than this.

Councilman Webb: Is he talking about just in general, anyone's application?

Rev. McIntyre: A lot of applications have that on there. Just have a little statement, 'Do you have a felony'?

Councilman Webb: Which application are you talking about?

Rev. McIntyre: Different businesses around the Shreveport-Bossier area.

Councilman Webb: I don't know if we'd be able to control what they put on their applications.

Rev. McIntyre: Cause the reason I asked, cause I have been to employers that were very nasty towards me when I asked them were they willing to hire and ex-offender? Because I told them about the subsidiary that you can receive by hiring ex-offenders. You see there's \$8400 for every person ex-offender that you hire. And see that money goes to help pay his salary. Cause in six months, if he ain't doing what you really need, you're going to let him go anyway. If its an ex-offender or non-offender.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Well as I said, I think we might need a less formal setting to further discuss it. I know there are some programs that are out there, re-entry type programs that are out there that different organizations are doing, and that's the kind of information I think we'll be able to share with you. Its not the kind of information we'd probably have here today, but to the extent that we could maybe help you to network with others who are probably looking at some of the very same issues that you're talking about. I was in a meeting this past weekend in New Orleans, talking about re-entry programs.

Rev. McIntyre: Well see, I was on the Governor's Commission for HIV as well, I was helping ex-offenders that are HIV positive. But knowing the Philadelphia Center had

that covered. So I just re-tweaked my 501 to help those who were not sick. But I still help all of 'em anyway. And I've been talking to the Law Foundation up in Maine. They have an abandoned building that they took over in their city. Where the top floors were for living, and the bottom two floors were for education. See right now, I go into CCC and do anger management, relationship building, and effective communication. And I want to keep that going because a lot of 'em still have some anger issues.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Well leave those with the nice lady there at the end, and she'll make sure that we get 'em. And like I said, I do have some information I'll pass on to you on some re-entry programs that I think you could network with that can assist you with your goal here, okay?

Rev. McIntyre: Alright, appreciate you.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Well most jobs usually run a background check anyway don't they?

Councilman S. Jenkins: Right. But they got some special efforts out there, they're going to try to bring based on getting back into the workforce. So just need to be able to share the information, those of who have those contacts can probably contact him and let him know.

Pastor Linus Mays: (335 E. Dalzell) Good afternoon. I've been listening to some of the things that's been happening on today, and just to piggyback on what my friend said, he has a wonderful program. What he's doing is wonderful, but the truth of the matter is, is that the census does not want or Damascus does not want what is called ex-offender to be reformed. Because there is more money invested in a child going to prison. They did this analogy from the grade school level. And they calculated that to say how many out of the grade school level that we can incarcerate. So the numbers - - - the stuff been done, years ago. It is not factual or feasible, let me say that for Louisiana, Texas, throughout this country, throughout this United States of America. Its big money in the red road to prison. That's why they don't want to do what you are suggesting. Its because the more people that we can house in prisons, to keep them from becoming productive citizens of society and not reoffending again, there's no money in not reoffending. The money is in incarceration. So I commend my brother for what he's doing. I think he's doing an excellent job. I pray that somehow or another that those individuals out there that are hiring certain individuals that have felonies on their record would remove that off their application. Because no matter what a person has done in their past, we all deserve a second chance. Are y'all following me? And as we all know Ms. McCulloch that there's over 2.2 million Hispanics and African-Americans that are incarcerated. So who wants to do something and address that problem? Nobody.

Because wherever the money is, that's where the profit is, and it's about profit versus people. So the concern is not to rehabilitate, to put people back into the workforce, so that they can become productive citizens of this society. Because it's big business. Big money and big business if we just want to face the reality of it. So I also came up, Michael Williams had spoke on our good friend. We only have just a few Black leaders in this city that will not cower down, that are willing to stand up for right and righteousness. So when he spoke about my friend, I heard about it early this morning that he had passed, Brother Baruti, I had heard about his departure from this world to the next, I was saddened because I know Dr. Jenkins that there's not many of us that's going to come down here. Yeah, we'll come down here and stand up when it's going to be something that's going to help politicize our political career. But for those that would come down here and say I want to stand up for the person that can't stand up for themselves, you're going to find 'em far and few. Are y'all with me? So, to the Mayor, I pray that you have a speedy recovery as well, and I pray that this council will continue to work together, and I pray that we as American citizens, the most beautiful thing I saw when President Barack Obama was elected, the most beautiful thing I saw, I saw a picture of America in diversity. I saw Blacks, White, Hispanics, that's the beauty of America. And then when you looked over on the side, on the Republican Party, you only saw mostly older White males or those individuals that want to stick to the old way of doing things. This country is changing whether some going to agree, some going like it, some not. I'm a registered Independent. Some gonna - - - I'm speaking this because the beauty of America is that all men are created equal. So, you know with that and like they were saying about the redistricting? My thing on that is that we need to start getting the most and the best qualified individuals to represent us, no matter what color that person is. If you're qualified, and you have the best interest at hand of the constituents from which you represent, then you ought to be the person that handles that job. That's the way I see things, it's my personal opinion. And I think that we shouldn't let people based on color, race, gender, none of that. Whoever is best qualified for the job, that's who should be elected to the job. So in saying that, it was such a beautiful thing that America did. And most people that walk around with blinders on, can't even see the beauty in America. That's why everybody wants to come here. Because you see a group of Americans that says we want to push forward, even though we're not perfect, we strive towards perfection. That's good enough for me right there.

Councilman O. Jenkins: (Inaudible) strive for perfection (inaudible).

Pastor Mays: But we strive toward perfection, and that's the beauty of this country. That we can't look back in the 1800s, but we've got to look forward in the 2000s and beyond. And saying what the best in America, and I want everybody to hear this. The best in America is yet to be revealed. Thank you very much.

Councilman Shyne: Amen.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Okay, what we'll do now. I know we have a matter that we're going to try to add to the agenda in reference to LSU Health Science Center. I understand that we have a guest down here who wishes to speak on that.

Councilman Everson: We're just going to introduce this resolution today, and just wanted to if you wanted to make some comments about it so the Council knows this is the resolution we discussed yesterday in support of LSUS Health Science Center, and its really just expressing the Council's support for them. Did you want to share some comments about it?

Ms. Hitchcock: (LSU Health Science Center) I just wanted to thank the City Council for expressing its support of LSU Health Science Center Shreveport. Shreveport is an essential entity in the Shreveport community by providing healthcare to patients regardless of their ability to pay meaning that we see both patients that are uninsured, patients that are insured commercially and by Medicaid and Medicare. So we see all patients. We provide medical education through the School of Medicine, the School of Allied Health, and the School of Graduate Studies. We've seen quite a number of physicians, we've trained over 3500 physicians since the School of Medicine has been in existence. We've trained over 2500 School of Allied Health professionals, and over 400 graduate studies students, as well as over 5,000 residents and fellows. So the School of Medicine, we help to supply the healthcare professionals to treat and care for the residents of Shreveport, the State of Louisiana and the Ark-La-Tex. So, thank you so much for your support of LSU Shreveport, and we really appreciate being a part of the community.

Councilman Shyne: Just before you take your seat, Councilman Oliver Jenkins and myself are really supportive of LSU Health Science Center because we are about the economy. And we know that you all provide a lot of jobs. And I don't know whether his cousin still works there, but I have some cousins who work there. And Mike I want to keep 'em employed. So I think we really need that economic engine in our community. You know not only do you all take care of a lot of less fortunate ones, but you all provide jobs for people who probably would not be working if it were not for the LSU Health Science Center. And Oliver, believe it or not, it used to be known as Old Confederate, and I know a little boy that was born there.

Mr. Thompson: Joe Shyne.

Councilman Shyne: Yeah! How do you - - - Arthur is so smart. So you know I'm very supportive. Arthur might have been born there, but you know I'm very supportive of you all.

Ms. Hitchcock: And we really appreciate your support.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Its good to know that Councilman Shyne was born during the war between the states. (Inaudible) once again, but we're not sure exactly what part. We got the Confederate part.

Councilman S. Jenkins: We'll be adding that to our agenda a little later on. Is that a one-reader?

Councilman Everson: It's a one-reader.

Councilman S. Jenkins: So we'll be acting on that a little bit later on today.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Thank you for coming down, we really appreciate it.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Alright, we'll move now down to Ordinance No. 165 of 2012:

The Chairman read the following:

2. Proposed Ordinance No. 165 of 2012: ANNEXATION – Tag No. 12-03: An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 60 of 2012, for the Annexation of 51.086 acres for the Provenance Development, located in Sections 19 & 20 (T16N-R13W), Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. *(D/Corbin)*

Councilman S. Jenkins: Is there a presentation from the administration on this matter?

Mr. Sibley: Yes there is Mr. Chairman, and Mr. Malcolm Stadlander will present on behalf of the administration.

Mr. Stadlander: Good afternoon Mr. Chairman, members of the Council. This proposed ordinance amends Ordinance No. 60 of 2012 which authorized the annexation of 51.086 acres for the expansion of the Provenance development. The original ordinance was passed by the City Council on August 15, 2012 and it was filed in the Caddo Parish Courthouse. After filing the original ordinance, the Caddo Assessor discovered that there was a clerical error that had been made in transferring the legal description from the annexation petition to the ordinance. Therefore in order to correct the records, and make Ordinance No. 60, a workable annexation, the proposed

ordinance is necessary. A public notice of this corrected annexation ran on November 18, 2012, and there were no objections formally filed by the public.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Okay, any questions on this matter here? Alright, well lets do this. I'm sorry we're still in the hands of the administration, did y'all have anything further to present?

Mr. Sibley: That concludes it Mr. Chairman.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Do we have anyone here who wishes to speak in favor of this annexation ordinance? Is there any one here who wishes to speak in opposition to the annexation ordinance? Alright seeing and hearing none, this public hearing is now closed. Alright I guess we'll entertain a motion to go back into regular session?

Councilman Shyne: And Mr. Chairman, before we do that, I would like to recognize a very important lady who entered the Chambers about 35 or 40, maybe an hour ago, and Mrs. Jenkins, its so good to see you down. And its good for you to come down and get a chance to see how your husband is conducting city business.

Councilman S. Jenkins: I think she came down to keep her eye on you.

Councilman Shyne: What? That's my kinfolks. Sam?

Councilman S. Jenkins: Its always good to see Cynthia. Glad to have her down. I thought maybe she was going to come up and speak on redistricting. Her timing was just about right. At that moment, I said, "Oh my".

Councilman Shyne: I thought she was too Sam. Glad to have you down.

Motion by Councilman Everson, seconded by Councilman O. Jenkins to reconvene into regular session. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman McCulloch. 1.

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

Councilman S. Jenkins: Believe it or not, I think we were still on recognitions. Mr. Mayor, I think we're at a point where we need to allow you an opportunity to make any awards or recognition of distinguished guests. I don't think there are many left, but we do want to afford you that opportunity.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Mr. Chairman, and of course, we'll wrap up any recognitions as well as communications all in one here in the interest of brevity, subject to anything else that CAO Sibley may have to offer. I want to start with expressing to you all in the interest of brevity today, we chose not to engage in the dialogue that was offered by Mr. Stonecipher earlier, but just want to kinda stipulate for the record that obviously the administration and I personally and individually disagree with everything that was said, so we'll leave it with that at this point, and certainly welcome any additional questions or dialogue from the council at whatever time you believe would be appropriate. As I mentioned on yesterday during communications, I wanted to take this opportunity as well to recognize two of the folks here in Shreveport that we think have helped to put us on the map as well as anything else that's going on throughout Louisiana, and that's Bill Joyce and Brandon Oldenburg. They have yet again made another history making move with the premier across the country of their Christmas time move, "*Rise of the Guardians*". I have been reading the reviews, and they are absolutely stunning. And from what I hear the actual production itself is one of the finest Christmas movies that's been made and will go down I think very soon, as an instant classic. So kudos again to Bill Joyce, to Brandon Oldenburg and all the folks over at Moonbot Studios for yet again, hoping to show the world just how much creative potential lies here within Shreveport and northwest Louisiana. Also right in line with that, have to again offer thanks and appreciation to Shreveport native Kix Brooks, who came here this past weekend and put on an concert where 100% of the proceeds went towards an effort that was started by an honorary Shreveporter Roland Von Kurnatowski, the owner of Tipitina's, that famous landmark in New Orleans that also has his most successful music co-op located in downtown Shreveport. A man who owns property throughout this city that is particularly working toward helping to further the redevelopment of the 600 block Texas Street. His instruments are coming, an effort that is both welcome, highly appreciated, and we think we'll have yet again, a significant impact in terms of helping to grow and further cultivate the creative class here in Shreveport and northwest Louisiana. Also want to take a point to say thanks and appreciation to a publication that some of you may be familiar with. Others may not. But Fast Co. A publication that helps to chronicle the efforts of cutting edge new startup businesses. Put Shreveport on the map in a very positive way, yet again recognizing us recently in an interview with Shreveport's own and Co-Hab's own John Grimley, identifying Shreveport as one of the best places to start your startup. And if you're not familiar with it, I would suggest Fast Company in Shreveport and see the great news that's said there with the world about what's happening in terms of the technology, the tech driven economy that is evolving here within our own community. And then lastly, two things I want to take a moment to ask that you join me in recognizing the passing of Brother Baruti Ajanaku. Brother Baruti is a man who I met back in the 1980s, when he was positioned down in Allendale at his famous Ghetto Mall. He was the conscious of Shreveport. He never

hesitated to look and to speak, to look truth and power in the eye and to speak truth to it. And so his passing is one that will greatly impact and affect I think the consciousness of this city. I'm just delighted that we collectively as a council and administration within the past year had the opportunity to be able to welcome into the Chamber, and give him a day in his honor and to allow him to smell his flowers while he still could, and I have no doubt that there will be others who will carry on the strong tradition of standing tall, and speaking truth as Brother Baruti did. Lastly, my heart is heavy today because this is the last Council Meeting and Friday will be the last date for my friend and one of Shreveport's greatest and best employees in its 170+ year history. One Brian Crawford is taking flight and leaving the nest as Dr. Austin mentioned earlier. It was certainly my hope that Brian would continue to be a part of the Shreveport community for decades yet to come, and who knows destiny may still yet bring him back home, but we certainly cannot envy him for taking advantage of what is without question a tremendous opportunity to be able to go to one of the fastest growing metropolitan areas in the entirety of the country, Plano, Texas to become its next fire chief, and so while we will give him his day officially, this Friday, I want to take this opportunity during this council meeting, while we're here and on record to let Brian know how much we appreciate him, how much we respect him, and how much he has done with question to make Shreveport a better and greater city. So thank you much and thank you Council Members for giving us a chance to share these with you today.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, I want to let you know that we miss you, we will be looking forward to see if you'll be able to come back at the next Council Meeting.

Mayor Glover: Now Mr. Shyne, I'm going to be there sooner than you realize probably.

Councilman Shyne: Alright, we'll be looking for you now, because we miss you.

Mayor Glover: Well Mr. Shyne I miss you as well.

Councilman Shyne: And we love you Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Glover: Without question. Love you as well Mr. Shyne, thank you so much.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Must be getting a little later than I thought.

Mayor Glover: It's the season Mr. Chairman, it's the season.

Councilman O. Jenkins: He's on medication.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Well we certainly thank you for those comments Mr. Mayor, and I'm sure all of us on the council share in the acknowledgement of Brother Baruti as well as the compliments that you've given Brian Crawford. I think we all echo those sentiments that you just shared. Does any member have any questions for Property Standards? Really, really now?

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

Reports

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

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

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

EMS Transports Report (*Res 239 of 2010*)

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

Councilman S. Jenkins: And I believe all the rest of our reports are being furnished to us electronically. I believe we talked with Ms. Sanders, and she will be giving us a Master Plan Committee report maybe at the next meeting or the next time it comes around. I've had some communications with the City Attorney, and we talked about moving the Executive Session that will take place after this meeting. We're going to postpone that hopefully until the December 11th meeting. I see that brought a smile to the face of Mr. Arthur Thompson. After this meeting, we will not have that Executive Session, it'll be moved to December 11th, after that particular meeting. Alright, I think that brings us down now to adding - - -

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, I just had to turn the pizza delivery folks around.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Well you don't have to do that. I mean at this hour, we could still - - -

Councilman O. Jenkins: I don't think we're leaving in five minutes.

Councilman Shyne: Send 'em on.

Mayor Glover: I have no doubt, once this is over, y'all going to make short work of the agenda.

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

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

The Clerk read the following:

1. **Resolution No. 217 of 2012**: A Resolution in support of LSU Health Sciences Center Shreveport as a healthcare provider, educator & essential economic contributor, and otherwise providing with respect thereto

Councilman S. Jenkins: Is there any person who has any objection to adding this resolution to the agenda today? Does any person wish to speak in support of adding the resolution to the agenda.

Motion by Councilman Everson, seconded by Councilman O. Jenkins to add Resolution No. 217 of 2012 to the agenda. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman McCulloch. 1.

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

Confirmation and Appointment: None

Consent Agenda Legislation

To Introduce Routine Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolutions: None.

Ordinances: None.

To Adopt Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolutions:

The Clerk read the following:

RESOLUTION NO. 215 of 2012

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PG PROPERTIES, L.L.C. LOCATED AT 3837 MERIWETHER ROAD TO CONNECT TO THE WATER & SEWER

SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that PG Properties, L.L.C. be authorized to connect the structure, located at 3837 Meriwether Road to the water & sewer system of the City of Shreveport.

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

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

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Webb, seconded by Councilman S. Jenkins to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman McCulloch. 1.

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. 201 OF 2012

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF PERMITS AND INSPECTION FEES FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of the City of Shreveport (“Housing Authority”) has announced plans for the rehabilitation and redevelopment of the Cypress Landing (formerly known as “University Oaks I and II”) Apartments, a 124 unit complex located at 4715 Hilry Huckaby Drive, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, \$300,000 in HOME funds have been committed for the project through the Department of Community Development; and

WHEREAS, Housing Authority officials have requested waiver of the permit and inspection fees for this project; and

WHEREAS, upon completion, the rehabilitated units will provide much needed affordable housing opportunities for income eligible residents of the city which is a public purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal and regular session convened, that permit and inspection fees for the redevelopment and rehabilitation of the Cypress Landing Apartments are hereby waived.

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

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

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Everson, seconded by Councilman S. Jenkins to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman McCulloch. 1.

2. **Resolution No. 202 of 2012**: A resolution stating the City of Shreveport’s endorsement of Sovereign Innovation, LLC to participate in the benefits of the

Louisiana Restoration Tax Abatement Program, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Everson) *(Not to be adopted prior to December 11, 2012) (Public Hearing to be held December 11, 2012)*

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Everson, seconded by Councilman O. Jenkins to postpone until the next regular meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman McCulloch. 1.

3. **Resolution No. 203 of 2012**: Authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement between the City of Shreveport and BKD, LLP for an external audit of the City of Shreveport for fiscal year January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2012, and otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman S. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Corbin to postpone until the next regular meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman McCulloch. 1. .

RESOLUTION NO. 204 OF 2012

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NA FOR THE FINANCING OF VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport, sometimes referred to herein as "Lessee" is a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana (the "State") and is duly organized and existing pursuant to the constitution and laws of the State.

WHEREAS, pursuant to applicable law, the governing body of the Lessee ("Governing Body") is authorized to acquire and dispose of real and personal property, including, without limitation, rights and interests in property, leases and easements necessary to the functions or operations of the Lessee.

WHEREAS, the Governing Body hereby finds and determines that the execution of one or more new lease-purchase agreements or Schedules to an existing Master Lease-Purchase Agreement ("Equipment Leases") in the principal amount not exceeding \$6,900,000 for the purpose of acquiring the property generally described below ("Property") and to be described more specifically in the Equipment Leases is appropriate and necessary to the functions and operations of the Lessee:

Brief Description of Property:

Vehicles and equipment for city departments including Police, Fire, SPAR, and Water and Sewerage and Golf

WHEREAS, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., ("Lessor") is expected to act as the Lessor under the Equipment Leases.

WHEREAS, the Lessee has paid or will pay certain capital expenditures in connection with the Property prior to its receipt of proceeds of the Equipment Leases ("Lease Purchase Proceeds") for such expenditures and such expenditures have not exceeded or are not expected to exceed the Principal Amount.

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

Section 1. Cedric B. Glover, Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and deliver one or more Equipment Leases in a form approved by the City Attorney. The Mayor is further authorized to execute and deliver such other documents relating to the Equipment Lease (including, but not limited to, escrow agreements) as he deems necessary and appropriate. All other related contracts and agreements necessary and incidental to the Equipment Leases are hereby authorized.

Section 2. By a written instrument signed by the Mayor, the Mayor may designate specifically identified officers or employees of the City to execute and deliver agreements and documents relating to the Equipment Leases on behalf of the City.

Section 3. The aggregate original principal amount of the Equipment Leases shall not exceed the Principal Amount and shall bear interest as set forth in the Equipment Leases and the Equipment Leases shall contain such options to purchase by the Lessee as set forth therein.

Section 4. The Lessee's obligations under the Equipment Leases shall be subject to annual appropriation or renewal by the Governing Body as set forth in each Equipment Lease and the Lessee's obligations under the Equipment Leases shall not constitute a general obligation of the Lessee or indebtedness under the Constitution or laws of the State.

Section 5. The Governing Body of Lessee anticipates that the Lessee may pay certain capital expenditures in connection with the Property prior to the receipt of the Lease Purchase Proceeds for the Property. The Governing Body of Lessee hereby declares the

Lessee's official intent to use the Lease Purchase Proceeds to reimburse itself for Property expenditures. This section of the Resolution is adopted by the Governing Body of Lessee for the purpose of establishing compliance with the requirements of Section 1.150-2 of Treasury Regulations. This section of the Resolution does not bind the Lessee to make any expenditure, incur any indebtedness, or proceed with the purchase of the Property.

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

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

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman S. Jenkins to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman McCulloch. 1.

5. **Resolution No. 205 of 2012**: Approving the application of citizens regarding the organization of the Shreveport-Caddo Economic Development Authority; Designating the Economic Development area therefore; Approving the economic Development Plan therefore; Making certain findings in connection therewith; and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman S. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman O. Jenkins to postpone until the next regular meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman McCulloch. 1.

RESOLUTION NO. 206 OF 2012

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE STATE OF LOUISIANA AND AGENCIES THEREOF, BENTELER STEEL/TUBE MANUFACTURING CORPORATION OR ITS AFFILIATE, AND OTHER LOCAL ENTITIES RELATIVE TO THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A MANUFACTURING FACILITY AT THE PORT OF CADDO-BOSSIER AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, Benteler Steel/Tube Manufacturing Corporation (“Benteler”) has announced plans to construct a steel facility at The Port of Caddo-Bossier at an estimated cost of \$900 million dollars (“the project”); and

WHEREAS, the project is estimated to create 675 new direct jobs (1,540 new indirect jobs) paying an average annual salary of \$50,000 plus benefits; and

WHEREAS, the project will be a joint economic development initiative with the State of Louisiana, the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, the Board of Supervisors of the Community and Technical College System (collectively “State Entities”), and the City of Shreveport, the City of Bossier City, the Caddo Parish Commission, the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission, and Bossier Parish Community College (collectively “Local Entities”); and

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 14 (C) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, provides that for a public purpose the State and its political subdivisions, may engage in cooperative endeavors with each other and with any public or private association, corporation or individual; and

WHEREAS, the State Entities and the Local Entities have each committed to provide certain services and/or obligations to facilitate the project and to assure its success; and

WHEREAS, the economic benefit to the State Entities and to the Local Entities resulting from the project is expected to exceed the value of the obligation committed to or assumed by each entity which is a public purpose and is in the public interest of each entity.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened, that Cedric B. Glover, Mayor, be and he is hereby authorized to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement by and between the State of Louisiana and agencies thereof, Benteler Steel/Tube Manufacturing Corporation or its affiliate, and other local entities relative to the construction and operation of a manufacturing facility at The Port of Caddo-Bossier substantially in accordance with the draft thereof which was filed for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of Council on November 13, 2012.

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

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

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman O. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman S. Jenkins to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman McCulloch. 1.

RESOLUTION NO. 207 OF 2012

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF ALL RIGHTS, TITLE AND INTEREST TO CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, in December, 2004, the City of Shreveport, through the Shreveport Airport Authority (“Lessor”), entered into a Land Lease (“Lease Agreement”) of property certain city-owned property located at the downtown Airport (“Leased Premises”) with the United States of America (“Tenant”) for the benefit of the United States Army. A copy of the Lease Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit A-1; and

WHEREAS, the initial term of the Lease Agreement was for a period on one (1) year beginning January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005. Thereafter, the lease would remain in full force and effect from year to year without further notice, subject to certain conditions contained in the Lease Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Lease Agreement also granted the Tenant the right to terminate the agreement after thirty (30) day written notice to the Lessor; and

WHEREAS, as indicated on the attached Exhibit A-3, the Tenant has constructed certain improvements on the Leased Premises pursuant to authority contained in Paragraph 8 of the Lease Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Paragraph 8 also states that upon the termination of the Lease Agreement, the improvements may be removed, remain in place, or otherwise disposed of at the option of the Tenant; and

WHEREAS, the Lease Agreement terminated effective July 25, 2012 and the Tenant has notified Lessor of its election to release and dispose of all of its rights, title and interest in the improvements to Lessor, subject to the terms and conditions contained in the attached Exhibit A-2, Notice of Cancellation of Lease No. DACA63-5-05-0112; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to accept all of Tenants rights, title and interest in the improvements and agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions contained in Exhibit A-2.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that the City of Shreveport is hereby authorized to accept all rights, title and interest of the United States of America in and to the improvements constructed on the city-owned property described in the attached Exhibit A-1, indicated in the attached Exhibit A-3, and subject to the conditions contained in the attached Exhibit A-2.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to executed for and on behalf of the City of Shreveport any and all documents necessary, proper or incidental to evidence or accomplish the authorization granted herein.

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

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

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Corbin, seconded by Councilman S. Jenkins to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman McCulloch. 1.

RESOLUTION NO. 208 OF 2012

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH UNITED AIRLINES AND ARK-LA-TEX REGIONAL AIR SERVICE ALLIANCE AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, United Airlines began offering daily nonstop air service from Shreveport Regional Airport to Denver International Airport on August 28, 2012; and

WHEREAS, at present, the service is to be provided for a period of one year, beginning August 28, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Denver service is in fulfillment of the commitment by city officials, the Alliance and other community organization to improve airline service in the region; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to assure the success of the service, City officials desire to provide \$175,000 as a revenue guarantee and to waive landing fee charges for one (1) year (estimated cost of \$47,000) for the service; and

WHEREAS, the Shreveport Airport Authority has committed \$25,000 for marketing support for the service with additional financial contributions of \$60,000 committed by the Bossier Parish Police Jury, the Shreveport-Bossier Convention & Tourism Bureau and other community partners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to executed for and on behalf of the City of Shreveport an Air Services Agreement with United Airlines and Ark-La-Tex Regional Air Service Alliance substantially in accord with the draft hereof filed for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of Council on November 13, 2012.

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

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

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman S. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Corbin to adopt.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Discussion. Do we know what the Parish is doing in this regard?

Mr. Sibley: I believe Mr. Jenkins, the Parish was requested for \$50,000 and turned it down.

Mr. Thompson: They don't have the money.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Thank you. I mean the term I'd like to use, I won't say in public.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 211 OF 2012

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 property described in Attachment "A-12" for the non-payment of City property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the purchasing agent has inquired of all City departments regarding the property described in Attachment "A-12" and has not received any indication that it is needed for city purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened that the property described in Attachment "A-12" is hereby declared surplus.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 26-301 of the Code of Ordinances, this declaration that this property is 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 Webb, seconded by Councilman S. Jenkins to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman McCulloch. 1.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 212 OF 2012

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

WHEREAS, there are numerous parcels of property which have been adjudicated to the City of Shreveport for non-payment of ad valorem taxes; 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-12" for non-payment of City Property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the purchasing agent has inquired of all city departments regarding the properties described in Attachment "A-12" and has not received any indication that it is needed for City purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened that the properties described in Attachment "A-12" 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 is 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 Everson, seconded by Councilman S. Jenkins to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman McCulloch. 1.

RESOLUTION NO. 217 OF 2012

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LSU HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER SHREVEPORT AS A HEALTHCARE PROVIDER, EDUCATOR & ESSENTIAL ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTOR, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

BY: COUNCILMAN JEFF EVERSON

WHEREAS, for over 135 years- since 1876, the hospital currently known as LSU Medical Center has been a part of the Shreveport-Bossier City community; and

WHEREAS, the School of Medicine was established in 1969, and subsequently a School of Allied Health Professions and School of Graduate Studies were established to train healthcare professionals; and

WHEREAS, a Chancellor was appointed for the Shreveport campus in 2000 and given autonomy by the Louisiana State Legislature from the LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans in 2005; and

WHEREAS, as an academic medical center/ university teaching hospital, LSU Health Shreveport serves as a essential resource to the region as a healthcare provider, a healthcare educator, a hub of intellectual capital and a key community business; and

WHEREAS, LSU Health Shreveport provided care for more than 489,000 patients visits last year with over 409,100 outpatient visits, over 59,100 emergency room visits, and over 21,600 patients admitted into the hospital for care and that these are citizens of the Shreveport-Bossier region, the tri-state Ark-La-Tex area, every region in Louisiana, and from over 144 health care facility referrals; and

WHEREAS, LSU Health Shreveport provides unique services to our region including caring for more than 1,400 trauma patients last year through the Regional Trauma Center, and thousands more requiring specialized care through the Regional Burn Center, Feist-Weiller Cancer Center, St Jude Affiliate Clinic, Sickle Cell Clinic, Children's Hospital, and Center for Excellence for Arthritis & Rheumatology; and

WHEREAS, LSU Health Shreveport works in collaboration with community partners such as the Biomedical Research Institute, Shriners Hospital for Children, CHRISTUS Shreveport-Bossier, and Willis-Knighton Health System; and

WHEREAS, throughout the years, LSU Health Shreveport has educated and trained over 11,400 health care professionals, including students, residents and fellows, with the School of Medicine graduating 3,521 physicians, the School of Allied Health Professions graduating 2,514 health care professionals, the School of Graduate Studies graduating 402 students, and the teaching hospital training over 5,000 residents and fellows; and

WHEREAS, more than 1,500 healthcare professionals are being educated and trained at LSU Health Shreveport today with 469 medical students, 346 allied health professional students, 75 graduate studies students, as well as 611 residents and fellows; and

WHEREAS, LSU Health Shreveport School of Allied Health Professionals has the largest physician assistant program in the state; and

WHEREAS, LSU Health Shreveport is an intellectual capital hub with over 500 full-time faculty physicians on staff and over \$21 million in research grants awarded presently with the School of Graduate Studies as a major component of the research base; and

WHEREAS, LSU Health Shreveport has established partnerships within the community for residency training such as Gastroenterology, Neurology, and Oral Maxillofacial surgery with Willis-Knighton; Family Medicine with Rapides Regional Medical Center in Alexandria, and Rural Health at Vivian Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, almost a dozen pediatric sub-specialists are accessible to our region due to LSU Health Shreveport School of Medicine faculty physicians, some of which are also supported by and provide services at CHRISTUS Schumpert including the region 's only Pediatric Neurosurgeon; and

WHEREAS, LSU Health Shreveport has thirty-nine residency and fellow accredited training programs and has the highest level of institutional accreditation; and

WHEREAS, LSU Health Shreveport has acquired the newest technology to train residents and provide patient care, such as the only dual-controlled Robotic Surgery System in the state, the Gamma Knife, Cellvizio microscopic visualization and GPS Guided Bronchoscopy; and

WHEREAS, the campus helps advance new cures and treatments for various medical conditions through research and clinical trials; and

WHEREAS, the Association of American Medical Colleges has found two-thirds of Louisiana medical school graduates who are taught in a Louisiana teaching hospital stay in the region; and

WHEREAS, a recent joint American Hospital Association and Louisiana State Medical Society study found each office-based physician generates \$2 million in economic impact; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the economic contributions of its alumni, LSU Health Shreveport is a major economic contributor to the Shreveport-Bossier community and entire north Louisiana region with over \$730 million in annual business generated, and is the largest employer in the city of Shreveport with over 5,900 employees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Shreveport City Council supports LSU Health Sciences Center Shreveport and the Chancellor in its mission to provide primary and specialty healthcare for all regardless of their financial means, educate healthcare professionals for our future, help advance healthcare through research and continue to contribute to the Shreveport-Bossier City community.

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

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

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Everson, seconded by Councilman Shyne to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman McCulloch. 1.

Introduction of Resolutions (*Not to be adopted prior to December 11, 2012*)

The Clerk read the following:

1. **Resolution No. 216 of 2012**: Authorizing the donation of Shreveport Police Department property and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (*K9 – Jack*)

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Corbin, seconded by Councilman S. Jenkins to introduce Resolution No. 216 of 2012 to lay over until the next regular meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman McCulloch. 1.

Introduction of Ordinances (*Not to be adopted prior to December 11, 2012*)

The Clerk read the following:

1. **Ordinance No. 166 of 2012**: An ordinance declaring the city's intention to acquire full ownership of certain adjudicated properties for the Concordia Place, Phase II Project, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (B/Everson)

2. **Ordinance No. 167 of 2012**: An ordinance amending the 2012 General Fund Budget, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

3. **Ordinance No. 168 of 2012**: An ordinance amending the 2012 Capital Improvements Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (*SPORTRAN*)

4. **Ordinance No. 169 of 2012**: An ordinance amending and reenacting Sections of Ordinance No. 96 of 1980 as amended by Ordinance No. 22 of 2081, Ordinance No. 333 of 1983, Ordinance No. 158 of 1989, Ordinance No. 199 of 2002, and Ordinance No. 75 of 2006 relative to the levy and collection of Sales and Use Taxes, by continuing to levy the tax of one-fourth of one percent (1/4%) upon the sale at retail, the use, the

lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption of tangible personal property and on sales of services, in addition to all other existing Sales and Use Taxes, all as defined therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

5. **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.

6. **Ordinance No. 171 of 2012**: **ZONING - C-65-12**: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, The City Of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the NE corner of Shreveport Barksdale Hwy and Zeke Drive, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA., **FROM R-1H, URBAN ONE-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT AND R-1D, URBAN ONE-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO B-2, NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT WITH MPC APPROVAL TO PERMIT AN AUTOMOBILE LAUNDRY**, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Everson/C/O. Jenkins)

7. **Ordinance No. 172 of 2012**: **ZONING - C-69-12**: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, The City Of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the NE corner of Monkhouse Drive and Hollywood Avenue, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA., **FROM B-3, COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT TO B-3-E, COMMUNITY/EXTENDED USE BUSINESS DISTRICT LIMITED TO "AUTO RENTAL WITH ABOVE GROUND FUEL STORAGE TANK" ONLY** and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (F/Shyne)

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman O. Jenkins to introduce Ordinance No(s). 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171 and 172 of 2012 to lay over until the next regular meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman McCulloch. 1.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, before we move on, when we get to your ordinance on 164, I would appreciate it if you would postpone that for.

Councilman S. Jenkins: I intend to make a motion to postpone.

Councilman Shyne: Thank you, thank you.

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

The Clerk read the following:

1. **Ordinance No. 160 of 2012**: An ordinance amending the 2012 Budget for the Water and Sewerage Enterprise Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

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

2. **Ordinance No. 161 of 2012**: An ordinance amending the 2012 Budget Streets Special Revenue Fund, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on November 13, 2012 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman McCulloch.

Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 161 of 2012

Amend the “NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED” paragraph, to now read as follows:

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that Ordinance No. 137 of 2011, the 2011 budget for the Streets Special Revenue Fund, is hereby amended as follows:

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

Decrease Operating Reserves by \$ 650,000

Increase Transfer to Capital Projects by \$ 650,000

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

Explanation of amendment:

1. Amends the “NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED” paragraph to correct the funds to be transferred to the Capital Improvement Program in the amount of \$650,000.00.

Motion by Councilman Everson, seconded by Councilman Shyne to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 161 of 2012. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman McCulloch. 1.

Motion by Councilman Everson, seconded by Councilman Shyne to adopt Ordinance No. 161 of 2012 as amended. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman McCulloch. 1.

3. **Ordinance No. 162 of 2012**: An ordinance amending the 2012 Capital Improvements Budget and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (*Pavement Management*)

Having passed first reading on November 13, 2012 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman McCulloch.

Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 162 of 2012

Amend the “NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED” paragraph, to now read as follows:

In Program C (Streets):

Create new project Pavement Management System and add appropriation at \$ 650,000.00 from Special Revenue Fund for roadways. Project Scope: to collect roadway asset information and evaluate the condition of the roadway systems and prepare a pavement condition index rating and to create a Pavement and Asset Management Program for the City roadway system in the City of Shreveport.

Explanation of amendment:

1. Amends the “NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED” paragraph to correct the funds to be transferred to the Capital Improvement Program in the amount of \$650,000.00 and to change the scope to include a Pavement and Asset Management Program in the project scope.

Motion by Councilman Everson, seconded by Councilman Shyne to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 162 of 2012. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman McCulloch. 1.

Motion by Councilman Everson, seconded by Councilman Shyne to adopt Ordinance No. 162 of 2012 as amended. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman McCulloch. 1.

4. Ordinance No. 163 of 2012: An ordinance amending the 2012 Capital Improvements Budget, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (G/S. Jenkins) (*Airport Projects*)

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

5. Ordinance No. 164 of 2012: An ordinance amending Section 2-27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport to reapportion the several council districts of the City and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (G/S. Jenkins)

Having passed first reading on November 13, 2012 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman S. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Shyne to postpone until the next regular meeting.

Councilman S. Jenkins: The reason I'm saying that, I think there was some discussion here today, there was a request for some more information also a little more time to look at what's being offered.

Councilman Shyne: That's a very wise move on your part Mr. Chairman. You're a wise man.

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

6. Ordinance No. 165 of 2012: ANNEXATION – Tag No. 12-03: An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 60 of 2012, for the Annexation of 51.086 acres for the Provenance Development, located in Sections 19 & 20 (T16N-R13W), Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Corbin) (Public Hearing – November 27, 2012)

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

The adopted ordinances and amendments follow:

ORDINANCE NO. 160 OF 2012

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

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

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

2. Appropriations:

Decrease Personal Service by \$ 400,000

Decrease Water and Sewer Main Replacement by \$100,000

Increase Contractual Services by \$500,000

Adjust totals and subtotal accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance No. 125 of 2011 shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 161 OF 2012

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2012 BUDGET STREET SPECIAL REVENUE FUND,

APPROPRIATING THE FUNDS AUTHORIZED THEREIN, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO:

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

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend the 2012 budget for the Streets Special Revenue Fund to adjust appropriations 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. 137 of 2011, the 2011 budget for the Streets Special Revenue Fund, is hereby amended as follows:

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

Decrease Operating Reserves by \$ 350,000

Increase Transfer to Capital Projects by \$ 350,000

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance 137 of 2011, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect.

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

provisions, items or applications; and, to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

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

Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 161 of 2012

Amend the “NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED” paragraph, to now read as follows:

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that Ordinance No. 137 of 2011, the 2011 budget for the Streets Special Revenue Fund, is hereby amended as follows:

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

Decrease Operating Reserves by \$ 650,000

Increase Transfer to Capital Projects by \$ 650,000

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

Explanation of amendment:

1. Amends the “NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED” paragraph to correct the funds to be transferred to the Capital Improvement Program in the amount of \$650,000.00.

ORDINANCE NO. 162 OF 2012

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2012 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend the 2012 Capital Improvements Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that Ordinance No.114 of 2011, the 2012 Capital Improvements Budget, be further amended and re-enacted as follows:

In Program C (Streets):

Create new project **Pavement Management System** and add appropriation at \$ 350,000.00 from Streets Special Revenue Fund for roadways. Project Scope: is to collect roadway asset information and evaluate the condition of the roadway systems and prepare a pavement condition index rating for the City roadway system in the City of Shreveport.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance 114 of 2011, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect.

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

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

Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 162 of 2012

Amend the “NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED” paragraph, to now read as follows:

In Program C (Streets):

Create new project Pavement Management System and add appropriation at \$ 650,000.00 from Special Revenue Fund for roadways. Project Scope: to collect roadway asset information and evaluate the condition of the roadway systems and prepare a pavement condition index rating and to create a Pavement and Asset Management Program for the City roadway system in the City of Shreveport.

Explanation of amendment:

1. Amends the “NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED” paragraph to correct the funds to be transferred to the Capital Improvement Program in the amount of \$650,000.00 and to change the scope to include a Pavement and Asset Management Program in the project scope.

ORDINANCE NO. 163 OF 2012

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2012 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY: COUNCILMAN S. JENKINS

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend the 2012 Capital Improvements Budget to shift project funding 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. 124 of 2011, the 2012 Capital Improvements Budget, be amended and re-enacted as follows:

In Program H (Airport Improvements):

Establish a new project entitled **Rehabilitate Taxiway D, E (East of 14-32) and N** at Shreveport Downtown Airport with an appropriation of \$93,150.00. Funding source is 90% Federal Aviation Administration and (10%) Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development. The scope of this project is to fund the design phase for the rehabilitation of Taxiways D, E and N.

Establish a new project entitled **Improve Runway 32 Safety Area** at Shreveport Downtown Airport with an appropriation of \$45,000.00. Funding source is 90% Federal Aviation Administration and 10% Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development. The scope of this project is to develop all solutions to improve the safety area at the south end of Runway 32.

Establish a new project entitled **Rehabilitate N36 Airport Rotating Beacon** at Shreveport Regional Airport with an appropriation of \$15,000.00. The scope of this project is to replace the current gear driven beacon atop the control tower with one that is belt driven.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance No. 124 of 2011, as amended, shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 165 OF 2012

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 60 OF 2012, FOR THE ANNEXATION OF 51.086 ACRES FOR THE PROVENANCE DEVELOPMENT, LOCATED IN SECTIONS 19 & 20 (T16N-R13W), CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, TO CORRECT AN ERROR IN THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

TAG NO. 12-03

WHEREAS, Provenance Development Company, LLC requested the annexation of 51.086 acres into the City Limits for the expansion of their development along Southern Loop Road; and

WHEREAS, on July 10, 2012 the City Council approved Ordinance No. 60 of 2012, to enlarge the City Limits, as requested by Provenance Development, LLC; and

WHEREAS, on August 15, 2012, Ordinance No. 60 of 2012 was filed and recorded in the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, under Instrument Number 2417884; and

WHEREAS, after filing, and in the process of working the annexation by the Tax Assessor's Office, a clerical error was discovered in the legal description on the recorded document and the correct legal description should have read as follows:

TAG NO. 12-03 A tract of land in Sections 9 and 20 (T16N-R13W), Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and being more particularly described as follows:

From the southwest corner of Section 20 (T16N-R13W), Caddo Parish, Louisiana, run East a distance of 255.30 feet; thence run North a distance of 25.31 feet to the Point of Beginning of the tract herein described; thence run N 00°02'12" E a distance of 52.68 feet; thence run northerly and clockwise along a curve to the right a distance of 128.12 feet (said curve having a radius of 480.00 feet and a long chord bearing of N 07°41'24" E – 127.74 feet); thence run N 15°20'12" E a distance of 546.54 feet; thence run N 23°35'55" W a distance of 220.57 feet; thence run N 66°24'05" E a distance of 70.00 feet; thence run N 23°35'55" W a distance of 1,813.70 feet; thence run S 89°22'25" E a distance of 1,686.44 feet; thence run N 00°44'03" E a distance of 656.21 feet; thence

run S 89° 25'26" E a distance of 1,319.99 feet; thence run S 00°18'34" W a distance of 39.57 feet; thence run S 89°32'25" E a distance of 270.61 feet; thence run S 00°18'45" W a distance of 422.78 feet; thence run N 89°03'46" W a distance of 448.63 feet; thence run South a distance of 100.85 feet; thence run S 85°16'30" W a distance of 359.32 feet; thence run S 04°43'30" E a distance of 58.00 feet; thence run S 01°08'51" W a distance of 120.63 feet; thence run S 85°16'30" W a distance of 536.85 feet; thence run S 05°27'02" E a distance of 63.82 feet; thence run southerly and counter-clockwise along a curve to the left a distance of 89.77 feet (said curve having a radius of 1,010.00 feet and a long chord bearing of S 07°59'49" E – 89.74 feet); thence run southeasterly and counter-clockwise along a curve to the left a distance of 198.95 feet (said curve having a radius of 1,050.00 feet and a long chord bearing of S 15°58'17" E – 198.66 feet); thence run S 67°27'18" W a distance of 120.18 feet; thence run northwesterly and clockwise along a curve to the right a distance of 24.20 feet (said curve having a radius of 978.81 feet and a long chord bearing of N 21°50'12" W – 24.20 feet); thence run northwesterly and counter-clockwise along a curve to the left a distance of 190.60 feet (said curve having a radius of 729.48 feet and a long chord bearing of N 74°39'15" W – 190.06 feet); thence run N 26°25'59" W a distance of 40.00 feet; thence run S 63°34'01" W a distance of 133.39 feet; thence run southwesterly and counter-clockwise along a curve to the left a distance of 54.32 feet (said curve having a radius of 50.00 feet and a long chord bearing of S 32°26'32" W – 51.69 feet); thence run S 01°19'04" W a distance of 83.98 feet; thence run southwesterly and counter-clockwise along a curve to the left a distance of 291.42 feet (said curve having a radius of 559.14 feet and a long chord bearing of S 73°24'23" W – 288.13 feet); thence run N 23°32'31" W a distance of 292.79 feet; thence run North a distance of 112.82 feet; thence run S 64°12'04" W a distance of 886.48 feet; thence run S 23°50'24" E a distance of 217.57 feet; thence run S 23°35'55" E a distance of 775.33 feet; thence run S 37° 36'56" W a distance of 75.37 feet; thence run S 00°05'22" W a distance of 48.00 feet; thence run S 34°45'54" E a distance of 110.51 feet; thence run S 17°46'59" E a distance of 712.02 feet to a point on the north right-of-way line of Southern Loop Road; thence run southwesterly and clockwise along a curve to the right and along said north right-of-way line of Southern Loop Road a distance of 407.04 feet (said curve having a radius of 1,542.02 feet and a long chord bearing of S 79°46'45" W – 405.86 feet) to the Point of Beginning. Said tract containing 51.086 acres.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal, and regular session convened, that Ordinance No. 60 of 2012 is hereby amended by changing the legal description contained therein to read as shown herein above and that the limits and boundaries of the City of Shreveport are hereby changed to include within the limits and boundaries of said City the above-described property.

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

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

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Clerk of Council be and is hereby authorized to file a complete legal description of the entire boundary of the municipality, known as the City of Shreveport, as changed by this ordinance and others, with the Clerk of the District Court for Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

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

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

Tabled legislation.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Is there any tabled legislation to be considered today?

Mr. Thompson: None that I know of Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Corbin: Mr. Chairman, as we approach year end and look at cleaning up some of our tabled legislation, I would like to look at some of this out here and see what can be removed. I know we have a number of 'em regarding water connections. I don't think we're taking any action on those anytime soon, and I would like to find out from staff. I'm not sure if these folks paid a fee to apply or not? But if they did, if we can remove these from the agenda, but still if they need to apply later on, they don't have to pay that fee twice, I'd like to do that.

Councilman Webb: Will they have to pay the fee twice, once we remove it?

Councilman Corbin: I want to be sure.

1. **Ordinance No. 89 of 2011**: An ordinance amending and reenacting Chapter 74 of the Code of Ordinances relative to Solid Waste Collections, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (G/S. Jenkins) *(Tabled September 13, 2011)*
2. **Resolution No. 179 of 2011**: Authorizing Melba Yvonne Warr Baldwin located at 382 Cope Drive to connect to the water & sewer system of the City of Shreveport, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (Near D and is not contiguous to the city limits.) *(Tabled Oct 11, 2011)*
3. **Resolution No. 222 of 2011**: Authorizing Lawrence Johnson Franklin Jr. and Elizabeth Fry Franklin located at 421 Bob White Lane to connect to the water and sewer system of the City of Shreveport and otherwise providing with respect thereto. *(The property is located near Council District D, and is not contiguous to the City limits)* (D/Corbin) *(Tabled Oct 11, 2011)*
4. **Resolution No. 223 of 2011**: Authoring Lee Roy Stanley located at 419 Mohican Lane to connect to the water and sewer system of the City of Shreveport and otherwise providing with respect thereto. *(The property is located near Council District D, and is not contiguous to the City limits)*(D/Corbin) *(Tabled Oct 11, 2011)*
5. **Resolution No. 226 of 2011**: Authorizing Frank G. Harris III located at 437 Bob White Lane to connect to the water and sewer system of the City of Shreveport and otherwise providing with respect thereto. *(The property is located near Council District D, and is not contiguous to the City limits)*(D/Corbin) *(Tabled Oct 11, 2011)*
6. **Resolution No. 228 of 2011**: Authorizing Jeffery Charles Shamsie located at 414 Mohican Lane to connect to the water and sewer system of the City of Shreveport and otherwise providing with respect thereto. *(The property is located near Council District D, and is not contiguous to the City limits)*(D/Corbin) *(Tabled Oct 11, 2011)*
7. **Resolution No. 229 of 2011**: Authorizing Joan E. Thoma located at 2036 Pepper Ridge Lane to connect to the water and sewer system of the City of Shreveport and otherwise providing with respect thereto. *(The property is located near Council District D, and is not contiguous to the City limits)* (D/Corbin) *(Tabled Oct 11, 2011)*
8. **Resolution No. 230 of 2011**: Authorizing Henry Eugene Raines, Jr., and Gloria Jean Wingate Raines located at 3004 Nottingham Drive to connect to the water and sewer system of the City of Shreveport and otherwise providing with respect thereto. *(The property is located near Council District D, and is not contiguous to the City limits)*(D/Corbin) *(Tabled Oct 11, 2011)*

9. **Resolution No. 231 of 2011**: Authorizing William Sidney Hunt and Gaynel Neyrey Hunt located at 10015 Nightingale Drive to connect to the water and sewer system of the City of Shreveport and otherwise providing with respect thereto. *(The property is located near Council District D, and is not contiguous to the City limits)*(D/Corbin) (Tabled Oct 11, 2011)

10. **Resolution No. 233 of 2011**: Authorizing James Allan Bell and Betty Ann Kilpatrick Bell located at 3055 Dryden Court to connect to the water and sewer system of the City of Shreveport and otherwise providing with respect thereto. *(The property is located near Council District D, and is not contiguous to the City limits)*(D/Corbin) (Tabled Oct 11, 2011)

11. **Resolution No. 241 of 2011**: Requiring the Chief Administrative Officer to offer the fair market value (and if accepted) to purchase the flood prone properties located at 8035 and 8037 Jewella Avenue by October 26, 2011, or to provide a report to the council relative to this matter on that date and to otherwise providing with respect thereto. *(Tabled October 24, 2011)*

12. **Resolution No. 243 of 2011**: Authorizing James Michael Johnson and Kelly Renee Larry Johnson located at 352 Cope Drive to connect to the water & sewer system of the City of Shreveport and otherwise providing with respect thereto. *(The property is located near Council District D, and is not contiguous to the City limits)* (Tabled October 24, 2011)

13. **Resolution No. 244 of 2011**: Authorizing Byron Wayne Ruesch and Leslie Baldwin Ruesch Located at 369 Cope Drive to connect to the water & sewer system of the City of Shreveport and otherwise providing with respect thereto. *(The property is located near Council District D, and is not contiguous to the City limits)* (Tabled October 24, 2011)

14. **Resolution No. 248 of 2011**: Authorizing Claude E. Franklin and Mary Elizabeth Womack Franklin located at 442 Bob White Lane to connect to the water & sewer system of the City of Shreveport and otherwise providing with respect thereto *(The property is located near Council District D, and is not contiguous to the City limits)* (Tabled October 24, 2011)

15. **Resolution No. 249 of 2011**: Authorizing Jason Wayne Waltman and Kristy Mcgee Waltman located at 3028 Nottingham Drive to connect to the water & sewer system of the City of Shreveport and otherwise providing with respect thereto *(The property is located near Council District D, and is not contiguous to the City limits)* (Tabled October 24, 2011)

16. **Ordinance No. 25 of 2012**: An ordinance amending the 2012 Capital Improvements Budget, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (*Texas Street Turn Lanes*) (B/Everson)(*Tabled March 27, 2012*)

17. **Ordinance No. 81 of 2012**: An ordinance amending the 2012 Capital Improvements Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.(*Audrey Lane*) (*Postponed August 13, 2012*)(*Tabled August 28, 2012*)

18. **Ordinance No. 82 of 2012**: An ordinance amending the 2012 Budget for the Streets Special Revenue Fund, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (A/McCulloch) (*Tabled August 28, 2012*)

19. **Ordinance No. 120 of 2012**: An ordinance amending the 2012 Capital Improvements Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (D/Corbin) (*Linwood Ave*) (*Tabled October 23, 2012*)

20. **Ordinance No. 122 of 2012**: An ordinance amending the Budget for the 2012 Street Special Revenue Fund, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (D/Corbin) (*Tabled October 23, 2012*)

21. **Ordinance No. 151 of 2012**: An Ordinance amending the 2012 Capital Improvements Budget, Appropriating the Funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto (David Raines) (*Tabled October 23, 2012*)

22. **Ordinance No. 152 of 2012**: An Ordinance amending the Budget for the 2012 Streets Special Revenue Fund, appropriating the funds authorized (David Raines) (*Tabled October 23, 2012*)

23. **Ordinance No. 153 of 2012**: An Ordinance amending the 2012 Capital Improvements Budget, Appropriating the Funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto (Audrey Lane) (*Tabled October 23, 2012*)

24. **Ordinance No. 154 of 2012**: An Ordinance amending the Budget for the 2012 Streets Special Revenue Fund, appropriating the funds authorized (Audrey Lane) (*Tabled October 23, 2012*)

2013 Budget Ordinances: (*Introduced and Tabled on October 9, 2012 and to be adopted no later than December 15, 2012*)

1. **Ordinance No. 133 of 2012**: An ordinance adopting the 2013 Capital Projects Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
2. **Ordinance No. 134 of 2012**: An ordinance adopting the 2013 Riverfront Development Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
3. **Ordinance No. 135 of 2012**: An ordinance adopting the 2013 General Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
4. **Ordinance No. 136 of 2012**: An ordinance adopting the 2013 Retained Risk Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
5. **Ordinance No. 137 of 2012**: An ordinance adopting the 2013 Metropolitan Planning Commission Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
6. **Ordinance No. 138 of 2012**: An ordinance adopting the 2013 Community Development Special Revenue Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
7. **Ordinance No. 139 of 2012**: An ordinance adopting the 2013 Grants Special Revenue Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
8. **Ordinance No. 140 of 2012**: An ordinance adopting the 2013 Shreveport Redevelopment Agency Special Revenue Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
9. **Ordinance No. 141 of 2012**: An ordinance adopting the 2013 Downtown Entertainment Economic Development Special Revenue Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
10. **Ordinance No. 142 of 2012**: An ordinance adopting the 2013 Golf Enterprise Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

11. **Ordinance No. 143 of 2012**: Adopting the 2013 Airport Enterprise Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

12. **Ordinance No. 144 of 2012**: An ordinance adopting the 2013 Water and Sewerage Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

13. **Ordinance No. 145 of 2012**: An ordinance adopting the 2013 Budget funding Contractual Services provided to SPORTRAN by Metro Management Associates, Inc., and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

14. **Ordinance No. 146 of 2012**: An ordinance adopting the 2013 Downtown Parking Enterprise Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

15. **Ordinance No. 147 of 2012**: An ordinance adopting the 2013 Convention Center Enterprise Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

16. **Ordinance No. 148 of 2012**: An ordinance adopting the 2013 Convention Center Hotel Enterprise Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

17. **Ordinance No. 149 of 2012**: An ordinance adopting the 2013 Debt Service Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

18. **Ordinance No. 150 of 2012**: An ordinance adopting the 2013 Streets Special Revenue Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Appeals

Property Standards Appeals

PSD0900275: 140 Pennsylvania Avenue, Shreveport, LA (C/Jenkins) Mr. & Mrs. Robert A. Powell, 819 ½ Boulevard Street, Shreveport, LA 71104 (B/Everson) (*Postponed August 13, 2012 until December 10, 2012*)

PSD1000086: 2837 Logan Street, Shreveport, LA (G/S. Jenkins) Ms. Carolyn Ivory Wilson, 3646 Del Rio Street, Shreveport, LA 71109 (G/Jenkins) (*Postponed October 22, 2012 until January 13, 2013*)

PSD1000141 728 Austin Pl, Shreveport, LA (B/Everson) Ms. Deborah Bryant, 9640 Tammy, Shreveport, LA 71106 (Caddo Parish) (*Tabled April 11, 2011*)

PSD1100017 3634 Sumner Street, Shreveport, LA (G/S. Jenkins) Mr. Roberto Strickland, 3740 Jackson Street, Shreveport, LA 71109 (G/S. Jenkins) (*Postponed November 12, 2012 until January 7, 2013*)

PSD12001000 3545 Michigan Street, Shreveport, LA (G/S. Jenkins) Mr. Carl Colvin, 6618 Burke Street, Shreveport, LA 71108 (E/Webb) (*Postponed October 22, 2012 until November 26, 2012*)

PSD1200016 6938 Nevada Avenue, Shreveport, LA (G/S. Jenkins) Ms. Erika Thompson, 7517 Grass Valley Trail, Fort Worth, TX 76123 (*Postponed November 12, 2012 until December 21, 2012*)

PSD1200158 144 Ockley Drive, Shreveport, LA (C/O. Jenkins) Mr. Eric Schonfarber, P.O. Box 5262, Shreveport, LA 71135 (*Postponed November 12, 2012 until January 21, 2013*)

Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance Appeals

Metropolitan Planning Commission Appeals and Zoning Board of Appeals

Other Appeals

Taxi Appeal

Reports from officers, boards, and committees

Councilman O. Jenkins: Just a question for tomorrow night. 5:30?

Councilman S. Jenkins: That's correct. That meeting is at 5:30 tomorrow, and that's the Riverfront Committee, right?

Councilman Everson: Right.

Mr. Thompson: Brian, that's all we have tomorrow, right? Riverfront?

Mr. Crawford: Yes, that's it.

Councilman Webb: We're going to work you till the end.

Mr. Crawford: You won't have me tomorrow night actually. I sent out an email that I'm unable to attend, but you have my notes.

Councilman S. Jenkins: I'd just like to take this opportunity to say how much I appreciate the opportunity and cooperation that I've received as I served as Chairman of this Council, and I know that we'll be electing a new set of officers at the end of the meeting, but I think we accomplished quite a bit. And I won't sit here and go through a laundry list of those things, but I just do want to say to my colleagues, I do appreciate the confidence that you placed in me to serve as the Chairman of this Council, and look forward to working with and supporting those who will be coming on board a little later on in this meeting.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, I just wanted to let you know that I appreciate the guidance and the leadership that you have given this council, and I want to say that I've been here for a long time, and I think you've done an excellent job.

Councilman S. Jenkins: I appreciate that sir, and thank you so much. Alright Mr. Thompson is there a Clerk's report?

Clerk's Report

Mr. Thompson: No sir.

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

Election of Council Officers

Chairman of the Council

Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Corbin to elect Councilman Corbin as Chairman. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Everson, O. Jenkins, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 5. Nays: None. Abstained: Councilman Corbin. 1. Absent: Councilman McCulloch. 1.

Councilman Corbin: Thank you very much for your trust and support. I have big shoes to fill, and intend to do a good job at it.

Councilman S. Jenkins: We are sure you will. No, but I look forward to working with you as our new Chairman, and congratulations on your election. Next will be for Vice-Chairman of the Council.

Vice-Chairman of the Council

**Motion by Councilman O. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman S. Jenkins to elect Councilman Shyne as Vice-Chairman. Motion approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmen Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 6.
Nays: None. Absent: Councilman McCulloch. 1.**

Councilman S. Jenkins: Congratulations to you Councilman Shyne on your election as Vice-Chairman. As announced the Executive Session has been postponed.

Executive Session

United States Department of Justice v. City of Shreveport

(SSO Violations)

(Postponed until December 11, 2012)

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:02 p.m.

//s// Michael Corbin, Chairman

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