

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA**  
**JULY 26, 2005**

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana was called to order by Chairman James Green at 3:03 p.m., Tuesday, July 26, 2005, in the Government Chambers in Government Plaza (505 Travis Street).

Invocation was given by Councilman Mike Gibson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Lester.

On Roll Call, the following members were Present: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Green, Hogan (Arrived at 3:09) and Jackson. 7. Absent: None.

**Motion by Councilman Gibson, seconded by Councilman Carmody to approve the minutes of the Administrative Conference, Monday July 11, 2005 and Council Meeting, Tuesday, July 12, 2005 Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Green, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Hogan. 1.**

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

Councilman Green: Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Hightower: Mr. Chairman, I don't have anything special today.

Councilman Green: Okay. Any Council Members have any recognition of distinguished guests?

Councilman Jackson: I think mine is - Mr. Clerk, my resolution is on the agenda as a resolution for the one for yesterday, for the City-Wide? Mr. Clerk, do you want to do that now?

Mr. Thompson: I believe you have it under - yes, this would be a good time.

*The Deputy Clerk read the following:*

**RESOLUTION NO. 134 OF 2005**

**A RESOLUTION TO COMMEND TANNIE LEWIS BRADLEY FOR INITIATING THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT'S FIRST *ONE BOOK ONE CITY: SHREVEPORT - ON THE SAME PAGE* EVENT AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

BY: COUNCILMAN THERON JACKSON

**WHEREAS**, Tannie Lewis Bradley along with the help of SISTAH, Wisdom Circle, and SISTAH Circle II Book Clubs initiated and organized the first local *One Book One City: Shreveport - On the Same Page* event; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 31, 2005, Mayor Keith Hightower announced *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd was the selected book for the first "Citywide Read"; and

**WHEREAS**, the idea behind *One Book One City: Shreveport - On the Same Page* event is to have all of Shreveport - adults, new readers, students, and families reading the same book at the same time to create a city-wide conversation; and

**WHEREAS**, the *One Book One City: Shreveport - On the Same Page* event cultivates a culture of reading and discussion in Shreveport by bringing our diverse City together around one great book ; and

**WHEREAS**, reading great literature provokes us to think about ourselves, our environment, and our relationships; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal and regular session convened, that the City Council commends Tannie Lewis Bradley for initiating the City of Shreveport's first *One Book One City: Shreveport - On the Same Page* event.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the City Council also thanks SISTAH, Wisdom Circle, and SISTAH Circle II Book Clubs for their help in organizing the first "Citywide Read."

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the City Council encourages all citizens of the City of Shreveport to get involved during the 2006 *One Book One City: Shreveport - On the Same Page* event by picking up the same book at the same time, discussing it in numerous venues, and bringing the City together.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall be executed in duplicate originals and one original shall be presented to Tannie Lewis Bradley and an original shall be filed in perpetuity in the Office of the Clerk of Council for the City of Shreveport.

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

Councilman Green: Mr. Jackson, you have any special (inaudible)?

Councilman Jackson: Yes, thank you Mr. Chairman. I wanted to ask Ms. Bradley if she would come forward today. Ms. Tannie Bradley who is here and I wanted to also commend Ms. Bradley as well as the Mayor and others who worked jointly to facilitate this *One Book One City: Shreveport - On the Same Page* event. I don't know if any of you even recognize, but its interesting that all over the nation in several newspapers and several publications, there was the announcement of this *One Book One City - On the Same Page* event in all kinds of cities around America. It was interesting because the reason it was there, because the book was "*The Secret Life of Bees*", and it seems that, and I missed the press conference, but it seems that whenever the press conference happened, when the Mayor and others were there, that as soon as they did the press conference and announced the book, that there was a bee swarm in the same area. And so it was in areas all across the country about the bee swarm right after this particular announcement. However, the Mayor didn't get a lot of publicity out of that, because they called him Kennon, Kennon Hightower, every paper around the country, they called him Kennon. But there are several papers and I thank Ms. Bradley for emailing me. She gave me copies of all those different publications

where that did in fact take place, and so I want to thank you. I know that you all went through some expense of sending each one of these Councilmen a copy of the book. I thank you, and I will tell you that it is probably the single best book that I have read in the last two years. So, I want to thank you for that. I have had the opportunity to participate in one of the these book reviews at one of the different places where people were reading. And if you didn't read the book first of all, you did yourself a major disservice, because it was a great book, but secondly, if you did read and you had a chance to sit with these groups who did in fact read and review the book, even the review was an awesome experience because you got different perspectives and generally when we read, we interpret our own perspective, but it was great. So, I want to thank you Ms. Bradley for not only forwarding the idea, and thank you Mr. Mayor for joining in and endorsing this idea because this has certainly been something that has been edifying for me and my family and I hope that others will do the same thing. And I hope that you will keep it up. Do it again, to have our City with regards to literacy and how we improve literacy in reading and those things, I think was a great idea, a great thing to promote. So, I just want to applaud you Ms. Bradley and those others who worked with you in making this a success in bringing it to fruition. So, on behalf of not just myself, but this City Council, we want to commend you for it.

Councilman Green: Mr. Jackson, would you and the Mayor join me in presenting this to Ms. Bradley?

Ms. Bradley: Mayor Hightower, I'd like to thank you for participating in our City-wide Read Event, and the City Council Members. I hope you all read the book, and that you were as delighted by the book as I was. And I encourage all of you, if you have not read the book, please do, and look forward to the 2005 City-wide Read. Thank you.

Councilman Green: Madam Clerk, would you read Resolution No. 124?

*The Deputy Clerk read the following:*

**RESOLUTION NO. 124 OF 2005**

**A RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE SPAR HERSHEY YOUTH TRACK TEAM FOR THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE STATE HERSHEY TRACK AND FIELD MEET AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**BY: COUNCILMAN JAMES GREEN**

**WHEREAS**, on May 7, 2005 over 90 youths from the Shreveport area, ages 7-14, participated during the "Fit-for-Life" function in the Hershey Field and Track Meet held at Lee Hedges Stadium; and

**WHEREAS**, Shreveport sent 19 youths to compete against some 5,000 students from throughout the state for the opportunity to qualify for the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual North American Meet finals beginning August 4, 2005, in Hershey, Pennsylvania; and

**WHEREAS**, the SPAR Hershey Youth Track Team had many outstanding members, all of whom made important contributions to the team's success, with the team bringing home to Shreveport 14 medals; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Shreveport will be sending its first National competitors, Chyreece Moore and Brandon Stewart to Hershey, Pennsylvania to compete in the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual North American Meet.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal and regular session convened, that the City Council congratulates the SPAR Hershey Youth Track Team along with their volunteer coach, LaWarren Brown, for their accomplishments in the State Hershey Track and Field meet held on June 25, 2005.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the City Council wishes Chyreece Moore and Brandon Stewart the best of luck at the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual North American Meet finals beginning August 4, 2005 in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall be executed in duplicate originals and one original shall be presented to SPAR Hershey Youth Track Team Coach LaWarren Brown and an original shall be filed in perpetuity in the Office of the Clerk of Council for the City of Shreveport.

Councilman Green: Thank you. Would that track team come forth at this time along with their coaches? Would you all come forth?

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Carmody, seconded by Councilman Gibson to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None.**

Councilman Green: I'd just like to say we have a track star in our midst. He has several medals, just like to recognize him, but on behalf of the Shreveport City Council, we'd like to present this for all your accomplishments.

Mayor Hightower: You run the high hurdles? Theron Jackson here runs the high hurdles.

Councilman Green: At this time, we'd like to have expressions from the Coach and members of the Track Team.

Oscar Smith: We'd just like to first of all thank Councilman Green for laying the ground work to do this. And we appreciate that. Often times, a lot of things the children do doesn't get recognized and we appreciate the opportunity to stand before you guys today and show you what the future of Shreveport holds. We don't have any track team people, but we got some 100 yard dash people. Brandon Stewart is doing the 100 yard dash, this young lady right here is going to give a little speech in a little while, she's doing the 100 yard dash also. So, it's the first time that Shreveport will send two representative and a representative to Hershey Pennsylvania. And we're proud of these kids. We've got some young kids who are coming along afterward who we hope also will duplicate the success of these young people. One thing they'll do, they'll get an all expense paid trip to Hershey, and they have an opportunity to eat all the chocolate candy that they can eat.

Mr. Dark: Can we go?

Chyreece Moore: I just wanted to say thank you.

Oscar Smith: This is the young lady, I don't know if you read in the newspaper or not, she's going to be the next Marion Jones. So, now she stands before you and can't say anything. These two kids were in the newspaper today and I read the sports page, Chyreece and Brandon have trained to get ready for the meeting. Both of them - Brandon is actually track wise 12 and Chyreece is 12. She's a student at Youree Drive Middle

School and Brandon will be a student at Caddo Middle Magnet. Both of them are excellent students. They are involved in a lot of extra curriculum activities and we want these kids to be well rounded (inaudible) and grades will take them a long way (inaudible) when they get old the grades will take them as far as they want to go. We appreciate this. (Inaudible) these other kids, we appreciate what they have contributed to the success. Coach Brown who trained these kids over here at Lee Hedges Stadium. We thank the citizens of Shreveport. Gary Norman is leaving us, he's always supported us over these years. Shelly supported us, Patrick Wesley has supported us by funding these things (inaudible).

Patrick Wesley: Also on behalf of the SPAR Administration, we'd like to thank the parents for getting them to practice on a daily basis. Thank you. We can't do without your involvement, so thank you kindly for getting them back and forth to practice. And thank LeWarren, Oscar again; thank you again for supporting them. Traveling to Lafayette, back and forth. These kids are running some serious times. The kids who will be representing us in Hershey, Pennsylvania. 12.1 in the 100 meters is Brandon and 12.9 in the 100 meters for Chyreece. So, they're running some serious times (inaudible) and this is positive (inaudible) and thank you for all your support.

Councilman Green: Madam Clerk, is there another resolution?

*The Deputy Clerk read the following:*

#### RESOLUTION NO. 131 OF 2005

#### A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR THE SERVICES OF GARY B. NORMAN TO THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT

WHEREAS, Gary B. Norman has been employed by the City of Shreveport since June 12, 1995 ; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Norman has served the City as its Chief Building Official and as its Director of Public Assembly and Recreation; and

WHEREAS, during Mr. Norman's tenure with the City of Shreveport, he has served with honor and integrity and has succeeded in making the City a better place for its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Norman will be remembered, among his many accomplishments, for his successful effort to improve and revitalize the Querbes Park Golf Course, the completion of Festival Plaza, the expansion of riverfront access with Riverview Park and the Stoner Marina, the City's partnership at Greenwood Cemetery and the construction and improvement of neighborhood recreation centers and parks; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Norman has announced that he will be leaving the City's service on July 31, 2005, to accept a position with the City of Knoxville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wish to express their appreciation to Mr. Norman for his service to the City of Shreveport.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that it commends and expresses its appreciation to Gary B. Norman for his exceptional service to City government and to the citizens of the City of Shreveport; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council wishes Mr. Norman every success in his future endeavors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be provided to Mr. Norman and a duplicate copy be placed in the City Council's files for posterity.

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Gibson, seconded by Councilman Carmody to adopt.**

Councilman Green: Mr. Norman, would you come forth please?

**Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None.**

Councilman Green: Thank you. Again Mr. Norman, we'd like to say congratulations, and the floor is yours.

Mr. Norman: I am surprised. I guess all I can say is thank you. I want to publicly thank Mr. Hightower, Mr. Antee is not here today, but I couldn't ask for two better bosses. I mean, they've given me the opportunity to do whatever I need to do to try to make our department successful and it's nice to go out on a note where we've got some of our kids up here, because that's what we're all about. Just like to say thank you to the City Council, y'all've always been there to help me when I needed it and hopefully my tenure here has been good to help you get what you needed in your districts. And just keep me in your prayers and hopefully, we'll have as much success in Knoxville as we've had here.

Councilman Gibson: Mr. Norman, I had the pleasure of first meeting you on a construction related issue. On behalf of the construction community in Shreveport and northwest Louisiana, we want to thank you for your expertise and one of your other hats that you wore. Also, its been a pleasure working with your. Your enthusiasm, you're a fellow golfer, but being a fellow golfer, your enthusiasm has carried over into expanding the golf tournaments that are sponsored by the City of Shreveport. And on behalf of the amateur golfers in the community, they appreciate that enthusiasm. Because without it, I don't think we could have gotten where we are today with both a new medal play stroke play, medal play championship, and obviously continuing to grow the long standing match play. But it was a pleasure to see the investment that took place at Querbes Golf Course in Thomas Carmody's district. I'm sorry that you won't be here to see or supervise when we get to the point of doing the same thing with Huntington to see that great golf course transform into a true pride of the SPAR inventory. But I know that you're going to do a great job. I know I'm making some contacts up there with some of my counterparts to say you got a friend up there in Knoxville, and it's been a true pleasure to work with you and I'm proud to call you a constituent. Thank you very much.

Councilman Carmody: Mr. Norman, obviously Shreveport's loss is Knoxville's gain. And I personally would like to commend you on a job well done in handling SPAR. But not just on behalf of the constituents of District C that utilize the facilities within our district, but all the citizens in all the different recreation centers. Because in my experience with you, you've always had a sincere concern about each facility and constituents that it

provides services for. And it has not been easy as you well know with financial constraints, and we've always wanted to do more city-wide for our citizens in recreation. And hopefully encouraging their physical activity. But I think you've done a fantastic job Gary and our prayers go with you. Thank you, sir.

Councilman Lester: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I just want to echo what has already been voiced by the Council. I really appreciate the work that Gary has done. And everybody at SPAR, particularly, I look at two examples. 1) Gary was very helpful, extremely helpful in the renaming of the Lakeside Golf Course to Jerry Tim Brooks. He and his whole department were very helpful to getting that done. The signs look great on the golf course. The signs coming into the area are outstanding. We really appreciate that. And on a personally level, particularly as it relates to our Mammie Hicks Gymnasium that SPAR center in the Cherokee Park area. The director over there came to me with a concern about the floor. You know, how can we make this center a better utilized place when we have a concrete floor. And Gary Norman and his entire staff were very helpful in helping me and in fact the folks in Community Development as well, find the resources to resurface that floor. And now it's one of the most used facilities. There's a crowd of young people every time the place is opened. And I just really appreciate that. And everything that SPAR has done has not been well received. But the fact of the matter is - it's kind of like one of my coaches used to say. "It's alright to make a mistake, so long as you're doing it full speed". And one of the things that they've been doing is they've given a lot and Gary has given a lot and again, like Councilman Carmody said, clearly, Shreveport's loss is going to be Knoxville's gain. So we really appreciate everything that you've done and Godspeed to you and your family. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Walford: Gary, it's been an absolute pleasure working with. I'm not going to repeat so much of what's been said, but our loss certainly is somebody else's gain. The only thing I was wondering is when we have the scramble, since you hit the ball so far, could you come back and play on my team? He hits the ball a long way and in the right direction. But it has been a pleasure. And I thank you for all your help on Betty Virginia, on Hattie Perry - I think we've come a long way in the last three years. And certainly I appreciate all that you've done. Likewise with the symphony, you were a great mediator and I appreciate that. Thank you very much for all you've done.

Councilman Hogan: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Gary, like Mike Gibson said a few minutes ago, our days go back to Sunday School at Summer Grove Baptist Church quite a few years ago, even before the Council days and you know, knowing you then and knowing your job and your capacity right now, I've seen that you're a man of integrity, that you're a Christian indeed, a practicing Christian, not just one that goes to church on Sunday's and another person during the week, and I appreciate that very much. I hate to see you go, but I'm happy for you as well. And I just want to thank you again for the friendship and for the things that you've helped me with the time I've been here on the Council and best wishes to you. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Green: And Gary, I'd like to say, everybody saying "Knoxville's gain" and "our loss", and I see Shelly raising her hand up saying "don't count us out yet". Shelly saying, "praise the Lord". But anyway congratulations and God bless you.

Councilman Jackson: Thank you Mr. Chairman. And Gary, I don't will not repeat what everybody else has said. But I will say ditto. I certainly echo those things, and just want to say thank you for from the very first day, I arrived and you and the people in your office to talk about the projects that were ongoing and where we were. And I don't know about the rest of the gentlemen, but every time you've talked to me, Gary said, "I'll do whatever I can to help you look good". Now, that's a lot of work for some of my colleagues. But I thank you so much for doing what you could do. In fact to make sure that what was in your budget was equitable and that you discharged your responsibilities at least in my opinion in a way that was an honorable way and one filled with integrity. So, thank you so much for your contribution. I wish you and your family Godspeed as you go. And thank you for leaving your daughter at Southern University.

Councilman Green: Also at this time while you're there Gary, I want Shelly to come up, if she's here. I'm sure she'd like to have some words of expressions to you for laying a foundation for her other than saying "The Lord works in a mysterious way."

Ms. Ragle: It may not be as easy for me to talk as it is for Gary. We're truly going to miss him in our department. Not only has Gary been a great boss, he's been a great friend to all of us. He allowed to grow and learn and I think that's why we're being left in such good hands is because he's been a generous boss. I don't know if you heard me saying that the other day. It's because he's given us the opportunity to learn, to grow in our positions. So, I think he's left us in good hands. And I hope after all of this, I don't let y'all down. I'm a little nervous.

Councilman Green: Thank you. At this time we have a special guest, Ms. Donna Curtis with Shreveport Green and we're going to ask that she would come up and introduce Mr. Jeter.

Ms. Curtis: Hi, we're here again. This year we completed quite a few projects and Mr. Lee Jeter who is our Project Manager and who I think probably did 60% of the work, Yvonne did 39% of the work, and I did 1%. I too left it in great hands, and Lee and the whole crew have done a wonderful job this year, and we couldn't be prouder of them. And we just want to share a little bit with you.

Mr. Jeter: Mr. Mayor, Council thank you, while the members are making their way up here, on behalf of Shreveport Green and our organization, we'd like to thank the Council and the Mayor for your continued support of our program. To have these young people in our program making a difference is a tremendous impact for this City. And we realize that without the support of the Mayor's office and this Council that we're not able to do some of the things that we're able to do throughout the summer with our young people. They have given a lot of time, a lot of effort to make our city a better place. And in that process, they're growing. And I'd like to say that we're growing the leadership of this community through service, because these young people dedicate their summer to service and to improving our community. I've passed out to the Clerk a small recap of the program impact over the summer and also a booklet for the Mayor about one of the works that this program won this summer as being one of the most innovative AmericaCorps programs in the nation. And we're recognized as the only program in Louisiana that's innovative across this nation because of our partnerships. You are very much a part of that partnership, because we could not do it without you. Some of the projects that these young people have facilitated over this summer is assisting our seniors. They've painted or assisted with 13 senior houses. That's painting the exterior homes. And we've partnered with the Community Development program of our City in order to get those houses painted. We paint houses, we usually do two during "Paint your heart out Shreveport". But we also realize that there are other volunteers that are painting houses too during the summer and sometimes, in one day there's a niche, you maybe not get something done. And then we go back with the Community

Development Department and they identify those houses, and we try to address those to insure that our seniors are happy with the product that the City is putting out. We've partnered with the Sheriff's Department in keeping the Red River clean and Mammie Hicks Park, we've removed over three tons of garbage and debris that accumulates on the sandbars adjacent to Mammie Hicks Park. We realize that that's an eyesore. It's a safety issue, but we also realize that when the parks are clean, and the sandbars are cleaned, we've got young people out there having wholesome fun we hope. And so, I'm not going to recap everything that we've done because I've provided you with that recap. And I've got one member that's going to share with you. And also want to recognize the two team leaders that worked with our two teams during the summer. Kevin Taylor is a senior at Grambling State University. He served two years in this program to help pay for his education at Grambling. Mr. Larhonda Walsh is an educator at Barret Elementary School that comes and serves as a Team Leader in our program during the summer to help our young people grow. And then we have a young man, Douglas that's a student at Louisiana Tech University that's going to share with you some of his experiences over this summer.

Mr. Taylor: Shreveport Green and ShreveCorps have helped me appreciate the City I live in and the people working everyday to improve our local communities. In return for my services, ShreveCorps is helping me to continue my college education at Louisiana Tech University. Experiencing Shreveport through the various communities has helped open my eyes to the needs of my surrounding communities. The scholarship reward cannot match the reward within. But after seeing firsthand the improvements, my teammates and I have made in our city during this two month period. Being able to improve a house with a fresh coat of paint, clean and remove litter from an intersection or improve a park by adding new sand or placing unsafe equipment has changed the way I view my city. I'm eager to see the changes and improvements Shreveport Green, ShreveCorps has in mind in years to come. Being a part of such an incredible program has given me something to look forward to next summer following my sophomore year of college. I know that I would continue to serve more than two terms if allowed, but I hope that more and more students would take advantage of such a rewarding opportunity. Thank you.

Mr. Jeter: Each one of these young people that's in our program, they're all recently graduates of our high schools in our Parish. They're college students that are making a difference. And again, I'd like to reiterate to the Mayor's office and to the Council, because of your continued support of Shreveport Green, and this program, and I know the difficult decisions that you have to make sometimes on this Council, we could not provide the opportunities for these young adults to strengthen their belief in our government, in our City to make a difference without your support, and we're here to say thank you for your support, but also to recognize these young people as they get ready for graduation in one week for a job well done for their contributions that they've made over this summer to our City. Thank you very much.

Councilman Green: Thank you Mr. Jeter, and we'd like to say congratulations to all of you. Comments from Council?

Councilman Carmody: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Very quickly, for all of you that were involved in the ShreveCorps effort through the City, I hope that you take with you the remembrance of the work that it took to pick up someone else's litter. And whenever you see someone being a litter bug, take the time to remind them that that's not the responsible way to keep your city beautiful, because when we see that type of disrespect for all of us, it just leaves us disheartened. And believe it or not, sometimes all it takes is communicating to your neighbor that what they're doing is unacceptable behavior. And they correct it or at least remember not to repeat the same mistake. But thank y'all for your efforts. Every time I've seen you all out there working, it's very impressive, and y'all always leave the area so much nicer than it was when you arrived. So, thank you. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Green: Thank you. Any one else?

Councilman Carmody: Mr. Chairman, if it's agreeable with the Council, I'd like to go back to the agenda and address - we overlooked Amendments 1 and 2 to the Council Meeting Minutes and I'd like to make a motion to amend the meeting minutes. Amendments No. 1 and 2 to the meeting of June 28<sup>th</sup>. (*See amendments under Adopted Ordinances and amendments*)

**Motion by Councilman Carmody, seconded by Councilman Gibson to approve Amendments No. 1 and 2 of Council Meeting Minutes - June 28, 2005. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None.**

Councilman Green: At this time we have another guest, Dr. Steve Kirkikis. Doc, would you come up at this time? I'd like to say welcome to the meeting.

Dr. Kirkikis: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Members of the Council, Mr. Mayor, thank you for allowing me to speak for Interstate 69 going through Shreveport. As you well know, the hearing was held last week, Wednesday and Thursday. And the deadline is August 1<sup>st</sup> for submitting comments to the Louisiana Department of Transportation. This is not the first time, Shreveport has been confronted with a selection of interstates going through their city. Many of you may remember, but may not remember but back in the 50s and 60s, Interstate 20 was supposed to bypass Shreveport to the north. And through the Congressman and the City Government at the time, I-20 went through Shreveport and the same thing for I-49, was supposed to go to the west of Shreveport and now, through the efforts of the City Council and Commissioners at that time, the Interstate 49 was diverted and went through the center of Shreveport. The Public Hearing is the first one in this series since the last four years. All of the events before then, Louisiana Department of Transportation has taken place were meetings. This is a hearing. Very significant. Whatever went before the last four years comes down to now. Either you approve it or you don't approve it. If you don't want the jobs, you don't want the \$500,000,000, you leave it as is and Shreveport will be passed by \$500,000,000. With the construction and the untold millions of economic development to the City. It will be 10-12-14 miles south of the City; I think that's a mistake. The traffic is in Shreveport, the traffic is on 511 Bridge, the economic development should be in Shreveport. The plans are built now is in area where there is no traffic. The City of Shreveport in 1992, through an agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation, gave tacit approval that this route would be south of town. Reference is made throughout all studies in that 1992 study. I don't know the study, I've never seen it. It refers to Interstate 69 in 1992, but Congress did not identify Interstate 69 until 1998. There is a six year gap there of some mysterious happenings. So, what I'm asking you to do is Shreveport working to with (inaudible) office tacit approval, either direct or indirect. Whatever approval Shreveport may have given to I-69 bypassing Shreveport, this will be a significant move on your part on behalf of the citizens of Shreveport to have I-69 go through (inaudible).

Interstate 69 study area did not include Shreveport, which was a mistake. Why it was not included, I asked that question many times. And they said that the powers to be did not want Shreveport to be included. Why it was not included, I don't know. Again, I repeat, it is not too late. This is the hearing. This is where it all counts. This is where the kick off is, this is where it starts to really materialize. And all what has happened before is strictly meetings. So, I ask you to pass a resolution. I think you have a copy of it, that will withdraw any type of support for Interstate 69 bypassing Shreveport, encourage a study through Shreveport, and demand that Interstate 69 go through Shreveport. Just to review, 69 is an international highway 1600 miles from Mexico to Canada. It passes through several states. The section through Indiana to Canada has already been finished. The section from Indianapolis to the (inaudible) and this is where we are right now. I ask you for your help. We're at a historic crossroads of Shreveport, literally. And if you don't want the jobs, you want the jobs sent somewhere else, then regrets for that decision. But I hope you will be able to reassert the position of Shreveport and revoke that approval that was given back in previous years. Those studies were misdirected studies that did not address the issues, and they were based on outdated information and statistics. So it's on shaky ground. I think the existing draft from out of in fact statement that was presented at these meetings were flawed, dreadfully flawed. Because Shreveport is not included. And they're building a highway in the middle of nowhere. There is no traffic on that highway. And they said, if you build it, traffic will come. Well, there is traffic here now in Shreveport and Bossier City, why build a highway where there's no traffic. And there really is no pollution out there now. So, I ask you for your consideration. I don't know what your rules are, whether you suspend the rules. A letter to the Department of Transportation and the Highway Administration is in order. That would really get their attention. That whatever they based their findings on is on shaky grounds, because that support is no longer there. Shreveport does not want to lose \$500,000,000 of construction and the multimillion dollar development. I don't think Shreveport should move southward, if there are more people moving to town. If they are migrating down there, fine. But the way it is now, if the central area migrates south of town, the landlords - if you think you got problems collecting taxes now with people cutting the grass, wait until they move - more people move out of the central area. The people will be left in a core area to a future of poverty and despair. And the land owners won't be able to give away the property. I think that's a mistake, we should preserve downtown Shreveport, we should preserve Shreveport it self. So, I ask you for your consideration.

Councilman Green: Thank you Doc. Thank you for coming. I appreciate you coming. I met Doc over at my club on Sunday, 'Dominics Italian Restaurant' and he had a wealth of information and I invited him to come. Again, I appreciate you coming.

Councilman Gibson: Mr. Chairman, I'm going to reemphasize what I said yesterday. I think it would be a monumental mistake for this Council to consider any resolution. Dr. Kirkikis, I have all the respect for you in the world. In fact you served when I was Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee, I think it was either three or four years ago. You brought some of these points before the Transportation Committee of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Right now, the time is to be moving forward with this particular project. If what we - if we would do what you advocated, we would be adding another 20 years to a project that is well overdue for northwest Louisiana. Not to mention, the economic impact is going to be there, the construction dollars are going to be there for the court order that's been selected. It will also enhance our port of Shreveport-Bossier which my good friend John Holt is no longer with us, but going to be in Baton Rouge. But I said when I first met him, my experience dealing with ports in Houston, not that this is a deep water port, but it is an inland port, the Port of Shreveport/Bossier has the potential of being larger than the casino market here in northwest Louisiana. And most important it's a safety issue. What you're advocating is to have what this North American Free Trade corridor to connect Montreal Canada to Mexico City is going to be exclusively put together is for moving cargo between Canada and Mexico. And some of that if not a lot is going to be hazardous material. I would shudder to think what it would be to the citizens of Shreveport-Bossier to increase traffic, 18-wheeled traffic with hazardous materials to be coming through our downtown districts and our neighborhoods. You think you're going to have a problem with what we're dealing with right now in the small corridor that we're dealing with, wait until you have the kind of traffic that's going to be generated by this northwest or connecting the northeast to the southwest. We will see major economic impact to not only to the City. And as I said yesterday, it may be - I don't think it's 12-14 miles from the downtown district, I think it's a little shorter than that. But the fact is, it gives the City of Shreveport an opportunity to annex as time goes on and it gives land for development which I appreciate from the standpoint, it will give our younger generation to upgrade on their housing to provide additional housing they live behind for people who are looking to start up and moving into a home of their own. So, I think there's all kinds of benefits. But most importantly, we would be sending a huge negative message from this council to our congressional delegation and to the delegation that's along the I-69 corridor that Shreveport is not on board and I will tell you, we're a small piece of this corridor, that this could slow down if not stop our connection and slow down the funding which right now is being debated through the transportation bill in Washington, D. C. And for Shreveport to all of a sudden after all the work that's been done to now pass a resolution saying King's X, lets do another study, is detrimental to the future, not just of our current generation, but for generations to come. And again, I have the utmost respect for Dr. Kirkikis. I challenge Dr. Kirkikis as I did yesterday. Our biggest issue is finding funding not only short term, but long term for this I-69 corridor and your expertise could be very valuable as we move forward. And I'm sure Congress McCrery, Senator Landrieu and Senator Vitter would be very much attuned to working with you and your previous expertise. I know you're retired now in finding alternative funding mechanisms to make that corridor a reality sooner versus later. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

### **Reports:**

*Convention Center and Convention Center Hotel*

Mr. Dark: Mr. Chairman, we provided you a copy of that yesterday.

*Property Standards Report*

### **Public Hearing:**

**Resolution No. 125 of 2005:** A resolution finding and determining that no petition had been filed objecting to the proposed issuance of not exceeding Seventy Five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000) of Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana, authorizing the issuance of the bonds within certain parameters, authorizing the officials of the Council to proceed with the preparation of the documents required for the issuance of such Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

**Motion by Councilman Gibson, seconded by Councilman Walford to open the public hearing. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, and Green, 6. Nays: None. Out of the Chamber: Councilman Jackson. 1.**

Councilman Green: Mr. Clerk would you read the Public Hearing.

Mr. Thompson: This Public hearing is called to order to discuss, answer questions and hear any objections relative to the proposed issuance of not exceeding Seventy Five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000) of Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds. The Administration will now explain the nature and purpose of this proposed issuance.

Mr. Dark: Thank you Mr. Thompson. The proposed \$75,000,000 bond issue is designed to meet the infrastructure needs of the City's water and sewer systems. It was developed after much discussion by the City Council and others about the significant capital needs of these systems. Since they are very limited State and Federal funds for this kind of work, the Mayor and Council felt that it was wisest to meet these needs through a bond issue. The bond issue funds will be used to renew and improve the City's water treatment plant on Crosslake. To replace the Wallace sewer lift station and upgrade numerous other sewer pumping stations and to renew, replace, and extend and upgrade the City's water and sewer mains. These funds will be used over the next 4-5 years as projects are designed and made ready for construction. Funds to repay this debt will come from the water and sewer revenues of the City which come from our customers. Rate increases of 4% annually in 2006 and 2007 will provide the money to begin repaying these debts.

Councilman Green: Thank you. We will now hear comments and answer questions and hear any other objections to the issuance of these bonds. Does any interested party have comments or questions, or objections? If so, would you please come forward? Does any interested person have a petition or written objections requesting that an election be held to authorize the issuance of these Bonds or otherwise objecting to the Bonds? If so has the petition or the written objections been filed with the Clerk of the Council? If not, please file the document at this time. Does any member of the Council have comments, questions or objections at this particular time?

Councilman Gibson: Thank you Mr. Chair. Mr. Mayor, on behalf of the nearly 35,000 residents in southeast Shreveport, I need to ask a couple of questions here regarding this \$75,000,000 for water and sewer revenue bonds. I have before me and my colleagues also received a copy, I think they were cc'd, a letter that was sent to you on July 5<sup>th</sup> by Mike Strong dealing with water pressure issues in southeast Shreveport. Your administration has had a study in 1999 with the Black and Beech Organization that was hired making some strong recommendations on how to deal with the growth in southeast Shreveport and also how to deal with the water pressure problems that are currently in existence. My question is, there were recommendations in there with dollar amounts. In this \$75,000,000, is there money for those particular needs in terms of eliminating the water pressure problems in southeast Shreveport?

Mayor Hightower: I know some of it is. Of east-west line is in there. I believe there's a lift station project in there. I don't recall what else to specifically address that. Certainly -

Councilman Gibson: The reason why I ask is in this letter, Mr. Strong points out that there needs to be six and a half million dollars for a pump station, \$8.5 (million) for some 30 inch mains, and again, there were some strong recommendations in terms of what it would take to eliminate the problem. I do recall about a year ago this administration pleaded with this Council when we were going through water rate increases that we needed to pray for hot-dry summers, of which we got one, which is included in this July 5<sup>th</sup> letter which says that that's one of the problems that we're dealing with in terms of pressure problems. But right now in southeast Shreveport, we have second story homes that are having trouble getting water pressure on the second floor. If they have any water being used on the first floor and also sprinkler systems going on. I would ask that you strongly review that, because if I would have known, and I was assured by this Administration last year and again early this year, that with the coming on line and energizing the water line that was put on at Leonard Road connecting us to the Port, that our pressure problem - water pressure problems were going to be eliminated altogether. And that line came on I believe in February this year and was energized. But obviously starting in about late March, we have continued to have problems which I have discussed with Mr. Strong. I think Mr. Strong has done a yeoman's job trying to keep our infrastructure in the best possible situation that we can be. But with the growth that we're dealing with in southeast Shreveport with the high taxes that southeast Shreveport is paying per capita. I don't know what to tell my constituents in terms of what to expect. And this letter confirmed some of my concerns that had been mounting over the last three months that kinda shocked me. Because again, I was expecting that that port water tank and water line were going to be our solution out in southeast Shreveport. And again, short term and long term, we've got a major problem. And I'm even more concerned about the safety aspects because if this water pressure continues to be prolonged are we going to have major problems if we have a fire or multiple fires out there to be able to address in getting water pressure out to extinguish these fires. And again, I know you have brought proposals before previous councils as Mayor and in this Administration, I consider this letter very productive positive issue and I would wholly expect that this Administration address this now, because the citizens of southeast Shreveport are in dire need of some relief. Because of growth and because also of the dry conditions of which we have no control over Mother Nature. But we do know we have some archaic infrastructure, not just in southeast Shreveport, but around the City of Shreveport.

Councilman Lester: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I ask this question, and I think Mr. Strong would be a good person to ask, if he could come forward real quickly. Mr. Strong, thank you. Just a couple of quick questions. I know that and you are very well aware of some of the sewer problems that we've been having in the Martin Luther King - Cooper Road Community. Now as I appreciate it, looking at the A & E Committee and looking at some RFPs that are currently out on the street, there are I believe, is it two or three lift stations that we are currently in the process of dealing with engineering services for the MLK area?

Mr. Strong: You caught me off guard on that one, I don't know exactly how many, but I know that we have a total of like 19 lift stations that we are going to be addressing and yes, there are some in the MLK area. And you may be right. There's like three or four that are up there that we are having some issues with.

Councilman Lester: My question is this. Is this bond issue that we're talking about, is that - how is that going to affect the actual completion of the project or those projects? The things that we're dealing with now as far as engineering services. Have we already set aside the resources for those projects or will this bond issue help move those projects from a design perspective to an actual completion inspection?

Mr. Strong: The 21 projects that were out on the streets and have been submitted in to us, and have gone to an A & E Committee and the engineers have been selected are part of this \$75,000,000.

Councilman Lester: Okay.

Mr. Strong: So, what we're trying to do is get a head start of doing the advertisement. How many engineers selected. The \$75,000,000 is to be parceled over the three year period with \$25,000,000 each year for the next three years is the way we're looking. So, they're dependent upon this money being approved.

Councilman Lester: Okay, so if this is approved, then we can get to see some of those lift stations in the MLK community actually being not only designed, but actually see them happening?

Mr. Strong: That's correct, and not just in the MLK -.

Councilman Lester: But obviously -

Mr. Strong: Your area, but it's in all areas of the City.

Councilman Lester: Okay. Well, I appreciate that, because almost every time it rains of any significance, I get calls about the flooding and the lift stations in the MLK area, and I knew that we are in the process of designing several, but my question was how will this bond issue affect that issue and you've answered my question.

Mr. Strong: There's \$19,000,000 of this is for the lift stations and the sales of some I believe \$5,000,000 that is for sewer mains in the whole City, so -.

Councilman Lester: Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Carmody: Mr. Chairman, I have a procedural question and I'm not sure that Mr. Strong is the appropriate party to answer. But I did notice in the resolution itself, it says there being no one present who either offered any objections to the proposed issuance of bonds without an election being held thereon or presented a petition requesting such an election. Do we actually have to have the consent of the public to call an election? I thought that we had the discretion in that we own the utility to basically sell the revenue bonds based on the fact that we have 4% increases to cover the costs of the issuance.

Mr. Dark: Mr. Carmody, my understanding is if you got the petition, you'd be required to have an election. The Council has the discretion otherwise to as you are likely to about to do.

Councilman Carmody: It just seems like in the past, we have not solicited petitions to call for elections. And so, maybe I just don't recall us having done it before. But I appreciate the explanation Mr. Dark.

Mr. Dark: It only applies to utility revenue bonds anyway.

Councilman Carmody: That's what I thought. Thank you, sir. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Gibson: Mr. Chairman, refresh my memory again. How are we paying back the \$75,000,000 Mayor?

Mayor Hightower: We're paying it back through two 4% annual rate increases on water and sewer services.

Councilman Gibson: And that takes place when?

Mayor Hightower: 2006 and '07.

Councilman Gibson: So, next year and the year after we'll add another 4% each year?

Mayor Hightower: Correct.

Councilman Green: Mr. Thompson, is there anything else?

Mr. Thompson: Yes sir. Mr. Chairman, the record should reflect the following: There was no one present who either offered an objection to the proposed issuance of the bonds without an election being held thereon or presented a petition requesting such an election and neither petitions requesting such an election or objections to the proposed issuance of bonds has been filed with the office of the Clerk of Council. That's all Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Green: At this time, do I hear a motion to close this public hearing?

**Motion by Councilman Gibson, seconded by Councilman Jackson to close the public hearing. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None.**

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

##### COMPREHENSIVE BOARD OF APPEALS:

Architect	Niall D. Whatley, AIA, NCARB	Alliance, Inc
Engineer	Christopher W. Fitzgerald,	Fitzgerald Contractors
Rotating Member	Mark A. Jusselin, PE	NTB Associates, Inc.

**Motion by Councilman Carmody, seconded by Councilman Jackson to confirm these appointments to the Comprehensive Board of Appeals.**

Councilman Carmody: Gentlemen, I apologize for being late yesterday. I was unfortunately detained. But as I came into the meeting, I understood that for the Registered Voter's position, Roy Cary of Cary and Associates was being withdrawn and I was going to ask for an explanation of why we were withdrawing Mr. Cary from the Comprehensive Board of Appeals.

Councilman Green: Mr. Jackson would like to respond.

Councilman Jackson: Mr. Carmody, on yesterday when we had those names there, as we have, I think sometimes at your urging done, we tried to make sure that the Administration does before they bring to us these appointments, that they try in fact to make sure that persons are in standings that we had stipulated some months ago. And it seems that someone had brought to the attention of the Administration that there may have been an issue with a part of those standards. And so on yesterday, in an attempt to not try to bring up people's names or embarrass them, we decided to vote on yesterday to take it off the agenda. And that's what we did. You may not

have been here when we voted, but we in fact yesterday were trying to deal with it so we didn't have to deal with it in this forum.

Councilman Carmody: Thank you sir. I just didn't - my observation was that in the past, we've asked for that acknowledgment and it's been nebulous as to whether or not we had verified that and moved forward with persons that we were aware that owed the City money. And I think this is a positive step gentlemen to ask those that would consider to serve. And again, this is - they're serving without compensation, but if they have their own houses in order before we looked at confirming them to these boards. Thank you.

**Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None.**

Office of Public Works, Department of Operational Services:  
Chief Electrical Inspector Randal E. Magness

**Motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Carmody to confirm the appointment of Randal E. Magness.**

Councilman Gibson: Mr. Chair. Was there a, I couldn't click on it, was there a resume provided on this individual?

Councilman Lester: I think it's in the packet.

Councilman Gibson: Okay, I apologize. Thank you.

**Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None.**

#### **Adding Legislation to the Agenda**

1. **Resolution No. 132 of 2005:** A resolution authorizing the execution of a cooperative endeavor agreement with the James Burton International Guitar Festival and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
2. **Resolution No. 133 of 2005:** A resolution authorizing the execution of a cooperative endeavor agreement with Dan E. Newman relative to "Fanfest" activities in conjunction with the 2005 Arena Cup Conference Championship Football Game and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
3. **Resolution No. 135 of 2005:** A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute an addendum to the agreement dated June 14, 2005, between the City of Shreveport and Walton Construction Company, L.L.C. of Kansas, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
4. **Ordinance No. 116 of 2005:** An ordinance to amend and reenact Chapter 6 of the Code of Ordinances relative to alarms and otherwise provide with respect thereto.
5. **Ordinance No. 117 of 2005:** An Ordinance to amend section 42-357 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport by deleting the prohibition on the drilling of oil and gas wells within 1000 feet of Cross Lake, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

**Motion by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Lester to add Resolutions No. 132, 133, and 135, and Ordinances No. 116 and 117 to the agenda. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None.**

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

Councilman Green: At this time, we have none. We move to item 8, Consent Agenda Legislation. A) To introduce resolutions and ordinances - at this time, we don't have any public comments at this period. We have some public comments for at the end of the meeting. Public comments now will deal with an item that you have on the agenda. And of course, the items that you have does not have anything to do with our agenda at this time. But your public comments will come at the end of the meeting. Yes sir. But just for the record, are you in any pain?

Citizen: Yes sir.

Councilman Gibson: Mr. Chairman, I'll move to suspend the rules.

Councilman Carmody: Second.

**Motion by Councilman Gibson, seconded by Councilman Carmody to suspend the rules to hear Mr. T. L. Burns.**

Councilman Gibson: Mr. Chair, how many do we have? I guess if we're going to go ahead and - I'd say let's go ahead and hear all of them, and just go ahead and knock this out.

Councilman Green: We'll do that. We have three and we'll hear those during this period.

**Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None.**

Mr. T. L. Burns: (3001 Fredricks) On May 27<sup>th</sup>, I was pulled over for a routine traffic stop which at which time, I pulled over in my mother's yard and complied with an officer, I'm not going to use any names, but I complied with an officer. And this is the result of my complying with an officer. I got on my knees and placed my

hands behind my back and this officer yet and still, came and stumped me in my back. Got two protruding discs in my back and that's probably disabled me not only for now, but probably on my later years coming. And the results I got back from the Internal Affairs is a real slap in the face to the Justice System I feel. So, I brought this to the Council and the Mayor to see if y'all would re-look at this situation. And I've given you all a copy of it and this is not something I'm just saying, this is confirmed by LSU Hospital. But I don't want people to think that every time you get pulled over by the Police, this is what's going to happen to you. You know we've got a few bad apples, and we're not going to let a few bad apples spoil a whole bunch. But this particular matter needs to be addressed because it's happening all the time, all over the City. But it's very seldom it gets addressed just like mine did. It's unfounded. But just as I wrote in my report, his camera will tell you the truth. I don't have to tell you anything. His camera shows all this. I gave this officer no resistance. And as you can see, I've got - I did not get a ticket for resisting arrest or anything else. In fact, I stopped by the Police Station on my way here, and got a listing of the tickets that I have. And none is for resisting arrest or flight in a vehicle. So, when I pulled over in my mother's yard, it was only for my safety, but that didn't even prove to be safe. And my mother witnessed this. I was a contractor for the City doing a deed for the City. I used to cut grass for the City, but now, I can't even drive my tractor to cut grass and the Dr. told me I couldn't drive a car or anything else. But this is all behind a routine traffic stop. And I bring this to the Council and the Mayor to see if y'all will investigate this and see and give me a reply about this. Because right now, I'm out of a job, can't drive a car. Oh, and he even pulled the car out of the yard and had it impounded. So now, my son don't even have his car. It was my son's car I was driving. You know and my life has been totally like I say, I'm just existing, I'm not living anymore. I'm just existing. And Mr. Councilmen, Council People, the Chairman, the Board, Mr. Mayor, would y'all please look into this because this gives a black eye to our Justice System. And if it's not something done about it, then I guess we are just going to allow the policemen to hold court right there where they arrest you at. Because this is my sentence for the rest of my life.

Councilman Lester: Mr. Chairman, I guess my first question really briefly would be, is Chief Campbell here?

Councilman Gibson: Mr. Chair, I'm going to ask for a Point of Order, if I could. Notwithstanding the sensitivity, but I do believe before we have the Chief come up, I think we need to have legal counsel give us direction on it, because we could potentially have a legal problem. And I think my colleagues over there is nodding his head that if we're going to discuss, we may be asked to go into executive session on this particular matter.

Councilman Lester: Mr. Chairman, I'm not going to ask any questions in terms of any liability issues. I'm quite aware of that or as you would imagine, I just want to ask a simple, one question.

Councilman Gibson: I mean, you're the attorney, I'm just asking that maybe we get some guidance first from our legal counsel before you ask the question of Chief Campbell.

Councilman Lester: Point noted. My question is this Chief. He made allusion to a video tape.

Councilman Gibson: Mr. Chairman, I've asked for a Point of Order on this particular matter.

Councilman Green: And your Point of Order is?

Councilman Gibson: To ask for legal advice on this particular item.

Councilman Green: In hearing the Councilman's Point of Order -

Citizen: We have a right to know.

Councilman Jackson: Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Green: Excuse me. In hearing the Point of Order at this time, Ms. Glass give us the directions as to where we go from here?

Ms. Glass: Well, Mr. Chairman, not knowing what the question would be, our only advice would be that the Council Member should take into account the fact that they probably would not want to discuss litigation in the open meeting. I don't really know what else to say without knowing what the question is.

Councilman Jackson: Mr. Chairman, question Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Green: Okay and at this point and time, since we don't know what the question is and of course with the understanding from Councilman Lester, the Chair would ask that you go on and ask the question, and we'll move from there.

Councilman Lester: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Burns made allusions to a video tape.

Mr. Burns: It's not an allusion, I said -

Councilman Green: Mr. Burns.

Councilman Lester: Hold it down Brother, hold on. My question is this. Is that video tape in the possession of the Police Department?

Chief Campbell: Yes it is.

Councilman Lester: Okay. Therefore, at a certain point, I would like to view the tape. Thank you. No legal issues, no liabilities, simply is there a video tape, can I see it. I certainly, because I understand, just like you do -

Councilman Gibson: I defer to you Councilman.

Councilman Lester: I have a fiduciary duty to the Council, but I also have a duty to constituents. I just want to know. He said it's on the tape, all I want to do is see it.

Chief Campbell: It is.

Councilman Lester: Okay. And I would just that maybe at a later date that I could get with you after the meeting so I could view it.

Councilman Green: Mr. Jackson.

Councilman Jackson: No Mr. Chairman, I was just confused about - we seem to have been walking on eggshells about the subject matter when I think Ms. Glass referred to litigation. I don't think there's any litigation happening at this point and time, I mean, I'm sure every complaint could possibly evolve to some kind of legal action. But seeing that we don't have legal action right now, I just, I mean, I don't know if - what level of concern we ought to have. So, that was just my comment. Mines were to the Point of Order.

Councilman Gibson: Mr. Chair, if you recall, my Point of Order was just to ask for our City Attorney to give us advice. I wasn't saying one way or another. But that's why we pay a City Attorney and that's why Julie Glass is also retained to give us legal advice.

Councilman Carmody: Mr. Chairman, one observation, I did think that Council needs to be aware that the public has the right to come and to express their concerns on the conduct of any City employee, and that's

what this gentleman has done today.

Citizen: Thank you.

Councilman Carmody: Thank you Mr. Chairman, but I would be interested to see the tape as well. Maybe if when Mr. Lester has an opportunity to look at it, I would certainly be interested to seeing it.

Councilman Jackson: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Burns contacted me a while back. Several weeks ago with regards to this. After having talked to the Chief and talked to other officers, the Chief, gentlemen and the other officers who, I don't know about the ones who were involved but the ones who at that particular time when we had the discussion also said that they held the tape as their source of evidence as well. That led them to write whatever it was I think called it unfounded or whatever. So, I don't think there's going to be a major issue with the tape. Because if Mr. Burns says he thinks the tape is going to help, the Police Department seems to think the tape is going to help them. So, just may be (inaudible) watching those tapes.

Councilman Green: Thank you. AT this time, we have Edwards, Lillian.

Ms. Lillian Morrell Edwards: (3911 Sanders) I'm at the City Council Meeting today because I guess my complaint is not enough to get in the newspaper or to get my City Councilman on the television, because he doesn't seem to be interested in helping me with this problem, or maybe he feels like it's not big enough for him, but it's an extremely big problem to me. For the last seven or eight months, the water company have been charging me excessive amounts for my water bill. I'm the only person living in my house, and I get water bills for \$118 and \$94 and stuff like that. For months and days and weeks, I called Mr. Jackson. He never returned any of my calls. I had to end up going to Senator Lydia Jackson for help. They keep turning my water off. Now, I had to go to Socialization. They paid the whole \$118 balance that they said was due on my bill, then on July 11<sup>th</sup>, I gave them another \$20, which meant my water bill was overpaid. Two days after I pay that, I get another bill in my mailbox for \$94. I'm the only person living in my house. I was at LSU night and day before he passed on May the 29<sup>th</sup>. My water bill went from being 1 and 2 gallons a month to 6 gallons a month. And this all happened in November after I wrote (inaudible) Morrison a letter telling her that in between January and March, of every year, the City of Shreveport get to saying I owe or I done missed paying a water bill. I sent them all of my receipts and stapled them to all of my water bills, so she can go over this. My Councilman wouldn't do anything, so I went to the Public Service Commission. Ms. Clems in the Public Service Commission went over all these bills and my receipts with Nancy Mitchell and Kim Jones at EXT 4353, but this is at the Caddo Community Action. My water bill is higher, if you add my electric and gas bills together along with my telephone bill; none of them comes up to how much my water bill. Mr. Mike Strong wrote the letter to the Senator. They done turned my water off where my water bill been paid for \$118 when Socialization paid it. They turns it back on. Now, I got to pay another deposit, plus another \$25 and this happens every two or three months. And the only reason why I got to talk to my City Councilman every time I go to Southern, he's never there. I saw this burgundy Cadillac outdoors, sitting out in the front; I figured it was his, because I had never seen it before. I kept knocking on the door; he would never answer the knock. Then I happened to go out and come back in, and this man Fred Thompson was standing up talking to him, that's the only reason why I got to talk to him that day. I am so sick of this. And I know all of this is because I wrote Flo Fitzmorris a letter. I wrote one to Mr. Mike Strong too, and every month my water bill getting higher and higher and higher. He won't do anything. I asked for the Councilman, I talked to the Chairman, I talked to him, he told me he would call me back, I haven't heard from him either. So, I'm coming to the City Council to find out which one of y'all I can get to help me with this bill.

Councilman Carmody: Mr. Chairman, Ma'am, have you had a plumber to come out to check to see if you got a leak?

Ms. Edwards: Yes sir. They done stuck sticks all down in my ground. But look here. It went from being one and two gallons to six gallons after they know a plumber done came. Now, it's back down to two gallons. They sent this man Mr. Fouts, Futes, or (inaudible) something -

Councilman Carmody: Fouts.

Ms. Edwards: Fouts, sent him out. They know I got brand new plumbing in my house. I don't have any leaks, but all of these bills and all of these charges is behind Flo Fitzmorris and Mr. Mike Strong and I know it. Nobody is doing anything about. I live by myself Mister. I don't have time to be paying bills because people mad because you're speaking up about your water bill.

Councilman Carmody: Thank you Ma'am. Could I ask Mike Strong to come forward? Mr. Strong, have we had an opportunity to go out and check this citizen's meter to see that it's accurately recording the amount of water that's being used?

Mr. Strong: Yes sir. Correct.

Councilman Carmody: And her plumber can't determine that there's a leak anywhere on the system?

Mr. Strong: Depends on whether it's a commode or something like that. But it went from like two and three thousand gallons up to six thousand gallons.

Councilman Carmody: But a stuck valve on a toilet can run you into six thousand gallons quickly.

Mr. Strong: Pretty much.

Councilman Carmody: Okay, thank you Mr. Strong. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Gibson: Mr. Chair, what was the average bill that you had prior to this problem Ma'am?

Ms. Edwards: My water bill used to be like \$8 and \$9 a month. Then it went to \$12 a month, then it went to \$15 a month. It went to \$18 a month and it stayed there. Until I wrote Flo Fitzmorris a letter. And that's when it started to going up to \$49, \$59 and now it's way over \$100 every month.

Councilman Gibson: Okay, so you averaged, prior to this problem, you averaged about say \$15-20 a month?

Ms. Edwards: Yes sir. Yes sir.

Councilman Gibson: Okay, cause we did - over the last few years, water rates have increased.

Ms. Edwards: Right. And that's when the \$8 and \$9 a month went to like \$12 and \$15 when we went to the water increase.

Councilman Gibson: Okay. Alright. But you are aware that those rates did go into effect?

Ms. Edwards: Yeah, yes sir. But it still - Mister, I'm one person living in a house. I work eight hours a day. I'm gone visiting my mom nem. I don't even cook, cause I'm a terrible cook. So, why am I using this kind of water. They don't use \$100 and some worth of water at Burger King a month.

Councilman Gibson: Thank you Mr. Chairman. That's a good point.

Mr. Gordon Jones: (4400 Biscayne Drive, Flower Mound, Texas 75028) I'll try to make this real short. Mayor, Councilmen, Ladies and Gentlemen. About three years ago, a development by the name of Hidden Trace went in on Norris Ferry Road, in southeast Shreveport. Since then whenever it rains, there's a flooding problem consistently water overwhelms the 18 inch culvert under Larry Lane causing it to run over the road and sometimes several inches deep. A prudent person would not attempt to drive on this road while it is flooding. Although with time, the road bed will fail due to erosion perhaps. This is not why I'm here. What concerns me is when Larry Lane floods, with four households, the (inaudible), the Raymers, the (inaudible) and the Jones are cut off from the outside world. Larry Lane is their only way out of the neighborhood. To add to this insult, several tons of silt have been deposited on Mrs. Jones' property due to the erosion from Hidden Trace while under construction. The result of this is standing water in several places, several inches deep. I believe there are some photographs you may have in your possession. This water does not dry for several days, or several weeks depending on the time of the year. This allows mosquitoes to breed, and mosquitoes as you know are very nasty creatures and carry diseases and such. I've complained to and met with Mr. Bill Mayfield, the developer of Hidden Trace. Although a 21 inch storm drain pipe exists his development, he claims to be in full compliance with all applicable ordinances as set forth by the City of Shreveport. I've complained to and petitioned various members of the City's staff for a remedy and have been given a runaround. You will see in your packet there, copies of letters and emails that I have contacted your engineering department, your environmental department and even your legal department. Their responses have been less than enthusiastic. As I speak there is a Freedom of Information Act request sitting on somebody's desk in a folder, of which I have not received. Ladies and Gentlemen, I do not wish to enter into an adversarial relationship. On the other hand, keep in mind that one of these residents is my mother. And though in good health, she is advancing of age as we all are. If something were to happen where she could not get to a hospital or an ambulance couldn't make it to her front door because there is water across her only street, I would not be very happy. I'm only asking three things from you, if you can do this. 1) Please remedy the flooding. The 24 inch culvert does not and never will serve as an 18 inch culvert. 2) Please remedy the tons of silt on my mother's land. And 3) please remedy the standing water. It makes for a health hazard. Thank you.

Councilman Gibson: Mr. Chair, thank you for coming down. I believe the first time we spoke or had a chance to speak was yesterday, so I was not privy to any of this information. And I do appreciate your patience and your mother's patience. I will ask Mr. Strong to provide me with a recommendation working with the Mayor's office on this particular issue. There is some documentation in here that is quite aged. And I also would like to do a follow up on especially the Freedom of Information Act request that this gentleman has filed to respond within the legal means of what we can do. But again, my concerns come down to - infrastructure is critical in terms of the life blood of this City and quality of life. And obviously this has been an ongoing issue. And Hidden Trace, I believe was annexed what 4 or 5 years ago? Something in that neighborhood, but Mr. Strong if I could over the next - Mr. Jones, I think you'd have to give us, I'm going to ask for about two weeks for a report from Mr. Strong.

Mr. Jones: That'd be fine.

Councilman Gibson: On what we can do to address some of these issues. And we will see what we can do about helping on that. And I do appreciate you bringing it to my attention yesterday afternoon. I'm sorry that we've had some website changes and things of that nature in terms of some of the emails getting to me. But I have gotten that information after we spoke yesterday. And I do appreciate you coming down here.

Mr. Jones: (Inaudible) and I'm sorry to hear about your father.

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

**RESOLUTIONS:** None.

**ORDINANCES:** None.

**TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:**

**RESOLUTIONS:** None.

**ORDINANCES:** None.

**REGULAR AGENDA LEGISLATION**

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

*The Clerk read the following:*

**RESOLUTION NO. 97 OF 2005**

**A RESOLUTION CREATING A FALSE ALARM COMMITTEE TO ASSIST THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN LOWERING THE AMOUNT OF FALSE ALARMS RECEIVED BY THE CITY AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

By: Councilman Gibson

**WHEREAS**, in 2005, the Police Department has responded to 6,351 silent alarms with 85% of the calls being false alarms; and

**WHEREAS**, 20 percent of the Police dispatch calls are being spent on false alarms; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary and desirable to protect the emergency response capability of the police department from misuse; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary and desirable to reduce or eliminate unnecessary police emergency response to false alarms; and

**WHEREAS**, policies and procedures need to be implemented to encourage and assist alarm users and alarm businesses to assume greater responsibilities for maintaining the operational reliability and proper use of alarm systems; and

**WHEREAS**, a committee is needed to review the high volume of false alarms received by the City and to recommend policies and procedures to reduce the volume of false alarms.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened that the False Alarm Committee is established to assist the Police Department in lowering the amount of false alarms received by the City.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the False Alarm Committee shall consist of persons appointed by the Chairman of the Council to include one representative of the following entities:

- Statewide Louisiana Life Safety and Security Association
- Local Louisiana Life Safety and Security Association
- Chamber of Commerce
- City of Shreveport Police Department

**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.

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Gibson, seconded by Councilman Hogan to adopt.**

Councilman Gibson: Mr. Chair, 1) I appreciate the postponement on this particular piece of legislation on July 12<sup>th</sup>. I was prepared to address it a couple of weeks before I was hospitalized. I would urge this Council and I would be amenable to a two or four week time frame maximum for a committee, that this would be comprised of taking the initial work that Councilman Walford and the Police Chief and his staff have been working on for the last few months. To take that as a baseline and also offer that the alarm industry is also volunteered to bring legislation that has already been in place in Lafayette, and Baton Rouge, and New Orleans, as something to compare to with what the Police Department and Councilman Walford has come up with. And in addition, this committee would also have some business people and City Council on that along with the Police Department to try to come up with something that is broad form and a win/win for everybody. And not to have – I know that Councilman Walford had some concerns about prolonging this situation, but I do think that if given time and time again, when a committee is formed based on the private sector, i.e. the Code Enforcement, i.e. Sexual Oriented Business, i.e. right now, we're working on an animal control ordinance and smoking ordinance and some other things that we have come out with a real balanced piece of legislation. And I would urge that again, I would be more than happy to entertain an amendment to this that would place a four week time frame on this in order to have that discussion amongst all parties. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Councilman Walford: I've failed to understand Mr. Gibson's comments in the newspaper this morning that we had created a one-dimensional piece of legislation. I truthfully question that he had even read the legislation. But to me, to do what Mr. Gibson is proposing right now would be a slap in the face to Chief Campbell and the police officers that have spent so much time on this. We have considered the ordinances from each of the other cities. And certainly I know that some of the alarm industry is not totally pleased with what we've come up with, and I can understand that. Because it puts some of the onus on them. But to do this now without even debating the legislation that we've brought forward, I think would be a slap in the face to them and to me. So, I would urge a "No" vote.

Councilman Carmody: Mr. Chairman and I've spoken at length about my concern about establishing a committee to look at this. But I've also heard from constituents who are concerned about the ramifications of implementing the new legislation regarding false alarms without the public having a chance to put their input in. Each time they've called, and I've spoken with them, I've assured them that they need to come down here to the Council. And that they need to have their ducks in a row to voice their concerns regarding what they think this legislation – how it will impact them. I can certainly understand where Councilman Walford is coming from as well. Those persons that are in this industry and provide this service, I think are concerned about the direction that the City is going. But please remember that we are trying to implement from the consultant hired to try to maximize the Police Department's ability to provide the services they are required to do. The largest drain appears to be responding to false alarms. So, we're trying to get down to something that works for everybody, but in my opinion, I'm working toward the Police Department in making sure those officers are taking care of what they're supposed to be doing while they're out on their beat. So, thank you sir.

Councilman Lester: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I guess my question would be to Councilman Walford. I sat and I thought about this issue a while and something that Councilman Gibson said a moment ago struck me. It seems as if, and I definitely would like to hear Councilman Walford respond to this. But it seems that in times past when we have tackled an issue, we have put together committees and/or task force to do certain things, to deal with certain pieces of legislation. And I guess what I would understand and quite obviously having written some legislation, I understand how when you have put a certain amount of time in, you become vested in that particular piece of legislation. And certainly as I appreciate it, you and the Police Department have put in a number of hours and are vested in that particular piece of legislation. I guess my question would be, what would be your resistance to creating the committee, and getting input. And again, not saying you guys didn't have input from the industry, or what have you. But what would be your hesitancy with putting together a committee, if quite obviously your mind is made up in terms of the particular piece of legislation that you have crafted in consultation with the Police Department. I guess my question would be what would be your hesitancy in bringing in other folks to at least take a look at it with the goal – and it could be that it might be a minute, it could be that you decide not to make any changes on that particular piece of legislation and offer it as amended. I guess my question would be what would be your objection to creating a committee to take a look at what you've already done?

Councilman Walford: Part of it is that the gentleman that raised Councilman Gibson's ire on this was unhappy with what we came up with because we would not adopt the sample legislation that he brought to us. It wasn't good legislation. It's not what we need in Shreveport at this time. It creates a huge or a growing bureaucracy we would have to add employees. And I don't think that's what the public wants and I don't think it's what we need. We have worked for the last eight or nine months trying to come up what will get the officers back on the street. What has the least impact on the public accept those that are frequent violators. And I think what we have to remember is we're providing the service to the alarm companies. All they are is a telephone operator that calls and puts the burden on us. Us, the City of Shreveport. And Us the Shreveport Police

Department. The folks that I've worked with at SPD have taken the time, they've studied and monitored the calls. They've seen what needs to be done. They have listened to, I think a great deal of input from the industry. And we have one person that's not happy with it. We had a gentleman to come and speak before you I guess two weeks ago. And Cpl Adams and I incorporated most of what he objected to - we incorporated his suggestions. So, what we've got now is the public is going to be held responsible if they have frequent false alarms. But they can stop that. They can have the initial call, the first time they're charged, it can be evaded and forgiven if they have a service call to find out what the problem is that's causing the false alarms. So we have a very good piece of legislation. Mr. Gibson would like us to put together a committee like the committee that crafted the ordinance that we have now, that clearly hasn't worked. So, I believe that the Council would be wise to wait two weeks to debate this piece of legislation. If you have amendments, we're certainly amenable to considering those, but I think there's been a lot of work put in and we can call Chief Campbell up here, we can call Cpt Floyd, we can call Cpl Adams. They've studied the ordinances from other cities. I know that Cpt Floyd has corresponded back and forth about what worked and what didn't. This is not the harshest thing we could do. This is a good middle of the road piece of legislation that I think we should give 12-24 months and see what kind of success we have with it. And if we have to become much more rigid, even to the point of non-responding after so many false alarms, then a future Council should consider that. We have a good piece of legislation that's worthy of consideration, and I would urge the Council to consider it prior to slapping our Police Department in the face. Clearly what I hear from the Council and what I hear from the public is they want more officers on the street. This can provide that.

Councilman Lester: Mr. Chairman,

Councilman Green: Mr. Jackson and then back to you.

Councilman Jackson: Mr. Chairman, in listening to us and this is certainly not the first time we've even talked about this. We've had people come up and do public comments and otherwise. I guess since Councilman Walford, and I think Councilman Gibson has conceded that at least that's a piece of - that's a resolution that's out there already or an ordinance that's out there already that at least can serve as a basis. I guess my concern is if they can have conversation, I mean, is it important that we structure a committee to meet about this? Because it's two weeks between, well it's actually three weeks between now and the next time we have a council meeting, I'm assuming the committee was going to take four weeks. So we're talking about three weeks right now. I don't know that it would be, it necessarily has to be under the auspice of a committee and you bring these people together. All these folks that Councilman Gibson alluded to inviting along with the Police Department? I mean if you're amenable to amendments, it would seem that we ought to be at least amenable to a meeting of sorts because in two weeks if there is some disagreement with regards to the meeting you all have, then the proper place to debate it would be right here at the Council while it's before us. So, I guess my concern is can we take care of what is in the spirit of 97 in the next three weeks and then be prepared because with or without the committee, we're going to vote on this piece of legislation that Mr. Walford has regardless. But I do think it would be prudent as Councilmen Lester and Gibson have said to bring these people to the table. I just don't know if it has to happen under the auspice of the committee that has been erected by the Council. That's my major concern Mr. Chairman, whether or not we can facilitate the same thing without having a committee.

Councilman Lester: Okay, and again, I think Councilman Jackson hit the nail on the head. My concern is simply if in fact, it's going to take some time for us to deal with this particular piece of legislation, and Councilman Walford, I am extremely sensitive to what your position, because having authored several pieces of legislation and spending the time, you would like to have had the benefit of the input on the front end as opposed to the back end. But I guess one of my concerns and one of the things that we have done, I think not to our credit is, we sit down and we say that we're going - I'll take for instance the smoking piece of legislation. It was offered at the meeting. Several people myself included, said that let's offer an amendment or two, and then we said as a body, let's sit down and talk about it and let's meet and let's see if we can come up with something that we can resolve. And what actually happened is several people had amendments themselves, but there was no consultation, there was no real dialogue, there was no vetting of what your issues were and what my issues were and the proponents and the people that were 100% in favor of the legislation. The people that were 100% against it, and what wind up happening was none of the amendments passed, and we passed what I thought was and I still think is a flawed piece of legislation that caused a tremendous amount of confusion. Well, given the fact that so many people have alarm systems in their homes, I would think that it would be prudent not to have to go through that diatribe again I think we could maybe cut off some of those issues if we were to put together a committee or at a minimum have some type of meeting, if you don't want to call it a committee, a meeting between now and if you would consent to it maybe having a meeting between now and the time that we actually get a chance to vote on it, I think we could accomplish that. And if people in the community are concerned about it and if you are an operator of one of these companies, and that meeting is noticed to the public, you'll have a chance to come and be heard. At that time therefore when we actually come back to vote on it, we will at least have the benefit of having the information from the public. We'll have the benefit of having to do the research in terms of what the legislation is. And at that point, we can make an intelligent decision without arguing or debating the issue at a Council Meeting for two hours when we could spend that time debating the issue in a committee or a meeting session. And when we came back to the Council we could either actually vote one way or the other and kinda deal with it that way. So, I don't know where that leaves it, but I would certainly hope that if in fact we do not vote to create this committee we would at least have a meeting and notice it to the public so that those people that are interested could participate and those of us that want to find out more information could get a chance to come up to speed with the research the Councilman Walford and the SPD have done. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Hogan: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I have some concerns about the ordinance itself. I know we're not talking about the ordinance today, but forming the committee. And so, Mr. Gibson, I don't mean to put you on the spot, but about the committee, which I think is a good idea, did you consider that perhaps we might include someone from one of our local security alarm companies?

Councilman Gibson: They're included in the legislation. In fact, Mr. Hogan, let me state for the record there was a mis-statement made by one of my colleagues. That there was a meeting held of Kon Tiki made up of about 10-12 alarm companies, of which I believe, no, I know Cpl Adams was at that meeting. And it was not company that suggested that a committee be formed by City Council, it was all of the alarm companies expressing concern about what was going on and they also acknowledged at that same meeting that they wanted to have the dialogue with a group of City Council, and the Police Department and some citizens so that they would make sure that they explain where they were coming from, and they would not be painted as trying to protect their turf, but

they were trying to be a team player. So, and Mr. Walford was invited to that meeting and Mr. Walford did not show for that meeting at Kon Tiki. So, let's clear the record in terms of who started this. I just want to see something that's productive across the board, but you do have alarm companies, both local and state that have the opportunity to serve on this committee?

Councilman Hogan: Okay, thank you. And as you just mentioned that the folks from these different companies that came to the meeting were interested in Council input. Was there any reason we don't have any Council Members on the committee?

Councilman Gibson: Councilman, this is Council Committee comprised, I would think the Chairman has the, if this was passed to have three Council Members on that committee at the pleasure of the Chair.

Councilman Hogan: Okay, that's fine. That's probably a good idea, but as I read it, it says the Committee shall consist of persons appointed by the Chairman of the Council to include one representative of the following entities. And these four different entities on here. But there's nothing mentioned about a Councilman being on the committee. I just wondered.

Councilman Gibson: Mr. Chair, I'd just like to respond. If we approve committees, it's usually a maximum of three that the Chairman has the ability to appoint if I'm not mistaken. That was the intent or the spirit of that particular deal. If that's not implied, I'm sorry.

Councilman Hogan: That's fine. I would be in favor. Mr. Chairman, did you want to respond to that or cause I don't see it in here.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, it says to include which means that there would be other people that the Chairman would appoint.

Councilman Hogan: Okay. Alright. If that's the interpretation I'm fine with that. And I have no other questions. Thank you.

Councilman Walford: Mr. Chairman, I believe if we are indeed to committed to resolving this, there is a much easier way we can address Mr. Carmody's concerns, Mr. Jackson's concerns, and Councilman Lester's concerns by simply calling a Public Hearing. Let the Police give an overview, and let the public give their input. Simple as that. The alarm companies can be part of the Public Hearing as well.

Councilman Lester: So moved.

Councilman Walford: I think that would be a perfect solution, and then certainly if Council Members want to amend the legislation, they can go from there.

Councilman Green: Thank you. What I'd like to do is - one is make two apologies. 1) I'd like to apologize to Councilman Walford. Because when I became Chairman, I was unaware that you all had a committee, and 2) I'd like to apologize to Councilman Gibson that I was on my way out of town when he called and said to me about the alarm committee, and I said to him that I was for it because I was unaware that we had. So, I'm in the middle of the butterfly and cornflakes. And so, how do I get out of this. My recommendation would be to basically call a public hearing. And those are going to be my comments as to having everybody to basically bring about their comments. Then after that, we receive those comments, then we can either vote the legislation up or down. If it's up, and there's still some folk that don't like it, we can form a committee, and if it's down, we could do the same. But at this time, Mr. Thompson, I'd like for you to look on the calendar and find out when the Parish Commission will be having their meeting in between the next Council Meeting, and before the end of the meeting find see if we could find a suitable date that we could possibly have a public hearing.

Councilman Gibson: Mr. Chairman, you know, we talk about paper and we talk about minutes and all the things that take place. Again, I'm a little bit amazed that we form committees on a regular basis, and I'm still a little bit - somebody's taking this personally by using 'slap in the face', but isn't it a more efficient manner to deal with in the fact that committee meetings will be having staff people there taking minutes. And going back to what Councilman Lester said in the fact that that committee would then be in a position to provide those minutes to all the Council Members so then we would be prepared in time or maybe two weeks after to deal with Councilman Walford's initial baseline documents. But to have public hearings, we've got to involved a heck of a lot more people, a lot more resources on something that could be solved in maybe one or two meetings. And again, that's why I've said I think it could be resolved in about four weeks, because we've got all the expertise in one room. And get it all done, do it in a very efficient manner. Bring it back, and Councilman Walford's name is still going to be on it, so he'll get his accolades. And I could care less about the accolades, I just want as Councilman Carmody said, we've got a law enforcement manpower issue. Have had it going on for the last three or four years. And we've got some other issues that could be hammered out with in a committee meeting. So, again, we're going down an area that's going to end up being less efficient versus efficient in this particular item and we could kill two birds or multiple birds in one stone in establishing a committee which formalizes it to where if somebody says it in that committee meeting, it's going to be recorded in minutes. And then we will be able to have a good idea of whose trying to do what, when and how in terms of protecting their turf of which that's what I've heard from the last Council Meeting, when I reviewed the tape from two weeks ago, that there was fear that the alarm industry was trying to protect their turf. I haven't sensed that up to this point. If that's what their true intent is, I think the Committee would draw that out for discussion in order to accomplish law enforcement issue and also protect our constituents. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Councilman Green: Thank you. And again, Councilman Gibson, I've given my apology. One is as Chair; I'm going to vote for the committee because I asked you to form it. But I don't believe that we have the votes to pass it. So, as Chairman, I'm going to call for a public hearing so that we would accomplish whatever needs to be accomplished. So basically -

Councilman Gibson: Mr. Chairman, we've got a motion and a second to vote. We don't know how the votes are. Is that arbitrary and capricious?

Councilman Green: I don't know if it's capricious or arbitrary, but I don't think you and I have the votes so, but since I asked you to do it, I'm just stating where I am as Chair.

Councilman Gibson: I understand, but my Point of Order here is we have a motion and a second, we've had discussion, we have to go to a vote on item 97 to determine whether or not a committee would be formed or not.

Councilman Green: I didn't know you had a point of order.

Councilman Gibson: Well, I'm asking for it now, because you're saying that we're not going to vote on this.

Councilman Green: No, no, no. I didn't say we're not going to vote. I said, I don't know if you and I will

win.

Councilman Gibson: It isn't about winning.

Councilman Lester: Mr. Chairman, I call for the question.

**Motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Gibson to call for the question. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green. 6. Nays: None. Out of the Chamber: Councilman Jackson. 1.**

**Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 5. Nays: Councilman Walford. 1. Out of the Chamber: Councilman Jackson. 1.**

Councilman Jackson: I didn't know we had already voted, I'm sorry. I actually was going to leave, I came back because I couldn't find my burgundy Cadillac.

2. **Resolution No. 101 of 2005**: Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Southern Hills Business Association and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (E/Hogan)(Postponed - July 12, 2005)

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

*The Clerk read the following:*

Amendment No.1 to Resolution No. 101.

Delete the NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED paragraph and substitute the following:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened that the Mayor of the City of Shreveport is authorized to enter into a contract for \$50,000, with the Southern Hills Business Association (the Association); provided, the contract shall obligate the Association to provide services commensurate in value with the amount of city funds expended under the contract; the services shall serve a public purpose, and the contract shall be reviewed by the City Attorney to insure that it complies with applicable law.

**Motion by Councilman Hogan, seconded by Councilman Lester to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Resolution No. 101 of 2005.**

Councilman Carmody: Mr. Hogan, I know the last meeting, I talked to Councilman Hogan, and he was surprised that he and I were talking about it. And I know we're just voting on the amendment. I apologize because I didn't even see it if it was on there yesterday. And I know we didn't speak about it. But I had written Councilman Hogan a note a little bit earlier, and he had said, you know we'd asked Tom Dark about some kind of letter. Tom had given us a letter about the status of the RiverFront Development Fund, and at I think it was a couple of meetings ago, when we started to postpone, I know we were looking at that being contingent upon having money in that RiverFront Fund. And one of the things at least that day I brought up was the fact that if we had money that I'd like to do what we could to try to restore it. And then other Councilmen had some other issues as well. I just didn't know we had moved forward on it. I'll for it, but I just wanted to say for the record I wasn't sure that this what we were voting on. I thought Councilman Hogan, he may want to speak to that, but I thought we were going to forego it.

Councilman Hogan: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I was going to speak just a moment ago, and Councilman Walford had brought up an issue that I was unaware of last meeting or meeting before that in terms of the Southern Hills Business Association receiving - they had applied and been approved to receive \$10,000 of Neighborhood Improvement Money this year. And I was unaware that there was a conflict there that someone could not receive funds from both places. And so, I've spoken to the President of the Association and the Executive Director, and they are willing to withdraw their application that has been approved for \$10,000 through the NIP Program if this gets approved. Now, if it doesn't get approved today, they of course want to keep their funds that they receive the grant from the NIP. And so, anyway someone had mentioned as well. And I had not backed down, even though Mr. Dark wrote the letter. I read the letter, and I understand what he's saying. I'm pressing on with the resolution or the ordinance rather. And so, I know that someone had mentioned to me that what I just explained that if they would withdraw the application, then they would vote for it. And so, I just said that for the record. So, someone here on the Council had mentioned that to me, so anyway that's the plan. But I plan to - I had never backed down or never indicated that I would cancel the request. So, that's it. I don't know if I could have given that - insinuated that in anyway. I don't know. But I'm going to press on anyway.

Councilman Gibson: Thank you Mr. Chair. Mr. Dark, I appreciate the correspondence that you provided I guess it was a couple of weeks ago.

Mr. Dark: Yes sir.

Councilman Gibson: And that - and Councilman Hogan, I appreciate you clarifying because one of the questions I had in reviewing the video tape from two weeks ago, Councilman Walford was right on point in asking about you know how could we provide additional funding if NIP money was on the table. I guess my question for Mr. Dark, you have not painted a very, I guess for a better word, a rosy picture at this point and time in terms of what we're dealing with in that RiverFront money. We're not talking about \$250 or \$500,000 or something of that nature. But in terms of a crystal ball and in terms of what we're looking at for the remainder of the year in looking at going into a budget process next year, you know, what is your opinion dealing with this particular pot of money?

Mr. Dark: Well, as I said in the memorandum, it is clearly the Council's call as to whether this is the way you wish to spend your money. All I tried to do is give you information about where this is going where this is clearly going. Is it casino revenue down, although we're hopeful that Hollywood having a real owner for the first time in a while will help that one. I think it would be foolish to expect to have anymore money than we had. My memorandum was written in large part to counter what I thought what was happening the first time this was discussed which was the feeling that maybe we'll give that group some money and while we're at it, we'll give a whole bunch of other folks some money. I thought that was a serious mistake on the part of the Council if that

were to be done. I don't have an opinion as to whether this group is more or less worthy than any of the others. And I think that's y'all's call. I just tell you that you got a budget that clearly, the less we spend out of it, the better we'll be for a while.

Councilman Gibson: Thank you Mr. Dark. And I guess the other question I have for Councilman Hogan, the scope of work that this \$50,000 will be going to - I know, was that presented before this Council, what is the scope of work that will be used by the Southern Hills Business Association?

Councilman Hogan: It has been discussed and I understand you were not able to come to two of the meetings previously, and I don't mind going over briefly what it's for. The old South Hamilton Branch Library on Baird Road has been vacant for about four years, 3-4 years. And the Southern Hills Business Association has been looking for a place to meet. You've been to some of the meetings there. We skip around, we go to different places here, there, and yonder. We were meeting there at the church, the Manor House. We closed the Manor House, so we're looking at other places. In fact we're meeting tonight at the Johnny's Catfish restaurant on Bert Kouns. So, there is a process whereby, cause I've consulted Charles Grubb, the Parish Attorney. All the paperwork has been done to - for the City and the Parish which are co-owners of the property to do with it what they will. Now, in my opinion, what I hope will happen is that a lease will be drawn up between the Parish Commission and the City Council in order to provide the library as a meeting place for the Business Association. Not only for them, but for other areas, the rotary club, the Southwest Rotary Club. I think you've been there before and you're familiar with those people. They've expressed an interest in having some meetings there. Others have too, obviously being neglected for four years, the building needs some repair. They want to do some renovations to the building. It would have to go out for public bid or essence for a lease. It would be printed in the paper is my understanding. And so, I feel confident though that the Business Association wants it well enough to submit a reasonable bid. I haven't talked to anyone else that's interested in the building. I won't go into great detail about some of the things the Business Association has done to maintain businesses in my community and in my district and to attract new business. But there has been a lot of effort made. There's been people hired on full time. You're familiar with that. And so, that's basically in a nutshell what it is for. Is to help with renovations of the library and to assist in the economic development of my community.

Councilman Gibson: Thank you Mr. Hogan. One last question Mr. Chair. This Administration has had a track record since being in office of trying to look for ways to leverage both public and private dollars, I guess my question to Councilman Hogan is what kind of efforts and in-kind services are going to be brought to the table by the Business Association to parlay if monies were approved here. Because obviously \$50,000 doesn't go very far in terms of bringing things up to code and that building's been vacant for a while, but is the Business Association going to be bringing some in-kind services, materials and labor and other things to the table to complete this facility?

Councilman Hogan: Absolutely. It's composed of 150 members, businesses in our community and their people, there's contractors, there's plumbers, electricians, painters, and people that are going to be willing to help with that. And in doing what you say in-kind services. They have received a grant from the State last year, you're familiar with that from Senator Cheek. She had gotten a grant for the Association and so, but to answer your question, I can't quote anyone right now.

Councilman Gibson: There is an effort to bring some in-kind services. I know the Administration has gone after grants and things of that nature, but also asked the private sector to step up and tow the line from that standpoint. And what I'm hearing, they're going to do that.

Councilman Hogan: There will be some in-kind services, yes.

Councilman Gibson: Thank you Councilman Hogan.

Councilman Hogan: And I'll be happy to participate in that, I know how to paint. So ~ I'll be glad to go.

Councilman Carmody: Mr. Chairman, certainly I want to give credit where credit is due. Councilman Hogan made a commitment to this group to try to seek additional funds for them. My vote though is going to reflect the opinion of our Chief Administrative Officer of Finance, Mr. Dark. My concern is that at this point in the budget process for us to go in and to dip into that source of funds for any reason, and as he said, it's at our discretion to do it. But based upon what the record of infusion of capital into that fund has been, I don't see where it's in the best interest of the City of Shreveport and the Council to move toward allocating the money. And again, it's no dispersion on the organization. I know that they do good work. There's no doubt about it. But in the same way, there are organizations in my district who do similar work, but meet at public facilities. And I don't think that that diminishes their reputation nor their mission. But again, I can applaud Councilman Hogan, but my vote is reflect a "No".

Councilman Jackson: Mr. Chairman, I want to say I guess I don't mean to say it joshingly, but I am inclined as Councilman Hogan has said. He talked to me about what would happen if Southern Hills had a conflict with regards to having received NIP Funds and being able to get this. It seems as if Mr. Dark seems to have endorsed at least given his particular portion of the money or the Administration I'll say rather than Mr. Dark, this portion of money, but not the portion I asked about saying that if we're going to give some to some, then we need to give others some and those kinds of things. Seeing as if they suggested that may not be a good idea. I can understand that. But I will tell you that I'm going to advocate for the people in my district. And since Councilman Hogan is willing to give up the \$10,000 to give the \$50 (thousand), I'd like to lay claim on the \$10,000 for my district and in that Neighborhood Investment Program, since nobody else has asked.

Councilman Carmody: I'll arm wrestle you for it.

Councilman Jackson: Make a deal, so the Business Association is saying that they'll give us the \$10 (thousand) if we give them the \$50 (thousand). You know, I'm willing perhaps to give them the \$50 (thousand) if we get the \$10 (thousand) in District G. That's certainly my proposition anyway. So, I don't think ~

Mr. Dark: That's actually why I wrote the memo.

Councilman Walford: I have two concerns here. 1) Mr. Carmody has voiced very well, and I don't think it's prudent at this time to go "raiding" as we'll call it the RiverFront Fund, we have such an uncertainty right now with the new owner going in taking over Hollywood, we don't know what our revenue stream is going to be like. We don't know whether it'll be equal to last year, less than last year, if they'll stumble out of the starting gate, or if they'll do extremely well. So, I think for us to go after the RiverFront Fund for anything that's not absolutely critical would be a serious mistaken in judgement on the part of this Council. Therefore I'm going to vote "No" on that. Mr. Jackson has raised an issue and he just got to talk first, because I was going to mention that. I guess I have a question that we all are going to need to address, and that is if they turn money back in, are we going to

open back up the application process to the NIP.

Councilman Gibson: Yeah. Divide it by seven under the Charter.

Councilman Walford: No, he asked first, and I asked second.

Councilman Gibson: Hey, I'm just going on based on what Bonnie Moore, she has a pot of money and obligation money.

Councilman Walford: I know. But all joking aside, I do hope that if we're going to put that money back in the NIP pot, that we're certainly going to have the opportunity for our organizations in our districts to make an application. Because I have several that would like to. And again, in the case of making a sound financial judgement, I'm going to vote "No". I'm all for them having the building and leasing the City's interest at a very low rate. But I'm going to say "No" to going after money in the RiverFront Fund right now.

Councilman Lester: Mr. Chairman. Just a comment/observation. 1) I didn't realize that Councilman Jackson was into the 'laying of hands'. Apparently that's not an issue. Second of all, as District has the largest geographic district, and I think size wise I am the largest by any number of imaginations of the Council, I think that if there's a contest for the \$10,000, I just want to let the citizens of District A that they are well represented.

Councilman Green: Thank you and Councilman Lester, I would be with you, because my mama lives in your district.

Councilman Lester: Well, I got even more reason to run on.

Councilman Green: But I would just like to and again, I guess I'm gonna spend the rest of this meeting apologizing. I would like to publicly apologize to Councilman Hogan, because I had committed to voting with him on this until I got the document from Mr. Dark. And at this time, I would just ask (inaudible) my deepest apology, because I wouldn't think that since they got the \$10 (thousand), I would be willing for them to keep the \$10 (thousand) and we would keep our funds solid at the point where it is at this point and time. And that's basically what I would do. But I wouldn't want to go behind closed doors and say I'm sorry, but I would publicly apologize to you for what I said and at that particular time, that day, my vote was "Yes", but after receiving that document, I would have to vote "No".

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, may I make a comment? The question is on the amendment and we think the amendment is necessary is adopted, because there is not agreement attached to it.

**Motion by Councilman Gibson, seconded by Councilman Jackson to call for the question and end debate. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None.**

**Motion on Amendment No. 1 denied by the following vote: Nays: Councilmen Walford, Carmody, Gibson, and Green. 4. Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Hogan, and Jackson. 3.**

**Motion by Councilman Hogan, seconded by Councilman Walford to adopt Resolution No. 101 as amended. Motion denied by the following vote: Nays: Councilmen Walford, Carmody, Gibson, and Green. 4. Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Hogan, and Jackson. 3.**

#### RESOLUTION NO. 117 OF 2005

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR WITH THE SHREVEPORT OPERA GUILD RELATIVE TO THE PRODUCTION OF THE 31<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL LES BOUTIQUES DE NOEL AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

By: Councilman Monty Walford

**WHEREAS**, during the 6 days of Les Boutiques de Noel, over 100 merchants from Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Arizona, Mississippi, Virginia, California, Tennessee and Oklahoma will bring more than 10,000 shoppers to Expo Hall on the Shreveport Riverfront who will spend more than \$275,000, and

**WHEREAS**, the Les Boutiques de Noel sales will generate direct sales taxes for the City of Shreveport, and the out of town merchants and shoppers will generate additional sales taxes, hotel/motel taxes and Riverboat revenues for the City, and

**WHEREAS**, the Shreveport Opera Guild, a 501 (c) (3) organization, will provide the net proceeds of the event to the Shreveport Opera to produce operas and to produce education and music workshops for the citizens of Shreveport, and

**WHEREAS**, Les Boutiques de Noel provides an economic benefit to the citizens of Shreveport, and the operas and workshops sponsored by Shreveport Opera provide a cultural benefit to citizens of Shreveport and surrounding areas, and said activities and benefits constitute a public purpose, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Shreveport desires to participate with the Shreveport Opera Guild in the production of the 2005 Les Boutiques de Noel by providing the use of the Expo Hall for this event from Monday, November 14, 2005 through Saturday, November 18, 2005, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened that the Mayor of the City of Shreveport is authorized to execute an agreement with the Shreveport Opera Guild, in a form approved by the City Attorney, in which the City provides the use of the Expo Hall (the rental fee only) for the 2005 Les Boutiques de Noel, and in which the Shreveport Opera Guild agrees:

- 1) To provide the economic and cultural benefits described herein to the City, and
- 2) To provide the insurance and to pay for the other customary services and charges associated with the use of the facility.

**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 ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby declared severable and repealed.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Carmody to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 118 OF 2005

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SIGNATURE OF THE MAYOR ON A PERMANENT RIGHT OF WAY AND SERVITUDE DOCUMENT, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

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

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has been requested to grant a permanent Right of Way and Servitude to CenterPoint Energy in association with the installation of upgraded natural gas supply lines in the Quillen Road area, attached hereto as Exhibit A.

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

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Gibson, seconded by Councilman Carmody to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 119 OF 2005

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE SIGNATURE OF THE MAYOR ON SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 2 OF THE COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF LOUISIANA FOR THE PURPOSES OF HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, STATE PROJECT NOS. 001-02-0029 & 809-13-0001 (JEFFERSON PAIGE ROAD) AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (La. DOTD) previously entered into an Original Agreement on June 30, 2000 and Supplemental Agreement No. 1 on December 15, 2003 for the purposes of widening Jefferson Paige Road; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport and the La. DOTD wish to amend the original agreement and Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to correct Article VI, Construction Administration and Inspection and Article XIV, Final Inspection and Maintenance to state that the La. DOTD will provide both services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport executed Supplemental Agreement No. 2 of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement on or about June 13, 2005, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, it was subsequently discovered that a resolution was not adopted prior to the Mayor's execution of the abovementioned Supplemental Agreement No. 2.

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 signature on the abovementioned Supplemental Agreement No. 2 of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Shreveport and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

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 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 declared severable and repealed.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Green to adopt.

Councilman Gibson: Mr. Strong, could I ask you to come forward. I think when we have these pieces of legislation, it's always important to have a little bit of explanation for the public, because obviously anytime we can get additional dollars to improve infrastructure, and support. Mr. Strong, Good afternoon and how are you?

Mr. Strong: Fine.

Councilman Gibson: This particular legislation will --- monies will go to what?

Mr. Strong: This is the Jefferson Paige Road project. This is very similar to the Lakeshore extension and also the Colquitt Road, work that was done with the State. We had three supplemental agreements, and once we do this one, that will be the third vote that we're able to get through.

Councilman Gibson: Outstanding. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Lester: What's our timetable?

Mr. Strong: You're doing good on questions today Councilman.

Councilman Jackson: Yeah, and you're reading 'em just like you gave him.

Mr. Strong: I'm sorry. I do not know, but this is getting the ball rolling. So once it's pushed through, then we will start doing it. But I will get you a timetable and I do apologize.

Councilman Lester: That's alright. Thanks. You never apologize for building roads in District A.

**Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 120 OF 2005**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY FROM MCLEMORE-STEPHENSON CO., INC. AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO**

WHEREAS, McLemore-Stephenson Co., Inc., a Louisiana corporation, desires to give, grant, convey, donate, assign, set over and deliver unto the City of Shreveport immovable property having a municipal address of 1701 Kings Highway, Shreveport, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon, more particularly described in the Donation Inter Vivos attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport desires to accept this donation of immovable property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal and regular session convened, that Keith P. Hightower, Mayor, be and is hereby authorized to accept the donation of immovable property from McLemore-Stephenson Co., Inc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal and regular session convened, that Keith P. Hightower, Mayor, be and is hereby authorized and empowered to execute a Donation Inter Vivos, substantially in accordance with the document filed along with the original copy of this resolution in the Office of the Clerk of Council on July 5, 2005, attached hereto as Exhibit A.

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

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

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Gibson to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None.**

7. **Resolution No. 121 of 2005**: Consenting to the assignment and change of control of the City's Cable Television system franchise, to authorize the Mayor to execute agreements, relative thereto, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Green to postpone.**

Councilman Walford: Just one bit of discussion. I think Ms. Hall is here. I would like to see a more detailed audited statement of revenue for the City of Shreveport. What we've got is a cover letter from Ernst & Young saying that the attached statements, but what I get is not a financial statement that I've ever seen. It's just a statement. It says revenue for the City of Shreveport - \$X. Could we get a little more definitive or detailed statement of revenue for the last two years? Where it came from, what services generate what?

Ms. Hall: I haven't had a chance to check with the financial people about that since you and I talked at noon. But I will look at what we can provide and get back with you on that.

Councilman Walford: And I understand that your folks are reviewing the contract anyway, so we're not really delaying unnecessarily. But I've talked to a couple of the other Council Members and if you could just get us that. And if you need to call me, you know you can always get me. We'll discuss what's there and you can fax it. Just something accompanying that cover letter with a little more detail.

Ms. Hall: I will look into and see what we can get for you.

Councilman Green: My question would be if the cable bill will go up any higher, and how much higher and why is it so high. Those would be my questions that I would ask.

Ms. Hall: There are a lot of expenses that go into delivering the product to the customers and the cable service. Programming costs, costs for personnel, costs for gasoline for trucks, to maintain the plant. Obviously, we're in a competitive business. We try to keep the cost as reasonable as we can for customers, because it's a competitive factor for us. But as the costs go up like every time a major sports figure, gets a multi-million contract, we can be sure that our ESPN rates are going up. So as these costs go up, like any business, we have to cover the expenses with what we charge.

Councilman Green: Thank you. I'd like to have that in writing.

Councilman Jackson: I'm thinking in this presentation, one of the reasons that we are postponing, I'm in favor of postponing is because Ms. Glass has prepared some information. And we were agreeing to vote on something, but your folks didn't agree to it, it wouldn't really matter much as we've voted on today.

Ms. Hall: That's true.

Councilman Jackson: So, I think if we could get caught up in this process where your side has responded to basically what we've submitted, I've said with Ms. Glass, my concern not only, outside of the issue of rates and those things, but anytime we're changing from one company to another company, I don't know that it's reasonable to believe there's absolutely no change. Because if there's absolutely no change, then why change the company. And so we're obviously moving to what my concern is, the levels of service that we have, are we going to maintain the level of service that we have, because once we reach that agreement, then if we don't say this, then you're not bound to that. So, I just want be sure that in that language in the contract, that we are able to assure the citizens that if any thing we get better and not regress at all, but if anything we get better of the move. I know that when you start talking about call centers for a large company like Time Warner, and sometimes things happen for an economic reasons. So, I'm concerned about the citizens not being for lack of a better term victimized with getting any less than they currently have, because nobody expects to pay any less. I think they even anticipate, you know,

as time goes on as history as taught us that there will be an increase from time to time as you said, what do you call service or whatever the new channel or whatever added that cost more. I just want to make sure that we have some reasonable assurances in the documents that we receive from you all that we can expect to maintain the same level of service even though we don't keep the same name and we keep the same types of products we have now for the same price.

Mrs. Hall: And in the transfer agreement the Comcast organization subsidiary would be bound by the same franchise agreement as Time Warner Cable has been, because they would simply assume all of the obligations of that franchise document. Comcast is the largest cable operator in the United States with an excellent reputation in terms of customer service and technology development delivering state of the art products to their customers. So, it is a company with a very good reputation.

Councilman Jackson: I recognize that the franchise agreement will have to be the same kind of agreement.

Mrs. Hall: Right.

Councilman Jackson: But as I'm sure, and I may be wrong, you can correct me. In the franchise agreement it doesn't detail a level of service with regards to the number of channels people have become accustomed to those kinds of things and I might add, you know, the time that the speed and repetitive which repairs are made at the outages because of the weather and all those kinds of things obviously we're not asking for unreasonable assurances. But just reasonable assurances that people can expect to maintain the current level meaning the quality of option that we currently have in packages and those kinds of things that it will not become a regressive situation where we end up with less than what we started.

Mrs. Hall: Right, and Comcast has an excellent reputation on the customer service front.

Councilman Jackson: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Councilman Green: Thank you. Mr. Carmody.

Councilman Carmody: Thank you, ma'am. I'll go with the ma'am. Thank you, ma'am. Y'all I'm glad to hear that Comcast is the largest operator in the United States and that y'all proud yourself with customer service. One of the benefits of actually serving in public office is that we get an opportunity to ask the questions to person like yourself that represent those entities that provide services back to the customer like myself, and have our input relayed. I do not understand why our cable service provider can not provide a cafeteria type plan, the infrastructure is in place that you are purchasing that Time Warner has installed, and as opposed to buying a basic plan and then you jump up and I don't want to embarrass anybody, but there are a number of these channels that come in the - and I don't have any of the premium channels, but they have no interest to me nor my household, okay. And it just is a waste of time to scroll through and I want to say that it was 76 channels that I came across, one of them was a test pattern, got to like that always want to check your color. But, if y'all have the ability to provide the service and to do it such that the customer can basically detail those channels that they would like to subscribe to I would encourage you to do that. And the reason I say that is, I've watched my bill just like everyone of these other gentlemen that are subscribers, creep, creep, creep, creep, creep, and it really makes no difference to me that the newest thing on the block got a big signing bonus to play with every sport he plays and that ESPN passes a law to y'all, I might not like sports or athletic and so I don't need ESPN, with a one or an ESPN two. But in order to get the History Channel I got to subscribe to the whole shooting match, okay. So again, there are few times that I take advantage of the (inaudible) that I see it in, this one I am just doing in the sense of asking you as a customer, for you to relate back to the purchaser of this system that I would feel more comfortable in writing that check every month, and I know that y'all are buying Time Warner to lose money, but for God sakes if y'all truly have the newest technology and you pride yourself on customer services, show us.

Mrs. Hall: And there are - there certainly issues related to the (inaudible) kind of purchasing that you are referring to -

Councilman Carmody: And remember, I was here when there was only three channels and we have one that came in periodically when the weather was wrong.

Councilman Gibson: Is that the History Channel.

Councilman Carmody: No, no that was actually -

Unknown Name: No that is history.

Councilman Carmody: That was channel six. Yeah, that is history. That was an NBC affiliate.

Mrs. Hall: But one of the problems with the (inaudible) pricing is that from the economics of it, you will end up paying for more in general for this than the package you process that we have know. The GAO has studied this at the request of Congress, and in looking at it that they found that to be the case that packaging it even though it may include channels you don't watch is the most economic way to provide the service to the customers.

Councilman Carmody: I appreciate that, but let me reiterate I found little satisfaction in deleting channels that I don't care to watch and knowing that I'm paying for them.

Mrs. Hall: And I understand your comment.

Councilman Carmody: and in the same way that if I wanted a premium channel and HBO and Cinemax, I understand that there is a cost associated with getting it but for the life of me QVC, I'm sorry it's just not something that any of us bothering watching. And the test pattern that's great, you know, nice to sit and check the color on the set. But it just makes no sense to me that every year rubber stamp, here's your increase kind of end up getting like the water around here. So, thank you Mr. Chairman. Please communicate my thoughts back, I appreciate where you coming from.

Mrs. Hall: I will.

Councilman Green: Thank you. Mr. Lester.

Councilman Lester: This message brought to you by Thomas Carmody for public servicing.

Councilman Carmody: Hey.

Councilman Lester: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Walford: Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Green: Yes sir.

Councilman Walford: If I could make one more comment. You and I first got to know each other after the big storm, if you will recall. We had to have to some conversation because I was getting beat to death. Your telephone service must have improved substantially after we had the outage a while back when the whole eastside of town was out and I didn't get any phone calls. So please I hope that Comcast is going to have their call center more functional than what you had after the big storm, because I think you got a number of those calls.

Councilman Carmody: Oh, my God.

Councilman Walford: So, please keep up what ever that level they've gone to so that we don't get ~ (inaudible)

Councilman Carmody: It was Atlanta if I recall, it was Atlanta. Yeah.

Councilman Walford: Yeah, please make sure Com Cast has a good and it's in the contract as I read it. That you're supposed to provide a effective service. But that is really an issue to people and, like I say, one lady even came to my house.

Councilman Green: One last - Mr. Mayor, I was on the Council at the time when we extended the contract, I think for 20 years, because you all were doing some major renovations. And my questions would be, will that same thing, that contract be in place as to the amount of years?

Mayor Hightower: I think all, and Julie I think can answer that probably more definitively than I can, but all we're doing is transferring a current contract from Time Warner to Com Cast.

Councilman Green: Okay.

Mayor Hightower: And all the provisions will stay the same, as Councilman Jackson said, service could not go beyond or the below the current threshold and hopefully as many of you have asked, we're hoping that that service will improve and we can't promise anything about the rates, but again, I think it should be made clear to the general public that this Council and this Administration don't have any control over the rates. That's something that as a private sector franchisee that Time Warner and Com Cast have to do. But one thing that I would ask though is to keep my favorite Channels on the air. 3, 12, and 6.

Councilman Carmody: They don't have them across the river.

Councilman Green: Do you know basically how far we are into the contract? Some years ago?

Ms. Hall: I think that the contract expires in 2012 as I recall.

Councilman Green: Thank you very much. Mr. Thompson?

Mr. Thompson: I believe it was to vote on to postpone?

Councilman Walford: Right.

**Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None.**

#### RESOLUTION NO. 123 OF 2005

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH THE LOUISIANA STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Firemen's Association (L.S.F.A.) is a statewide organization consisting of more than 350 fire departments and over 12,000 members; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the L.S.F.A. is to secure protection for and to promote the best interest of fire service personnel and to establish and conduct an organized training program for Louisiana firefighters; and

WHEREAS, the organization has selected the City of Shreveport as the site for it's 100<sup>th</sup> annual conference, July 28-30, 2005; and

WHEREAS, conference activities and events are to be held at the L. Calhoun Allen Exposition Hall and Festival Plaza; and

WHEREAS, conference organizers estimate that out of town visitors and guests to the conference will be in excess of 1,000 persons resulting in a significant economic impact to the City due to hotel room rentals, food sales, etc; and

WHEREAS, in addition to other activities, the conference will offer training sessions on current fire service issues and a display and demonstration of the latest state of the art fire and safety equipment which is a public purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal and regular session convened, that the Mayor is authorized to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana State Firemen's Association relative to the organization's 100<sup>th</sup> annual conference, substantially in accordance with the draft thereof which was filed for public inspection with the original of this resolution in the Office of the Clerk of Council on July 12, 2005.

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 application 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 declared repealed.

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Carmody, seconded by Councilman Jackson to adopt.**

*The Clerk read the following:*

#### **AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 123 OF 2005**

1) Amend the NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED paragraph to now read as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal and regular session convened, that the Mayor is authorized to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana State Firemen's Association relative to the organization's 100<sup>th</sup> annual conference, substantially in accordance with the draft thereof which was filed for public inspection with the original of this resolution in the Office of the Clerk of Council on July 12, 2005 in which the City provides use of Expo Hall and Festival Plaza to L.S.F.A., at no charge, July 28-30, 2005, in conjunction with the organization's 100<sup>th</sup> annual conference and L.S.F.A. agrees:

- 1) To provide the economic and cultural benefits described herein to the City; and
- 2) To provide insurance for use of Expo Hall and Festival Plaza in accordance with City policy;
- 3) To pay for other customary services and charges associated with use of the said facilities.

- 2) Amend Section I.B. of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement to add Section 7 to read as follows:  
I. SCOPE OF SERVICES

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- B. L.S.F.A. Agrees

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7. L.S.F.A.'s event will generate additional sales taxes and hotel/motel taxes for the City.

Motion by Councilman Carmody, seconded by Councilman Lester to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Resolution No. 123 of 2005. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None.

Motion by Councilman Gibson, seconded by Councilman Hogan to adopt Resolution No. 123 as amended. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 125 of 2005

A resolution finding and determining that no petition had been filed objecting to the proposed issuance of not exceeding Seventy Five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000) of Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana, authorizing the issuance of the bonds within certain parameters, authorizing the officials of the Council to proceed with the preparation of the documents required for the issuance of such Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2005 this Council of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), adopted a resolution declaring its intention to issue not exceeding Seventy Five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000) of Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds of the Issuer (the "Bonds"), in accordance with the provisions of Part XIII, Chapter 4, Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (the "Act"), and other constitutional and statutory authority, to mature over a period of time not to exceed twenty five (25) years from the date of their issuance, and bear interest at a rate or rates not exceeding six percent (6%) per annum, and authorized the publication of a Notice of Intention in connection therewith; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions as set out above, on June 27, 2005, the State Bond Commission approved the contents of the Notice of Intention, which Notice of Intention was published once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks in the "The Times", a newspaper of general circulation in the Parish of Caddo and being the official journal of the Governing Authority, namely on June 28, 2005, July 5, 2005, July 12, 2005 and July 19, 2005; and

WHEREAS, said Notice of Intention included a general description of the Bonds and the security therefor and set forth a date and time (July 26, 2005, at 3:00 o'clock p.m.) when this Council would meet in open and public session to hear any objections or receive any petitions to the proposed issuance of the Bonds without the holding of an election thereon; and

WHEREAS, on said date and time a public hearing was held and no one offered any objections of any kind to the issuance of the proposed Bonds or presented or had filed any petition or written objections pertaining to the issuance of the proposed bonds; and

WHEREAS, it is now the desire of this Council to authorize such further action as may be required to proceed with the issuance of the Bonds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the Issuer, that:

SECTION 1. All of the findings of fact made and set forth in the preamble to this resolution be and the same are hereby declared to be true and correct and it is hereby further found and determined that the Issuer, acting through its Governing Authority, is authorized to issue and does hereby approve the issuance of not exceeding Seventy Five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000) of Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana, in accordance with the Act and the aforesaid Notice of Intention issued pursuant thereto without the necessity of the holding of an election on the question of the issuance of such Bonds. The Bonds will mature no later than twenty five (25) years from the date thereof and bear interest at a rate not to exceed six percent (6%) per annum. Further details of the Bonds will be set forth in a subsequent resolution or ordinance of this Governing Authority.

SECTION 2. That the Mayor or Chairman and Clerk of Council of the Issuer are authorized and empowered to take any and all further action and to sign any and all documents, instruments and writings as may be necessary to carry out the proposes of this Resolution and to file on behalf of the Issuer, with any governmental board or entity having jurisdiction over the Project such applications or requests for approval thereof as may be required by law, including an application to the State Bond Commission for approval of the financing and consent to issue, sell and deliver the Bonds.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Walford to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 126 OF 2005

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENTION OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT ("THE CITY") TO PROCEED WITH FINANCING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE MILLION DOLLARS (\$125,000,000) FOR THE REFINANCING OF CERTAIN OUTSTANDING WATER AND SEWER REVENUE BONDS OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND FINANCING THE COSTS OF ACQUIRING AND CONSTRUCTING IMPROVEMENTS, ENLARGEMENTS AND UPGRADES TO THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, by prior resolution, the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana (the "City") became a participating political subdivision and member of the Louisiana Local Government Environmental and Community Development Authority (the "Authority"); and

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport desires to proceed with a financing through the Authority in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Twenty-Five Million Dollars (\$125,000,000), in a manner and structure to be determined by subsequent resolution, to refinance certain outstanding Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds of the City of Shreveport and paying the cost of the acquisition and construction of improvements, enlargements and upgrades to its Water and Sewer System (collectively, the "Project").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, acting as the governing authority thereof, that:

Section 1: The City is authorized to proceed with a financing through the Authority in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Twenty-Five Million Dollars (\$125,000,000), represented by the issuance of the Authority's bonds on behalf of the City (the "Bonds") to provide fund to finance the Project.

Section 2: The structure, terms and conditions of any such borrowing by the City shall be determined by subsequent resolution of the City Council, provided, however, that the term of said borrowing shall not exceed thirty (30) years from their date of issuance and if issued as variable rate bonds will bear interest at a variable rate not to exceed 12% per annum and if issued as fixed rate bonds will bear interest at a fixed rate not to exceed 7%.

Section 3: Prior to the issuance of the Bonds, the City anticipates that it may pay a portion of the costs of the Project from other available funds. Upon issuance of the Bonds, the City reasonably expects to reimburse said expenditures from the proceeds of the Bonds. Any such allocation of the proceeds of the Bonds for reimbursement will be made with respect to the capital expenditures (as defined in Treasury Regulation 1.150-1(h) and will be made upon the delivery of the Bonds and not later than one year after the date of (i) the date such expenditure was made or (ii) the date improvements were placed in service. This resolution is intended to be a declaration of intent to reimburse in accordance with the provisions of the Treasury Regulation 1.150-2.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby authorizes and directs its Mayor, Chief Administrative Officer, Director of Finance, Clerk and such other officials of the City to do any and all things necessary and incidental to carry out the provisions of this resolution.

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 to be severable.

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

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Jackson to adopt.**

Councilman Gibson: Thank you Mr. Chair. Yesterday at yesterday's work session, I'd asked the Administration and I think you're going through a process. It says "intention" to look at some things to proceed with refinancing - are we going to be - I had requested to get some information regarding where we are currently with this (inaudible)? Do we have a time frame of when we could get that information? Or is that going to be contingent on as you move forward to see how -?

Mr. Dark: As I appreciate it, there will be other instruments that will be required in order to do any of this. And those tend to come with them with (inaudible) savings and what exactly we're refunding and all that. This is a general resolution and it does no more than that.

Councilman Gibson: And again, I'm getting educated. I appreciate that

Mr. Dark: Right, well as am I on this one.

Councilman Gibson: And is this two months, three months? Do we have a time frame that we're looking at or is it kinda floating type deal?

Mayor Hightower: They're watching the rates, looking at the possibilities. And as Mr. Dark said, before any action would be taken, bonds refinanced, it would have to come back before the Council.

Councilman Gibson: Thank you Mayor, thank you Mr. Dark, thank you Mr. Chair.

**Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None.**

#### RESOLUTION NO. 127 OF 2005

**A RESOLUTION SUSPENDING THE EFFECTS OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 10 RELATIVE TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND CHAPTER 106 RELATIVE TO ZONING FOR SAM'S TOWN CASINO LOCATED AT 315 CLYDE FANT MEMORIAL PARKWAY AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

By: Councilman Monty Walford

**WHEREAS**, Sam's Town Casino located at 315 Clyde Fant Memorial Parkway will host an outdoor party, south of valet parking lot and north of Hollywood Casino in front of the Casino, each Monday in the months of August and September; and

**WHEREAS**, the establishment desires to dispense, and allow the consumption and sale of alcoholic beverages on the parking lot of the establishment, between the hours of 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 106-130(6) provides that unless otherwise excepted, all uses shall be operated entirely within a completely enclosed structure; and

**WHEREAS**, any special exception approval granted to the establishment for alcoholic beverage sales, consumption and/or dispensing does not specifically authorize outside sales and/or consumption on the premises; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 10-80(a) makes it unlawful for any person to sell, barter, exchange or otherwise dispose of alcoholic beverages except within those sections of the city wherein such sale is permitted by the applicable zoning ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, Section Chapter 10-103(a)(5) provides that the city council may suspend or revoke any permit if a retailer allows any person to consume any alcoholic beverage on the licensed premises or on any parking lot or open or closed space within or contiguous to the licensed premises without a proper license; and

**WHEREAS**, the adoption of this resolution would allow the dispensing, sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages on the parking lot of Sam's Town Casino located at 315 Clyde Fant Memorial Parkway, south of the valet parking lot and north of Hollywood Casino in front of the Casino, each Monday in the month of August and September.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened Section 106-130(6), 10-103(a)(5) and 10-80(a) are hereby suspended each Monday in the months of August and September 2005 for an outdoor party, south of the valet parking lot and north of Hollywood Casino in front of the Casino, between the hours of 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m., at Sam's Town Casino, 315 Clyde Fant Memorial Parkway.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all other applicable provisions of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances shall remain in full force and effect.

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

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

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Gibson to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 128 OF 2005**

**A RESOLUTION SUSPENDING THE EFFECTS OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 10 RELATIVE TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON SEPTEMBER 3, 2005 RELATIVE TO DISPENSING, SALE AND/OR CONSUMPTION OF LOW ALCOHOLIC CONTENT BEVERAGES AT 805 BROOK HOLLOW DRIVE AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**BY: COUNCILMAN MIKE GIBSON**

**WHEREAS**, the River Cities Chapter, Inc. intends to sponsor a fund raising activity on September 3, 2005 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the Shreveport Harley-Davidson dealership located at 805 Brook Hollow Drive; and

**WHEREAS**, the proceeds of the event will benefit the River Cities Chapter, Inc., a non-profit organization; and

**WHEREAS**, the River Cities Chapter, Inc. intends to dispense and allow the sale and consumption of low content alcoholic beverages at the Shreveport Harley-Davidson dealership at 805 Brook Hollow Drive during the event; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 10-80(a) makes it unlawful for any person to dispense alcoholic beverages except within those sections of the city wherein such sale is permitted by the applicable zoning ordinance, Section 10-190(a) prohibits consumption of alcoholic beverages on the parking lot of a business or on other property of a business where said property is open to the public, Section 106-130(6) provides that unless otherwise excepted, all uses shall be operated entirely within a completely enclosed structure, and Section 10-81 provides that Section 10-41 (requiring a retail dealer's permit) shall not apply to a bona fide nonprofit event meeting the requirements of this section, only when it is held within the confines of an enclosed building; and

**WHEREAS**, the adoption of this resolution would allow the River Cities Chapter, Inc. to dispense and sell and its patrons to purchase and consume low alcoholic content alcoholic beverages at the Shreveport Harley-Davidson dealership located at 805 Brook Hollow Drive during the event.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that Sections 10-80(a), 10-81, 10-190(a) and 106-130(6) are hereby suspended on September 3, 2005 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to allow for the dispensing, sale, and consumption of low alcoholic content beverages at the Shreveport Harley-Davidson dealership located at 805 Brook Hollow Drive.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all other applicable provisions of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances shall remain in full force and effect.

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

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 129 OF 2005**

**A RESOLUTION SUSPENDING THE EFFECTS OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 10 RELATIVE TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON OCTOBER 13 THROUGH 16, 2005 RELATIVE TO DISPENSING, SALE AND/OR CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT 805 BROOK HOLLOW DRIVE AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**BY: COUNCILMAN MIKE GIBSON**

**WHEREAS**, the River Cities Chapter, Inc. intends to sponsor a fund raising activity on October 13<sup>th</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup>, 2005 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. at the Shreveport Harley-Davidson dealership located at 805 Brook Hollow Drive; and

**WHEREAS**, the proceeds of the event will benefit the River Cities Chapter, Inc., a non-profit organization; and

WHEREAS, the River Cities Chapter, Inc. intends to dispense and allow the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages at the Shreveport Harley-Davidson dealership at 805 Brook Hollow Drive during the event; and

WHEREAS, Section 10-80(a) makes it unlawful for any person to dispense alcoholic beverages except within those sections of the city wherein such sale is permitted by the applicable zoning ordinance, Section 10-190(a) prohibits consumption of alcoholic beverages on the parking lot of a business or on other property of a business where said property is open to the public, Section 106-130(6) provides that unless otherwise excepted, all uses shall be operated entirely within a completely enclosed structure, and Section 10-81 provides that Section 10-41 (requiring a retail dealer's permit) shall not apply to a bona fide nonprofit event meeting the requirements of this section, only when it is held within the confines of an enclosed building; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of this resolution would allow the River Cities Chapter, Inc. to dispense and sell and its patrons to purchase and consume alcoholic beverages at the Shreveport Harley-Davidson dealership located at 805 Brook Hollow Drive during the event.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that Sections 10-80(a), 10-81, 10-190(a) and 106-130(6) are hereby suspended on October 13<sup>th</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup>, 2005 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. to allow for the dispensing, sale, and consumption of alcoholic beverages at the Shreveport Harley-Davidson dealership located at 805 Brook Hollow Drive.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other applicable provisions of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances shall remain in full force and effect.

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

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

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Gibson, seconded by Councilman Walford to adopt Resolutions No. 128 and 129 of 2005.**

Councilman Carmody: Gentlemen, I just wanted to ask. I think that we have a provision that allows for special event type activities. And if I'm not mistaken, it's either 11 or 13 through the year. Have we checked? Because I do know 805 Brook Hollow Drive, we do these on a regular basis. Are we outside of what they are granted already, and then that's why we're having to -

Mayor Hightower: Mr. Chairman, those special event permits are for places such as a bar to hold an event inside a bar. Something that's legal during any regular business day.

Councilman Carmody: For them to take it outside and consume it?

Mayor Hightower: Right, coming outside of what can go on in a regular business day deems Council approval.

Councilman Carmody: Is there any regulation then as far as the business is not permitted to dispense or to sell and/or consume alcohol outside as far as a regulation of the number of events they can hold at that particular address?

Mayor Hightower: I don't believe there is.

Councilman Carmody: Is the City Attorney here?

Ms. Glass: Well Mr. Chairman, I have helped share and work on this. And I think Cpl Collins is shaking his head. I was thinking that the limit was on the number of bona fide private parties you could have.

Mayor Hightower: That's right.

Ms. Glass: Is that correct? But this is not a bona fide private party.

Cpl. Collins: There is also a stipulation about limit on Non-Profit Organization, which this one is a non-profit organization, and it falls under that which there is a limit of 10 per year.

Councilman Gibson: One of my colleagues Councilman Hogan, had asked what the fundraising was, but they're raising money for Muscular Dystrophy, and so they've been doing this on an annual basis, and raised some significant dollars for the Labor Day Telethon that takes place.

Councilman Hogan: I had one other question. Thank you Mr. Chairman. Councilman Gibson, you had mentioned something during the work session about all the times this year, that they've asked for this and received this request -

Councilman Gibson: Well actually, since I've been a Councilman, I think there's been about four requests this year. But there's been multiple since I've been a Councilman.

Councilman Hogan: And you had expressed that you had talked to or you were going to talk to the people at Harley Davidson about the frequency of this type of thing. Did you have that conversation?

Councilman Gibson: I have had that conversation.

Councilman Hogan: How did it go?

Councilman Gibson: And their non-profit board is going to take that under advisement. They do not want to abuse the privileges that they're asking of the Council. And that they plan on bringing something forth for the 2006 year that will be I think will be amenable for this Council that will be less frequent requests. Because again, of all the organizations that we get a request and what my message was to the Harley Davidson group and their non-profit organization was that at least my observation, this is the most frequent request that this Council has taken under advisement, and I think that there comes a point and time, that you have to be, you have to prioritize what you want to do. And they are very much sensitive to that and they appreciate the feedback from this Council.

Councilman Walford: Though I think it's important to point out, it's not a place where we've ever had a problem.

Councilman Gibson: No, it is not. But the fact being is I would feel more comfortable because of the concerns of this collective body on these types of requests. And I think everybody is on the same page regarding this situation. That being frugal, and I guess looking at what is a priority and what's not. And not doing - I don't want to see it, as I said to them, I don't want to see this turn into a every other week or monthly type deal, because

I think there's other ways to accomplish what they're trying to do. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

**Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None.**

#### INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS:

1. **Resolution No. 130 of 2005:** A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Southern University Shreveport Foundation relative to the Southern University Gentlemen's Cooking Classic and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Walford)
2. **Resolution No. 132 of 2005:** A resolution authorizing the execution of a cooperative endeavor agreement with the James Burton International Guitar Festival and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
3. **Resolution No. 133 of 2005:** A resolution authorizing the execution of a cooperative endeavor agreement with Dan E. Newman relative to "Fanfest" activities in conjunction with the 2005 Arena Cup Conference Championship Football Game and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
4. **Resolution No. 135 of 2005:** A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute an addendum to the agreement dated June 14, 2005, between the City of Shreveport and Walton Construction Company, L.L.C. of Kansas, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Carmody, seconded by Councilman Gibson to introduce Resolution No(s). to lay over until August 9, 2005 meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None.**

Councilman Hogan: I just wanted to ask Mr. Carmody, if he was going to be participating in the cooking at Southern over there. Will you be preparing any food for this?

Councilman Gibson: If - I don't want to incriminate myself.

Councilman Hogan: I'm sorry, Councilman Jackson.

Councilman Carmody: Don't give your recipes away!

Councilman Hogan: Councilman Jackson, I meant. But the glare from the head.

Councilman Gibson: Now again, I'm going to take exception to those beauty marks that my colleague and I have.

Councilman Hogan: But Councilman Jackson is who I intended to question for? Will you be participating?

Councilman Jackson: Yeah, if you come. I want to make sure everybody buys a ticket and goes. Because I'll have a "Jackson Surprise". If you'll just go, you'll find out. So everybody wants to know, I'm holding it close to the vest until such time.

Councilman Gibson: Now wait a minute Councilman Jackson. Mayor Hightower said you were the High Hurdle, now you're going to be Chef Jackson?

Councilman Jackson: Yes sir.

Councilman Walford: I just want Mr. Hogan to know that I will be there, and I would welcome him at my booth, but I would suggest prior to that he find one of the dispensers of cooling beverages before he tries my secret recipe.

Councilman Lester: Mr. Chairman, not only will I be there, I'll be cooking live. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

#### INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

1. **Ordinance No. 105 of 2005:** Amending and reenacting section 10-82 of the Code of Ordinances relative to prohibitions on the location of premises licensed to deal in alcoholic beverages and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
2. **Ordinance No. 106 of 2005:** ZONING - C-42-05: Amending a certain provision of Section 106-22 of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances, the zoning Ordinance; To repeal Resolution Number 111 of 2005 relative to an appeals fee exemption for certain individuals and organizations; and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
3. **Ordinance No. 107 of 2005:** ZONING - C-60-05: Amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport zoning ordinance, by rezoning property located on northeasterly corner of North Market and North Hearne, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from B-2, Neighborhood Business District, to B-3, Community Business District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Lester)
4. **Ordinance No. 108 of 2005:** ZONING - C-54-05: Amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport zoning ordinance, by rezoning property located on the southeast corner of Jordan Street and Line Avenue, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from B-2, Neighborhood Business District, to B-2-E, Neighborhood Business District Extended Use District **LIMITED TO "A RESIDENTIAL LODGING FACILITY", ONLY**, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Walford)
5. **Ordinance No. 109 of 2005:** ZONING - C-55-05: Amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport zoning ordinance, by rezoning property located on the north side of Pecan Drive, 460 feet east of Winterwood Drive, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-1D, Urban, One-Family Residence District, to R1D-E, Urban One-Family Residence/Extended Use District, Limited to "A Machine Shop" only, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Gibson)
6. **Ordinance No. 110 of 2005:** ZONING - C-56-05: Amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport zoning ordinance, by rezoning property located on the southwest corner of Bert Kouns and Wallace Lake Road, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from B-2, Neighborhood Business District, and R-A, Residence Agriculture District, to B-3, Community Business District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Gibson)
7. **Ordinance No. 111 of 2005:** ZONING - C-57-05: Amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport zoning ordinance, by rezoning property located on west side of Mansfield Road 700

feet south of Hayes Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-1D, Urban, One-Family District, and R-3, Urban, Multiple-Family Residence District, to B-3, Community Business District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (E/Hogan)

8. **Ordinance No. 112 of 2005**: ZONING - C-58-05: Amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport zoning ordinance, by rezoning property located on the northeast corner of Wildwood and Greenwood Road Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-A, Residence Agriculture District, and I-1, Light Industrial District, to R-1D, Urban, One-Family Residence District, and B-2, Neighborhood Business District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (G/Jackson)
9. **Ordinance No. 116 of 2005**: An ordinance to amend and reenact Chapter 6 of the Code of Ordinances relative to alarms and otherwise provide with respect thereto.
10. **Ordinance No. 117 of 2005**: An Ordinance to amend section 42-357 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport by deleting the prohibition on the drilling of oil and gas wells within 1000 feet of Cross Lake, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Gibson, seconded by Councilman Jackson to introduce Ordinance No(s). 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 116, and 117 of 2005 to lay over until August 9, 2005 meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None.

#### INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

1. **Ordinance No. 113 of 2005**: Declaring certain City-Owned Property to be surplus property; Authorizing the sale of the said property to the Red Ball Oxygen Co., Inc., and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (*Fire Station No. 13*)
2. **Ordinance No. 114 of 2005**: Authorizing the lease of City-Owned Property to Cedar Grove Affirms Real Effort Neighborhood Association (C.A.R.E) and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
3. **Ordinance No. 115 of 2005**: Declaring certain City-Owned Property to be surplus property; Authorizing the donation of some or all of the property; Authorizing the Mayor to execute all documents relative to the donation of some or all of the property; Authorizing the Purchasing Agent to solicit bids for the remaining property; and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (*SNAP I and SNAP II*)

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Gibson, seconded by Councilman Jackson to introduce Ordinance No(s). 113, 114, and 115 of 2005 to lay over until August 23, 2005 meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None.

#### ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE

1. **Ordinance No. 28 of 2005**: Amending Chapter 14 of the Code of Ordinances, styled Animals, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (F/Green) (Postponed - July 12, 2005)

Having passed first reading on March 8, 2005 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Hogan to postpone.

Councilman Green: Mr. David Cox was supposed to have been here today to give us an overview. The legislation is ready and so, hopefully within the next Council meeting we'll be ready to vote.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None.

2. **Ordinance No. 83 of 2005**: Authorizing the purchasing agent to dispose of surplus real property and otherwise providing with respect thereto. *Claiborne Ave* (B/Walford) (Postponed B July 12, 2005)

Having passed first reading on May 24, 2005 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Gibson to adopt.

Councilman Jackson: Mr. Chairman, I had a question. On yesterday, we talked about disposing of some of these properties. There is also an issue with regards to I just read, I guess it was yesterday about shotgun houses and it anticipated that the Council would be dealing with those kinds of things as something that we dealt with. I intended on yesterday to have some conversation with regard to that. Can maybe Mr. Walford or Mr. Lester knows a little bit about it. I think they may have been or Mr. Lester at least, talking in that particular story. I just wanted to see if in fact it was, in fact one of these on our agenda?

Councilman Lester: What were you asking?

Councilman Jackson: About those shotgun houses. I was thinking it was for introduction.

Councilman Lester: Right, it is.

Councilman Jackson: Okay. It's 115?

Councilman Lester: Right, right. SNAP I and SNAP II.

Mr. Dark: It's for introduction and action on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Councilman Lester: Most of which are in the area in Allendale called the hill? And on Sprague Street.

Councilman Jackson: But we can't deal with it before August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Councilman Lester: Right, right.

Councilman Green: Did you want to buy one?

Councilman Jackson: No, I want to get one donated.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None.

3. **Ordinance No. 101 of 2005:** ANNEXATION B Tag No. 04-03. Enlarging the limits and boundaries of the City of Shreveport B A tract of land located along the Woolworth and Buncombe Roads in portions of Sections 3, 4, 9, and 10 (T16N-R15W) Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (G/Jackson)

Having passed first reading on June 28, 2005 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Gibson to postpone. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None.

4. **Ordinance No. 102 of 2005:** An Ordinance to amend Section 38-41 of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances relative to Housing and Property Standards and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (Postponed - July 12, 2005)

Having passed first reading on June 28, 2005 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Gibson to postpone. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None.

5. **Ordinance No. 103 of 2005:** Declaring the City's interest in certain adjudicated properties as surplus and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (A/Lester/D/Gibson/F/Green)

Having passed first reading on July 12, 2005 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Gibson, seconded by Councilman Carmody to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None.

6. **Ordinance No. 104 of 2005:** Amending the 2005 Capital Improvements Budget.

Having passed first reading on July 12, 2005 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Carmody to adopt. *The Clerk read the following:*

Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance 104 of 2005  
AMEND THE ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1**

In Program E, decrease the "Total - All Program E Projects" by \$788,500.

In Program L, decrease the "Total - All Program L Projects" by \$100.

Decrease the "Grand Total - 2005 Change" by \$18,800.

Decrease the "Grand Total - All Projects" by \$807,400.

**Section 2**

In Program D, decrease the adopting ordinance appropriation for **Brush Bayou Drainage (01D002)** by \$33,000. Funding source is 1999 GOB, Prop. 10 (Drainage).

In Program F, decrease the adopting ordinance appropriation for **Southern Hills Interceptor (99F005)** by \$218,000. Funding sources are Water & Sewer Revenues \$118,000 and 1990-A URB \$100,000. Decrease the appropriation for **Stoner Lift Station Improvements (01F004)** by \$200,000. Funding source is 2000-A URB.

In Program I, change the funding sources for **Fire Equipment Replacement (01I002)**. Increase 1998 GOB, Prop. 1 by \$30,000 and decrease 1999 GOB, Prop. 1 by the same amount.

**Section 3**

In Program F, decrease the appropriation for **Lucas WWTP Air Conditioning System Rehab (98F009)** by \$500,200. Funding sources are Water & Sewer Revenues \$240,000, 1991-A URB \$60,200 and 1994-A URB \$200,000. Increase the appropriation for **Lucas and North Regional WWTP Expansion (00F001)** by \$500,200. Funding sources are Water & Sewer Revenues \$240,000, 1991-A URB \$60,200 and 1994-A URB \$200,000.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

Motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Carmody to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 104 of 2005. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None.

Amendment No. 2 to Ordinance No. 104 of 2005

AMEND THE ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS:

In Program H (Airports):

Decrease the appropriation for **Radar Equipment for Downtown Airport (03H002)** by \$95,000. Funding source is Shreveport Airport Authority.

Increase the appropriation for **Install Guidance Signs - Downtown Airport (04H001)** by \$95,000. Funding source is Shreveport Airport Authority.

Motion by Councilman Carmody, seconded by Councilman Walford to adopt Amendment No. 2 to Ordinance No. 104 of 2005. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None.

**Motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Carmody to adopt Ordinance No. 104 of 2005 as amended.**

Councilman Gibson: Mr. Chair. I mean, I was going to ask a question. I've never seen this particular issue, and maybe Tom Dark can allude or Mike Strong. Guidance signs? What are those?

Mr. Dark: That's an airport project. And Bill Cooksey was here and might be able to answer that.

Councilman Gibson: I just for a point of information, I mean, I'm supporting the legislation, but I - what are -?

Councilman Green: Mr. Cooksey, would you come, and just state your name for the record, so that they'll know who you are.

Mr. Bill Cooksey: (Shreveport Airport Authority) That's runway lighting signs. It's an FAA project that we will be reimbursed for. (Inaudible)

Councilman Gibson: So this is actually on the runway and not on -?

Mr. Cooksey: It's on the runway, taxiways, it's on the airfield side.

Councilman Gibson: Thank you Mr. Cooksey, thank you Mr. Chair.

**Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None.**

The Adopted Ordinances and Amendments follow:

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 83 OF 2005**

**A ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASING AGENT TO DISPOSE OF SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has acquired certain real property; and

WHEREAS, the property listed herein is no longer needed for public purposes and should, therefore, be declared surplus and excess; and

WHEREAS, Section 26-292 of the Shreveport Code of Ordinances provides that the sale of surplus property shall be by competitive bid after public notice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened, that the Purchasing Agent be and is hereby authorized to advertise for bids for the following surplus real property owned by the City of Shreveport located on the north side of Claiborne Avenue and the west side of McWillie Street in the Southeast Quarter of Section 11, Township 17 North, Range 14 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, more fully described as:

A 1.185 acre tract of land which includes the Southern part of land located in the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 11, Township 17 North, Range 14 West, Caddo Parish Louisiana with Geo. No. 711411-34-107 recorded in Book 3083, Page 148 of the records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana and also includes Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of the Rhea Subdivision as recorded in Book 300, Page 484 of the records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and also includes a tract of land with Geo. No. 711411-37-7 recorded in Book 2488, Page 176 of the records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the City reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive any informalities.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the above described property is offered on an "as is, where is" basis without warranty of title or recourse whatsoever.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Mayor of the City of Shreveport is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to carry out the sale of the above surplus property.

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.

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James Edward Green, Chairman

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Arthur G. Thompson, Clerk of Council

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 103 OF 2005**

**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 34, Unit #2, Holland Subdivision, a subdivision in the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, as per plat thereof recorded in Book 3478, Page 332 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon.

(GEO#171425-100-0034-00) Municipal Address - 449 E. 73<sup>rd</sup> Street

**AMOUNT OFFERED: \$100.00 APPRAISED VALUE: \$600.00 DISTRICT D**

**Property No. 2:** Legal Description - W/2 of Lot 45, Unit #1, 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#181419-001-0100-00) Municipal Address - 3007 Jonquil Drive

**AMOUNT OFFERED: \$1,500.00 APPRAISED VALUE: \$3,000.00 DISTRICT A**

**Property No. 3:** Legal Description - Lot 28, Block 4, Morningside, a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, as per plat recorded in Book 450, Page 151-157 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana together with all buildings and improvements located thereon.

(GEO#171414-143-0028-00) Municipal Address- 5312 Mansfield Rd.

**AMOUNT OFFERED: \$1,230.00 APPRAISED VALUE: \$8,200.00 DISTRICT F**

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.

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James Edward Green, Chairman

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Arthur G. Thompson, Clerk of Council

#### ORDINANCE NO. 104 OF 2005

#### AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2005 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend the 2005 Capital Improvements Budget to transfer funds among capital projects and for other purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that Ordinance No. 153 of 2004, the 2005 Capital Improvements Budget, be further amended and re-enacted as follows:

**In Program F (Sewer Improvements)**

Decrease the appropriation for **Woolworth Road Landfill Sewer Outfall (01F005)** by \$175,000. Funding source is 1991A URB.

Increase the appropriation for **Querbes Lift Station Force Main Repairs (02F004)** by \$175,000. Funding source is 1991A URB.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance 153 of 2004, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect.

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

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

#### Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance 104 of 2005

AMEND THE ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1**

In Program E, decrease the "Total - All Program E Projects" by \$788,500.

In Program L, decrease the "Total - All Program L Projects" by \$100.

Decrease the "Grand Total - 2005 Change" by \$18,800.

Decrease the "Grand Total - All Projects" by \$807,400.

**Section 2**

In Program D, decrease the adopting ordinance appropriation for **Brush Bayou Drainage (01D002)** by \$33,000. Funding source is 1999 GOB, Prop. 10 (Drainage).

In Program F, decrease the adopting ordinance appropriation for **Southern Hills Interceptor (99F005)** by \$218,000. Funding sources are Water & Sewer Revenues \$118,000 and 1990-A URB \$100,000. Decrease the appropriation for **Stoner Lift Station Improvements (01F004)** by \$200,000. Funding source is 2000-A URB.

In Program I, change the funding sources for **Fire Equipment Replacement (01I002)**. Increase 1998 GOB, Prop. 1 by \$30,000 and decrease 1999 GOB, Prop. 1 by the same amount.

**Section 3**

In Program F, decrease the appropriation for **Lucas WWTP Air Conditioning System Rehab (98F009)** by \$500,200. Funding sources are Water & Sewer Revenues \$240,000, 1991-A URB \$60,200 and 1994-A URB \$200,000. Increase the appropriation for **Lucas and North Regional WWTP Expansion (00F001)** by \$500,200. Funding sources are Water & Sewer Revenues \$240,000, 1991-A URB \$60,200 and 1994-A URB \$200,000. Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

**Amendment No. 2 to Ordinance No. 104 of 2005**

AMEND THE ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS:

In Program H (Airports):

Decrease the appropriation for **Radar Equipment for Downtown Airport (03H002)** by \$95,000. Funding source is Shreveport Airport Authority.

Increase the appropriation for **Install Guidance Signs - Downtown Airport (04H001)** by \$95,000. Funding source is Shreveport Airport Authority.

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James Edward Green, Chairman

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Arthur G. Thompson, Clerk of Council

**Amendment No. 1 to Council Proceedings of the City of Shreveport, June 28, 2005.**

Amend the Minutes of the June 28, 2005, City Council meeting as published in the Official Journal (The Times) on July 4, 2005, as follows:

On page 12B, column 8, delete the words **Resolution No. 113 of 2005**, and **Resolution No. 114 of 2005**.

And insert the words **Resolution No. 112 of 2005**: and **Resolution No. 113 of 2005**:

And, make the same amendment in the June 28, 2005, Minutes in the official "Council Book, 2005", and in the City Council Meeting Minutes as published on the City of Shreveport/City Council Web Page.

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Explanation:

The resolutions were numbered incorrectly and this amendment corrects that error.

**Amendment No. 2 to Council Proceedings of the City of Shreveport, June 28, 2005.**

Amend the Minutes of the June 28, 2005, City Council Meeting as published in the Official Journal (The Times) on July 4, 2005, as follows:

On page 12B, column 9, delete "Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman to introduce Ordinance No(s). to lay over until July 12, 2005 meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Gibson. 1."

And insert:

"Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Carmody to introduce Ordinance No(s). **100, 101, and 102** to lay over until July 12, 2005 meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Gibson. 1."

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Explanation:

The motion to introduce Ordinance Nos. 100, 101, and 102 until July 12, 2005 was seconded by Councilman Carmody. This amendment corrects that error.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Ordinance No. 93 of 2005: To amend and reenact Section 3.01 of Ordinance No. 96 of 1980 relative to exemptions and exclusions from sales and use taxes and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (Introduced- June 14, 2005/ Tabled on July 12, 2005)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. ABO Appeal: Jonathan Harrell, Tiki Bar and Grill, 639 E. Kings Hwy (C/Carmody). (Decision rendered July 25, 2005.)

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES:

CLERK'S REPORT: None.

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

Motion by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Gibson to rise and report. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:42p.m.

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James Edward Green, Chairman

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Arthur G. Thompson, Clerk of Council