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The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana was called to order by Chairman Theron Jackson at 3:06 p.m., Tuesday June 22, 2004, in the Government Chambers in Government Plaza (505 Travis Street)

Invocation was given by Councilman Hogan.

On Roll Call, the following members were Present: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Gibson (arrived at 3:04), Hogan, Green and Jackson. 6. Absent: Councilman Carmody. 1.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Carmody is out of the State and will not be present at today=s meeting.

Approve Minutes: Motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Walford to approve the Administrative Conference Summary Minutes of June 7, 2004 and the Council Meeting Meetings of June 8, 2004. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Carmody. 1.

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

Councilman Jackson: We do have several distinguished guests today. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Hightower: Thank you Mr. Chairman, the first one that I=d like to recognize is crowded the Chambers with us today is State Representative Roy Burrell, who when he was a City Councilman and his job as the Director of the ICE Institute in conjunction with Southern University started Biz Camp for young adults to introduce them to the business world and what making a profit and free enterprise were all about. And today he has the third class or the fourth class?

Rep. Burrell: Fourth class.

Mayor Hightower: The fourth class that he has put through the ringer for the fourth summer in a row, to learn a little bit about again, what it is to make a buck and what it is to control expenses and do all those things that we know we have to do to eventually make a profit. So, instead of reading the entire proclamation, I=m going to ask Rep. Burrell to come forward and tell us a little bit about what the institute has been doing, what Biz Camp=s all about and at the same time present him a proclamation on behalf of the Mayor=s office and the City Council that claims today or Thursday actually as AYouth Entrepreneur=s United to Rebuild America Day@ in the City of Shreveport.

Rep Burrell: Thank you Mr. Mayor. Mr. Chairman and Members. Feels kinda familiar being on this side of the dias. But again I bring you greetings from the State, our Honorable Governor Blanco, in which we just finished our legislative session, my first legislative session. Let me tell you, I thought the

Council was wild, these folks are wild in Louisiana. But at the same time, they go down with the spirit of taking in the interest of their constituents to the State to try to take care of the business of their constituency which is very, very similar to what we do here on a local level. But at this time, I would like to say that I appreciate the opportunity of being here and on the State level, we are looking at doing some things that we have started doing here and that is to look more at entrepreneurship as an alternative career path for many of our students as well as entrepreneurship as a means of economic development within our State. Gov. Blanco is very high on entrepreneurship. She has made a pledge that she would do everything that she can in order to help grow our businesses and I've had a number of conversations with her. And I've told her that we're doing that here in Shreveport and she has been rather excited about the things that we are doing here on tomorrow and on the next day, we have some visitors from the State that we have invited down. From our Department of Education, Ms. Melba Kennedy. I've invited her here. She heard about our Biz Camp Program and she wanted to come and take a look at it and see if there are some things that they can do there. Ms. Chris Weaver with Workforce Development from the State and also Ms. Sylvia Goodman who is from the Department of Economic Development, because in the Department of Economic Development, they believe that Entrepreneurship is going to be their staple in order to move our State ahead. At this time, I would like to recognize one of our guest from out of town. He's been here two times before, (I think it's two times before) which got us kicked off when we started back in 1998 with ICE. This is one of our, Biz Camp Program is a part of that and it has grown from that time to now and a young man who volunteered his time when we went to Boston. I took him and other teachers there to get them trained in entrepreneurship training as well as myself. We met this gentleman there, and he's from Sacramento, CA. He is an international trainer and teacher in Entrepreneurship. And I'd like to reintroduce you to Mr. Mike Grandenetti, who is here as a consultant for us to help grow our program. And that proclamation, I would like for you to present it to Mike, if you don't mind Mr. Mayor. Mike Grandenetti will introduce his staff.

Mr. Grandenetti: Thank you State Rep. Burrell. To the City Council, Honorable Mayor. We met some time ago and it gives me great pleasure to come back and return to the great town of Shreveport. I do entrepreneurship training throughout the country. I do Stanford University and teach teachers and children from all over the world. In the State of Washington for Microsoft, I teach entrepreneurship and in Arizona, I teach Indian Tribes. I teach their youth entrepreneurship. But nothing warms my heart more or am I more welcomed than in the City of Shreveport, where I've returned for the third year. And ladies and gentlemen, Biz Camp 2004, joins youth throughout the world, who have begun a new movement of teaching young people the power of entrepreneurship. And the Carnegie Mellon Foundation did a survey. And the conclusion is the economic vitality of any community is directly related to the number of young entrepreneurs in that community. And today, we are growing our own entrepreneurs. And certainly, it cannot be done alone. And our theme of being united, we are united with thousands of other young people throughout

the world, but also with hundreds of teachers who also believe the empowerment and the power of entrepreneurship for our young people. At this time, if I could have the teachers stand up and mention their names and the school they're from that help lead this movement for us. The teachers, your name and school please?

Ms. Rainey: I'm Kaura Rainey, I teach at Woodlawn High School.

Ms. Green: Deborah Green, Green Oaks High School.

Ms. Howard: Cassandra Howard, Fair Park High School.

Mr. Grandenetti: Thank you. Ladies and gentlemen, I could go on talking about entrepreneurship and the impact, but you should understand the economic vitality of your own community, but no one could say it better than the students themselves who prepare for their business plan competition tomorrow. The apprenticeship, they've got nothing on us. We've been doing it for five years. And so these young people will pit their skills against each other tomorrow and bring all that we've taught to show their dream and their vision. That they believe in our system and that they believe that they can do and start their own business. Biz Camp of 2004, do you believe you can start your own business?

Biz Camp Students: YES!

Mr. Grandenetti: Thank you. So, if I could have two students, if I could have two students, I have Jerry would like to say a few words and then Aleishia will say a few words.

Mr. Johnson: How are you doing. My name is Jerry Johnson, thanks to Mr. Mike, I wouldn't be here right now on learning entrepreneurship, learning time management, how to control my cost, benefits (unclear) and in other words, I wouldn't be here right now learning how to do this, because I've always wanted to learn how to control my time, control my money, and manage my own business instead of working for somebody else. And with my Art skills, he helped me learn how to go further and in the future I will surely be starting my own business in painting or in my Art Business skills. So, I would like to thank Mr. Mike for that.

Aleishia: My name is Aleishia and I'm a Biz Camp participant. Biz Camp has not only taught us about entrepreneurship, but it's also taught us about employability. And basically, it's provided us a fun environment to learn these such things. And I'm very grateful for Biz Camp, because it's not only a learning experience, but it's also provided me with additional friends and I'm grateful for that. Thank you.

Mr. Grandenetti: Again, I want to thank you for your time today for your support on this international movement. But I do believe entrepreneurship is just not about starting your own business. Entrepreneurship truly is the freedom of thought. In this great country, you have the freedom to start a business and these youth believe in the American system, they will engage the American system and they will be future tax payers and future Council Members. Again, thank you.

Mayor Hightower: Mr. Chairman, on behalf of the City Council and the Mayor's office, Mike we want to present you with a proclamation declaring again Thursday, June 24th as AYouth Entrepreneurs Day United to rebuild America@.

And the City of Shreveport and we'll urge all of our citizens to observe this day and hopefully participate and help these young people realize that profit on Thursday. So, we appreciate it and we'll get this to you.

Rep. Burrell: I just wanted to say that I appreciate the opportunity and if there is anything that we can do down at the State level in which I've seen a lot of legislation coming through on behalf of the City and we're working to try to get that legislation passed. We did pass some things this year and hopefully next year, we will have other things we will pass in order to strengthen our position within the State. I can assure you, Shreveport is really the northern star as they used to say. And a lot of people are focusing on us here. The good and the bad. So, hopefully, we'll be on our best behavior too. So, thank you.

Councilman Jackson: Mr. Burrell, I just wanted to say thank you. And I know that the session ended on yesterday. I just wanted to say thank you for being a supporter of the City that you represent when you go down. Everybody is not necessarily able to say that this time around. But thank you for being supportive of the City that you represent.

Councilman Green: Also Councilman Burrell, I'd just like to say congratulations and keep up the good work. And certainly, it's just a blessing to have folk like yourself.

Councilman Lester: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Councilman Burrell, I really appreciate your work particularly as it relates to inner city revitalization. I'm fortunate enough to share as Councilman Jackson does, part of the area that I represent is also the area that he represent more particularly in the Allendale area. Rep. Burrell has been very helpful to me as a Councilman as well as his position in the legislature in helping us revitalize that area. So, I just wanted to take the time to publicly say, I really appreciate that and we're going to continue to work hard to try to bring those areas up. Thank you very much. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Walford: Rep. Burrell, certainly I congratulate you, but what I would really like to do is congratulate each and every one of your participants out there. I think they are to be commended and I will be there Thursday.

Councilman Jackson: And Mr. Burrell, I have the opportunity to see all these students up close and personal everyday in the same building. But I certainly want to, as Councilman Walford has said, commend them and let me apologize in advance. I've got to leave tonight and I won't be back for Thursday, but certainly I want to encourage you, all of the young people to keep up the good work and there are a lot of people who will tell you that, there are some other things that you ought to be doing. But you're doing a good service now by learning. But you can do an even better job by actually putting to practice what you learn, because this country is driven by small business people like you're going to be. So whatever you do, it's tough, but keep the faith and I believe that you all represent a great, great, great posterity for this City so keep up the good work, and thank you Mr. Mike, I'll just say for coming in this City and sharing that knowledge with us as well. Mayor Hightower?

Mayor Hightower: Roy, we're not going to applaud you anymore. Roy's been a friend for a long time and certainly been dedicated to the City and

dedicated to the inner city in particular and we do appreciate all your efforts in the past and those that you continue to do in your new endeavor in Baton Rouge. I hope it didn't beat you up too bad, because we'll need your help again next year. So, thanks for all you do.

Rep Burrell: Thank you very much.

Mayor Hightower: Mr. Chairman, we did have one other person I wanted to recognize with us today. There are a lot of people that truly love this City and a lot of people that promote it where ever they go and say the word Shreveport every time they get an opportunity and realize the potential and the greatness of the people that live here and do everything to promote it. This guy we don't see him as much as we used to, because he only works on weekends now, cause he's getting so dang old, I guess he can't keep up the pace with the 30 year old set with the blonde hair and the *Sports and Stuff*, so there's a new dimension in town, but Bob Griffin has certainly been a stellar citizen of this City for a long time. And he's been a guy again, that says Shreveport every time he gets a chance and every time he has the opportunity to talk good about this City, he's done it. And he came to me several months ago and said, you know, I'm still going to travel, I'm going to travel as a matter of fact probably more now, than I've every traveled before and I want to help and promote this City and do the things that you guys are trying to do ratchet us up a notch, to bring us some national recognition, some international recognition and to help our own people to realize what a good place to live, and work, and play Shreveport actually is. So, Bob Griffin's here today. I'd like for him to stand up and appreciate the fact that he's volunteered his services to go around and promote Shreveport, unlike most people that want to be paid. You're not as good looking as Linnea, but we're going to let you be.

Mr. Griffin: I know you're supposed to have permission to speak, but just remember my hair is (unclear).

Mayor Hightower: But again, Bob, we do appreciate the efforts and your willingness to go out and do the things that you're willing to do and do >em for free. Do >em just because he loves this City. So again, we appreciate that.

Councilman Jackson: Thank you Mr. Mayor. I know that the participants in Biz Camp have to leave, so we want to give you an opportunity to exit now. Thank you so much for being with us today.

Mayor Hightower: Mr. Chairman, one last thing I'd like to do. I know that several of you had the opportunity to visit on Saturday, the new Dallas W. Green Central Fire Station on Common Street as we closed the old Central Station downtown and opened the new one. I know several of you were there and several of you had the opportunity to visit. On Saturday it was such an exciting and emotional day for the members of the Fire Department particularly those that have been there for a long time to close down a piece of their history. The good news is, it will reopen as a museum some time in the near future thanks to the State. But we did have the opportunity to open the state of the art facility and part of what we did that day or I should say that I failed to do on that day was present a proclamation to Dallas W. Green for his particular day in the City of Shreveport and all that he did to contribute to the Shreveport Fire Department

and the status that it obtains now and the confidence that our citizens display in this department. So, we'll present this to him as well on behalf of the Council.

Councilman Walford: But Mayor, we did give him a very warm, warm reception didn't we?

Mayor Hightower: Absolutely.

Councilman Walford: I think Mr. Lester said it accurately.

Councilman Jackson: We have another distinguished guest. I'd like to ask Mr. Austin G. Robertson, Jr to come forward if you will. Welcome Mr. Robertson as distinguished guest. Mr. Clerk, we have a resolution?

Mr. Thompson: Yes.

The Deputy Clerk read Resolution No. 153 of 2004: A resolution to recognize Austin G. Robertson, Jr., for his distinguished leadership and public service to the citizens of the City of Shreveport and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. [See Resolutions on Second Reading and Final Passage]

Councilman Jackson: Mr. Robertson, we certainly want to congratulate you for the recognition that you've received nationally, but I would be remiss if we allowed folks around the country to recognize you and not recognize you ourselves. And so, I just wanted to say thank you for doing all those things that you do and for being an ambassador for the City of Shreveport in doing all those things. So, thank you so much and if you would like to, certainly we would receive comments.

Mr. Robertson: Well, I appreciate the Council's recognition. It is nice to be recognized in your own hometown where you've grown up, worked all your life and I have been an active citizen for the last 40 years or so in Shreveport. And so, I'd like again to thank the Council for this recognition.

Councilman Jackson: Mr. Robertson, there are a few comments from the Council, if you will. Councilman Green.

Councilman Green: Thank you. I'd just like to say congratulations, keep up the good work. I was a member of the Shreveport Jaycees at one time, but I lost my book. Would you happen to have an old book around?

Mr. Robertson: Not that old.

Councilman Green: Well, if you don't have an old one, if you can find one, or tell me where I could find a new one, I sure would. Because that was a very valuable book to me, but I lost it. But keep up the good work.

Councilman Jackson: Let me, if you will, Mr. Robertson, I present this resolution to you and congratulations. We have one other distinguished guest and one other presentation.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Bill Davis is here to receive a resolution adopted at the last meeting. I believe he is here. I believe you have the resolution in front of you.

Councilman Jackson: Yes sir.

Mr. Thompson: It was already read. So, you might just want to tell us about the event.

Councilman Jackson: Mr. Davis, if you will, thank you for being here. We've got a resolution to present to you. We did it at our last meeting, but

certainly would like for you to make any comments you would like to make in regards to the weekend. The Wild West Weekend?

Mr. Davis: I want to thank the Council and I want to thank Mayor Hightower and his administration and tell you that it is the National Red River Western Festival. It takes place at the Louisiana State Fairgrounds July 15th through the 18th. Where more than 20 plus Hollywood legends of the film and television industry will be here from Dale Robertson, Ty Harden, Buck Taylor, Bill Smith, Peter Brown, Alex (inaudible), Robert Fuller, Min Cooper and a few other Hollywood stuntmen and some surprise guest will also be coming here. And the festival is both of a local nature, but it is a national and internationally promoted event where we have visitors and tourists coming from 11 different foreign countries to Shreveport and to the State of Louisiana during those four plus days of activities going on and we look forward to be permanent year-round event taking place at the fairgrounds where there is a more interesting dilemma that's taking place. The parking is free out at the fairgrounds. So, we encourage each and everyone of you and the citizens of Shreveport to take part in this event. And if you have a horse and you want to be in the trail ride Saturday morning. A big trail ride, it's about 14 miles long coming all the way to the State Fairgrounds. And along with stagecoach rides, western music, western exhibits coming from all over the United States and Canada, that will be here for Shreveport. And that's four days of that particular event. So along with the Western Channel will be here, CNN, the Weather Channel, E-Hollywood Entertainment and a few other foreign networks that will be covering Shreveport during that particular event. So, I thank the City, I thank Mr. Mayor and all. And the Mayor said on Saturday, it was a beautiful day for a great gentleman named Chief Dallas Green and as Brian Crawford did say, he's kinda hot wearing these coats. But the new Central Fire Station is something that the citizens should be proud of and you on the Council and Mr. Mayor, you helped make that happen. And we hope that our visitors who come to Shreveport enjoy the City and will take part in other activities that go on during the course of the festival. And the foreign visitors that come here are in for a rare treat of finding out what some chuck wagons cooks will be doing, cause one of 'em want's to try to cook up some crawfish and alligator. So, I ain't gone be around for that one. But once again, I thank Mr. Thompson, the City Council, and the Mayor's Office and the Governor of the State of Louisiana who is also proclaimed that is the Wild West Week for the whole State of Louisiana. And we got that proclamation from her yesterday.

Councilman Jackson: Well congratulations and please allow me to present this resolution to you here. Thank you and congratulations.

Councilman Lester: My question last meeting, and I think it might happen since Councilman Green doesn't have his boot on anymore, I've heard that he was going to make a special appearance with his horse Trigger at the Wild West Day, and I was just going to check and see if that still was going to happen.

Councilman Green: I got my sideburns cut now, so I don't know if I'll be able to - - - .

Councilman Lester: That's what I was looking forward to Mr. Chairman. I

had my camera all ready.

Councilman Green: No, I'll be there next year.

Mr. Davis: You're invited to be in the grand entry regardless.

Councilman Green: I'll be there.

Councilman Jackson: I think those are all. Mr. Mayor, do you have any other communications.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman. There are a couple of things I'd like to mention. You've a letter from Mr. Scott Sinclair concerning Resolution No. 118 in front of you. He delivered it to me today and asked me to be sure and deliver it to all Council Members and Ms. Nettie Brown also has a written report in front of you.

Councilman Jackson: The Blue Report we were talking about?

Mr. Thompson: No, she has a separate - - - it's her remarks from yesterday.

Councilman Lester: Her response to yesterday's questions?

Mr. Thompson: No, no it's just her written remarks.

Councilman Jackson: Thank you Mr. Clerk. Any other recognition, awards or distinguished guests gentlemen? If not, then we're down to our reports.

Reports:

Convention Center and Convention Center Hotel Project.

Mayor Hightower: Mr. Chairman, we delivered that yesterday, if there are any questions or follow-up that needs to be done, we can do that now or later.

Councilman Gibson: Thank you Mr. Chair. Mr. Mayor, there was a letter, I don't know if this was given to us in a packet or - - -. I don't know if this came from you or from the CAO, but it's a letter dated June 7th to you from Richard Futts, the Project Manager for the Convention Center Complex and Planning. Their amending our cooperative endeavor agreement. Is that the way I read this. The State is on this \$12,000,000 capital outlay?

Mayor Hightower: I think we're best to wait for Mr. Antee to get back to talk about that, because he's been dealing with Mr. Futts directly.

Councilman Gibson: Okay, is he expected to be here today?

Mayor Hightower: Yes.

Councilman Gibson: Mr. Chair, can I defer that until he comes here?

Councilman Jackson: Sure. And for the record, we'll come back to that and those questions so that the Council could have those questions answered at a later point in our meeting.

Property Standards Program.

Councilman Jackson: Received our Property Standards Report on yesterday. Are there any updates, any other questions in regard to the Property Standards Report?

Councilman Lester: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I would just say to Code Enforcement, I appreciate - - you don't have to get up Ms. Moore. I just wanted to say thank you for taking care of the two situations that I talked to you about on yesterday. One was the grass in the 1100 blk of Kenneth Street. It's been taken care of and the residents over there are very happy as well as, I called Code Enforcement this morning about a lot on Grover and that was taken care of

and the residents in both of those areas are very satisfied. So, I just wanted to pass that along their thank yous.

Public Hearing:

Councilman Jackson: I show we have none.

Confirmations and/or Appointments, Adding Legislation to the Agenda and Public Comments.

Motion by Councilman Gibson, seconded by Councilman Walford for confirmation of Rudolph Edwards to the position of Customer Service Manager, Department of Operational Services.

Councilman Gibson: In terms of Mr. Strong or the Administration, did we lose somebody or are we adding somebody into this process in terms of this Customer Service Manager?

Mr. Strong: The previous Customer Service Manager was Jessica Maddox and she retired.

Councilman Gibson: Okay, so this is replacing her?

Mr. Strong: Position? Yes sir.

Councilman Gibson: Okay, alright thank you.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Carmody. 1.

Adding Legislation to the Agenda

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, we have six items.

1. Ordinance No. 95 of 2004. An ordinance amending the 2004 Capital Improvements Budget.
2. Ordinance No. 96 of 2004. An ordinance amending Chapter 94 of the Code of Ordinances relative to utility rates.
3. Ordinance No. 97 of 2004. An ordinance amending the 2004 Budget for the Water and Sewerage Enterprise Fund.
4. Ordinance No. 98 of 2004. An ordinance authorizing the Lease of City-Owned property to North Shreveport Development Corporation, Inc.
5. Ordinance No. 99 of 2004. An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinances by re-zoning property located on the west side of Buncombe Road, 1400 feet north of West 70th Street, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana from B-3, Community Business District and I-1 Light Industry, to R-3, Urban, Multiple-Family residence District.
6. Ordinance No. 100 of 2004. An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning

Ordinances by re-zoning property located on the north side of Nelson Street at its intersection with Corporate Drive, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from I-2, Heavy Industrial District, to R-2, Suburban Multi-Family Residence District.

Motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Gibson to add items 1 through 6 to the agenda. Motion approved by the following votes: Ayes: Lester, Walford, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Carmody. 1.

Public Comments (Agenda Items to be *Adopted*).

Pastor Edmunds (*9817 E. Chase Cir*): I'm here to speak on a zoning change that's coming before you today from the Metropolitan Planning Commission of which we have had the opportunity to meet a couple of occasions on about a development on Linwood. And let me just say to clear the air to make sure that we are all on the same page, that we as the membership of the Calvary Baptist Church are in favor of development and in support of development in our area. In fact we would under the current zoning of the R-A status where it is now, we would certainly not only before, but we would be publicly involved on promoting and helping the current developers because we are pro business and pro development. However, under the zoning changes that are coming before you, at least I think there are a couple of things I hope that you would consider sending back to them. First of all, I believe the zoning change should not have an adverse affect on current or prior property owners. This particular area zoned R-A has been now zoned that way for approximately 25 years. We believe that is the proper zoning. It represents what we believe according to Metropolitan Planning Commission has had in place and in force for now over two decades, going on almost three decades, we believe the proper zoning of which not only our Church is a part of, but the residents as well are a part of. And I think that you'll also see that concurrent with other areas across the Bert Kouns area, I think that you'll find much of the very same area zoned. So, we believe that making this particular change goes down to an area of putting in this case a home, the element property here drops down from about 25,000 square feet to about 7200 square foot. So we believe there is quite a concession made or would be made in this particular area. And we believe that when you're a property owner, and in this particular case, the Church, a business, (we are academy, daycare, etc), we believe that, that has affect on our property values, as well as neighbors as we speak as well for them. And we would hope that you would consider that. And I think that it probably needs to be sent back for that reason. Second of all, I think that the proper research should be done, considering engineering studies around the areas of drainage, sewerage, traffic, etc., so that proper assurances can be made to the public. We do not believe that even according to your own engineers, that Mr. Strong would already represent and say to us that in the areas of drainage and sewerage, we believe that's already an issue. And at least it should be sent back for consideration. In this area, I think that you'll find it's a real rolling area. And so it's a lot on both sides of Linwood, a considerable amount of drainage problems. And additional

amount of the homes, I think that will cause a considerable problem that needs to be really considered before we get there. I think also the burden of proof for the need for zoning change needs to be brought by the developer. In this case, and I think we met with Mr. Gibson, we offered for the residents and Council Members, Mr. Kirkland, and others to come meet. And we did. We=are glad to host it at Calvary for the folks to come and meet. And we did not hear anything except for the idea that it provides more opportunity to put more homes. This is going to reduce the square footage area, a lot line zoning has to cut down. Everything is just - -it seems only in the amount of just the development only. It doesn't seem to be any other reason that anybody could name. The R-A zone is a good zone. We think that our community Church-wise, we think also the neighborhood-wise people are very happy with where they live, where we operate. As a business, Calvary is on that particular area, we=are the largest employer of anyone in that region. And we=are very, very happy with our area. And we want to see it continue to be developed to the proper management. We depend on you as men of this Council and women of the leadership to help us accomplish that. We also have a petition and I=ll close. There=s a petition of the residents today that is represented that you have not seen of the residents in that area. There are 37 families that represent these areas right across the street that we are here to represent them today that have all signed and agreed that they would- - I think that we=are all in agreement that we=are not- - - no one is against development. We=are for these people building homes. It=s a wonderful thing. We=are for the project. We would like it to remain in the R-A zoning area. And these residents, the membership of Calvary Baptist Church, Calvary Baptist Academy, Calvary Baptist Daycare, we would like to see it stay within the area of an R-A zoning. We would like you to send it back at least, at no less, we would like it for the reasons I=ve mentioned, we=d like you to at least send it back for consideration. We think more work needs to be done at least we=d ask you to do that for us today.

Mr. Angell: (9333 *Linwood Ave*): I will cut to the chase. Of course we discussed a lot of things yesterday and we need to rehash those. Mr. Green, I did try to call you this morning. I left you a message at 11:00. So, I just want to let you know I did that. 2) I did re-read the minutes. I have them here inside my- -and I will apologize to you, because you did not use the word racism. And I said I would come down and I would say it and do that publicly for you. I do think there is a statement that you did make that implied when you said folks, so I mis-interpreted what you actually meant. I didn't ask you for clarification on that. So, I want to apologize to you concerning those definitions. But I do want to come talk to you about different things, because I do still have some concerns. When I showed these pictures about raw sewerage that flowing down the streams right here and down this road and it looks like a stream and basically it was told to me that, that is kind of a common thing that occurs here in Shreveport. Really that concerns me so, what I have done in a written request form for each one of the Council Members, that way, that you could have it,

because I didn't know exactly who I should address it to. Because I've heard several times about three to five years to get this fixed and different things. And here's what I'm asking and I'll submit this to whoever needs it. I have ten copies, so whoever would like one, I'll give it to you. First of all, I'm just requesting in writing from the Council or the departments that it responds to, is one is a list of these substandard sewerage lift stations that are currently in our city. We have more than one, then I wouldn't mind knowing about some of those. And actually the priority from which they would be repaired, cause this would be one of them that would need to be repaired right below our facility. The date for beginning repairs, the dates for completion. The total monies allocated for repair of these lift stations. (Unclear) dates, and ones we've actually fixed. And where is the money in the budget appropriated. Second of all I asked yesterday, I did not receive really a good answer about is who is actually going to be overseeing this actual project. If it actually is passed this afternoon. I'd like to know who is the name of the person supervising that to where I could actually, whether it's a City Engineer, Inspector, Code Enforcement, Mr. Kirkland- - -, is there somebody I can talk to where we can discuss some of those different issues. The next thing I'd like to talk about in that particular area is that we didn't discuss and was not answered yesterday, about the penalties for that developer, if he does not go up to code. What would take place there. And also what is the penalties or what kind of procedures do we take place within the City for this person who is supposed to be following up on this and actually does not follow through on his job, that's the second thing I'll be asking for. The third thing I was asking for is as we discussed a little bit yesterday, my concerning that is that in Youree Drive, we had the same problem, that apparently the MPC Office and City Engineering or somebody with that responsibility did not check off or did not meet code and we had to come in here and redo the code to meet those buildings. So, I'd just like to know, or have an explanation. I watch the news, I watch the Council Meetings. I really (unclear) some different things. Did not see exactly what took place, I wouldn't mind having an explanation of what took place there and also what's been done to rectify those problems where things do not actually fall through that. And I think this really affect all the districts, because this is just not in District D. And I will give this to you Mr. Gibson, since that apparently you and Mr. Strong have a strong relationship cause y'all have been corresponding, and you've asked him to come up and speak on a couple of occasions. So, I would submit this to you or submit to anybody here in the Council and I would appreciate, I don't know how long I would ask for your guidance on how long you think that would take for me to get that.

Councilman Jackson: Mr. Angell, let me just say that if you will tender that request and we'll respond accordingly. I certainly hesitate to say exactly the time, but I know that most of those answers are codified in some kind of law or ordinance, for the most part penalties and all those things just fall within a circumscribe if you will within the bounds of the law. And so, I'm sure that we can just identify those things and get that back to you. So, if you'll just submit it if you will to the Clerk, then we'll make sure that we take care of it in short order.

Mr. Angell: Okay, I appreciate it.

Mr. Darrett: (2528 Merwin) Mr. Chairman, I'd like to address my Council Person for just a moment before my three minutes are up.

Councilman Jackson: You mean in private? This is a Public Comment, so it will be a part of the three minutes.

Mr. Darrett: Alright. Councilman Walford, on yesterday, I thought I was a little jaggered with my statement as you asked me a question. I wanted to openly apologize to you and I hope that it was not- - it was my emotions that took control over my statement, because I'm very concerned about this matter and I would hope that you would understand. And I openly apologize.

Councilman Walford: Let me assure you Mr. Darrett, it was not a problem.

Mr. Darrett: Okay, thank you very much. Council, I thank you for giving me the time to present this to you. I don't know how I got the position as being the person that openly opposed this zoning. Race Trac is a fine facility. I don't have a problem with Race Trac per se. There is an Exxon station presently. But Race Trac is a multi armed facility and it will indent into the neighborhood which would stop the quality of the residents as far as their way of living. Say a person comes out and drinks his coffee on his porch. They'll be looking directly at the customers at Race Trac because it's so far into the neighborhood. If Race Trac would have an alternate location which I suggested to one of their representatives, which is an acre 1.1, I think its an acre .5 which is right at Claiborne. But they rejected that. And they said that they only wanted this location. This location goes back into the neighborhood and I could shoot, all day long, objections to why it's not. But I've come to the Council today to say what benefit would the neighbors receive from letting Race Trac come into their neighborhood, and look at them on a day-to-day basis. We're talking about Race Trac being open 24 hours and they would also have a window service at 11:00, and therefore customers would be outside it. And they would be slamming doors and the noise level would be ongoing for generations and generations to come. I would hope that you would overturn and use your best judgement and think that you wouldn't want a place of business at your front door. Not if it was down the street or around the corner, I would say okay. But it's directly in the neighborhood. It's protruding so far back into the neighborhood, that neighbors would see it on a day-to-day basis. This is not right. So, I've come to the Council to ask them to please do what's right. What's morally right. You wouldn't want a facility of this nature in your neighborhood directly across the street. Not around the corner, we're talking directly across the street. So, for this reason, I'm opposed to Race Trac having that zoning. And if there are any questions, I would be pleased to entertain them the best I can.

**CONSENT AGENDA LEGISLATION
TO INTRODUCE RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

RESOLUTIONS: None.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 83 of 2004. An Ordinance Closing and abandoning the 60 foot-wide Whittington Drive in the 80 Industrial Park Subdivision located in the SE & SW 1/4 OF Sections 18 (T17N-R14W), Caddo Parish, Louisiana and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Jackson for introduction of the Ordinance to lay over until July 13, 2004 meeting. Motion approved by the following votes: Ayes: Lester, Walford, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Carmody. 1

**TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:
RESOLUTIONS:**

Motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Lester to adopt Resolutions No. 147. Motion approved by the following votes: Ayes: Lester, Walford, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Carmody. 1

**RESOLUTION NO. 147 of 2004
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WIELAND - DAVCO, CORPORATION,
LOCATED AT 7245 WEST BERT KOUNS INDUSTRIAL LOOP, TO CONNECT
TO THE WATER & SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND
OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

WHEREAS, Wieland - Davco, Corporation 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 Wieland - Davco, Corporation, be authorized to connect the building located at 7245 West Bert Kouns Industrial Loop, 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.

Mr. Thompson: The next is Resolution No. 148 and I=d like to bring to your attention that this resolution does cost money. Most of these endorsements

have not, but this one does. And because it is not the usual one, I wanted to bring that to your attention. But it=s stating the City of Shreveport=s endorsement of Ivan Smith Furniture to participate in the benefits of the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

The Clerk read the resolution by title and as read motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Lester, to postpone Resolution No. 148. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Carmody. 1

ORDINANCES: None

REGULAR AGENDA LEGISLATION

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

RESOLUTION NO. OF 2004

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE SIGNATURES OF THE MAYOR ON TWO PERMANENT UTILITY SERVITUDES, AS WELL AS ON A DOCUMENT OF PERMANENT UTILITY SERVITUDE CANCELLATION, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

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

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport acquired a permanent utility servitude from Southern Trace Development Corporation pursuant to a contract and/or agreement executed by the Mayor on September 19, 2000, recorded in Conveyance Book 3417, Page 324, attached hereto as Exhibit A.

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport cancelled all rights acquired pursuant to the abovementioned permanent utility servitude in a cancellation document which was executed by the Mayor on September 2, 2003, as recorded in Conveyance Book 3628, Page 651, attached hereto as Exhibit B.

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport acquired a permanent utility servitude from Southern Trace Development Corporation pursuant to a contract and/or agreement executed by the Mayor on September 2, 2003, as recorded in Conveyance Book 3628, Page 646, attached hereto as Exhibit C.

WHEREAS, it was subsequently discovered that resolutions were not adopted prior to the Mayor's execution of the abovementioned permanent utility servitude agreements (Exhibits A and C), nor was a resolution adopted prior to the Mayor's execution of the cancellation document (Exhibit B).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal and regular session convened, that it hereby ratifies and authorizes the Mayor's signatures on the abovementioned permanent utility servitudes and the cancellation of a permanent utility servitude.

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

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

The Clerk read the resolution by title: Resolution no. 118 of 2004. Ratifying the Mayor's signature on two permanent utility servitudes and a permanent utility servitude cancellation.

Councilman Jackson: Councilmen, I think at this time it would be appropriate to have a motion that we go into executive session because

Resolution 118 because it relates to pending litigation: St. Andrews Place v. City of Shreveport , First Judicial District Court, Case No. 479,856.

Motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Lester to go into Executive Session.

Councilman Gibson: I don't know if it would be appropriate or if it could, I mean we've got several pieces of legislation. I don't know how long this Executive Session- - - can it be moved to tail end of this meeting to go through our regular business, so our people in the audience don't have to wait. Would that be appropriate? I mean I have some questions in terms of (inaudible).

Councilman Jackson: Councilman Gibson, I don't think it's either impossible or inappropriate to be able to do that. Obviously I would like to urge the Council to do it at this point, because I think if that is a consideration, then perhaps it will cause us to move in some dispatch.

Councilman Gibson: Okay, I just wanted a point of information.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Lester, Walford, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Carmody. 1

*** The Council went into Executive Session at 4:00 p.m.**

*** The Council returned to the Chamber at 4:32 p.m.**

Councilman Jackson: Let me say again for the record, we just concluded an Executive Session which was because Resolution 118 relates to pending litigation: St. Andrews Place v. City of Shreveport, First Judicial District Court, Case No. 479,856. No final or binding action was taken during the executive session. And the meeting will now come to order. I think the item on our agenda was Resolutions on Second Reading and Final Passage or which required only one reading under Section 9A. We were on No. 118.

Mr. Thompson: That's correct.

Motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Lester for the adoption of Resolution No. 118.

Councilman Gibson: Thank you Mr. Chair. This is my district and this is extremely disappointing to see the recommendations taking place. A) The Administration signed some what I consider revoking servitude last September and even though it was at the request of a land owner, that this City Councilman was not communicated with about the signing of those documents. We're going to be asked to ratify this today. I think it sends a dangerous message. I talked to the design and construction community at length to try to find anywhere, where we've had a revoking of utility servitude in this community at least in the last 20 years and I can't find anybody at this point and time that can tell me that, that's taken place. In fact, no one can tell me that, that's taken place. So, this is going to be the first for the City of Shreveport. I know that - - - and you're talking to the Chairman of the Infrastructure Committee, when we were talking about these things. I've heard things from stressing out our water system to our sewer system and for the life of me, I can't understand. I still have not heard a good reason why we should be ratifying something that was done last September.

And I don't care about the lawsuits that are out there at this point and time. What I care about is agreements that were put in place two or three years ago and one thing is that I've always looked up to the Administration about is when they ran a campaign and that they would make agreements and they would stick to those agreements. And those agreements were signed. They were signed in good faith. They were corresponding letters going back and forth in terms of communication and now, we're going to turn around and say sorry all bets are off and let's let the two land owners get into this situation and let's ring our hands of the situation. This is my district. I'm very familiar with what we're dealing with in terms of growth out there. I firmly believe that the commitments are there with the City of Shreveport, otherwise we would have never signed the servitude in the first place in terms of commitments to make sure that we have quality water and quality water and sewer. I'm still just a little bit bewildered on how we got to this point, but I'm going to urge my fellow City Councilmen to not ratify this situation. Allow the Administration to go back and sit down with the parties and try to come up with something that is amenable to everybody. But I can tell you that this is absolutely disappointing as the Councilman of this district to have some of the reasons - - - which again, I've still not heard a good reason to this point of why we should ratify an action that had taken place back in September. And we're here now in June of 2004 and this - - -revoke of servitude took place in September of 2003. Thank you Mr. Chair.

Councilman Jackson: Thank you Councilman Gibson. Any other questions?

Motion approved by the following votes: Ayes: Lester, Walford, Green, and Jackson, 4. Councilmen Gibson and Hogan. 2. Absent: Councilman Carmody. 1.

Mayor Hightower: If it I'd like to make a comment if I could.

Councilman Gibson: Mr. Chair, I'm going to call it out of order. We've already voted on this, let's move to the next item.

Motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Green to suspend the rules to allow the Mayor to comment on Resolution 118 approved by the following vote: Ayes: Lester, Walford, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Carmody. 1

Mayor Hightower: Thank you Mr. Chairman and I will be brief. The issue of the servitude and the agreement that took place was between two parties. History may show that we've never had to cancel a servitude in the past. I'm not aware of one that we have had to cancel, but I'm also not aware of the second party in a two party agreement ever coming back to the City and asking for revocation of the servitude. When the two parties, one being the City, one being Southern Trace Development, when Southern Trace came back and asked for revocation, there only being two parties and the second party not having any objection to that, there was no battle, there was no other motive other than to work out an agreement and a replacement agreement with the other party to the contract. And it's as simple as that. So, to say that it's unprecedented and it sets a bad precedent, that there is something sinister about it is just absolutely

not true. Two party agreement, one party came to the other party and said, I want to change what we agreed to a while back, will you agree to work with me on doing that? And that=s what we=ve done. And part of that was a relocation as well to help them better develop a piece of property that they had. And again, you know as we said once before, I think our mission as the Mayor of the City of Shreveport and the City Council of the City of Shreveport is to be sure that we take care of our citizens, and we take care of our infrastructure, and we do or at least follow the lead of our engineering community that says here=s what we can and can=t do. The water pressure, the water quality at the end of the line has not been good. We have construction in place to take care of that to eventually loop the entire water system. But I think it=s imperative upon us to be sure that we=re taking care of those people that are inside the City. The particular person that is opposing this piece of legislation is not out of business by any means. We have set at the table with them and provided them an opportunity to loop the system so that we don=t extend the dead end 20 homes at a time to make the pressure and the quality of the water worse at the end of the line. So, there=s no intent, there=s no anything on the part of the City of Shreveport to prohibit growth by any means. If there were, I don=t think we=d see the number of housing units going up, up and down Norris Ferry Road and Ellerbe Road that we=ve seen over the past several years. We want and encourage people to develop, but we=ve got to do it in a controlled manner so that it does not affect the people that elected us to represent them in their neighborhoods. And that=s simply our point, but again, it was a two party agreement. The two parties came together, to modify the original agreement.

The Deputy Clerk read the resolution by title: Resolution No. 139 of 2004: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with W.G. Yates & Sons Construction Company relative to Fair Share requirements and penalties. Motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Jackson for passage.

Councilman Gibson: Mr. Chair, I=m going to ask that we ask for a two week delay on this to ask the legal counsel for a legal opinion on 139.

Substitute motion by Councilman Gibson, seconded by Councilman Green to postpone for two weeks approved by the following vote: Ayes: Walford, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 5. Nays: Councilman Lester. 1 Absent:

Councilman Carmody. 1

Motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Jackson to adopt resolution 140.

Councilman Gibson: I=d ask for a substitute motion to ask for a two week postponement to ask the legal counsel for a legal opinion on item 140.

Substitute motion by Councilman Gibson, seconded by Councilman Green to postpone Resolution 140 until the next regular meeting.

Councilman Lester: If that be the case, I would just ask Councilman Gibson to include item 141 in that motion.

Councilman Gibson: I would make that substitute motion for item 141 also for a two week postponement with legal counsel review and opinion.

Substitute motion by Councilman Gibson seconded by Councilman Green to

postpone for two weeks. Motion approved by the following votes. Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson: 6. Nays: None. Absent: Carmody. 1.

RESOLUTION NO. 143 OF 2004

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND CONSENTING TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH STEEPLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION RELATIVE TO THE FIRST TEE YOUTH GOLF PROGRAM TO THE NORTHWEST LOUISIANA YOUTH GOLF AND EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC., AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport entered into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Steeple Economic Development Corporation (the ACorporation@) on March 21, 2003 relative to The First Tee youth golf program. The agreement was amended March 21, 2003; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation has agreed to assign and transfer all of its rights and responsibilities under the Agreement to the Northwest Louisiana Youth Golf and Education Foundation, Inc (the AFoundation@)., a Louisiana non-profit corporation; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation has agreed to accept all rights and interests of the Corporation relative to The First Tee Junior Golf Program.

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 authorizes and consents to the assignment of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Steeple Economic Development Corporation to the Northwest Louisiana Youth Golf and Education Foundation, Inc., and authorizes the Mayor to execute all documents relative thereto.

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

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

Read by title and as read motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Jackson for passage: Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson: 6. Nays: None. Absent: Carmody. 1.

Councilman Gibson: I=d ask for a two week delay on this seeing that Councilman Carmody is absent.

Councilman Lester: I=ll second that.

Councilman Walford: When we get to discussion.

Motion by Councilman Gibson seconded by Councilman Lester to postpone for two weeks.

Councilman Walford: Councilman Carmody did call me and ask me to please comment on this and ask the Council to go ahead and consider it, and please pass it on its merit, that it=s a short 100 foot area that really is not a

renaming and he asked that we go ahead and consider it.

Councilman Gibson: I withdraw my original motion.

Councilman Green: I withdraw my second.

Councilman Walford: So, with that, I will make a motion to pass.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, we have an amendment, would you like for me to read the amendment?

Councilman Jackson: Please.

Mr. Thompson: It corrects the resolution to reflect the fact that the street has not been previously named. This would allow the resolution to be adopted today because it is not a renaming and therefore 78.451 and 452 would not apply.

Councilman Green: So moved.

Councilman Walford: So my motion I guess would be on the amendment Mr. Chairman.

Amendment No. 1 to Resolution No. 144 of 2002

Amend the resolution as follows:

Delete the body of the resolution and substitute in lieu thereof the attached resolution.

Motion approved by the following votes. Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson: 6. Nays: None. Absent: Carmody. 1.

Councilman Walford: And I will give you a motion on the ordinance as amended.

Motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Green to adopt Resolution No. 144 as amended.

RESOLUTION NO. 144 OF 2004

A RESOLUTION NAMING THE CROSSOVER DRIVE LOCATED ON CLYDE E. FANT MEMORIAL PARKWAY, SOUTH OF EAST PRESTON STREET, TO ISLAND PARK BOULEVARD, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the crossover drive connection, located on Clyde E. Fant Memorial Parkway south of East Preston Street has never been officially named; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the City Engineer has determined that this crossover drive should be officially named assist in the proper delivery of the postal services, for E-911 requirements, and for other traffic safety reasons.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal, and regular session convened, that the crossover drive running between lanes of the Clyde E. Fant Memorial Parkway and south of East Preston Street is hereby named Island Park Boulevard as shown on the plat attached hereto, and made a part hereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that to comply with LSA R.S. 18:201, a

certified copy of this resolution to be furnished to the Registrar of Voters for Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be filed and recorded in the official records of the District Court of Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this resolution or application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items, or applications of the 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 declared severable and repealed.

Councilman Lester: So I want to be sure of this. The area that is going to be named, what are we going to name this?

Councilman Jackson: Island Park Blvd.

Councilman Lester: Island Park Blvd. Okay and we're talking about 100 or so feet? And it's previously not been named before?

Councilman Jackson: It was called Knight Street Extension.

Councilman Walford: But apparently did not connect to Knight Street as I understand Mr. Chairman. It was.

Councilman Jackson: The name of it previously was Knight Street Extension. Not sure about where it originates or terminates but the renaming will be Island Park Blvd.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, relative to that question, in the background materials, it says that during the planning of the parkway, the landowners adjacent to the parkway considered future development in the area which would have resulted in Knight Street extending into the land west of the parkway from E. Preston to E. 70th Street. But it was never connected and as I understand it, this is right in the middle of the Clyde Fant Parkway. This is a connection between the two. There is a plat right there in your map.

Mr. Antee: Mr. Chairman, I'm somewhat familiar with that. It's basically a stub that was built off the parkway, since the parkway is limited access. And for no other reason other than they visualize maybe Knight Street from Preston being brought down from which would be through the middle now, the two apartment complexes. They just called it that, but never officially named it. Now, there is a new development called the Island Park Development and so, they want to name it all the way up to where the private property would be so the street would be named the same all the way through.

Councilman Lester: Okay, thank you. That answers my question. I just - - I don't have a problem naming streets. And apparently, now that I have broken that ground, a lot of people also are wanting to name streets in our City, so I think that's a good thing.

Councilman Jackson: We want to thank you for that pioneering resolve.

Councilman Lester: That's not a problem Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Motion approved by the following votes. Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson: 6. Nays: None. Absent: Carmody. 1.

Councilman Walford: Mr. Chairman, on behalf of Mr. Carmody, I thank you and my fellow Council Members.

RESOLUTION NO. 145 OF 2004

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH THE FRIENDS OF THE MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM, INC., AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport entered into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Friends of the Municipal Auditorium, Inc., on May 20, 2003 relative to the operation of a gift shop and other activities in specifically designated areas in Municipal Auditorium; and

WHEREAS, the success of the Friends' current operations necessitate the use of additional space within the Auditorium; and

WHEREAS, City and Friends desire to amend the current agreement to provide for the use of additional space or areas within the Auditorium by Friends.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that the Mayor of the City of Shreveport is authorized to execute an amendment to the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Shreveport and the Friends of the Municipal Auditorium, Inc., substantially in accordance with the draft attached hereto and filed for public inspection with the original of this resolution in the Office of the Clerk of Council on June 8, 2004.

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.

Motion by Councilman Green seconded by Councilman Lester for passage.

Motion approved by the following votes: Ayes: Lester, Walford, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Carmody. 1

RESOLUTION NO. 146 OF 2004

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A \$5,000.00 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 2 MINI GRANT FROM THE RESOURCE CENTER, INC., AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has been awarded a \$5,000.00 House of Representatives District 2 mini grant from The Resource Center, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds are to be used for the purpose of conducting an Art Awareness Program for at-risk youth in House District 2; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has established an Enrichment Fund as a trust fund for donations of funds and/or goods by any persons or groups. The Enrichment Fund ordinance is contained in Section 26-186 et seq., of the Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the ordinance provides that donations over \$5,000.00 shall be accepted only with the approval of the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that Keith Hightower, Mayor, is hereby authorized to accept a House of Representatives District 2 mini grant in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) from The Resource Center, Inc., to conduct an Art Awareness Program for at-risk youth in House District 2 and to execute any and all documents on behalf of the City of Shreveport relative to the receipt of the funds.

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.

Motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Green for passage.

Councilman Jackson: Mr. Clerk, is this 146 there, because is the ordinance, or the law \$5,000 or more to receive money and that=s why the Council has to authorize to do so?

Mr. Thompson: I don=t know why it=s before you. Ms. Glass, do you know?

Ms. Glass: Well, I do know there is - - - you=re right. There is a City Ordinance that says that Council has to approve acceptance of amounts over \$5,000.

Councilman Jackson: So, it=s \$5,000 and above? Or is it over \$5,000?

Ms. Glass: Well, I don=t remember where the exact, if it=s exactly \$5,000 (unclear)

Councilman Jackson: Okay, that was just a question I had a discussion about some other time and I just wanted to be sure.

Read by title and as read motion by Councilman Gibson, seconded by Councilman Green to approved by the following votes: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Carmody. 1.

RESOLUTION NO. 152 OF 2004

A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AUSTIN G. ROBERTSON, JR. FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, Austin G. Robertson, Jr., a partner in the accounting firm, Robertson, Bailes, and McClelland LLP, is the 2004 recipient of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, National Public Service Award; and

WHEREAS, the 340,000 members of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants recognize only one member each year for community service, which makes the National Public Service Award, the highest honor bestowed on a member of the organization for public service; and

WHEREAS, Austin G. Robertson, Jr. received the Society of Louisiana Certified Public Accountants' 2003 Public Service Award; and

WHEREAS, Austin G. Robertson, Jr. received these awards for over forty years of service to this community, focusing on the prevention, education, and treatment of addictive diseases, such as gambling, alcoholism, and drug abuse; and

WHEREAS, Austin G. Robertson, Jr., worked with the Louisiana Association on Compulsive Gambling to establish the Center of Recovery Program (CORE) and he was instrumental in establishing a Louisiana Problem Gamblers help line; and

WHEREAS, Austin G. Robertson, Jr. is currently President of the Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in Northwest Louisiana, which has an operating budget of over three million dollars, and which helps approximately 5,000 families each year; and

WHEREAS, Austin G. Robertson, Jr. has also devoted his service and leadership to Centenary College, Red River Radio, First Methodist Church, Literacy Volunteers of America, Salvation Army, Committee of One-Hundred, Inc., Junior Achievement of Northwest Louisiana, Shreveport Jaycees, and the Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that the City of Shreveport and all its citizens publicly recognize and thank **Mr. Austin G. Robertson, Jr.** for his distinguished leadership and public service to the citizens of this City and this community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be executed in duplicate originals with one original presented to **Mr. Austin G. Robertson, Jr.** and the other filed in perpetuity in the office of the Clerk of Council for the City of Shreveport.

RESOLUTION NO. 153 OF 2004
A RESOLUTION REQUESTING BIDS FOR THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING JULY 1, 2004 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2005, APPROVING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR SUCH BIDS AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, regular and legal session convened that bids for the publishing of all minutes, ordinances, resolutions, budgets, official notices, advertisements, and other official proceedings of the City of Shreveport, be and the same are hereby requested for the period July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005.

BE IT RESOLVED that the bids submitted shall be for a printing in 6-point type. The bids shall also specify the rate to be charged for any display advertisements, such as advertisements for the Municipal Auditorium, Civic Theater, and Convention Hall, as distinguished from legal and advertisements which may be published by the City of Shreveport at any time.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of Council be and he is hereby authorized to advertise for such bids in accordance with this resolution in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Shreveport.

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

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

Motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Walford for passage.

Councilman Lester: On this particular item, how long is the period for solicitation?

Mr. Thompson: We'll do it three times in 15 days

Councilman Lester: Okay, that was just my question.

Motion approved by the following votes: Ayes: Lester, Walford, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Carmody. 1

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution No. 149 of 2004. Authorizing the employment of special legal counsel to represent the Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board of the City of Shreveport, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
2. Resolution No. 150 of 2004. Authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract between the City and Price Waterhouse, Cooper, Inc., or Hospitality Valuation Services, Inc., or any other professional company with the approval of the City Council for an independent feasibility study of a land based hotel and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
3. Resolution No. 151 of 2004. Approving a restoration tax abatement application for 411 Ashley Ridge Blvd., (Formerly TicketMaster) Ashley Ridge Partners, Ltd.

Read by title and as read motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Gibson for introduction of the Resolutions 149 150, and 151 to lay over until July 13, 2004 meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Councilmen Lester, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 5. Nays: None. Out of Chamber: Councilman Walford. 1. Absent: Councilman Carmody. 1.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES (not to be adopted prior to July 13):

Councilman Jackson: We have resolutions added Mr. Thompson?

Mr. Thompson: Yes in addition to the ones on the agenda we have 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, and 100.

1. Ordinance No. 84 of 2004. An ordinance to amend Certain Sections of Chapter 38 of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances relative to housing and property standards and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
2. Ordinance No. 85 of 2004. An ordinance authorizing a temporary construction servitude and a permanent servitude and encroachment on a portion of Festival Plaza in conjunction with the Regional Visitors Center Project, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
3. Ordinance No. 86 of 2004. Amending the 2004 Riverfront Development Special Revenue Fund Budget and providing with respect thereto.
4. Ordinance No. 87 of 2004. An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances as amended, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by amending Section 106-1125 by modifying provisions

for single family care homes and providing with respect thereto.

5. Ordinance No. 88 of 2004. An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances as amended, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance by amending sections 106-1122 and 106-1123 by modifying provisions for on-premise signs and providing with respect thereto.
6. Ordinance No. 89 of 2004. An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, of the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinances, by rezoning property located on the west side of Union Avenue 200 feet south of West 70th Street, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana from R-1D, Urban, One-Family residence district to B-3, Community Business District, and to provide with respect thereto.
7. Ordinance No. 90 of 2004 An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinances, zoning ordinance, by rezoning property located on the north and south side of Travis Street being surrounded by Common, Sprague, Douglas & Fannin Streets, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-3, Urban Multiple-Family Residence district, to B-4, Central Business District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
8. Ordinance No. 91 of 2004. An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the west side of Youree Drive, 500 feet north of Ardmore Avenue, Shreveport, Caddo Parish Louisiana from SPI-3 (B-1) Commercial Corridor Overlay (Youree Drive) <Buffer Business> Extended Use District, for a Spa and Salon Limited to an "2 stylist and 1 massage therapist", only and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
9. Ordinance No. 92 of 2004. An Ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the west side of Ellerbe Road at it's intersection with Lake Forbing, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from I-2 Heavy Industrial District to B-2, Neighborhood Business District, and B-3 community Business District to B-3 Community Business District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
10. Ordinance No. 93 of 2004. An Ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances by rezoning property located on northeast corner of Mount Zion and Kingston Road, Shreveport Caddo

Parish, Louisiana, from B-2, Neighborhood Business District, to B-3 Community Business District, to B-3 Community Business District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto..

11. Ordinance No. 95 of 2004. An ordinance amending the 2004 Capital Improvements Budget and providing with respect thereto.
12. Ordinance No. 96 of 2004. An ordinance amending Chapter 94 of the Code of Ordinances relative to utility rates and providing with respect thereto.
13. Ordinance No. 97 of 2004. An ordinance amending the 2004 Budget for the Water and Sewerage Enterprise fund and providing with respect thereto.
14. Ordinance No. 98 of 2004. An ordinance authorizing the lease of City-owned property to North Shreveport Development Corporation, Inc., and providing with respect thereto.
15. Ordinance No. 99 of 2004. An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinances by re-zoning property located on the west side of Buncombe Road, 1400 feet north of West 70th Street, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana from B-3, Community Business District and I-1 Light Industry, to R-3, Urban, Multiple-Family residence District.
16. Ordinance No. 100 of 2004. An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinances by re-zoning property located on the north side of Nelson Street at its intersection with Corporate Drive, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from I-2, Heavy Industrial District, to R-2, Suburban Multi-Family Residence District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
17. Ordinance No. 94 of 2004: Authorizing the lease of parking spaces at the Stoner Marina parking lot to Overton Brooks VAMC and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. *(not to be adopted prior to July 27)*

Read by title and as read motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Gibson for introduction of the Ordinances to lay over until July 13, 2004 meeting: Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 5. Nays: None. Out of the Chamber: Councilman Walford. 1. Absent: Carmody. 1.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I believe that included 94, which cannot be adopted prior to July, the 25th.

Councilman Jackson: Introduction of ordinances not to be adopted prior to July 13th and you said 94 could not?

Mr. Thompson: It was included.

Councilman Jackson: Okay.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE

1. Ordinance No. 71 of 2004. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF SECTION 72-5(c) AND TO ADD SECTION 72-5(g) TO THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESSES AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

Having passed first reading on May 25, 2004 was read by title and as read on motion ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Walford adopted by the following votes: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Hogan, Green, and Jackson.

5. Nays: Councilman Gibson. 1. Absent: Councilman Carmody. 1.

2. Ordinance No. 77 of 2004. AN ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES TO BE SURPLUS AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT TO SELL THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT=S TAX INTEREST IN CERTAIN SURPLUS ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Having passed first reading on June 8, 2004 was read by title and as read on motion ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Green adopted by the following votes: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Carmody. 1.

3. Ordinance No. 78 of 2004. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE VIII. OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT RELATIVE TO THE FAIR SHARE PROGRAM FOR EQUAL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

Having passed first reading on June 8, 2004 was read by title and as read on motion ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Green for adoption.

Councilman Gibson: Mr. Chair, could I get the Administration to give us a brief overview of this?

Councilman Jackson: Mr. Mayor, if Mr. Gilliam is here or whomever, could expound if you will on Ordinance 78?

Mr. Antee: Well, my computer is acting up.

Mr. Mayor: I don=t think he=s with us.

Councilman Jackson: He was, I think he=s gone.

Mayor Hightower: Mr. Chairman, if you want to come back to that, we'll try to get Mr. Gilliam in the Chambers.

Councilman Jackson: Alright. We have a motion and a second apparently on Ordinance 78. Let me defer item- - I don't know if we'll have to withdraw the motion and move to the next item and come back to 78 or what's appropriate.

Councilman Lester: Well, let me ask Councilman Gibson, what was his question. I don't know if I can - - -.

Councilman Gibson: I'm just trying to get a clarification. If we're amending it, but I see some of the components of it, but can we just get a brief overview for the record of what we're voting on here?

Councilman Lester: Sure, sure. Actually, this was an ordinance that I asked to be voted on today. And in essence what this amendment does is put us in a situation where when we're talking about Fair Share Business, doing business with the City, I'm asking that we codify the situation where a bid that is solicited will be considered as I appreciated it, non-responsive if in fact that bid does not include the 25% showing of Fair Share, and Part B also talks about reporting to the City the amounts that are actually paid to the small disadvantaged business during enterprise during the performance of that contract. And in the event that less than their required 25% of the contract is actually paid to such enterprises as per the Fair Share, there should be a penalty equal to the amount not paid. This particular issue tracks along with the resolutions that had been offered previously.

Councilman Gibson: Okay.

Councilman Lester: So, if Councilman Gibson has a question about that, then they all (unclear) together.

Councilman Gibson: And I think you've explained it. What I would like, because again, I'm not an attorney, I would ask for a two week postponement to have legal counsel provide a legal opinion on this.

Substitute motion by Councilman Gibson, seconded by Councilman Walford to postpone the ordinance until the July 13, 2004 meeting.

Councilman Walford: Mr. Chairman, one quick clarification, can we go with three week postponement Mr. Gibson?

Councilman Gibson: Well, postponement till the next meeting. Unless you want to come to another meeting?

Councilman Walford: No, no thank you.

Motion approved by the following votes: Ayes: Lester, Walford, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Carmody. 1

4. Ordinance No. 79 of 2004. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE VIII. OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT RELATIVE TO THE FAIR SHARE PROGRAM FOR EQUAL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Having passed the first reading on June 8, 2004, was read by title and as read on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Green, for adoption.

Councilman Lester: I just wanted to add to the Council, thank you Mr. Chairman. This - - -amending this actual provision of the Code is going to help us in our efforts to become a lot more aggressive in terms of blight elimination in our individual districts. I think this is going to arm Code Enforcement as well as our other folks that deal with these torn up lots and things of that nature an additional tool as we try to move forward cleaning up our city. So, I urge your support on this particular measure.

Councilman Jackson: Mr. Lester, is this - - - I saw that you authored the amendment, is this something that rose out of the Property Standards Committee process?

Councilman Lester: It has risen from that and it also risen, thank you Mr. Chairman, from some research that I did in other cities, particularly in Baton Rouge, they created a Blight Elimination Team. And basically, what they did was they (unclear) together the departments that usually deal with issues of blight like Code enforcement, City Council folks and Operational Services to work together to make Blight an issue. As many of you know, one of the issues that we deal with more so than almost anything else is the issue of Code Enforcement and things of that nature. And so, this creates the Blight Elimination Team that designates some people to help us work on that process as well as designates and defines blight so that we can go after some of these situations like accumulation of junk, trash, garbage, litter refuse and things like that. So that we actually can do some citations and step up the pressure on these people that aren't keeping their properties in a proper fashion. Obviously, what we're trying to do is clean up our neighborhoods and try to get the right people in those areas to do the right thing in terms of cleaning up the neighborhoods. Ultimately where we want to go is get a situation where the money that we're spending in terms of cutting grass and things of that nature, we can reduce that and try to get some of these property owners that we're very serious about it. And basically it tracks with the other measures that have come out of the Committee eyes as it relates to increase in the fees on grass cutting and things of that nature.

Councilman Gibson: Thank you Mr. Chair. Councilman Lester, you have in Section 58-206, penalty for maintaining blight. Does this compare back to the current penalties regarding the City. I see the penalty for violation of this subsection shall be a fine of not more than \$500 and/or imprisonment for not more than 30 days or both. Have we compared that back to other related penalties that the City currently has in terms of ordinances and does everything compare back to what we're fixin' to vote on here?

Councilman Lester: They compare. What we did was in placing the penalty under the blight ordinance. It's one thing to declare what is considered blight. But without putting a penalty there, there is no recourse for us as a City to deal with those folks that once you've declared something as blight. So, this gives us the ability to penalize those folks. Some of it tracks with what some statutes that are already on the books in terms of need of premise - - - care of

premise violations, but this gives our Code Enforcement people an additional tool, that once something is declared blighted, then there is a specific penalty that goes along with that as opposed to saying you've got a care of premise situation and you find them under the care of premises statute, the fines with go under the blight statute.

Councilman Gibson: I guess my reason for questioning is you've got a group or some people that are going to be the >Blight Police=, I guess for a better word. If I have a situation of where a junk car is out in front of somebody=s house, then I guess I=d have to defer to Ms. Moore on this - - - if I had a - - - and I guess, I=d ask you to come forward just to - - - form my example so I understand what I=m getting ready to vote on here. If I=ve got a junk car out there, and one of the neighbors calls me as a Councilman and I get Code Enforcement and we go through that process, what kind of fines does that individual have regarding the hauling off of that car, is it \$500?

Ms. Moore: In this particular ordinance, you select areas with the greatest blight is in a particular area. You determine that area a development area, and it=s different from how we currently do business, in that Blight Elimination Team will come in and with all the resources that will infuse that resource into that particular area which is deemed a development area and the penalties will be a lot more severe because it is a more severe area.

Councilman Gibson: Okay, and let me ask this question now that I=m hearing this development area, what is the definition of a development area?

Ms. Moore: This Blight Elimination Team will go in and then they will do an assessment of the City of Shreveport. And in this assessment, they will turn the worst cases in areas where there is a saturation of debris, care of premise, demolition of properties, all of those things. And in that particular area, that block, those blocks will determine a blighted area and then that will be determined by this ordinance as a development area.

Councilman Gibson: Okay, with that in mind, how is it just gonna be under the authority of this group, the >Blight Police=, to make that determination. Does City Council have any input? If I have a particular area in District D, that I have heard from a neighborhood association that considers and again, Councilman Lester or you could answer that question, if I=ve got two blocks in a particular area in District D that I consider blighted, can I make that recommendation over to the Blight Police and then they go through their process to determine if it qualifies for this development area?

Councilman Lester: That answer is yes.

Ms. Moore: You can certainly make that recommendation, however, you are authorizing under this ordinance the blight team to be able to do that.

Councilman Lester: But also under Section 200, it states that community improvement area shall be recommended to this City Council by the Blight Elimination Team. But there is also the ability for the Councilman to interject his concerns about a blighted area to the Blight Elimination Team.

Councilman Gibson: And is that done in writing, verbally, or and then how does that assessment, at least in your mind as it=s written, because you=re going to be the person it looks like that is going to be the key person in this, how

is that going to be communicated back to that Councilman to make sure that we're fair and equitable to those neighborhoods.

Ms. Moore: One thing, as we did with Neighborhood Investment Program, once you approve this ordinance, we will go in and develop a viable program that makes sense and bring it back to the Council.

Councilman Gibson: Okay, so there is some future stuff coming back to us.

Councilman Lester: Right.

Councilman Gibson: Thank you Mr. Chair. I appreciate it Councilman Lester and thank you Ms. Moore.

Ms. Moore: You're welcomed.

Councilman Hogan: Councilman Lester, I do have a couple of question for you about this idea that you have. Have you been in contact with anyone from the Parish? I know that some of the designees are Parish Employees. Have you spoken to anyone at the Parish yet about their willingness to serve on this team?

Councilman Lester: To be honest with you, I have not spoken to the Animal and Mosquito Control designee. And I haven't spoken to the Health Department designee and I haven't spoken to the Metropolitan Commission designee. Those are the three Parish people I haven't spoken to. Most of the folks are City folks. And those are the only three people I have not spoken to in a formal way.

Councilman Hogan: Also, because these are listed as designees, I'm reading here that the Department Head will choose a person I suppose. Is this going to be a voluntary type situation or could you explain to me what the schedule is in terms of meeting times? Are certain meeting times or since they are employees already, will they be paid overtime for their meetings?

Councilman Lester: Sure. I would suggest to you Councilman that this would be very similar to any of the committees that we have with the City of Shreveport as it relates to Property Standards Committee. We have those meetings during the business day and we invite and ask the people that are a part of the Property Standards Committee to come to that meeting and they deal with those issues during that time. All of these things - - - the whole purpose of this Blight Elimination Team and this blight - - - this ordinance is to cull together the disparate areas that have to deal with blight in one way, shape, form or other, concentrate them in a room so that everyone can start hitting on the same cylinders together. Every Council Meeting, Work Session, we talk about different areas of our district that are problematic. At the Work Session, you gave some names of some properties that were problematic, I gave some that were problematic. Each and everyone of us gave some areas that were problematic. The purpose of this is to get those people that deal with these issues, all day, every day focus on particular areas that are of the worst nature in our particular Council districts. And once they have done that, they will come back to us with a plan that says look, we're going to put some concentrated forces in terms of dealing with blight in these areas. Quite obviously, we would like to have the resources to deal with blight on a larger scale, but you and I both know there are areas of our districts where there are pockets. Some pockets are larger and

some pockets are smaller, where blight is a particular problem. So, what this measure tries to do and it tracks with something that has been very successful in Baton Rouge is to put together a team of people that meets, they put together a program and then they send those Code Enforcement People and the Police Department work together to deal with blighted issues. I think it's going to be a successful program. But given the fact that in our Property Standards Committee, one of the things that we have done with this Council's support is, we have given Code Enforcement a lot of technology in terms of - - - they've got hard laptops, they've got a new computer system that allows them to track some of the things that work smarter, not harder. And what this measure is designed to do is for us to make blight an issue and for us to work smarter, not harder, pull the resources that we have from the different departments that have to deal with blight on a daily basis and focus their attention and deal with those issues.

Councilman Hogan: One more question and I'll be done. How, if in any way will this affect the Inspectors jobs. I know typically in the past, we have talked about having a shortage of Inspectors. And are these people going to work along side the Inspectors, or are they gonna work in conjunction with them, or how will that affect- - -?

Councilman Lester: I don't think that it's going to affect their jobs, other than to focus them on areas that are of particular concern. I would dare say if you were to call Mr. Bowie up and any Inspector up and ask them what are the problem areas that you deal with on a consistent basis? They could probably rattle those names off the tops of their heads. Just like any one of us, if you asked us, what streets or what areas do you have the most problems in, you could probably rattle those off the top of your head. So, what this will do is come together with a plan and say, rather than we dealing with the whole area, with a particular Council district, but we're going to pay particular attention in this particular area, because our problems with blight are the most acute in this area.

Hopefully, in doing this and one of the things that we're also doing in Property Standards is we're working with the City Attorney's office, the Prosecutor's office is to provide a mechanism that once citations are written, people are actually going to have to go before a City Court Judge so we can prosecute some people to get the message across to the City of Shreveport that we're serious about people keeping their property. And if you are a person that's keeping a blight that reduces property values, that keeps up trash, that's a haven for vermin and negative things in the neighborhood in terms of crack houses and things of that nature, we're serious enough that we're going to fine you stiffer than we fined you before. We're not going to just go around in circles and give you citation after citation. You're going to have to go before one of the judges in City Court, pay and if you don't pay, we're going to lock you up, because we're just serious about blight. I mean, every Council Meeting, when we talk about Zoning and things of that nature, people come up and the first thing they throw out is what? I don't want to do this because it's going to lower my property value@. Well, in areas that we represent, particularly the older areas of town like Allendale, Cedar Grove and areas like Stoner Hill and Highland, the decline of that neighborhood is tied directly to people keeping those properties in

a negative situation. So, if we can arrest the blight situation and make it an issue with those people that don't live in those areas, because nine times out of ten, the people that are deriving economic benefit from those areas don't live there, so they don't care what Allendale looks like, or they don't care what Stoner Hill looks like. But if we fine them \$500 or in some cases \$500 per day for this blighted situation, and they have to come before a judge and explain to that judge why they are keeping this property in another person's backyard in a negative situation, then we are sending the message that we are dead serious about blight. You want your neighborhood to look nice, and it shouldn't be a situation, it shouldn't be a function of money that says that this neighborhood is going to look nicer than the other one. Especially, when you have people that are driving economic benefits on another side of town, that are subjugating the residence and the property values on the other side of town. So that is how we envision that working.

Councilman Hogan: Okay, I have one main concern, is that we are going to have enough people - how many are there nine or ten people that you've listed out here from departments, the City and the Parish? My concern is that we are going to have enough people to fill these positions and if you don't have people from certain positions, I assume you are going to go ahead and try to form the team and get it off the ground, is that correct?

Councilman Lester: Yeah, I mean - I give you a perfect example, when we deal with our Property Standards Committee, we just about have a lot of these same people that are there in those meetings. We have folks from Community Development, we have people from City Council, we have somebody from Operational Services, we don't have anyone from Fire Department, but when we need those people for instance, we had the one of the ordinance that came up from Property Standards was the whole deal about the burned property and reporting those. But when we have those issues we bring those folks in, we talk about it and we move forward. There's always generally someone from the City Attorney's office there, there is generally somebody from the Finance Department, so the only expansion that we would do would be Metropolitan Planning Commission to deal with issues of zoning. Obviously, Animal and Mosquito control designee, that's not a function that the City deals with, both you and I both know - I mean one of the issues that goes hand and hand with blight you know is standing water, mosquitos and that type situation, so it makes sense to have someone from Animal & Mosquito Control to deal with those particular issues, and Health Department, again if you got a shanty, or shabbily built house, then someone's got some health issues as well, so you know - I don't think these things are overly burdensome, I think what we have not done was we have not made blight the issue to the point where we bring people together that deals with these issues on a daily basis. Some of them deal with it more often than others, obviously Code Enforcement deals with it almost every day to the exclusion of everything else, but a lot of other departments have hands on responsibility as it relates to that. So if we bring them all together I just believe that we can get something that works, and we can see something that happens in a positive way for us and the citizens of Shreveport.

Councilman Hogan: Thank you, Councilman Lester for that explanation. Only one last comment, I would like to say that I like Councilman Gibson's idea instead of calling it a Blight Team we could call it the Blight Police. So that is all I have to say, thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Councilman Jackson: Let me just say, as we move to vote is there any other comments. I want to commend Councilman Lester because I think this is - well not all the Is dotted and not all the Ts crossed, I think it goes a long way to declaring what are the priorities of this City, and the quality of life issues that may not rise to level of controversy that some things do. But certainly are at the core of - you know making the quality of life in this City, securing the quality life in this City and maintaining that. So I want to encourage him to continue, out of the box thinking, and continue to do this kind of work, because I think this represents something that sets for a city - for our City priorities and suggest that this is the direction that we move.

Having passed first reading on June 8, 2004 was read by title and as read on motion ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Green adopted by the following votes: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Carmody. 1.

5. Ordinance No. 80 of 2004. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 106 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT ZONING ORDINANCE, BY REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF MERWIN, 200 FEET EAST OF HEARNE , SHREVEPORT, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, FROM R-2, MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT, TO B-3, COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

Having passed first reading on June 8, 2004 was read by title and as read on motion ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Green for adoption.

Councilman Walford: Mr. Chairman, if I could - - - because there=s been a great deal of interest in this, I=d like to ask Mr. Kirkland if he would come forward for just a minute. Mr. Kirkland, there has been some concern, Mr. Darrett was up and had some concern, the board voted 7-0 on this one.

Mr. Kirkland: 6-0.

Councilman Walford: 6-0, it was unanimous then.

Mr. Kirkland: Right, right.

Councilman Walford: I've been by there twice I don't see a serious intrusion into the neighborhood, and I guess I would ask you if you could relay to us the boards thinking along that line and didn't they require a screening since to separate the residential.

Mr. Kirkland: Yes, yes. The best way to describe and a succinct is that the Exxon operation has been there for years, operating almost in the identical same manner. It is almost like an expansion of that type of fueling operation. This will be Race Trac and I think most of us are familiar with Race Trac=s operations,

they do have a larger fueling operation than most service station facilities, but they are acquiring two additional lots, well maybe actually just a little bit more. They are re-zoning two additional lots, one was vacant that they already zoned, but the board saw it has a minor encroachment in an existing operation. There was opposition, limited one person that is at the meeting, there was one person that spoke at the meeting in favor, with a petition of people who were also in favor and support of it, so the board saw it as a matter of expansion and not anything negative to what was already there.

Councilman Walford: Okay.

Mr. Kirkland: Any more Mr. Walford?

Councilman Walford: No I think that's it thank you very much. Mr. Chairman, Mr. Vice Chairman, I believe Ms. Pilkinton has a petition that was given to us. I don't know if we got just one copy but there was a support petition on this. I really believe that it is very little encroachment into the neighborhood I believe that it is going to enhance the neighborhood. I would ask my fellow Council Members for support.

Councilman Gibson: Any further comments, from the council? We have a motion on the floor and it is seconded. All in favor, vote yea, all against, vote nay.

Motion adopted by the following votes: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Carmody. 1.

6. Ordinance No. 81 of 2004. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 106 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT ZONING ORDINANCE, BY REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED ON SOUTH SIDE OF KENNIE ROAD, 620 FEET WEST OF LINWOOD, SHREVEPORT, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, FROM R-A, RESIDENCE-AGRICULTURE DISTRICT, TO R-1D, URBAN, ONE FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

Having passed first reading on June 8, 2004 was read by title and as read on motion ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Green adopted by the following votes: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Carmody. 1.

7. Ordinance No. 82 of 2004. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 106 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT ZONING ORDINANCE, BY REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED ON WEST SIDE OF LINWOOD, 100 FET SOUTH OF KENNIE ROAD, SHREVEPORT, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, FROM R-1D, URBAN, ONE FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT, TO R-1D(PUD), URBAN, ONE-FAMILY RESIDENCE (PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT) DISTRICT, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

Having passed first reading on June 8, 2004 was read by title and as read on

motion ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Gibson, seconded by Councilman Green for adoption.

Councilman Gibson: Thank you Mr. Chair. Mr. Strong, could I ask you to come forward please and this is in reference to information that the associate pastor for Calvary Baptist that Stephen Angell had presented, regarding development of property, the name of person who will be supervising this project for the City. Is that the City Engineering, The Inspector at Code Enforcement, we have a list of professionals that are in the business of doing that, is that correct?

Mr. Strong: Yes sir.

Councilman Gibson: The other thing was penalties. What happens if a City Engineer, Inspector, Code Enforcement - I mean if they don't do their job to follow through with what they're hired to do - I mean - I don't know about penalties, but what are we looking at here - I mean we have had a lot of development to take place in this City. In my district specifically we've got the probably the most of any where in the City of Shreveport and each one has to go through their appropriate process with MPC and ZBA and they go through the process, and then they have to apply for permits and they have to go through all those particular things. And your department has to sign off on those things, is that correct - can you kind of - you know address that issue?

Mr. Strong: It starts out with specification, to what is going to be put together what we approve of, which we are looking at is going to be the water and sewage side of it, and so when all of that is build has to meet our inspection, it is going to also be in accordance with the specification that have been written. If for any reason as we are going through the process, that anything it seem that it does not meet, I mean we can go as far as stopping the work on site, until it is completed to the point of at the very end of it, if it does not meet we will not allow them to tie on to the water.

Councilman Gibson: And the responsibility of your department, if - and I'm sure there's been cases where a project, the developer has some problems out there and you come across that with your professionals, you go back to that developer and communicate that, and say we are missing X, Y, and Z, and they are required to comply with that, is that correct?

Mr. Strong: That is correct. And even at the end of a project, there's a punch list that goes in to that if we find some problems with it.

Councilman Gibson: But because of the sensitivity of this, I am going to ask that this Councilman be CC=d on anything that has to do with this development, just so I'm made aware of what's going on because of the sensitivity of some of the surrounding neighborhood, I know that may unusual in nature but I'd ask you to make a footnote of that as we move forward with this project.

Mr. Strong: Will do.

Councilman Gibson: Thank you, Mr. Strong. Mr. Kirkland?

Mr. Kirkland: Yes sir.

Councilman Gibson: Good afternoon Mr. Kirkland. In terms of the MPC, and in looking at this particular application, in the same questions will come on the next - I'm just going to address both 81 and 82 even thou they are going to

be voted on separately. But what was the vote by your agency board regarding them?

Mr. Kirkland: I have to double check it, I believe it was unanimous, but I can give you that in just one second.

Councilman Gibson: Also while he's doing that gentleman, I just want to refresh your memory. I am going to pass out to you the minutes that we had given four weeks ago, regarding a town hall meeting that we had regarding the residence and the other affected people out there.

Mr. Kirkland: 5-1 was the vote.

Councilman Gibson: 5-1?

Mr. Kirkland: Yes sir.

Councilman Gibson: Okay, and one of the concerns that was brought, and I believe that you and I do again want to thank you for being attentive at that town hall meeting regarding this development. You were asked, and there was a question about major concessions going from a R-A to R-1D and I think I had in my notes that you had provided insight that this zoning change request is not uncommon for the City of Shreveport.

Mr. Kirkland: No in fact it is the most common change that occurs, particularly when R-A property is the base zoning, it is rare when developers will develop within the R-A zoning requirement, it does happen. But the more common in fact is usually most development in the City over the last eight to nine years or more, have been even more dense than this one, by going to planned unit development approaches that allow that. This development will be more of a common typical type development in the City. Regardless of price range I might add.

Councilman Gibson: Okay, thank you Mr. Kirkland.

Councilman Hogan: Mr. Chair - oh were you done Mr. Gibson.

Councilman Gibson: A couple thing in the minutes that I handed out to you, which is a copy of what was given to you four weeks ago, when phase one was put before this body, I just want to introduce into the record again. Average home value in this area is about \$120,000 per the feedback that we had at this town hall meeting. In addition, these homes that are being proposed for this phase two and three are ranging anywhere from a \$100 - \$160,000, their underground utilizes, which a lot of developments that have taken place in the past have been above ground, this is going to be underground utilizes. We have a gated community, the lot sizes ranging from 7200 - 11000 square feet, average home size 2000 square feet heated, in terms in minimal set back, that was something that had been discussed at some point and time, we got two private developments both in Councilman Carmody's district and also in my district, the Havens and Kings Crossing that have ten foot set backs, and these are going to have a minimal of 20 foot set backs, and there is going to be a home owners association. Again, reminding the council that if I would ask you to look at page two, the specifications of these modular homes, one an unequivocally they are not mobile homes in fact the sustain wind loads of 100 miles an hour and they are bolted into the foundation. Yes in fact, this is going to be the first of it's kind in Shreveport, I would suggest to you that I have had many of phone

calls, from Parish Commissioners interested in this particular project, because of the price range that it brings to the community and I would say unequivocally that this developer has a lot of responsibilities on their shoulder to make sure that this project meets its full expectation. I am very sensitive to not only the church, but also the residents, and that is why I am going to be working closely with Mike Strong and the Administration, and the developer, to see this project through, because I think it sets something in motion that's an opportunity. Yes in fact, you can flip the coin over and look at it and say, it can be a disaster. I for one don't believe that's going to be the case based on what's been put in front of us, and again based on what our professionals are telling us. Obviously, Mr. Kirkland your agency does thoroughly work in looking at these type projects, there has been some that have been brought before us that we have turned down, or overturned, there has been some that's been brought before us that we supported. But, but in this particular case this is a great opportunity to look at how we enhance property values and as I stated in running a campaign, I said I would not infringe upon neighborhoods with developments that would depreciate and again stating for the record that the average home values out there are \$120,000 I think the line share of these houses are either going to meet or exceed that, which again I think property values are going to appreciate not depreciate, but again first and foremost, we want to make sure that the specifications are adhered to and I have no doubt in my mind that Mike Strong and his professionals along with Charles Kirkland and his professionals are going to make sure that it occurs and if its not they are going to communicate that to the proper people within the development to make sure that occurs. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Councilman Jackson: Councilman Gibson, thank you. Any other question? Mr. Hogan.

Councilman Hogan: I have a couple of questions. Mr. Kirkland would you come forward please. I understand that the majority of the land proposed in this development is already R-1D, is that correct?

Mr. Kirkland: Some of it is.

Councilman Hogan: Some of it is. Some of it is R-A.

Mr. Kirkland: If you look at this case and the next one of re-zoning to R-1D. There is property if you look at your vicinity map, I think you have it on your computer screen, it shows what the zoning is.

Councilman Hogan: My basic question, is what percentage of the property is being re-zoned actually from R-A to R-1D? What would you say?

Mr. Kirkland: (unclear) graphic. This is a small portion of the overall development. If Robert, could get the graphics (unclear) or whoever is running the control room. This portion right here is what's under consideration right now. It runs along Kinney Road, so you have another piece, which is small I think it was six lots (unclear) right here and then this piece R-A to R-1D is what you are considering now developers (unclear) looking at on the next case gets into this portion and some of that is R-1D already.

Councilman Hogan: What are the dimension of the shaded portion, out there I can't see what that is?

Mr. Kirkland: I am going to have to look at a map, I am going to guess roughly 150 foot deep, I think you have that same information.

Councilman Hogan: If you don't have it in front of you, that's okay I was just curious to know, it is not a big deal.

Mr. Kirkland: I am thinking a 100 feet deep (unclear) I believe and about 105 foot of frontage of 10,000 something square feet, and that may be a typical lot along Kennie Road. Let me show you on this one - this section, is that it? These are the lots along Kennie Road, as I pointed out. I am not sure if that is your question, what size are these lots?

Councilman Hogan: No, you have already answered my question, basically that shaded portion was the 150 feet by what?

Mr. Kirkland: I haven't multiplied it out.

Councilman Hogan: That's okay, it is not that important. I'd asked you another thing, Mr. Kirkland that I don't mean to put you on the spot.

Mr. Kirkland: I just don't bring my calculator with me as rule.

Councilman Hogan: No, no that's fine, I don't mean to put you on the spot, but knowing your background in real-estate, and I have a background in real-estate

Mr. Kirkland: That was a former life.

Councilman Hogan: Former what?

Mr. Kirkland: Former life.

Councilman Hogan: Former life.

Mr. Kirkland: Twenty years ago, but you are right.

Councilman Hogan: Correct.

Mr. Kirkland: Yeah, you are right.

Councilman Hogan: Former back. I am sure you have come across situation like this before, even more recently the situation a few months ago you may remember I called you out to my district, over there was some concern about a person that was putting in some houses they moved in. You can call them substandard houses compared to the other subdivision?

Mr. Kirkland: Well they were homes that were conventional built, that were being relocated to existing lots when you were running for election as Councilman, that's correct.

Councilman Hogan: Right, well my point is that was passed and that is all water under the bridge.

Mr. Kirkland: No that was not passed that was something that was a legal right of the people to purchase those separate lots.

Councilman Hogan: I'm not talking about an issue that we voted on. I am talking about the whole - the storm controversy over that has past is my terminology.

Mr. Kirkland: Oh I got ya.

Councilman Hogan: Okay, what I am saying is that, since that has happened I have watched property values out there and that was one of the main concerns of the citizens out there, the home owners. That this was going to devalue our property, you know they are concerned about things like that, that was there main concern if you recall, isn't that right?

Mr. Kirkland: Typical fear.

Councilman Hogan: It is a typical fear. And those homes were fixed up the guy - in fact the guy that fixed those up lives on Wynwood Drive, or he use to live on Wynwood Drive, over this property in question. And it is just a coincidence however, he made good on his promise to fix those homes up and he spent a lot of money on them. And had you had the chance to drive out there lately and see? They do look nice. Would you agree?

Mr. Kirkland: Yes.

Councilman Hogan: I have noticed the home value, my main point is the property value has changed none they continue to increase, and so if that is a fear, it is an obvious concern of the people out there. I think in my opinion and I believe that you may agree with this too, it should not affect their property values. It could even in cause their property value to increase, because the average value is 120, and then up to 160 is what we are going to.

Mr. Kirkland: New homes mean new cars, means new furniture, means a lot of things that usually the lake or the water level rises not the same.

Councilman Hogan: Right. That's all. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Councilman Gibson: Any other questions, or comments on this issue? We have a motion on the floor and it is seconded.

Motion adopted by the following votes: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Carmody. 1.

Mr. Thompson: The vote was 6/0, Robert would you change our screen please.

Councilman Gibson: It's vote 6/0?

Mr. Thompson: That's correct.

Councilman Gibson: Thank you, Mr. Clerk.

7. Ordinance No. 82 of 2004. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 106 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT ZONING ORDINANCE, BY REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED ON WEST SIDE OF LINWOOD, 100 FET SOUTH OF KENNIE ROAD, SHREVEPORT, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, FROM R-1D, URBAN, ONE FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT, TO R-1D(PUD), URBAN, ONE-FAMILY RESIDENCE (PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT) DISTRICT, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

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Motion by Councilman Gibson, second by Councilman Walford.

Councilman Gibson: Any discussion?

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chair, we are now down to unfinished business. The Adopted Ordinances and Amendments follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 71 OF 2004

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF SECTION 72-5(c) AND TO ADD SECTION 72-5(g) TO THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESSES AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal and

regular session convened that Section 72-5(c) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of

Shreveport is hereby amended and now reads as follows:

Section 72-5 Issuance of License of Employee Card

(c) Issuance of license or card. After any application for a license under this chapter has been approved, it shall be submitted to the director of finance, who shall forthwith issue and sign the license upon payment of the prescribed fee. Any license for a sexually oriented business shall be restricted to the single location described in the application; that is, each location for a sexually oriented business must have a separate license. After any application for a sexually oriented business employee card under this chapter has been approved, the chief of police shall issue the card. A sexually oriented business employee card shall be good and valid for use on the premises of any sexually oriented business, provided that the licensee has notified the chief of police of the name and address of the sexually oriented business employee card holder within five days of the hire date.

(g) Employee card application restriction. Any person denied a sexually oriented business employee card for reasons listed in paragraph (b) shall not be allowed to reapply for a period six months following the notice of denial.

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 severable.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 77 OF 2004
AN ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES TO BE SURPLUS AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT TO SELL THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT'S TAX INTEREST IN CERTAIN SURPLUS ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has received offers to purchase its tax interest in the herein below described properties as indicated below.

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

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the City Council of the City of Shreveport does hereby authorize the sale of its tax interest in the herein below described properties for an amount not less than the offer as indicated below.

Property No. 1: Legal Description - Lot 6, Boisseau Subdivision, a subdivision in the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, as per plat thereof recorded in Book 295, Page 782 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon.

(GEO#181435-091-0006-00) Municipal Address -

338 Boisseau Street

AMOUNT OFFERED: \$75.00

**APPRAISED VALUE:
\$500.00**

DISTRICT A

Property No. 2: Legal Description - N/2 of Lot 44, Oak Forrest Subdivision, a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana as per plat recorded in Book 800, Page 213 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon.

(GEO#181419-001-0097-00) Municipal Address -

1926 David Raines Road

AMOUNT OFFERED: \$600.00

**APPRAISED VALUE:
\$600.00**

DISTRICT A

Property No. 3: Legal Description - Lot 26, Block H of the Harlem Heights Subdivision, a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, as per plat recorded in Book 450, Page 169 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana together with all buildings and improvements located thereon.

(GEO#171425-009-0026-00) Municipal Address-

554 E. 84th St.

AMOUNT OFFERED: \$500.00

**APPRAISED VALUE:
\$1,500.00**

DISTRICT D

Property No. 4: Legal Description - Lots 5 & 6, Block 1, Howard Cole Addition, a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, as per plat recorded in Book 22, Page 389 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon.

(GEO#171306-036-0044-00) Municipal Address -

425 Jordan St.

AMOUNT OFFERED: \$3,000.00

**APPRAISED VALUE:
\$8,500.00**

DISTRICT B

Property No. 5: Legal Description - Lot 1, Mark-Spinks Subdivision, a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, as per plat recorded in Book 700, Page 295 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together

with all buildings and improvements located thereon.
(GEO#171410-082-0001-00) Municipal Address -

3206 San Jacinto

AMOUNT OFFERED: \$5,050.00

APPRAISED

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Property No. 6: Legal Description - Lot 26, Block B, Pine Grove Addition, a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, as per plat recorded in Book 100, Page 262 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon.

(GEO#171403-003-0026-00) Municipal Address -

2740 West Jordan

AMOUNT OFFERED: \$501.00

APPRAISED VALUE:

\$1,500.00

DISTRICT G

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 79 OF 2004

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 58 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT RELATIVE TO NUISANCES BY ADDING ARTICLE VI RELATIVE TO BLIGHT ELIMINATION AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened that Article VI. of Chapter 58 of the Code of Ordinances is hereby enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 58-200. Blight elimination plan.

In addition to the numerous ongoing and widespread efforts by the city to

eliminate blight within the city, elimination of blight in the city shall also be accomplished by methodically selecting blighted areas within the city which need the most urgent attention and designating those areas as "community improvement areas" by resolution of the City Council. Community improvement areas shall be recommended to the City Council by the "blight elimination team", created herein, in accordance with the criteria set out in section 58-202. Once a community improvement area has been designated, it shall receive concentrated blight elimination efforts from the blight elimination team, until the blight within the community improvement area has been diminished to the extent that such efforts are no longer necessary.

Sec. 58-201. Definition of blight.

For purposes of this Article, blight shall be defined as conditions upon or affecting premises, which are hazardous to the health, safety or welfare of the public, and/or conditions which are detrimental to property values, economic stability, or to the quality of the environment. Such conditions may include, but are not limited to, the following: the accumulation of junk, trash, garbage, litter, refuse, rubbish, appliances, debris, combustible materials, or junked inoperable vehicles; illegal dumping; noxious weeds; overgrown vegetation; infestation of insects, vermin or rodents; animals running at large; dilapidated structures; condemned properties; abandoned adjudicated properties; criminal violations; weed liens; zoning violations; alcohol beverage control violations; health code violations; and other conditions which are hazardous to public health, safety or welfare.

Sec. 58-202 Community improvement area criteria.

In order for an area to be designated as a community improvement area, the area must have a significant concentration of conditions of blight as defined in section 58-201 above as compared with other areas within the city.

Sec. 58-202. Blight elimination team.

There is hereby created within the city government a multi-agency task force known as the blight elimination team, hereinafter known as the "team", which shall be composed of the following members. Those employed by the city shall be designated by the department head of the respective department. The Mayor's office shall request the Caddo Parish Administrator to designate those employed by Caddo Parish.

Mayor's office designee

Police Department designee

Community Development Department designee

City Council Neighborhood Coordinator

Department of Operational Services designee

Fire Department designee

City Attorney designee

Finance Department designee

Metropolitan Planning Commission designee
Animal and Mosquito Control designee
Health Department designee

Sec. 58-203. Responsibilities of blight elimination team.

(a) The blight elimination team shall be responsible for recommending the community improvement area for elimination of blight, which shall be approved by the City Council by resolution.

(b) The Metropolitan Planning Commission designee shall perform an inspection of the community improvement area to determine the existence of any zoning violations and to evaluate which properties are threats to public safety and health.

(c) The police department shall be responsible for determining the locations upon which drug selling, prostitution, crimes of violence and other offenses which may constitute a public nuisance or may affect the quality of life are ongoing. It shall also evaluate the alcoholic beverage permit holders in the area to ascertain whether ongoing violations exist and shall report the findings to the team. The Chief of Police or his designee shall assign personnel to investigate and provide this information.

(d) The animal control designee shall canvass the area to determine the nature of the stray animal problem and create an action plan for solving the problem and report any infestations of insects, vermin or rodents which are found to the team..

(e) The city attorney designee shall prepare a report of the status of adjudicated properties in the area.

(f) The neighborhood improvement designee shall determine whether abandoned properties in the area should be condemned.

(g) The fire department designee shall inspect the area and report any potential fire hazards which are found to the team.

(h) The City Council Neighborhood Coordinator shall coordinate with neighborhood groups, civic associations and community development corporations in the area to bring to the team the priorities for change of the people who live in the area.

(i) The Community Development Department designee shall report on federally funded initiatives in the community improvement area.

(j) The health department designee shall inspect the area and report any health or sanitary code violations.

(m) The Mayor's Office designee and Community Development Department designee shall be responsible for assisting with economic development.

Sec. 58-204. Meetings.

The mayor's office shall set a date for meetings, during which the aforementioned members shall deliver the reports and the team shall develop a specific action plan for elimination of blight in the area along a designated time line. Regular meetings shall be set for the acceptance of progress reports and the team shall be responsible for making semi-annual status reports to the mayor and the City Council regarding the progress of blight elimination within the community improvement area.

Sec. 58-205. Funding and service projects.

The blight elimination team shall make every effort to coordinate with the Community Development Department and with community organizations in order to establish volunteer service projects, including rehabilitation and repair, to assist residents with the elimination of blight. Additionally, funding for concentrated blight elimination efforts shall be made available from community development block grants.

Sec. 58-206. Penalty for maintaining blight.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, and in addition to any other remedy provided by law, any person who allows blight, as defined herein, to be created, to remain, or to exist, on property which is in his or her custody, control, or ownership, shall be guilty of maintaining blight, which shall be punishable as a misdemeanor. The penalty for violation of this subsection shall be a fine of not more than \$500.00 and/or imprisonment for not more than 30 days, or both. Each calendar day that such violation exists shall be considered a separate violation.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 80 OF 2004

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 106 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT ZONING ORDINANCE, BY REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF MERWIN, 200

FEET EAST OF HEARNE , SHREVEPORT, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, FROM R-2, MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT, TO B-3, COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

SECTION I: BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, in due, legal and regular session convened, that the zoning classification of Lots 82, 83, and Lot D, Claiborne Subd., located on the north side of Merwin, 200 feet east of Hearne, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, **be and the same is hereby changed from R-2, Multi-Family Residence District, to B-3, Community Business District:**

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

- 1. Development shall be in substantial accord with a revised site plan showing an 8= solid wood Agood neighbor@ fence to be extended down Merwin to block the building and dumpster as agreed to at the public hearing. Any significant changes or additions to the site plan will require further review and approval by the Planning Commission.**
- 2. Lighting and fencing plans require approval of the Planning Director prior to the issuance of permits.**

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 81 OF 2004

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 106 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT ZONING ORDINANCE, BY REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED ON SOUTH SIDE OF KENNIE ROAD, 620 FEET WEST OF LINWOOD, SHREVEPORT, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, FROM R-A, RESIDENCE-AGRICULTURE DISTRICT, TO R-1D, URBAN, ONE FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

SECTION I: BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, in due, legal and regular session convened, that the zoning classification of property located on the south side of Kennie Road, 620 feet west of Linwood, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, legally described below, **be and the same is hereby changed from R-A, Residence-Argiculture District, to**

R-1D, Urban, One Family Residence District:

A 3.840 acre tract of land located in Section 2, T16N-R14W, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the accepted E/4 corner of Section 2, T16N-R14W, measure S01E43'18"W for a distance of 30.00 feet to a point; thence N88E46'42" W for a distance of 40.00 feet to a point at the intersection of the W R-O-W of Linwood Avenue and the S R-O-W of Kennie Road, thence along the S R-O-W of Kennie Road, measure N88E46'42"W for a distance of 620.00 feet to the P-O-B of tract herein described; from the P-O-B leave said R-O-W and measure S01E13'18"W for a distance of 100.00 feet to a point, thence N88E46'42"W for a distance of 786.58 feet to a point; thence S01E13'18"W for a distance of 15.00 feet to a point, thence N88E46'42"W for a distance of 770.48 feet to a point, thence N01E19'31"E for a distance of 115.0 feet to a point on the S R-O-W of Kennie Road; thence along said R-O-W S88E46'42"E for a distance of 1556.85 feet to the P-O-B.

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

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

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 82 OF 2004

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 106 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT ZONING ORDINANCE, BY REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED ON WEST SIDE OF LINWOOD, 100 FET SOUTH OF KENNIE ROAD, SHREVEPORT, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, FROM R-1D, URBAN, ONE FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT, TO R-1D(PUD), URBAN, ONE-FAMILY RESIDENCE (PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT) DISTRICT, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

SECTION I: BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, in due, legal and regular session convened, that the zoning classification of property located on the legally described below, **be and the same is hereby changed from R-1D, Urban, One Family Residence District,**

to R-1D(PUD), Urban, One-Family Residence (Planned Unit Development) District.

A 7.152 acre tract of land located in Section 2, T16N-R14W, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the accepted E/4 corner of Section 2, T16N-R14W, measure S01E43'18"W for a distance of 30.00 feet to a point, thence N88E46'42"W for a distance of 40.00 feet to a point at the intersection of the W R-O-W of Linwood Avenue and the S R-O-W of Kennie Road and the P-O-B of tract herein described. From the P-O-B measure along the W R-O-W of Linwood Avenue S01E22'13"W for a distance of 600.00 feet to a point; thence leave said R-O-W and measure N88E46'49"W for a distance of 618.44 feet to a point, thence N01E13'18"W for a distance of 500.02 feet to a point; thence S88E46'42"E for a distance of 600.00 feet to a point; thence N01E13'18"W for a distance of 100.00 feet to a point on the S R-O-W of Kennie Road, thence along said R-O-W S88E46'42"E for a distance of 20.00 feet to the P-O-B

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

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

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. ZONING APPEAL - Case No. S-19, *Brenda Lilley Kraak Pettit*, Northwest corner of Creswell Avenue & Montrose Drive, R-1D. (postponed until July 27, 2004)
2. ZONING APPEAL - Case No. C-31A-04, 1800 Nelson Street, *Cambridge Court Limited Partnership*, on the north side of Nelson Street at its intersection with Corporate Drive. From I-2 to R-2.
3. ZONING APPEAL - S-49-04, *Rosenwald Partnership, ALPIC, et al*, Smith & Raley, Inc., Extension of Markham Street south of Round Grove Lane & east of David Rains Road, R-1, One Family Residence

District.

Mr. Thompson: None of these matters can be heard at this meeting.

Councilman Jackson: Okay.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES. None.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I would remind everybody that we have a SRA meeting scheduled immediately after this meeting.

Councilman Jackson: Okay.

Mr. Thompson: It should just take a few minutes.

Councilman Jackson: A record meeting?

Mr. Thompson: We had a record meeting last time.

Councilman Lester: Might be asking a lot Mr. Chairman, but we're going to try.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES. None.

To address **COMMUNICATIONS and MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS** The Council resolved itself into COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE on a motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Walford. Motion approved by the following vote: Motion approved by the following votes. Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson: 6. Nays: None. Absent: Carmody. 1.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

//s// Theron Jackson, Chairman

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