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Council Proceedings of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana
May 23, 2006

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana was called to order by Chairman Calvin Ben Lester, Jr. at 3:00p.m., Tuesday, May 23, 2006, in the Government Chambers in Government Plaza (505 Travis Street).

Invocation was given by Councilman Green.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Robertson.

On Roll Call, the following members were Present: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody (Arrived at 3:20 p.m.) Robertson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Absent: None.

Motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Walford to approve the minutes of the Administrative Conference, Monday May 22, 2006 and Council Meeting, Tuesday, May 23, 2006. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Robertson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Carmody. 1.

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

Councilwoman Robertson: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I have the Interfaith Group that's here today, they're going to be talking a little bit later but they are in the Chambers.

Councilman Green: Yes sir, I'd like to recognize the Pastor of Evergreen Baptist Church, Dr. Dobyne.

Councilman Lester: Good afternoon Pastor. Are there any other - - -?

Councilman Jackson: Yeah, I have some. (Inaudible)

Councilman Lester: You talking about the thing, we've signed it.

Councilman Jackson: Mr. Chairman, there should have been - - - I don't know if it's on this agenda or not, but the one - - - it did have on yesterday. It's actually to be added under 7 for Confirmations, appointments. This would be adding legislation to the agenda. Both of these are resolutions.

Councilman Lester: Oh, they're there.

Councilman Jackson: Are they on to be added?

Councilman Lester: Yeah, they're on the electronic agenda.

Councilman Jackson: And I would, Mr. Chairman, I know that No. 2 is here now, and I think perhaps that the third one, will be (inaudible) as we go through or maybe just put them on the regular agenda and deal with it at that particular time. I do know that the individual for No. 2 is in fact here. So, I would at this time ask what is appropriate to do with regards to recognition at this time for this particular resolution.

Councilman Lester: Well, Mr. Jackson, Councilman Jackson, if you would like, you could recognize your distinguished guest at this time, and after we finish the reports, we can add that item to the agenda and vote on it at that time, or if you would like for the purposes of time, if you want to suspend the rules and consider that resolution to the extent that they're here, if you make that motion, we can move forward in that direction.

Councilman Jackson: Mr. Chairman, after reports, meaning item 5?

Councilman Lester: That's correct, that's correct. Item 5, and then we have the public hearing 6, and then we have the confirmations at 7, and under 7B, when we add the legislation to the agenda, as soon as we finish doing that, before public comments, we can actually entertain that resolution at that time.

Councilman Jackson: I tell you what I'd like to do Mr. Chairman, I'd like to move to suspend the rules to deal with No. 2 that we're adding to vote to add and Mr. Clerk, if we, since it's in a scenario where it needs to be added to the agenda, would the appropriate thing be to vote to add and then deal with after we've added to the agenda.

Mr. Thompson: Our logistical problem is that I believe we had eight resolutions to do and - - -

Councilman Jackson: I'm just talking about the single individual on No. 2.

Mr. Thompson: Anytime you'd like to get that one done. You can do it now.

Motion by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Robertson to suspend the rules in order to consider the resolution commending and congratulating Asia Nicole Pratt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Robertson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Carmody. 1.

Motion by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Robertson to adopt Resolution No. 90 of 2006.

Councilman Jackson: Prior to reading the resolution, I'd like to ask Ms. Pratt, Asia and her parents who are here to come forward and then we can read the resolution and present the resolution at the completion of the read.

Councilman Lester: Alright, if we could have the Pratts come on up?

The Deputy Clerk read the following:

RESOLUTION NO. 90 OF 2006

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING ASIA NICOLE PRATT FOR SUCCESSFULLY REPRESENTING CADDO PARISH IN THE GOVERNOR'S GAMES IN BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

By: COUNCILMAN JACKSON

WHEREAS, on April 29, 2006 Asia Nicole Pratt represented Caddo Parish in the Governor's Games in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Asia is eleven years old and a straight "A" student at Eden Gardens Fundamental Magnet School; and

WHEREAS, Asia competed and placed in the following events:

Curl - ups 1st place, 100 in 1 minute* *New State Record

Pull - ups 1st place

50-yard dash 2nd place

600 - yard dash 2nd place

Shuttle Run 3rd place

Standing Long Jump 3rd place; and

WHEREAS, Asia was awarded the third place trophy for her overall performance in the games.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened, that it hereby congratulates and thanks Asia Nicole Pratt for successfully representing Caddo Parish in the Governor's Games in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Shreveport commends Asia Nicole Pratt for maintaining excellent grades in school and for developing her athletic abilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Shreveport encourages Asia Nicole Pratt to continue to strive to be successful and wishes her the best of luck in future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be executed in duplicate originals with one original presented to Asia Nicole Pratt and the other filed in perpetuity in the office of the Clerk of Council for the City of Shreveport.

Councilman Jackson: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I just want to say congratulations to Asia, who is now, it was read 11 years old. But I remember when she was six years old. She used to play T-Ball in the West Shreveport Little League, and I think maybe she was the only girl on the team and she played pitcher. And for those who know anything about T-Ball, typically all the hits go to the pitcher. And her team was successful, because she was the only player in the entire league who could (inaudible) the ball and outrun the person to 1st base. So, I knew that she would have some unique athletic ability, and I certainly appreciate her continuing to strive for excellence in all that she does. I want to thank her father, Paul for bringing her as well, and her mother is not here, but I want to ask Paul if he will make sure he relays the message to her mother, we really are thankful for her mother's athletic ability cause surely that's where she got it.

Councilman Lester: And the good looks too Councilman Jackson.

Councilman Jackson: And the good looks too. But I wanted, Asia to say congratulations to you, and thank you. Not only for representing yourself, but for representing all of us who are in the City of Shreveport and who are proud of the good things that you've accomplished. And wanted to encourage you to keep on, because the best is still yet to come, so congratulations to you. We have a resolution to give, but one of the Council Members is still out, and so we lack his signature, and so as soon as Councilman Carmody gets here, we'll get the last signature if you can wait around, and then we'll give you the resolution original. Alright? Congratulations. Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, we can - - - I think, I'm not sure if everybody is here, so we

can just proceed with the agenda, and when we get to that point in the agenda, we can recognize those folks at that time.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, was there a motion and a second? But there was no vote.

Councilman Green: Got to vote.

Councilman Lester: Okay. I thought we voted on that.

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

Reports:

Convention Center and Convention Center Hotel (To include detailed personnel report from SMG)

Councilman Lester: On yesterday, we received a report for the Convention Center, and Convention Center Hotel from the Administration. Are there any questions on the Convention Center, and Convention Center Hotel?

Mr. Antee: Mr. Chairman, we did provide from Mr. Sam Gilliam an updated as of the last pay request which shows 21.2%. There are two companies that are presented as either MBE or Fair Share, still pending verification. So, by next month, hopefully we'll have verification on those as well as any new ones that come about.

Councilman Lester: Alright. Any questions for the Administration? I do have a question. Is Mr. Carrier here? Yeah, come on up Mike. Thank you. I would want to make this request of you. We get reports on Fair Share for the City, and as I appreciate it, Fair Share is being administered through your office with the assistance of our Fair Share Coordinator. So, what I would like for our next meeting would be a detailed report in terms of Fair Share procurement and contracting, thus far with the Convention Center.

Mr. Carrier: Certainly, no problem.

Councilman Lester: Okay, any other questions for Mr. Carrier from anyone else on the Convention Center, Convention Center Hotel?

Councilman Green: Mike, I'd just like to say I would like to congratulate you all. I would always tell you what I heard that was bad. Lately, I've just been hearing good stuff, so - - -

Mr. Carrier: Thank you.

Councilman Green: So, I'd just like to say keep up the good work.

Mr. Carrier: Thank you. I appreciate that.

Councilman Lester: Alright, thank you. And let me go back for a minute, because I kinda got off track. This is also the point where we have communications from the Mayor which are required by law. And I didn't give the Mayor the opportunity. If you have any communications at this time Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Hightower: Mr. Chairman, the only thing and Councilman Green alluded to it and certainly the newspapers covered it. We certainly lost a community leader this past week in Sam Giordano, and some people might say parking was controversial, maybe he was just a little bit ahead of his time. But I know that he did turn the State Fair around, and turned it into one of the premier events in our community. Returned to it's -

-- I think glory day in a better way. It's aesthetically pleasing. The crowds have been bigger, the show was longer, and then again I think it adds another quality of life piece to the puzzle in this city, and he's to be commended for that and we're going to miss him. However, we're certainly grateful that his son Chris is going to take over the helm out there and hopefully continue to do a great job at the fair.

Councilman Lester: Thank you Mr. Chairman, and --- Mr. Mayor. Alright. Lets go back to Property Standards.

Property Standards Report

Councilman Lester: On yesterday, we received a report on Property Standards. Are there any additional questions on Property Standards?

Councilman Walford: I wonder if we could have Mr. Bowie come forward? I'll apologize for taking the time Mr. Chairman, but there was so much discussion of a certain property yesterday.

Councilman Lester: I wonder what you're talking about?

Councilman Walford: I would ask Mr. Bowie if I may to just give us a quick overview and chronological history of 910 Texas.

Councilman Lester: And before you start Mr. Bowie, just give us your name and business address for the record.

Mr. Bowie: Here. The violations started at this particular address at 910 on 12/16/03 (2003). We first started out as a care of premises violation, there was paper and trash around the building, we wanted it cleaned up. And the grass needed to be cut. On January 6th, we sent out a demolition notice towards the residents, trying to get the building, it was so blight and slum as far as the windows knocked out, you had cracked slabs, you had --- the structure was so, in our opinion, and professional opinion, the building was so structurally unsound, the building needed to be torn down. And we started the procedure toward trying to get it demolished. On six occasions, we sent notices to the owner that was --- tried to get them to court first to get them cited on a care of premises charge. And we fought their lawyer on numerous occasions, four or five times, and never did get them into court and win that particular case. Right now, we're still at that point, and we're on hold with that right now, by trying to get them to court on the care of premises charge towards the building so it could turn into where we could get into court and get the building demolished, but we never did get to that point. I've got some pictures to show you of the building itself, of the disarray it was inside. We one time had the opportunity to get in, and that's one picture of the inside of the premises.

Councilman Lester: Now, when was this picture taken?

Mr. Bowie: These pictures were taken last year around February of 2005.

Councilman Walford: Mr. Chairman, if I could ask a quick question? Has anything been done to improve this?

Mr. Bowie: No improvements to the building right now. A care of premises charge still exist. The grass needs to be cut and paper and trash is around the building. And the structure as a matter of fact has deteriorated worse. There are more holes in the building now that it was at first when we cited it.

Councilman Walford: Okay, thank you.

Mr. Bowie: And it has been a blight and slum for that particular neighborhood, that area of town. This is the structure around it that supports the driveway. As you can see it is very much unsafe, unsound as the boards that's holding up the driveway are broken and deteriorating to a point that's very unsafe to park near the parking lot of this particular structure. This is a better shot showing it.

Councilman Lester: Now what is this a picture of Mr. Bowie?

Mr. Bowie: This is part of the parking lot and it was in the back part of the building where the old wash bay used to be at, and this particular wall supports the driveway, the parking lot, as you can tell by these creosote poles that they have deteriorated to the point now, they've started to come down.

Councilman Walford: To the right of that, Mr. Bowie, that's our Municipal Auditorium, is that correct?

Mr. Bowie: Yes, it would be to your right. And that's where the auditorium parking lot - - -.

Councilman Walford: So, would it be safe to say we may get some of this property without expropriating it?

Mr. Bowie: Yeah.

Councilman Walford: Just a matter of time.

Mr. Bowie: It was to the point where we had to go out there and barricade that particular end off.

Councilman Walford: So that's denying us use of our property at Municipal?

Mr. Bowie: Yes. This is showing the roof. It's not a real good shot, but you can't see the numerous holes in the rooftop of the building itself showing the steel structure, and it's getting all the elements of the rain and whatever else that goes into there. (Inaudible) and of course the building, the gutters are hanging, the windows are broken in it. The building needs painting, a whole bunch of cosmetic and structural defects to the building.

Councilman Lester: And again, just so we're clear, these are all pictures that were taken in February of last year?

Mr. Bowie: Yes, and they have not been improved on.

Councilman Lester: There've been no improvements?

Mr. Bowie: No improvement.

Councilman Lester: And you do still have an open care of premise violation?

Mr. Bowie: Yes we do.

Councilman Lester: That's pending in Shreveport City Court?

Mr. Bowie: Yes, we are trying our best to get a citation to the owner to get them to court.

Councilman Lester: Well now let me ask this question? You say you're trying to get a citation, what are the problems that you're having?

Mr. Bowie: Citing the owner. Their being evasive.

Councilman Lester: When you say being evasive, are you saying that they are declining to take, accept a registered letter or a summons?

Mr. Bowie: Well for us to issue them a citation, you have issue them a legal summons to court. And their lawyer between - - - I'm not going to discuss it all here. If you want to, I'll give it to you in private.

Councilman Lester: Okay.

Mr. Bowie: Cause between their lawyer and trying to get them into court, we're having problems.

Councilman Lester: Okay, alright. I'm sorry, continue please.

Mr. Bowie: And as you can tell on that particular case right there, that's one large hole right there. And that particular hole right there developed about the tail end of last year, 2005, and it's gotten larger in size. Any more questions?

Councilman Walford: Mrs. Warwick stated yesterday that she wasn't aware of any of the property standards violations.

Mr. Bowie: We sent out - - - the records today - - - she might not be, but we tried to get Mr. Alton Warwick, who is the legal owner through the LLC. And that's who we've been trying to serve. So, she might not be aware of it, I don't know.

Councilman Walford: Thank you very much Mr. Bowie. And thank you for the Council's patience.

Councilman Jackson: Mr. Chairman, while Mr. Bowie is here, because I recognize perhaps the Councilman from that particular district is certainly based on not just the pictures, but all of us who've seen it and heard about over the course of the last, at least four years, know that it's been an issue for a long time. Yesterday, one of the things we talked about because I think we're just trying to build a case to do something in my opinion, and I think that's okay, but I'd like to not leave the case half-done. Within two blocks in any direction, how many people live adjacent to that particular structure?

Mr. Bowie: I do not have those statistics, Councilman, I could not tell you that

Councilman Jackson: You've been over there?

Mr. Bowie: Yes, I've been up and down the street.

Councilman Jackson: How many houses you know of that people live within two blocks of there?

Mr. Bowie: You have some houses over there behind Hope Street.

Councilman Jackson: Behind Hope Street?

Mr. Bowie: Yes sir, not Hope Street, Hope House, I'm sorry, let me make that correction.

Councilman Jackson: I'm talking about in plain view. If I were standing where all that debris, well whatever you call it, dilapidated building, how many houses could I stand there and see where people live?

Mr. Bowie: I couldn't give you that answer Councilman.

Councilman Jackson: Mr. Councilman? Mr. Chairman, I was just asking if somebody knows the answer.

Councilman Lester: Okay, let's do it this way. You've asked the question.

Councilman Walford indicates that he has the answer for you, so I'm going to defer to Councilman Walford to answer that question. Councilman Walford.

Councilman Walford: I know of 11 constituents living on Austin Place that look directly at it.

Councilman Jackson: So, the people live there, they could walk out of the front and you can stand where we saw those pictures and see where they live as well? And how far away is Austin Place?

Mr. Bowie: About a block away.

Councilman Jackson: A block away or so?

Mr. Bowie: Yeah, it's probably a block

Councilman Jackson: Alright. Here's my question. Cause I think some people have been by there and see. I mean I don't think there's a defense for that building standing up where it is, so I don't think there's a defense, so here's what I'm concerned about. There's a lot of streets that I can tell you, that people live next door, across the street, and they've got to see dilapidated houses all the time. Now the fact that this particular property that we're speaking of is adjacent to a building we owned, perhaps expedites the concern about it, and heightens our awareness of it, but I don't want us to lose either side of the fact that there are some pictures that you could show to dramatize on Frederick Street, on Darien Street and a lot of other places that you could go to and see houses where people live next door. And so the threat to public safety is more eminent, I would even suggest than this. And I'm certainly not suggesting that we do that to the preclusion of this particular project. That's not what I'm saying. I'm saying that I think we ought to have the same level of veracity when it comes to making sure that where people live across the street and next door, we are just as vigilant about making sure that those properties are taken care of as well. Your department with limited resources and limited people, I know can only do X amount of the work, but I just think that we have to continue to put the same kind of pressure. I mean The Times is not writing an article about what's happening on Frederick Street or what's happening on some of these other streets, but I think if we get the same level of exposure about what's happening in some of our neighborhoods, that we could get perhaps some legislation and some things like we've got on this agenda today, to try to take care of that as well. And so while we're doing this, and we may certainly be justified in doing it, that we don't lose site and glamorize over and against those several cases out there that touch people and are across the street from where people live and that people are affected by daily.

Councilman Green: Mr. Bowie, I guess around what Councilman Jackson is saying, have you all been more aggressive tearing this down than you all have been tearing down any other structures?

Mr. Bowie: No, we have not. It's been three years, we've been proactively pushing toward that point, but we have some houses that we're pushing toward, and we have some legal reasons why we're still standing. So, no sir. We try to put it all in one basket and we try to pull the whole basket together.

Councilman Walford: Mr. Chairman, I think we would be remiss though if we didn't point out that with your Property Standards Committee that you've chaired and the help of Mr. Bowie, the City Attorney's office, Finance Department, Data Processing that we have an acted more aggressive property standards ordinances to try and expedite the problem. And having ridden with Mr. Bowie, I can tell you that he shares my belief that no property should pull the rest of the neighborhood down. We've ridden together too many times and looked at properties. So, thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Hogan: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Bowie, did you have any word on those I wrote up for you yesterday?

Mr. Bowie: Yes sir, I'll give you a report after the meeting this evening.

Councilman Hogan: That's fine. There's about six or seven of those, but in particular I want you to - - - I don't recall ever asking you to make a commitment on something, but there's two of them especially that I need the grass cut at 1930 S. Brookwood, and 9408 Blum.

Mr. Bowie: They've been in the system for the last 30 days, and I believe the green cards have been returned. And we're waiting to award them to a contractor, but we'll try to speed it up a little bit and get it cut before the end of the week.

Councilman Hogan: You just hit the nail on the head, because I was going to ask you to commit to cutting it by the end of the week.

Mr. Bowie: If the green card is back, the notification letter is back, we'll have it done before the end of the week.

Councilman Hogan: If the notification letter is back, you can have it done by the end of the week? Good enough. Thank you sir, thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Lester: Alright, is there a representative from the Police Department? The Chief. Come on. Councilman Green?

Councilman Green: Yes sir. I had a constituent to come in today that said on W. Canal that people are driving up and down that street about 60 mph, and I think the speed limit should be about 35, not over 35. And coming W. Canal, there is a juncture there after you pass that store going on down, and once they get there, they just speed. So, I said to them that I would ask you all to put the radar out there. It's not the first complaint, this is the number of them. So, if you all could get somebody out there before somebody gets killed, I'd appreciate it.

Capt Mitchell: On W. Canal, south of Hollywood about four or five blocks?

Councilman Green: Yes sir. Well, once you pass the Fina Station, and then you'll see a median in the street, once you pass that, it's just unbelievable. Thank you.

Capt Mitchell: Is there a certain time of day or night?

Councilman Green: Day and night. Thank you.

Public Hearing: None.

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

Confirmations and/or Appointments: David Emery – Loan Review Committee

Motion by Councilman Carmody, seconded by Councilman Walford to confirm the appointment of Mr. David Emery to the Loan Review Committee. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Robertson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None.

Councilman Jackson: Please accept my apology Mr. Chairman, but we just voted on an appointment, and one of the questions I had on yesterday, if we didn't raise it on yesterday, but we had voted on an appointment to this particular board or what have you or committee, and you know we've heard so much about this committee over the course of the last couple of months, I didn't know what the status of the committee was, and I saw us making appointment, so my assumption was the status of the committee was active. But I wasn't sure which loan they were reviewing. Because at one point and time, those loans that were Community Development Block Grant supported were dormant, or whatever the right word may be, and then we did have the EDI, and I'm not sure if that's what these particular people will be reviewing.

Councilman Lester: Well, as I appreciate it, one person that was on the loan committee resigned, but Ms. Moore is here, and she could answer that question.

Councilman Jackson: Just ask (inaudible)

Ms. Moore: The loan committee is active, it's never been suspended. The Small Business Loan Program is suspended only, so it still requires a loan committee. The Loan Committee has nine members and we have a vacant position, we're trying to fill that position and to answer your question regarding concerns with the loan committee, David Embry is a Vice-President at AmSouth Bank, he is a banker with a tremendous amount of experience, so we're real proud to have him as a member on the committee.

Councilman Jackson: Thank you. Thank you Ms. Moore, thank you Mr. Chairman, I just thought that people should know that, that committee is growing stronger, and is in fact active.

Councilman Lester: Thank you Councilman Jackson, for making sure that, that information got out, because all too often the wrong thing gets out, and we don't want to have people leaving here uninformed.

Adding Legislation to the Agenda:

1. **Resolution No. 89 of 2006**: A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana Economic Development Corporation and Stageworks of Louisiana, LLC in connection with an Economic Development Award Program Loan; authorizing an assignment of the lease agreement between the City of Shreveport and Stageworks of Louisiana, LLC to the Louisiana Economic Development Corporation for purposes of the loan; authorize the Mayor to execute all documents on behalf of the City of Shreveport with regard to the loan; and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Motion by Councilman Carmody, seconded by Councilman Green to add and consider Resolution No. 89 of 2006 to the agenda. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Robertson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None.

Councilman Jackson: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to move to suspend the rules to deal with it right at this particular time.

Motion by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Green to suspend the rules to consider Resolution No. 91 of 2006.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, is that to amend the agenda and to consider it?

Councilmen Lester and Jackson: Yes.

Mr. Thompson: To add it to the agenda and to - - -

Councilman Jackson: And to consider.

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

3. **Resolution No. 91 of 2006:** A resolution commending the original Youth Council members for establishing the structure of the Shreveport Youth Council, graduating high school and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Motion by Councilman Jackson , seconded by Councilman Green to adopt Resolution No. 91 of 2006 to the agenda. *The Deputy Clerk read the following:*

RESOLUTION NO. 91 OF 2006

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE ORIGINAL YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR ESTABLISHING THE STRUCTURE OF THE SHREVEPORT YOUTH COUNCIL, GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

By: COUNCILMAN JACKSON

WHEREAS, on August 10, 2004 the City Council of the City of Shreveport established the Shreveport Youth Council comprised of local high school students; and

WHEREAS, the original Youth Council members were responsible for creating the structure of the Shreveport Youth Council by holding a youth summit, establishing a mission statement, and writing bylaws; and

WHEREAS, the original Youth Council members successfully completed their mission, and created an organization that will help Shreveport find positive solutions to youth problems and build a stronger community; and

WHEREAS, the following Youth Council members have graduated high school:

Demarcus O'guin - Booker T. Washington

Neal Blackman - C. E. Byrd

Adam Macfarland - Caddo Magnet

Torri Epperson - Captain Shreve

Saraj Sanders - Evangel Christian Academy

Samantha Green - Green Oaks

Karmen Rubin - Huntington

Lindsay Gustafson – Southwood

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened, that it hereby thanks and commends Demarcus O'guin, Neal Blackman, Adam Macfarland, Torri Epperson, Saraj Sanders, Samantha Green, Karmen Rubin and Lindsay Gustafson for establishing the structure of the Shreveport Youth Council, and for successfully graduating high school.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Shreveport wishes Demarcus O'guin, Neal Blackman, Adam Macfarland, Torri Epperson, Saraj Sanders, Samantha Green, Karmen Rubin and Lindsay Gustafson every success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be executed in multiple originals with originals presented to Demarcus O'guin, Neal Blackman, Adam Macfarland, Torri Epperson, Saraj Sanders, Samantha Green, Karmen Rubin and Lindsay Gustafson and with an original filed in perpetuity in the office of the Clerk of Council for the City of Shreveport.

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

Councilman Jackson: Thank you Mr. Chairman, and let me just say Mr. Chairman, and to all our colleagues that it has been both a privilege and a pleasure to have met and worked with these young people who have distinguished themselves not only as good students, but also has good citizens. And having the privilege of not only here in Shreveport representing the City of Shreveport and it's young people, but also in Charlotte, N.C. in December, had an opportunity at the National League of Cities as they represented the City of Shreveport in a dynamic and what I would consider spectacular way, and so I want to thank them for that commitment. This was not only a commitment of interest, but a commitment of time as well. And they have invested not only that time, but their talents as well. And I think being a benefit not only to the City, but to many of the non profit organizations around this city that they volunteered for to serve during holidays and during their off-time. And I will tell you that these young people did not get selected to participate in this Youth Council, because they had nothing else to do. Each one of them are busy, very busy and I'm sure each of them during this last week of graduation Ms. Rubin Karmen from Huntington High School, Neal Blackman from C.E. Byrd High School, Ms. Torrie Epperson, from Captain Shreve, and Adam McFarland from Caddo Magnet High School, all are graduated and are now continuing their matriculation and so as they go to their different places, we hope that, what we have done will somehow or another leave a mark on them, because they have certainly made the city better and left an indelible etch in this city. And so I just want to thank them and commend them for their service. And ask if you would Mr. Chairman, if you would come and just present these copies of the resolution to the Youth Council Members.

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

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, that was the last resolution, but we do need to ask you to do a little housekeeping for us. As you know we prepare two agendas. One is the official paper agenda, and the other is the e-agenda that you work from. And on the paper agenda relative to ordinance No. 71, we have the wrong title, so we would like you to ask you to delete the title as printed on the agenda and to insert the following:

Ordinance No. 71 of 2006: ZONING APPEAL: C-27-06 – An ordinance mending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by

rezoning property located on the south side of Rutherford, 180 feet west of Creswell Avenue, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-2, Suburban, Multi-Family Residence District, to R-2-E, Suburban, Multi-Family Residence/Extended Use District, Limited to "a driveway for access to the adjacent parking lot only, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Walford)

Motion by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Green to make the necessary correction on Ordinance No. 71 of 2006. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Robertson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None.

Public Comments (*Agenda Items to be Adopted*)

Mr. Bobby Mataei: (2800 Youree Drive, Suite 204) The reason for us being here today, and we're not all going to speak, is to urge you to approve the extended hours bus service. We've worked with Gene Eddy, we've worked with other groups in town, and through a lot of the churches that you see represented here, we've reached out into the community to try to gather support for this project. We see the areas that we will cover, four routes in Shreveport, one crossing over into Bossier and running will catch the Youree Drive corridor, as well as the major employers. A couple of them represented here today, and we seek your support. Thank you very much.

Chief Cochran: Good afternoon Mr. Chairman, and members of the Council. I've actually done something that's also unusual. I've prepared a written statement. Last year as the Chairman of the Ark-La-Tex Franklin Graham festival, I was hanging out with a bunch of preachers, and people have accused me of being long-winded, and so to make our time productive today, I wrote a statement. First of all, I appreciate the opportunity to address you on three items, specific to the proposed budget amendment to the 2006 General Fund Budget which has a direct impact on the Shreveport Fire Department personnel and operation. First is a proposed pay raise for city employees, second is the allocation for a ladder-truck replacement, and third is an allocation for additional funds for the replacement of a rescue truck. On the issue of the pay raises, as you are all aware, pay raises have been an ongoing issue for city employees for several years. The proposed amendment provides for a wholesome pay raise for city employees, including Fire Department personnel. They're all excited about the possibility of a mid-year pay increase, and your support for this measure would be a blessing for them and their families, and would be a positive and significant impact on department morale. I want to thank you in advance on their behalf for your vote to secure these much needed pay raises. Secondly, on the ladder-truck replacement. Currently, Truck 20 assigned to Station 20 located at Youree Drive and Flournoy Lucas Road is out of service, due to the failure of the annual ladder testing required to verify safe and mechanically efficient aerial trucks. Our only reserve ladder-truck required by Property Insurance of Louisiana, is in service as a back-up to the front line ladder-truck No. 20. Truck 20 is 21 years old, and the reserve ladder-truck currently in service is 27 years old. To repair Truck 20, the cost would be \$445,000 and we would only get another three years of service out of that truck. The cost of a new ladder-truck is \$630,000 and would assure another 20 years of

reliable service which is obviously the greatest value for tax dollars. There has been some question about the history of Fire Department communicating the need for ladder-truck replacement to city Administration and the City Council, and that request for replacement have only surfaced when the surplus funds were discovered and communicated. But our records indicate that since 2003, our budget documents and our five year rolling master plan, which are revised on an annual basis, and communicated annually to City Council Members demonstrate our proven track record of identifying the need for ladder-truck replacement. Our history for funding ladder-truck replacement has been through General Obligation Bonds. Ladder-trucks were requested in the process leading to the 2001 General Obligation Bond, but through the process did not make the ballot. The next possible opportunity for a General Obligation Bond would be sometime in late 2007. Which if pursued by the next Administration and passed by the voters would cause the delivery of a new ladder-truck in late 2008. As a city government, there are daily volunerabilities, risks, and potential expenditures associated with a total of three ladder-trucks that are over 20 years old. To have a 27 year old ladder-truck responsible for transporting firefighters, and the equipment to fires and operating efficiently in firefighting and rescue functions is not consistent with the track record of excellence of this Council as it relates to public safety and fire department operations. Additionally, the months recorded without having a reserve ladder-truck subtracts from the total point values required to maintain our Class I fire insurance rating which we will be re-evaluated in 2007 based upon our performances in 2006. Finally, the additional funds for the rescue truck. Replacing Rescue 9 was necessary component and the allocation is requested due to a miscalculation of the estimated cost of remounting Rescue 9 from Ferrara Fire Manufacturing, whose been a reliable vendor for us and have provided good fire trucks to us over the last several years, and Ferrara Fire Manufacturing is a Louisiana based company. The lowest bid for remounting Rescue 9 was \$429,640. Their estimate was short by \$170,000 and that's the amount that requested in the budget amendment. Finally, my purpose here today is simply to provide the objective facts and to provide you with accurate information to make some very challenging decisions that I know you all are faced with making. A quote that I have received from a recent *Harvard Business Review* article provides for me a very appropriate conclusion to my remarks. And this is what it states. "In the long term consistently positive results spring from intelligent strategy and an incessive focus on quality execution." Think of a golf pro like Tiger Woods whose best bet for winning major championships is to master his aim, setup and swing. Once the ball is in the air, there is no weight to control it. The Shreveport Fire Department through visionary forecasting and planning, we have aimed through communicating our needs, to our decision makers and policy makers. We've setup and through justifying our needs on these issues before you here today, based on our mission of saving lives and protecting property, I have swung, the ball is in the air, with your decision today, you will determine where it lands. And I hope that together we can put it in the cup. Now I'll be happy to answer any questions that you have.

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

RESOLUTIONS: None.

ORDINANCES: None.

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

The Clerk read the following:

1. **Resolution No. 80 of 2006:** Selecting The Times as the Official Journal for the City of Shreveport for the period commencing July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

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

Councilman Jackson: Mr. Chairman, I was just wondering how many bids did we get on this?

Mr. Thompson: We didn't go out for bids.

Councilman Jackson: I was just kidding.

Mr. Thompson: By way of explanation, *The Times* is the only newspaper that can meet the deadlines that the Charter requires us to meet.

Councilman Jackson: I knew that. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Lester: Not that we would ever want to run afoul of our local daily.

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

2. **Resolution No. 81 of 2006:** A resolution accepting dedication for Forum Drive in the Forum Lot Subdivision, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
(A/Lester)

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

3. **Resolution No. 82 of 2006:** A resolution accepting dedication for Aline Avenue in the Rose of Shannon Place, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
(A/Lester)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 83 OF 2006

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DEDICATION FOR DRAINAGE AND SANITARY SEWER SERVITUDES IN THE SUMMER GROVE RETAIL SUBDIVISION, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal, and regular session convened, that the dedication for a drainage and sanitary sewer servitude in Section 4 (T16N-R14W), Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and as shown on the plats attached hereto and made a part hereof, be and the same is hereby accepted as dedicated to the public for public use in the City of Shreveport.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the original plat reflecting the dedication for a drainage and sanitary sewer servitudes be recorded in the official records of the District Court for Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

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

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

ORDINANCES: None.

REGULAR AGENDA LEGISLATION

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67 OF 2006

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND RED RIVER ROAD RUNNERS, INC., AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY:

WHEREAS, the Red River Road Runners annually sponsor several events in the City of Shreveport, including, but not limited to, the Red River Road Race and the Summer Fun Run Series; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has been a co-sponsor of these events; and

WHEREAS, this year the Red River Road Race will be held in November 2006 and the Summer Fun Run Series is scheduled to begin on June 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS, these events provide a benefit to the public as it provides wholesome recreational activity for all citizens of the City of Shreveport and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, the City's continued co-sponsorship of these events will enable the Red River Road Runners to continue to provide this wholesome event to the citizens of this city.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, regular, and legal session convened that the Mayor is authorized to execute a contract with the Red River Road Runners, Inc., relative to the City's co-sponsorship of the Riverside Road Race and the Summer Fun Run Series, 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 May 9, 2006.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 73 OF 2006

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE JOHNSON BUILDING LOCATED AT 412 MILAM STREET, SHREVEPORT, INTO APARTMENTS WITH GROUND FLOOR COMMERCIAL USES AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Whereas, studies indicate that Shreveport's Central Business District would benefit by the development of housing and the renovation of vacant buildings,

Whereas, the renovation of new apartments and commercial space will provide numerous benefits to the City of Shreveport and its Central Business District, including economic development, job creation and additional tax revenues; and,

Whereas, the Johnson Building Apartment Development Group LLC (and/or its affiliates) propose to construct at least 49 but up to 56 apartments within the existing building which will not be restricted in age, and will include security, individual washers and dryers in each unit, an on-site computer center, and other amenities, and,

Whereas, the building will utilize Historic Tax Credits, and will exceed the requirement for ADA compliance by assuring that up to one fourth of the units will be able to be adapted for the hearing impaired or the visually impaired, with specific units being adapted as the need arises, and,

Whereas, the Council and the Johnson Building Apartment Development Group LLC mutually recognize that nothing in this resolution guaranties the approval of nor overrides the existing permitting procedures, building inspections, zoning approvals or other due diligence required by the City of Shreveport and its Administration in the provision of safe and properly constructed housing,

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

Section 1: The Shreveport City Council supports and welcomes the aforesaid Development proposal, specifically the conversion of the building into between 49 and 56 apartment units with commercial space on the first floor.

Section 2: The Johnson Building Apartments Development Group, LLC is authorized to express the Shreveport City Council's support and approval to State officials.

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

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

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

**AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION NUMBER 73 OF 2006
(A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE JOHNSON BUILDING LOCATED AT 412 MILAM STREET, SHREVEPORT, INTO APARTMENTS WITH GROUND FLOOR COMMERCIAL USES AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO)**

By: Councilman Walford

Amend Section 1 of 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, regular and legal session convened, that:

Section 1: The Shreveport City Council supports and welcomes the aforesaid Development proposal, specifically the conversion of the building into between 49 and 56 apartment units with commercial space on the first floor, subject to the condition that the Development shall contain a minimum of one (1) permanent parking space per living unit constructed.

Motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Carmody to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Resolution No. 73 of 2006.

Councilman Walford: Just in the way of a brief discussion, you'll recall that we postponed this two weeks ago because we didn't have adequate information. This is an application to obtain the housing tax credits. And although not required by our zoning laws, this is to add 49 to 56 living units to the Johnson Building and the amendment just says that they will provide a minimum of one permanent parking place per living unit. And the reason for that is I've got some downtown constituents who had quite a problem with another residential unit that provides parking and still, there is a lot of parking on private property and I've seen them towed a many morning being pulled up on a roll back wrecker. So, I think that it would be prudent of this Council to say that we certainly support the development contingent upon parking.

Councilman Jackson: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I have the answer in the body of the resolution. I was concerned about what kind of tax credits, this says historic tax credits.

Councilman Lester: Right.

Councilman Walford: No.

Councilman Jackson: That's what it says in the resolution.

Councilman Walford: Then we may want to postpone because initially, they were asking - - - Mr. Chairman, if I may? I'm sorry.

Councilman Lester: Councilman Walford.

Councilman Walford: That was the reason for the postponement last time. I was told that we were being asked to support them for historic tax credits. And - - -

Councilman Jackson: That's what's in the body of it.

Councilman Lester: That's in the body. The body - - -

Councilman Walford: Ms. Moore, I need your help please Ma'am. If I may Mr. Chairman? I think Ms. Moore is clued in to - - -

Councilman Jackson: My question Mr. Chairman was that I thought that it was Louisiana Housing and Finance Agency. But this says historic tax credits.

Councilman Lester: Right, in the body of the document, it does say - - -

Councilman Walford: The original request that was made to me and to Ms. Glass was historic tax credits. If we can defer to Ms. Moore, I think she can - - -

Ms. Moore: For the purpose of the resolution that was needed two weeks ago, it was low income housing tax credits.

Councilman Walford: Now is this for - - -?

Ms. Moore: I'm not certain why because the one two weeks ago, they needed in order to apply.

Councilman Lester: Right, that was the deadline.

Ms. Moore: They have already applied. So, I'm not certain why this one would say historic tax credits.

Councilman Walford: This is part of the original request that was made to me for applying for historic tax credits, but I understood after meeting - - -

Ms. Moore: It's for low income housing tax credits.

Councilman Walford: Oh, are they going for both?

Ms. Moore: They could be possibly be going for both, because it is a historic building.

Councilman Walford: Then I would suggest we go ahead Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Jackson: Where is the 412? I was trying to think of - - -

Councilman Lester: That's the Johnson Building. Right across from - - - it sits right behind the Parish, right beside the Parish building on the corner of Marshall and Milam Street. Catty-cornered with the Post Office on Milam Street, there is a law office that's there, you've got the AmSouth Parking Lot, a garage. Right behind Multi-Cultural Building, the old Pioneer Bank, there's a parking lot. It's directly adjacent to that. That's the Johnson Building.

Councilman Jackson: Okay. Panos is all on that street when you walk by there. Right, I gotcha. And this is going to be - - -

Councilman Green: It's the building that my cousin used to own.

Councilman Jackson: Oh, okay. Yeah. Is it - - - and so we're talking about low-income housing tax credits. So these will be rental apartments for people who meet a certain income threshold. Is that correct?

Ms. Moore: I think they're anticipating mixed-income.

Councilman Jackson: Mixed-income?

Ms. Moore: Uh hmm, which would follow the guidelines. The low income tax credits would only be associated with those units.

Councilman Jackson: A percentage of the units. Okay, thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Walford: So Mr. Chairman, if I may, I would suggest that we go ahead because the original request was for their submission for historic tax credits.

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

Motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Green to adopt Resolution No. 73 of 2006 as amended. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Robertson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 75 OF 2006

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF SHREVEPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT PROPERTY AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

BY:

WHEREAS, the City desires to donate Shreveport Police Department Mounted Patrol horse "Tuffy" to Zevely Hatcher which serves a public purpose and renders a public service; and,

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 315 of 1979, requires City Council approval of an agreement made and entered into by the City of Shreveport and any person or entity, whereunder such person or entity receives a donation in return for service which serves a public purpose; and,

WHEREAS, Zevely Hatcher has agreed to accept all responsibility, financial obligations and liability associated with the acceptance of this donation; and,

WHEREAS, the horse described herein is unable to perform his duties as a mounted patrol horse for the Shreveport Police Department and is hereby deemed surplus of the City of Shreveport; and,

WHEREAS, this donation, under these circumstances, provides for the most humane and dignified way to retire the animal.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due regular and legal session convened, that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute an agreement between the City of Shreveport and Zevely Hatcher donating Shreveport Police Department Mounted Patrol horse "Tuffy".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision of this Resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or application of this Resolution which can be given affect 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 in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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

Councilwoman Robertson: And he is a horse Mr. Antee.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 76 OF 2006

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH THE YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF NORTHWEST LOUISIANA, INC., AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, City and YWCA each own and operate facilities in close proximity in the Allendale section of the City of Shreveport; and

WHEREAS, City and YWCA desire to cooperate to their mutual advantage and provide recreational, cultural, educational and other activities and events to the citizens of the City of Shreveport for a public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the mutual cooperation by City and YWCA with regard to programming activities, events and operations from a central facility in the Allendale community will eliminate

duplication of services and efforts in for each organization as well as reduce each organization's expense for delivery of services.

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 a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Young Women's Christian Association of Northwest Louisiana, Inc. ("YWCA"), 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 May 9, 2006.

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

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

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

AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION NUMBER 76 OF 2006

(A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH THE YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF NORTHWEST LOUISIANA, INC., AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.)

Amend the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement as follows:

1. Amend Section 4.3 of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement to now read as follows:

4.3 City and YWCA shall collaborate on programming, operations, activities and events held or conducted in the facility pursuant to this Agreement however, each party reserves the right at all times throughout the Initial Term or any Renewal Term of this Agreement to conduct or schedule programs, operations, activities or events in the facility independently of the other party to the extent that such programs, operations, activities or events do not conflict with or are not inconsistent with any program, operation, activity, or event conducted, to be conducted, scheduled or to be scheduled by City and YWCA pursuant to the terms of this Agreement. Each party shall be responsible, at its expense, for providing all personnel, equipment, and other items, services, materials and supplies necessary for its independent programs, operations, activities or events.

2. Amend Section 4.5 of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement to now read as follows:

4.5 City acknowledges, understands and agrees that in granting the use of the facility named herein pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, YWCA does not relinquish the right to control the management thereof and to enforce all necessary and proper rules for the management and operation of same with regard to matters and issues outside the scope of this Agreement.

3. Amend Section 6 of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement to now read as follows:

6. UTILITIES

City and YWCA mutually agree that costs of utility services to the facility, excluding gas service, shall be shared equally between the parties during the Initial Term or any Renewal Term of this Agreement. City shall be responsible for payment of seventy-five (75%) percent of the monthly gas service charges to the facility and YWCA shall be responsible for the payment of the remaining twenty-five (25%) percent of such monthly charges. For purposes of this Agreement, "utilities services" are defined as gas, water, and electrical services. YWCA shall provide City with a copy of it monthly billing for such services and City shall remit payment to YWCA for City's portion of such services within fifteen (15) days of receipt of each bill.

4. Amend Section 7.A of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement to now read as follows:

7. MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

A. Facility. City shall assist YWCA, at City's expense, with minor maintenance and repair of the facility during the Initial Term or any Renewal Term of this Agreement. For purposes of this Agreement, the term "minor maintenance and repair" is defined as any repair or maintenance of the facility that can be performed by City personnel acting under City's direction, authority and supervision. City and YWCA mutually agree that the cost for any equipment, materials or supplies required for or in connection with any minor maintenance and repair of the facility shall be shared equally between the parties to this Agreement.

All other maintenance and repair of the facility ("major maintenance and repair") shall be performed by or on behalf of YWCA, at its expense. From time to time throughout the Initial Term or any Renewal Term of this Agreement, City may, but shall be under no obligation to, provide funds to YWCA for major maintenance and repair of the facility.

5. Amend Section 8 of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement to now read as follows:

8. SWIMMING POOL

City agrees to share all costs with YWCA for chemicals and other items necessary to operate the swimming pool at the facility seven (7) days per week during the operations schedule mutually agreed upon between City and YWCA. From time to time throughout the Initial Term or any Renewal Term of this Agreement, City may, but shall be under no obligation to, provide funds to YWCA for minor or major maintenance and repair of the swimming pool.

City shall have the right, at City's expense, to drain and refill the swimming pool at such intervals as determined by City.

6. Amend Section 15 of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement to now read as follows:

15. NOTICES

Any and all notices, demands, requests or other act or actions which shall be required or permitted pursuant to the terms of this Agreement shall be in writing, addressed as follows:

To City: City of Shreveport
Director, Department of Public
Assembly and Recreation
505 Travis Street, Suite 550
Shreveport, Louisiana 71101

To YWCA: Youth Women's Christian Association of Northwest Louisiana, Inc.
710 Travis Street Shreveport, Louisiana 71101

Attn: Chief Executive Officer

or such other address as City or YWCA may designate in writing from time to time throughout the Initial Term or Renewal Term of this Agreement.

7. Amend Section 17 of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement to now read as follows:

17. LIENS

Each party shall endeavor to shall keep the facility free from all levies, liens, attachments, encumbrances or claims.

Each party shall, at its option, within twenty (20) days after receiving notice of any lien for material or work performed or claimed to have been performed on or to the facility on behalf of the other party, either discharge the lien or obtain its release by posting an appropriate bond. Failure of either party to discharge the lien or obtain its release within such twenty (20) day period shall constitute an Event of Default which shall entitle the other party to terminate this Agreement as provided in Section 19 of this Agreement. If Tenant shall post a bond, it shall contest the validity of the lien, and agrees to hold City harmless for losses from such lien.

8. Amend Section 19.2 of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement to now read as follows:

19.2 Notwithstanding the foregoing, neither City or YWCA shall be in default under this Agreement following the occurrence of an Event of Default unless and until the non-defaulting party has provided the defaulting party with a thirty (30) day opportunity for corrective action pursuant to a written notice. The notice shall specify the nature of the Event of Default and the actions required to be taken to cure the Event of Default, provided however, that, if, in the reasonable judgment of the non-defaulting party, said Event of Default is not capable of being cured within said thirty (30) day period then, the defaulting party shall have such additional time as deemed necessary by the non-defaulting party to cure such Event of Default, provided, however, that such extension of time shall not be deemed a waiver of any rights and/or remedy of the non-defaulting party with respect to this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if an Event of Default cannot be cured by reasonable corrective action by the defaulting party within the aforesaid periods, but the defaulting party has commenced reasonable corrective action to cure the Event of Default, then such periods shall be extended in favor of the defaulting party during that time provided the defaulting party exercises reasonable diligence in pursuing such corrective action. The non-defaulting party shall be entitled to terminate this Agreement upon the occurrence of an Event of Default which is not cured in accordance with the provisions of this Section.

Motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Green to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Resolution No. 76 of 2006. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Robertson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None.

Motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Carmody to adopt Resolution No. 76 of 2006 as amended. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Robertson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None.

Councilman Lester: Thank you colleagues. This is going to do tremendous good things in Allendale.

RESOLUTION NO. 77 OF 2006

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL TO REPRESENT THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City of Shreveport to retain the services of outside legal counsel to handle matters involving the City of Shreveport in litigation and all other matters involving the lawsuit styled *Louisiana Environmental Services, L.L.C., et al vs City of Shreveport, et al*, Suit No: CV-06-708;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 8.03 of the City Charter, the City Attorney recommends that Francis M. Gowen, Jr., Attorney at Law, be retained for the purpose of representing the City in connection with the above stated lawsuit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to execute, for and on behalf of the City of Shreveport, a retainer agreement with Francis M. Gowen, Jr., Attorney at Law, substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions of the draft thereof which was filed for public inspection, together with the original copy of this resolution in the office of the Clerk of Council on May 9, 2006.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this contract shall be paid out of the general government legal expense fund.

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 Jackson, seconded by Councilman Carmody to adopt.

Councilman Carmody: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I just wanted to clarify it because again, I know that we're being asked to approve retaining this Francis M. Gowen, Jr. Attorney at Law to represent the City of Shreveport. It does not specifically state the representation other than the city, but will Mr. Gowen be providing legal services for all the employees of the city that are involved in the suit, or just the Mayor.

Mayor Hightower: Mr. Gowen will be representing strictly the city, and then myself and Mike Strong are going to be represented by Ron Miciotto.

Councilman Carmody: And so Mr. Miciotto is already on retainer for the City?

Mayor Hightower: Is that right Ramon?

Mr. Lafitte: No, he's not presently on retainer, but we will get an agreement before next Council Meeting.

Councilman Carmody: Okay, that's what I want to make sure of. So, Mr. Gowen is specifically going to be representing the City of Shreveport. There will be a separate attorney that will be hired to represent personnel.

Councilman Lester: I have a question, and just procedurally for Mr. Lafitte. If any of us on the Council are named as defendants, I doubt that, that would happen. I'm almost offended that we haven't in my case. The first time I'm being offended that I

wasn't sued, but in the off chance that we are included in a suit, what is the process by which that we would get representation? Would Mr. Gowen represent us, or would we seek other counsel? How does that process - - -?

Mr. Lafitte: It just depends on the factual allegations that are outlined in an amended suit if you're brought in. Whether or not you will be aligned with the City or in your personal capacities. If you're aligned with the City, then of course Mr. Gowen would be representing you. If it's just in your personal capacities, then we would seek separate counsel.

Councilman Jackson: I want to be clear Mr. Chairman. I haven't done anything.

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

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS *(Not to be adopted prior to June 13, 2006)*

1. **Resolution No. 84 of 2006**: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept a donation from the Shreveport Firefighters and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Walford)
2. **Resolution No. 85 of 2006**: A resolution authorizing the Mayor's signature on an agreement for installation of automatic traffic light power back up system, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
3. **Resolution No. 86 of 2006**: A resolution ratifying the Mayor's execution of Amendment No. 2 to the cooperative agreement between the City of Shreveport and the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources for the implementation of a Clean Cities Program, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
4. **Resolution No. 87 of 2006**: A resolution acknowledging that the City Council has reviewed an internal "Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Report" concerning the North Regional and Lucas Wastewater Plants.
5. **Resolution No. 88 of 2006**: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a feasibility cost-sharing agreement between the City of Shreveport and the Department of Army (U. S. Army Corps of Engineers) for technical Assistance of water supply issues, and otherwise provide with respect thereto.
6. **Resolution No. 89 of 2006**: A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana Economic Development Corporation and Stageworks of Louisiana, LLC in connection with an Economic Development Award Program Loan; authorizing an assignment of the lease agreement between the City of Shreveport and Stageworks of Louisiana, LLC to the Louisiana Economic Development Corporation for purposes of the loan; authorize the Mayor to execute all documents on behalf of the City of Shreveport with regard to the loan; and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Carmody to introduce Resolution No(s). 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, and 89 of 2006 to lay over until June 13, 2006 meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes:

Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Robertson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7.
Nays: None.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES (*Not be adopted prior to June 13, 2006*)

1. **Ordinance No. 62 of 2006**: An ordinance closing and abandoning of all the east 120 feet of the 16 foot-wide Calcoate and all of the 10 foot-wide Kelly Street bordered by Allen Avenue, and Pete Harris Drive bounded by Abbie and Milam Streets in the Kelly Estates Subdivision TAL 3 located in the south ½ of section 36 and SW/4 37 (T18N-R14W), Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Lester)
2. **Ordinance No. 63 of 2006**: An ordinance closing and abandoning of all of the 66 foot-wide Battle Street right-of-way running southwesterly of Spring Street and located between Blocks “H” and “J” in the Roland Jones Subdivision in the NW/4 of Section 31 (T18N-R13W) Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Walford)
3. **Ordinance No. 64 of 2006**: An ordinance closing and abandoning the east 148 feet of the 15 foot-wide alleyway bordered by Missouri and Arkansas in the Queensborough Addition Subdivision located in the SE/4 of Section 03 (T17N-R14W), Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (G/Jackson)
4. **Ordinance No. 65 of 2006**: An ordinance amending Section 74-27 of the Code of Ordinances relative to solid waste containers and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
5. **Ordinance No. 66 of 2006**: An ordinance amending Section 94-16 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport by enacting provisions allowing the City to terminate a customers water service in the event of a leak which creates a public nuisance; and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
6. **Ordinance No. 67 of 2006**: An ordinance proposing an amendment to the Charter of the City of Shreveport, 1978, as amended, relative to employees of the City Council, ordering and calling a Special Election to be held in the City of Shreveport to present to the electors of said City the question of whether said amendment to the Charter shall be adopted and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
7. **Ordinance No. 68 of 2006: ZONING APPEAL C-28-06**: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance by re-zoning property located on the southwest corner of west 84th Street and Wallace, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-1D, Urban, One-Family Residence District to I-1, Light Industry District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Robertson)
8. **Ordinance No. 69 of 2006: ZONING APPEAL: C-16-06** An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the northwest corner of Hilry Huckaby and Russell Road, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-A, Residence-Agriculture District, to R-1H (PUD) Urban, One-Family Residence (planned unit development) District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

9. **Ordinance No. 70 of 2006**: ZONING APPEAL: C-18-06 An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the east side of north Hearne, 1540 feet north of Hilry Huckaby Avenue, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-A, Residence-Agriculture District, to R-A-E, Residence-Agriculture/Extended Use District, limited to “a concrete crushing and product storage”, only, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
10. **Ordinance No. 71 of 2006**: ZONING APPEAL: C-27-06 – An ordinance mending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the south side of Rutherford, 180 feet west of Creswell Avenue, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-2, Suburban, Multi-Family Residence District, to R-2-E, Suburban, Multi-Family Residence/Extended Use District, Limited to “a driveway for access to the adjacent parking lot only, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
(B/Walford)

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Walford to introduce Ordinance No(s). 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, and 71 of 2006 to lay over until June 13, 2006 meeting.

Councilwoman Robertson: Okay, 68 is the one that I was going to remand back to MPC.

Mr. Thompson: We’ve introduced it and now if you have a motion, this might be the proper time for it Mr. Chairman.

Substitute motion by Councilman Robertson, seconded by Councilman Walford to remand Ordinance No. 68 of 2006 to Metropolitan Planning Commission .

Councilwoman Robertson: Mr. Horton is here, and we’re wanting MPC to re-look at his case to see about doing R-1-DE.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, could we do it to introduce and then to remand?

Councilman Lester: That’s fine. Would you accept that as a substitute to introduce and to remand?

Councilwoman Robertson: That’s fine.

Substitute motion by Councilman Robertson, seconded by Councilman Walford to introduce and to remand Ordinance No. 68 of 2006 to Metropolitan Planning Commission .

Councilman Walford: I thought we (inaudible)

Councilman Carmody: It’s already introduced.

Councilman Walford: Okay, I’m sorry. We already introduced.

Councilman Green: We introduced it already.

Mr. Thompson: But I don’t think we voted. I think she stopped the vote.

Councilman Lester: Right, she did.

Councilman Walford: Well, you want to vote on all the introduction?

Councilman Lester: No, I think if the substitute motion is to introduce and to remand 'that one,' then the motion on the floor previously to introduce the rest of them will be voted on. The first thing we have to do is vote on her motion to introduce and remand this one, and then we will go back to where we were before to introduce the rest of them, if I'm correct. Okay.

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

Motion to introduce Ordinance No(s). 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 69, 70, and 71 of 2006 to lay over until June 13, 2006 meeting. approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Robertson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None.

Councilwoman Robertson: Mr. Chairman, if I could, I know Mr. Horton is here. We've taken care of you so if you needed to leave. I know he was (inaudible). Thank you for coming, but we took care of it.

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

1. **Ordinance No. 45 of 2006**: An ordinance authorizing the purchasing agent to dispose of surplus real property parcel of land at 6313 Tierra Dr. and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (G/Jackson)

Having passed first reading on May 9, 2006 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. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Robertson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None.

2. **Ordinance No. 46 of 2006**: An ordinance amending the 2006 General Fund Budget and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on May 9, 2006 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 Green.

Councilman Jackson: Mr. Chairman I have a question on the structure of the actual ordinance itself. I just saw four amendments, and I was thinking it was more than that.

Councilman Lester: The only amendments that I see are 1, 2, 3A, and 3B. Is that correct Mr. Thompson?

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Jackson, if you're referring to the amendment that we talked about on Friday, I believe it was?

Councilman Thompson: Yes sir.

Mr. Thompson: When we came over to your office, and you did not mention it, we did not prepare it. And you said you were going to think about it over the weekend is my recollection.

Councilman Jackson: Okay. I'm sorry we've got confusion about it, we can move forward.

Motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Rpbertspm to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 46 of 2006. *The Clerk read the following:*

Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 46 of 2006

AMEND THE ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS:

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

In General Government, decrease Operating Reserves by \$200,000, decrease Transfer to Capital Projects by \$575,000, and increase Transfer to Community Development by \$220,000

In Public Assembly and Recreation increase Other Charges by \$50,000

In Police increase Personal Services by \$200,000

In Fire decrease Improvements and Equipment by \$800,000

In Operational Services increase Improvement and Equipment by \$1,105,000

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Robertson, Green, and Jackson. 5. Nays: Councilmen Carmody, and Hogan. 2.

Amendment No. 2 to Ordinance No. 46 of 2006

AMEND THE ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS:

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

In General Government, decrease Operating Reserves by \$300,000 and increase transfer to Shreveport Redevelopment Agency by \$300,000.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

Motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Jackson to adopt Amendment No. 2 to Ordinance No. 46 of 2006. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Robertson, Green, and Jackson. 4. Nays: Councilmen Walford, Carmody, and Hogan. 3.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I believe we now consider 3B.

Motion by Councilman Hogan, seconded by Councilman Jackson to adopt Amendment No. 3B to Ordinance No. 46 of 2006 as amended.

Amendment No. 3B to Ordinance No. 46 of 2006

AMEND THE ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS:

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

In Office of the Mayor, decrease Personal Services by \$32,300.

In Public Assembly and Recreation, decrease Personal Services by \$263,600 and decrease other charges by \$50,000.

In Finance, decrease Personal Services by \$100,000.

In General Government, increase Operating Reserves by \$2,700,500 and Transfer to Capital by \$575,000. Decrease Transfer to MPC Fund by \$19,000, Transfer to Golf Fund by \$30,000, and Transfer to Community Development Fund by \$273,000.

In Police, decrease Personal Services by \$940,600.

In Fire, decrease Personal Services by \$655,900 and increase Improvements and Equipment by \$800,000.

In Operational Services, decrease Personal Services by \$444,000, Improvements and Equipment by \$1,105,000 and transfer to Fleet Services by 37,000

In City Council, decrease Personal Services by \$18,100.

In City Courts, decrease Personal Services by \$55,000.

In City Marshal, decrease Personal Services by \$52,000.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I can read all of this, or I can read the amendment.

Councilman Lester: You can read the explanation.

The Clerk read the following:

Amendment 3b will be considered if Amendment 1 passes. This amendment will disallow an employee pay increase as of July 1, 2006

Councilman Green: I didn't understand. You said allow?

Mr. Thompson: disallow.

Councilman Green: Okay.

Mr. Thompson: **“and will bring all total to the original ordinance”**. It basically disallows pay raises for city employees.

Councilman Hogan: You know this was a - - - I carefully considered this before I offered the amendment. And certainly, I put a lot of thought into it. And what I attempted to do was look at the big picture of our City budget. Everyone wants more money. Everyone wants a raise, but in light of our current situation, we have more debt that we've ever had before as a city, and if we had money in the bank, if we had everything going our way, I would have no problem with this pay raise. But I just felt like, and by the way, I'm not going to beat up anyone that votes against this. It's just my philosophy. I believe that it would be wise to put as much as we can in reserve for anything unexpected. You know we don't know if we're going to have this money next year. You know we had this windfall. Some people said that it's in large part due to hurricane evacuees coming into our area. So there's no guarantee that we're going to have this money again next year. So that's why I think we should use great caution in dealing with this because there's no way we can foretell the future. We could have decreased revenues next year. There could be a possibility if this passes that, there could be layoffs that could lead us to have to layoff some people next year. I see somebody shaking their heads, but there's no guarantees. We don't know we're going to have this

money. And I'm satisfied with the level of salaries. There are city workers that do their jobs, they get pay raises. And you know in comparison to other cities our size, I understand that they're pretty much in line. They're in the average range of what their job is, or what they're pay is, whatever they're getting paid for. And so, I know this wouldn't be popular, but I just wanted to be on the record as having a philosophy that, I think we should have as much in reserve as we can, and without committing ourselves to something to a recurring extent that we are not sure we're going to have the funds to cover within the next year or the following years. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Lester: Thank you Councilman Hogan. I think Mr. Mayor wanted to weigh in on this. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Hightower: Mr. Chairman, I hate to too much prioritize the allocation of this money. But if I take a look at the very first thing that we considered doing, when we recognized that we would have a surplus when we received the past due tax revenues was to look at employee pay. And we (inaudible) all the long. We have known all the long that you know our guys deserve a little bit more than what they've been receiving. And so I - - I understand Councilman Hogan's concerns, but as far as the operating reserve goes, we're probably running about 6% now operating reserve. That number is likely to increase by some amount. Keep in mind we have two different operating reserves. One General Fund, one in the Riverfront Fund. So, I don't think anybody ought to have any fear that we're going to run out of money or we don't have a rainy day stash. We do, and it's at an acceptable rate for the bonding agency, Standard and Poors and Moodys to continue to give us high bond rating, and the lowest rates possible. So, I don't think that we ought to instill any fear in anybody that we don't have enough money for rainy days. The reason that part of this surplus at least, came about, is the conservative manner in which we have budgeted our funds. We knew that sales tax revenues were spiking up at a pretty steady rate, and when we put the budget together, we did it conservatively. We didn't estimate that we'd be 11% in some months, and 7 in others. I mean, we did an across the board, Tom was it 5 or 6%?

Mr. Dark: (inaudible) that we budgeted. We actually budgeted a fairly small amount and are getting considerably more than that.

Mayor Hightower: You don't remember the number though do you?

Mr. Dark: I think we actually budgeted about 1 or 2 and are getting considerably more.

Mayor Hightower: We budgeted 1 or 2% and it's been considerably than that. So, the reserves are certainly, I believe, adequate. And again not only do I believe they're adequate, but I think Wall Street believes that we're adequate. I do believe that proportionately we should move the reserve up with the income and with the revenue that we receive, and then our original proposal, we asked to do that. Now I know some of that's going to be amended out today, but again I think that we're fortunate this year. We have two budget sessions essentially. We've got one today, and we'll have one in the fall. So, whether we do fire trucks today or whether we do them in the fall, you know we've got to do them at some point. Whether we do ADA today or we do it in the fall, we've got to address it at some point. But I think it's imperative that we send a message to our employees that we do appreciate what they do. We do recognize that they don't make all that they ought to make. Part of the reason that we structured the pay increase in the fashion that we did, where everyone would get \$1,800 across the board versus a

percentage cost of living type of raise was to show those guys that are out there in the trenches and the ditches that are doing the things that most people don't want to do that we appreciate 'em is to give 'em a big increase percentage wise. And that's what the \$1,800 across the board was all about. And so I would urge the Council on this particular amendment to vote "NO," and again, I'm not going to speak on every amendment that comes up, because it's not the original proposal that I put together. And Councilman Green and I had this conversation. We've got to - - - I think we've got to address 'em all at some point or the other and it's up to this Council as to the timing. But I think on this particular amendment, it would send the wrong signal and certainly be a moral crusher for the entire employee base, not to pass the \$1,800 rate increase for each and every one of them at this time.

Councilman Walford: We don't have average employees. We've got good employees. We've got excellent employees. We've got a Class I Fire Department. So, why do we want average pay? I'm mystified by that. I'm going to go along with the Mayor. You deserve a pay raise, I want us to be above average. I don't want us to be average at anything. So, I'm going to support it and I hope that all my fellow Council Members will do the same.

Councilman Jackson: I certainly would suggest that, while I understand Councilman Hogan's perspective from a fiscal perspective, I don't think we do it on the backs of the employees. I really wish that we would have done it, because I can appreciate the Mayor's (inaudible) and the Fire Chief. But you know there is a perception that is there with regards to what we did a month or two ago, when we went out and supported and hopefully those of us who were in that number who did go out and support it, did so to send a signal to both our Fire and Police Officers that we in fact were in support of not only their efforts, but their careers as well. And but what is not happening, and you all know that we have done this time after time to try to increase the pay for those folks who were classified employees who are not affected by those particular raises or by securing that additional tax money. And while I understand Councilman Hogan, I would certainly be more inclined to support taking that lump sum of money and giving it to the folks who are classified employees, and not giving a raise to those who are unclassified employees, civil servants who again, do they deserve it? Absolutely. But you know the job of this Council, in my opinion, is to take limited resources, and try to meet unlimited needs and everybody would get a morale boost. But I just think it's something about setting a new standard to move the floor. And without necessarily moving the ceiling, I think you could move the floor, so that we get folks in an scenario where we are competitive with other communities around this area, and I did not want to be in support of a vote that in fact gave everybody a raise, because I suggested that when you do that, this is all that happens. And it keeps going. Relatively speaking that's a good thing. But when folks have been seemingly left out and have been consistently complaining about no attention and even got legislation down in Baton Rouge trying to attempt to put on the ballot the same kind of tax for those who are at the bottom that would be exclusive to those who are classified employees. And I thought this might be an opportunity to focus there. But since, and that was my amendment, and since it's not here on this agenda, that's one extreme. I think the other extreme would be to do nothing, or to give no raise as Mr. Hogan has offered. And Mr. Chairman, I'll tell you that I think not being able to have the extreme that I wanted and certainly not being

able to embrace the extreme that Mr. Hogan want's, I'm certainly will have to side with the Administration's suggestion to give everybody something. Because at least if everybody comes up some, it's certainly not pleasing, I mean it's not my desire, but at least everybody still comes up some, and that's better than nothing at all. And I do that. I'm not satisfied, but I certainly would encourage the Council to at least consider making sure we give raises and if we have to give them to everybody, so that the folks at the bottom will get 'em, then lets give them to everybody.

Councilman Carmody: I've reconsidered and would make one comment. I've certainly heard what the Mayor has said and appreciate the fact that we do have reserves, but I do think that the time is coming and is probably coming pretty quick that the Administration and the Council, and maybe not this Council, and maybe not this Administration are going to have to look at the realities of locating sources of funds to place into our employee pension fund. Those of us that serve on the Audit and Finance Committee, our meeting yesterday was eye opening. And one of the observations that I made and I think it's going to unfortunately prove to be what will occur. Is at some point, instead of us saying 'can we vote to give \$150 a month to everyone of these employees?' What's going to happen is that they're going to find out that it's going to be out of necessity that their pension employee contribution is going to have to go up. Now, having been in that position before, I take that as a pay cut. That's the way that I look at it. When you tell me that out of necessity in order to assure that I've got a pension that's going to be solvent by the time I'm vested in it and can retire, that I need to contribute more money, it's going to be a scenario that's going to be difficult for not our average worker, but our very good workers to understand. And so, I know that I'm supposed to speak to the merits of this particular one. I will vote against it. I have heard the Mayor, and we do have the reserves, but I do want these employees to understand that, that will be a fact that will come, and it's a situation that none of us would like to have to go through, but that the city will have to go through in order to assure that those persons who chose to work for the city and to retire from the city in order to make sure that there's going to be monies there for you to retire on, those contributions will have to go up. And again, the only way that I would look at that is that you're taking money out of my pocket. Well, that's a discussion for another day, but I think that it's something that when we find an opportunity like this where we have monies that are a windfall so to speak, that it would be prudent to look at what could be done with the money to assist our employees. If we were to have done it that way, you'd still have the persons just like myself who said 'you didn't give me anything. I didn't get anything more than my paycheck.' But sometimes we have to look at the long term what's in the best interest of the city. And essentially those persons who work so far it, to make sure that they're taken care of when it's time for them to retire. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Lester: I want to make a couple of comments and then I'll give it back to Councilman Hogan, because I think he was the maker of the motion. We got this windfall because some of the money that we have is recurring. Some of it is one time money. Contrary to popular belief, the Administration and this Council is moving forward with a pay raise based on recurring revenues. Because to do anything otherwise is obviously setting yourself up for failure. The last thing I want to do or I think anyone of us on the Council wants to do is be 'Indian givers.' You know we give you a pay raise, and months down the line, if the sales taxes are bad, we would take those resources

from you. And I've been assured looking at the forecast, and I know that Tom's projections are very conservative, extremely conservative. I'm not going to say ridiculously conservative, but I'm just going to say extremely conservative. And so the amount that we're dealing with, there is I believe some (inaudible) room as it relates to the total bottom line on recurring revenues. Again, when we have additional money, which obviously is a good problem to have from a governmental standpoint. You can do a lot of things and I will say this. One of the things that Councilman Jackson has said, and I agree with him wholeheartedly is, you identify what your priorities are based upon what you spend your money on. And for years and years you budget things on brick and mortar, but all too often, we do not put a priority on the people who operate those things, and those people that work hard everyday to make us look good. One of the things that I'm proudest about is that we, this Council, has made a specific effort to address our human capital which is our best resource, is our city employees on more than one occasion. This body endorsed the idea of doing a tax increase for city, municipal employees. So much so, they left with the resolution that we passed, they did a house bill and after doing the house bill we even moved forward and we even got some of our legislative delegation through the process of actually starting to move that particular piece of legislation through the legislature to give our municipal employees the ability to have a dedicated tax just like we have for Fire and Police to deal with their issues of pay. But when it became apparent that this additional recurring revenue was there, prudence dictated that we would try to live within our means as opposed to increasing taxes. And so I think that the most fiscally responsible thing for us to do and the best thing to do for our employees is to move forward with what the Administration is proposing, which is to give additional - - - a pay increase to our employees based on revenues that have increased as opposed to asking our citizens for a dedicated tax. I think that's the fiscally responsible thing to do. Now, do I think that at some point we might have to deal with that issue in terms of asking for a dedicated tax for the city employees? Yes I do. Do I think that we should have done it years ago? Absolutely. But the fact of the matter is it wasn't done and it makes no sense crying over spilled milk. This is the right thing to do, i.e., giving a pay raise to the employees. Anything else is just plain wrong and I don't subscribe any negative connotations to Councilman Hogan, because I know where his heart is and he is concerned about the long term viability of the city. But clearly the projections indicated that these revenues are recurring, and I would suggest to him that if it becomes a point where the revenues are not there, then I think we would use our recourse to go to our legislative delegation and impose upon them to allow us to have a dedicated tax. We have the ability to do that. I would much rather have the conversation right now about doing something like, I don't know, adding some additional steps to the pay scale. Because there are a number of our employees that have gotten on that upper end, 10, 15 years and they, whenever we do these increases, they get some money, and then they come back. I think we need to be dealing with those types of things. The last thing we need to do is to send a message to our employees that we don't value them. And I think to move forward with this, and take away that incentive for them to continue to do a good job to make us look good, I think just flies in the face of (inaudible). And again, pension is an issue that we need to deal with, but I think we need to separate the pension compensation from the salary increase conversation. Those are two different issues. Yes, one does affect the other, but there are things that we can do to deal with the

separate and apart from denying folks a pay raise. And I would suggest that if my right honorable friend was so concerned about the long term viability and you know the strength of the pension plan, then certainly he could have put a budget amendment to dump some of those additional resources into the pension plan, so that hey, the city wouldn't have to deal with it and the employees wouldn't have to deal with it. But beyond just the mere conversation of saying this is something that we're going to have to do in the future, lets not scare people. Lets do something about it as opposed to speak about it and (inaudible) about it. So, I would just urge a "NO" vote because I think this would send the absolute wrong message at the absolute wrong time. And that's my comment. Councilman Hogan as the maker of the motion and the amendment, you have the last debate.

Councilman Hogan: Thank you sir. Mr. Mayor, I'd like to say thank you for your amendment. It was evident to me as I read it, the great detail of it that you put a lot of thought into it. You didn't take it lightly. And I appreciate all that you've done and the hard work that you put into that. And I agreed with 90% of it. And certainly, I'm proud to have Councilman Green - - - what do we have now per district, \$750,000 per district?

Councilman Green: But you didn't vote for it, so I don't know if you'll get yours. Can we refer to Roberts Rules of Order?

Councilman Hogan: Nonetheless, I believe if I'm right, we'll have \$757,000 per district. You need to hit the gavel Mr. Chairman?

Councilman Lester: No, no, no. Councilwoman Robertson is giving out chocolate. I know that's a different inducement.

Councilman Hogan: But I'd just like to remind the other city workers who are listening and are here today, that Councilman Lester's offer last year that I did vote for is a one-time pay increase of \$700 I believe Councilman Lester? Correct?

Councilman Lester: Right?

Councilman Hogan: It was the recurring, yes. I'd just like to say on the record that did vote for that. But is it ever enough? Well, no. It's just something that I felt like would probably not pass, but I just wanted to make my stand and make it clear where I was and where I stood on this position that just because we have some extra money, I don't think that we should spend every bit of it. Now, I just felt like you know, and I mentioned to that the Mayor did have some. Half million wasn't it Mr. Mayor? Half million was going into the reserve? And that was some wisdom on his part. I just felt like that it needed to be a larger part going into reserve in light of the debt that we have and the things in the future obligations that we have the potential that it could happen that the Convention Center might not fly. So, I think we tend to forget that. But it is a possibility. What if we had another 911?

Citizen: Sir, I'm just taking notes, I'm sorry. (Inaudible)

Councilman Hogan: That's alright, it doesn't bother me

Citizen: I never thought the Convention Center would fly anyway though.

Councilman Hogan: That's alright, that's alright, it's okay. If you want to laugh, that's okay. I've been laughed at before. It doesn't bother me really. But anyway, by the same token, I'm going to say one more thing and I'm going to be finished. We have an opportunity to vote what is equal to a 4% per year pay increase for the Council, for the upcoming Council. And I'd just like to say that I'm not going to be in favor of that. I'm

satisfied with the level of compensation for the Council, even though I'm not running again. You know I think it's sufficient, and I applaud Councilman Jackson's amendment that would take the pay away. I understand the spirit of his law that anyone that is going to serve should serve from their heart. They should have a desire to serve, and so, but anyway, I think that would keep - - - that would limit some people from running. Because some people do need the extra money for the expenses associated with being on the Council. And so but just for the record, I will not be in favor of a Council increase in pay as well. I'd like to keep it the same. And that's all.

Councilman Lester: And just for point of information, there is no motion to - - - or no ordinance to increase Council pay on the agenda.

Councilman Hogan: It's upcoming though right?

Councilman Lester: No.

Councilwoman Robertson: The deadline is past.

Councilman Hogan: We did not do that, I beg your partner. I stand corrected on that.

Councilman Green: Thank you. Also Councilman, on that pay increase. Since I'll be here, I'm going to be riding the bus, so I won't have to worry about it. The amendment that I have just to clear - - - you have the discretion to do with whatever you would with your money. So, if you decide to put it back in the General Fund for a rainy day, if you decide to give it to the Fire Department, whatever you decide to do with it, then that's your prerogative. And if you decide that the ones that voted for it to give them more to help get some stuff done, you have that discretion.

Councilman Hogan: Alright.

Councilman Green: And I just wanted to clarify that. Thank you.

Councilman Hogan: Thank you. I appreciate that.

Motion failed by the following vote: Nays: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Robertson, Green, and Jackson. 6. Ayes: Councilman Hogan. 1.

Motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Robertson to adopt Ordinance No. 46 of 2006 as amended.

Mr. Antee: Mr. Chairman, if I may for the public's benefit, clear something up. There's been a lot of discussion about a windfall. We've got \$10,000,000 that we're talking about. About half of that is \$5,000,000 that has accumulated over the last five or six years as a result of a legal dispute with a medical provider over whether or not certain things are taxable. Although it's all be accumulated and given to us at one time, it is recurring. And we have started and will start receiving taxes on that every month just like we do all other sales tax. Now we won't get \$5,000,000 a year, but it's been about \$700-900 a year that will come every year. So it's not really a windfall, it's what we should have been receiving for the last five or six years and haven't been. So, I just want to make that clear so that everybody understands in the public.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Robertson, Hogan, and Green 6. Nays: Councilman Jackson. 1.

3. **Ordinance No. 47 of 2006**: An ordinance amending the 2006 Capital Improvements Budget.

Having passed first reading on May 9, 2006 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 Green. *The Clerk read the following:*

Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 47 of 2006

AMEND THE ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS:

In Program A (Buildings and Improvements):

Increase the appropriation for **Riverfront Parking Structure (05A001)** by \$609,200. Funding sources are Riverfront Development \$389,200 and Downtown Parking Fund \$220,000.

In Program B (Recreation Improvements):

Increase the appropriation for **Swimming Pool Renovation (01B003)** by \$34,000.

Funding source is 2003 GOB.

In Program H (Airports):

Establish a new project entitled **Small Community Air Service Development Grant (06H011)** at \$600,000. Funding sources are Federal Grant \$500,000, Private Donations \$50,000 and Shreveport Airport Authority \$50,000.

Motion by Councilman Carmody, seconded by Councilman Walford to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 47 of 2006. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Walford, Carmody, Hogan, and Jackson. 4. Nays: Lester, Robertson, and Green. 3

Amendment No. 2 to Ordinance No. 47 of 2006

AMEND THE ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS:

In Program A (Buildings and Improvements):

Decrease the appropriation for **Renovations for ADA (06A001)** by \$575,000. Funding source is General Fund.

Motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Lester to adopt Amendment No. 2 to Ordinance No. 47 of 2006.

Councilman Walford: This is just a companion to the - - -?

Mr. Thompson: That's correct.

Councilman Walford: To 46 as adopted.

Councilman Lester: Right.

Councilwoman Robertson: No. 2 is?

Councilman Lester: Right.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Robertson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 6. Nays: Councilman Carmody. 1.

Mr. Thompson: You have in your possession Amendment No. 3, but I believe that one, that's a companion of the amendment of amendment to the one that was defeated, and I believe the author is withdrawing it. So there's no need to vote on it.

Motion by Councilman Carmody, seconded by Councilman Robertson to adopt Ordinance No. 47 of 2006 as amended. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Robertson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None.

4. **Ordinance No. 48 of 2006**: An ordinance amending the 2006 Budget for the Downtown Parking Enterprise Fund.

Having passed first reading on May 9, 2006 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 Carmody to adopt.

Councilman Jackson: Mr. Chairman, what is the purpose for this?

Mr. Dark: Mr. Chairman, you just voted in the Capital ordinance to move some money into that parking structure project, and part of it comes from this ordinance. So, this is a companion to what you've already, what the Council's already approved.

Councilman Jackson: And this is for the parking fund?

Mr. Dark: It's moving some balance in the parking fund into the parking structure fund, which is one of the few places it legally can be spent.

Motion failed by the following vote: Nays: Councilmen Lester, Robertson, Green, and Jackson. 4. Ayes: Councilmen , Walford, Carmody, and Hogan. 3.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I suppose the result of that is that there is less money in the parking fund? Is that the intent of the Council?

Councilmen Lester and Jackson: Yes.

Councilwoman Robertson: (Inaudible) 52?

Mr. Thompson: No. 48.

Councilwoman Robertson: I know, but isn't it going to be going along with 52 also?

Mr. Thompson: It was the companion to the other one, but it failed.

Councilman Lester: Right.

Mr. Dark: So what you've done is you have money in the capital budget for the project, but you've not funded the revenue. Which means the budgets technically don't balance each other.

Councilman Lester: Right.

5. **Ordinance No. 49 of 2006**: An ordinance amending the 2006 Budget for Golf Fund Budget.

Having passed first reading on May 9, 2006 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by

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

6. **Ordinance No. 50 of 2006**: An ordinance amending the 2006 Budget for the SPORTRAN Enterprise Fund.

Having passed first reading on May 9, 2006 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 Jackson to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Robertson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None.

7. **Ordinance No. 51 of 2006**: An ordinance amending the 2006 Budget for the MPC Special Revenue Fund.

Having passed first reading on May 9, 2006 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 Robertson to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Robertson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None.

8. **Ordinance No. 52 of 2006**: An ordinance amending the 2006 Budget for the Riverfront Special Revenue Fund.

Having passed first reading on May 9, 2006 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 Carmody to adopt. Motion failed by the following vote: Nays: Councilmen Lester, Robertson, , Green, and Jackson. 4. Ayes: Councilmen Walford, Carmody, and Hogan. 3.

9. **Ordinance No. 53 of 2006**: An ordinance amending the 2006 Budget for the Fleet Services Internal Service Fund.

Having passed first reading on May 9, 2006 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 Lester to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Robertson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None

- 10 **Ordinance No. 54 of 2006**: An ordinance amending the 2006 Community Development Special Revenue Fund Budget.

Having passed first reading on May 9, 2006 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 Green.

Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 54 of 2006

AMEND THE ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS:

In Section 1 (Estimated Receipts):

Increase Transfer from General Fund by \$100,000

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

2006 Revenues:

Housing and Business Development:

Programs:

Increase Total Commitment Program by \$100,000.

Motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Green to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 54 of 2006. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Robertson, Green, and Jackson. 4. Nays: Councilmen Walford, Carmody, and Hogan. 3. *The Clerk read the following:*

Amendment No. 2 to Ordinance No. 54 of 2006

AMEND THE ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS:

In Section 1 (Estimated Receipts):

Increase Transfer from General Fund by \$120,000

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

2006 Revenues:

Workforce Development:

Increase Summer Jobs for Youth by \$120,000

Motion by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Green to adopt Amendment No. 2 to Ordinance No. 54 of 2006.

Councilman Lester: And it's a companion to - - -?

Mr. Thompson: The General Fund.

Councilman Hogan: This is not necessarily the Council program? It's just in general? Can you - - -?

Mr. Thompson: These funds are being budgeted in the Community Development Fund, and it would be administered by Community Development.

Councilman Jackson: Maybe Councilman Jackson can answer. What type of jobs, I guess is a better question?

Councilman Jackson: Well, when I talked to her, we talked about trying to make sure that they could either through our Public Assembly and Recreation or Community Development jobs. As some of you know, perhaps that the Workforce Investment Act which is typically been the place that young people would go through to have summer employment in the City for those who needs some employment and that there are not enough private industry jobs to be able to provide for them has been decreased considerably, and so this amendment was to in fact be able to fund some of those so that some of the high school students who lived in Shreveport and who are of the appropriate age couldn't quite have (inaudible) opportunities. Not dissimilar to what we've traditionally done through Federal dollars.

Councilman Hogan: Okay, and what would be the age? Are these high school kids? Maybe (inaudible)?

Councilman Jackson: They have to be the appropriate age. Whatever the legal work age is for this particular type program. But 16, I think is typically it. But if this passes, Councilman, you could speak to Ms. Moore about the specificity of the program and its requirements.

Councilman Green: Mr. Chairman, I'd just like to say Councilman Jackson talked to me about it, and part of the money that's going to my district I will also be committing some money to that particular program to give young folk job opportunities, so it's basically, we're asking the children to get off the street, and we ask them to stay positive, but I think we've got to put our money where our mouth is in order to help them. So, I'll be committing some money from the allocation that I have as well to Councilman Jackson's vision on getting them some summer jobs. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Robertson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 5. Nays: Councilmen Walford, Carmody. 2.

Motion by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Green to adopt Ordinance No. 54 of 2006 as amended. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Carmody, Robertson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 6. Nays: Councilman Walford. 1.

11. **Ordinance No. 55 of 2006:** An ordinance amending and reenacting Section 2-29 of the Code of Ordinances relative to compensation of Council Members and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on May 9, 2006 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 Hogan to adopt.

Councilman Jackson: Clearly to the chagrin of my colleagues, this motion is there and certainly without a great deal of expectation for us to consider it. Because I've heard fader over the course of the last couple of weeks about why I would recommend and or suggest this, and as usual the spirit of it gets convoluted by a whole lot of talk that has absolutely nothing to do with what we're doing. As I've said Mr. Chairman to our colleagues before, one of the concerns that I had is what Councilman Hogan brought up earlier. We will not vote to give raises to many of our city employees, but from time to time, if the opportunity presented itself, we in fact would indeed take a raise. And so one of the things I wanted to suggest to us is that from having served on this Council, I think one of the commitments that we want to make sure that all of our, as my colleagues from District B has said, we don't have average employees, but we give them average pay. And so, it emanated from that particular thought that not just that service ought to be free, but if the \$14,000 is allocated, or whatever the amount is, it's supposed to be compensation, think it falls outside of the definition of what compensation really is. And I challenge the Council Members to really consider this in the sense that I question the level of impact that this makes on our district. And I think that we as individual

councilmen ought to certainly weigh in to discuss what impact it has on our district. While it may impact the household to some degree, the truth is it doesn't create more work in the district, doesn't incentivise us to work any harder than we would, otherwise in my opinion, and I was hoping and you'll see as we have already introduced the next time, that if this particular ordinance fails, which I indeed assume that it will, that also challenges us to look at the idea of how we impact our districts more financially. If those who work our offices, certainly in my opinion, for the things that we could do in our communities, understaffed. And the Council does not have the ability to hire staff to be able to do things in our particular districts, and so we've got to work our staff double time, doing two or three different things. And so, I just think that the impact of money that can be appropriated to districts that are currently under the line item of salary, could certainly be better spent and impact our districts more if there were folks who worked in our districts from 8-5. Because I've felt and I've gotta tell you Mr. Chairman, I feel a personal conviction as well. Because I feel from time to time that I'm challenged, not morally, as much as ethically, challenged whenever I'm leaving where I'm working and where I'm compensated to be, in order to try and respond to the concerns of people who live in my district, whose issues do not happen before 8 all the time or after 5 all the time, but during the day there are some issues, and having to, unlike perhaps my colleagues, take leave time and other things like that in order to attend meetings, just becomes a burden on certain people. And I unlike what perhaps was said earlier, I don't think Council representation ought to be limited to only people who are wealthy and those kinds of things. But I do think that we've got to look at archaic of council representation that we currently have with regards to the resources that we allocate to respond to citizens needs, as opposed to continuing to try and I'm certainly not indicting anybody for how they may feel about it, but I think we could certainly do a lot more if we had additional resources. And so, this came as a measure to, I think, focus us on the areas that we need to increase resources and be able to impact our districts in more significant ways. With that Mr. Chairman, I offer that.

Councilman Lester: Well, I would like to make a comment. One of the most challenging things that I have done personally and professionally is to sit up here on this rostrum. Despite what a lot of people think, this is not an easy job. It's not a - - - certainly not a glamorous one, and it's not an easy one, and it's one that I think many of us take with very circumspect about the things that we do. There is a perception out there, I think, and it's unfortunate, that most of the job and the work of being on the City Council is done on Monday's and or Tuesdays from 3-4 or 3-6 and things of that nature. But I would dare say if one of our constituents would follow us on a regular day, then they would find that many of us spend a tremendous amount of time on issues that impact our council districts. Many of us spend I know on a personal level, I spend a lot of time over at City Hall, here in the Council Office with our colleagues. We spend a lot of time dealing with things in Community Development, and the fact of the matter is this is not an easy job, regardless of what people may think, and it's a challenging one. And at the same time, it is something that we certainly accept and you know we can't be too angry about it, because we prayed and asked God to give us the strength and the wisdom to do the job or to get the job, and then once you get the job, you have to do it. I said all of that to say this. There are some of the things that are contained within this particular ordinance, I think are in the right direction, and some I think, going in the wrong

direction. Something that's in, that's - - - listening to Councilman Jackson say, I think the spirit of our service or the service of the City Council needs to be looked at in a more professional way. I think professionally, I think we need to - - - you need to have a council that has a staff like many professional situations. In other words, the prohibition in our Code of Ordinances against individual members having staff is something that definitely needs to be done away with. Certainly from my perspective, you know I'm in the situation where I do have staff that's associated with my job on a daily basis, but for us to tax my staff additionally, in order to handle the work of the city, I think that's a burden that my staff should not have to bare, but they do. Because that's part of my job description, but in order for me to be a more effective council person and a more effective representative for the citizens of District A, that's something that I do personally. Everyone's not in that same situation. Everyone doesn't have a particular staff that they can delegate certain responsibilities to in terms of citizen contacts and things of that nature. And I think if we were to start to look at the Council as many legislative bodies and policy making bodies across the country, not just on the city level, but the state and federal level. I mean you have - - - here you have no staff, but our state legislative delegation has staff. And they have committee staff. If you look at our federal offices, our federal legislators, they have an entire legislative staff that's devoted to dealing with their particular issues in their districts. We don't. If you look at our senate, our senators have district offices in different parts of the state. People that are on any number of legislative deals, public service commission, the same scenario. I don't know why that was, but I think at a certain period, there was and of course, I was not there, but I would suspect that one of the things that was done when the former government was changed, was to put, what I believe, this handicap there, so that you would not have a rise of a strong Council. And I think that this continues to perpetuate that. At the same time to put Council people in a position where there is no compensation, and there is only payment of expenses, travel expenses and postage and things of that nature, almost dooms the Council to be something that is not exactly reflexive of the community. Because if we move forward with this, the only people that are going to be able to afford to be on the Council are people that are independently wealthy. And that is not a good thing. I'm not saying that there is anything wrong with the people that are independently wealthy. God willing, I would like to find out what that's like. But the reality of it is, putting this in that type situation would only exacerbate the situation because when the phone call comes in, you'd have to worry about 'do I take care of the constituent, or do I bill somebody an hour that's going to pay my family and put me in a situation where I take care of those responsibilities, and I think it's getting to the point where asking a Council person to put the responsibilities of their districts above the responsibilities for their family. That's something that we don't want to do because trust me, I have been in situations where I have put my personal responsibility to my constituency far and above some of the responsibilities I have to my clients with very negative results that everybody knows about and it's been printed far and wide. So, I just think that I understand the spirit by which Councilman Jackson is offering this, and I do take it for a discussion point that we at some point do need to look at how we compensate the Council. I do think that we need to look at the structure of the Council from a legislative standpoint and having staff. But to put us in a situation where compensation is taken, what meager

compensation it is, and only to reimburse folks, I think is going in the wrong direction, not the right direction.

Councilman Jackson: This as a final comment. Again, I think you're absolutely right. And I think anybody who is doing this job has already had to rob Peter as it regards to their family and other responsibilities to pay Paul which is to try to fulfill their duties as a public servant. And I think you're right. And again, this came to engender this particular discussion because the truth of the matter is if we agree it's archaic, and if I understand you right, then the correct direction that we ought to actually be moving in is how to restructure this scenario. There are some who while are not independently wealthy, some who are retired folks and otherwise who do have more time without having necessarily to be independently wealthy, but I would add that to keep it as it is now, does not secure much above that level that we are afraid of. In the sense that it basically now is nearly the same scenario, and so I think the Council ought to, like many of the cities, I mean other cities around this country look at how you adjust the pay raise. Because the other thought would have been to increase it to where it's a legitimate scenario. But of course, nobody is going to vote for that. Particularly nobody is going to vote for that in the election season. So, I mean my thought was that we have to look at doing something or else we believe that where we are with regards to status quo is the right place to be. Leave it alone and then it's somebody else' to deal with it when it's a better time to deal with it. With that Mr. Councilman and having felt the spirit of this council, I'd like to have a substitute motion to withdraw.

Substitute motion by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Walford to withdraw Ordinance No. 55 of 2006.

Councilman Green: Councilman Jackson, I'm sorry you're withdrawing it, I was prepared to vote for it, but since you've taken it off.

Councilman Jackson: With all due respect, if you're here the next time, we'll see if you do it.

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

Councilman Jackson: Mr. Chairman, I just had to be sure I save everybody from having to register a vote on that situation.

Councilman Lester: Oh, I was ready to vote. What's going to happen? I'm going to get called a bad name in the paper?

Councilman Green: The reason that I was prepared to vote was I preached for Councilman Jackson Sunday. And with all the money he paid me, I don't really have to work again.

12. **Ordinance No. 56 of 2006**: 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. (A/Lester/D/Robertson)

Having passed first reading on May 9, 2006 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 Walford to adopt.

Councilwoman Robertson: I'm in favor of going ahead with this, but I do have a question. In looking at it, and this is the first one that I've seen such a big difference in for the property is three of them are in my area. None of them, the authors are even near what the taxes are owed on. So, is that a usual thing? Most of them are usually closer in price wise or offers that are given compared to taxes, but one of 'em, the offer was \$1,050 and the taxes were \$2,900. Is that a normalcy?

Councilman Carmody: I'm hoping I may be able to help our fellow Council Member. I think that this is not an uncommon occurrence with adjudicated properties, and that every year, the property is assessed again, and additional tax is applied toward it when it sits adjudicated without any private ownership - - - well, it actually many times exceeds what the value of the real estate would be by itself. And so, what we've done as a community is to try to position these properties to put them back into commerce, realizing that basically we will never recoup the taxes that are owed, but to try to put them back into commerce so that they will generate taxes in the future.

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

13. **Ordinance No. 57 of 2006**: An ordinance authorizing the lease of City-owned property to Magnolia Baptist Church of Shreveport, Inc., and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Lester) (*Not to be adopted prior Jun 13, 2006*)

Having passed first reading on May 9, 2006 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 Green to postpone. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Robertson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None.

14. **Ordinance No. 58 of 2006**: An ordinance levying a tax of Twenty-seven and Eighty-two One Hundredths (27 and 82/100ths) mills per dollar on all property subject to ad valorem taxation within the City of Shreveport for the year 2006 for the purpose of paying principal and interest on the outstanding General Obligation Bonds of the city of Shreveport, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on May 9, 2006 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 Lester to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Robertson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None.

15. **Ordinance No. 59 of 2006**: An ordinance levying a tax of Eight and Thirteen One Hundredths (8 and 13/100ths) mills per dollar on all property subject to ad valorem taxation within the bounds of the Downtown Development District of the city of Shreveport as defined by act 554 of 1978, as amended, for the purposes as set forth herein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on May 9, 2006 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Carmody, seconded by Councilman Green to adopt.

Councilman Carmody: Again at our work session yesterday, the Council had the question, and again, these are the existing taxes that we are basically re-instating and this is not an increase in taxes, this is just a confirmation of the levying of the taxes. Correct? Yes, I'm getting a nod. Thank you very much Mr. Dark.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Robertson, Hogan, and Green. 6. Nays: None. Out of the Chamber: Councilman Jackson. 1.

16. **Ordinance No. 60 of 2006**: An ordinance levying various taxes totaling Eighteen and Eighty-two One Hundredths (18 and 82/100ths) mills per dollar on all property subject to ad valorem taxation within the City of Shreveport for the year 2006 in the amounts and for the purposes described herein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on May 9, 2006 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Carmody, seconded by Councilman Walford to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Robertson, Hogan, and Green. 6. Nays: None. Out of the Chamber: Councilman Jackson. 1.

17. **Ordinance No. 61 of 2006**: An ordinance amending the 2006 Budget for the Shreveport Redevelopment Agency Special Revenue Fund, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on May 9, 2006 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 Green.

Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 61 of 2006

AMEND THE ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS:

In Section 2 (Estimated Revenues):

Strike out the words "Transfer from Riverfront Development" and add "Transfer from General Fund".

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

Motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Green to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 61 of 2006

Councilwoman Robertson: Now does this correspond with any of the other one?

Mr. Thompson: Yes it is.

Councilman Lester: It corresponds with things we passed previously.

Councilwoman Robertson: I want to make sure.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Robertson, Green, and Jackson. 6. Nays: Councilman Hogan. 1.

Motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Jackson to adopt Ordinance No. 61 of 2006 as amended Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Robertson, Green, and Jackson. 6. Nays: Councilman Hogan. 1.

18. **Ordinance No. 44 of 2006: ZONING: C-22-06** An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the north side of Interstate Drive, 1105 feet west of Monkhouse Drive, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from I-1, Light Industry District to B-3, Community Business District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (F/Green) (*Postponed May 9, 2006*)

Having passed first reading on April 25, 2006 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 Robertson to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Robertson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None.

The adopted ordinances and amendments follow:

ORDINANCE NO. 44 OF 2006

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 106 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT ZONING ORDINANCE, BY REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF INTERSTATE DRIVE, 1105 FEET WEST OF MONKHOUSE DRIVE, SHREVEPORT, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, FROM I-1, LIGHT INDUSTRY DISTRICT TO B-3, COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

SECTION I: BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, in due, legal and regular session convened, that the zoning classification of property located on the north side of Interstate Drive, 1105 feet west of Monkhouse Drive, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, legally described below, be and the same is hereby changed from, I-1, Light Industry to B-3, Community Business District.

From the intersection of the W'y R-O-W of Monkhouse Drive and the N'y R.O.W. of Interstate Drive run W'y along said N'y R-O-W of Interstate Drive a distance of 987.27

feet; thence run around a curve to the left, said curve having a radius of 356.86 feet, for a distance of 4.67 feet to the P-O-B; thence continue along said curve for a distance of 166.65 feet to a Point of Tangency; thence run S69°24'30"W, along said N'ly R-O-W, a distance of 78.78 feet; thence run N20°35'30"W a distance of 300.75 feet to a point on the S'ly R-O-W. of Interstate 20; thence run N69°25'00"E, along said R-O-W, a distance of 368.23 feet; thence run S0°13'00"W a distance of 362.56 feet to the P-O-B., Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, said tract containing 95,832 square feet or 2.2 acres.

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

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

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 45 OF 2006

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASING AGENT TO DISPOSE OF SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY PARCEL OF LAND AT 6313 TIERRA DR 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 bids 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 he is hereby authorized to advertise for bids for the following surplus real property owned by the City of Shreveport:

Lot 84, Resubdivision of La Tierra Subdivision, Unit #2 – Geographical #171514-007-0084-00

City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana. Municipal address 6313 Tierra Drive, Shreveport, La 71119.

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 "as is, where is" basis without warranty of title or recourse whatsoever. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute any and all document necessary to carry out the sale of the above described surplus property.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this ordinance or 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 application, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are here by declared severable.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 46 OF 2006

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2006 GENERAL FUND BUDGET AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY:

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend the 2006 budget for the General Fund to appropriate additional fundst 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. 163 of 2005, the 2006 General Fund budget, is hereby amended as follows:

In Section 1 (Estimated Receipts):

Increase Taxes and Special Assessments by \$10,000,000.

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

In Office of the Mayor, increase Personal Services by \$32,300.

In Public Assembly and Recreation, increase Personal Services by \$263,600.

In Finance, increase Personal Services by \$100,000.

In General Government, increase Operating Reserves by \$500,000, Transfer to Capital Projects Fund by \$1,455,000, Transfer to MPC Fund by \$19,000, Transfer to Golf Fund by \$30,000, Transfer to SporTran Fund by \$380,000 and Transfer to Community Development Fund by \$56,500.

In Police, increase Personal Services by \$740,600 and Materials and Supplies by \$210,000.

In Fire, increase Personal Services by \$655,900, Materials and Supplies by \$25,000 and Improvements and Equipment by \$800,000.

In Operational Services, increase Personal Services by \$444,000, Materials and Supplies by \$356,000, Improvements and Equipment by \$3,770,000 and Transfer to Fleet Services by \$37,000.

In City Council, increase Personal Services by \$18,100.

In City Courts, increase Personal Services by \$55,000.

In City Marshal, increase Personal Services by \$52,000.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance No. 163 of 2005 shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

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

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

Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 46 of 2006

AMEND THE ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS:

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

In General Government, decrease Operating Reserves by \$100,000, decrease Transfer to Capital Projects by \$925,000, and increase Transfer to Community Development by \$100,000

In Public Assembly and Recreation increase Other Charges by \$25,000

In Police increase Personal Services by \$200,000

In Fire decrease Improvements and Equipment by \$800,000

In Operational Services increase Improvement and Equipment by \$1,500,000

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly

Amendment No. 2 to Ordinance No. 46 of 2006

AMEND THE ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS:

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

In General Government, decrease Operating Reserves by \$400,000; increase transfer to Shreveport Redevelopment Agency by \$300,000 and increase Transfer to Capital Projects by \$100,000

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

ORDINANCE NO. 47 OF 2006

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2006 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

By:

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend the 2006 Capital Improvements Budget to increase project funding and for other purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that Ordinance No. 166 of 2005, the 2006 Capital Improvements Budget, be further amended and re-enacted as follows:

In Program A (Buildings and Improvements):

Increase the appropriation for **Renovations for ADA (06A001)** by \$925,000. Funding source is General Fund.

Establish a project entitled **Municipal Auditorium Parking (06A003)** and fund it at \$530,000 from General Fund.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance 166 of 2005, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect.

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

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

Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 47 of 2006

AMEND THE ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS:

In Program A (Buildings and Improvements):

Increase the appropriation for **Riverfront Parking Structure (05A001)** by \$609,200.

Funding sources are Riverfront Development \$389,200 and Downtown Parking Fund \$220,000.

In Program B (Recreation Improvements):

Increase the appropriation for **Swimming Pool Renovation (01B003)** by \$34,000.

Funding source is 2003 GOB.

In Program H (Airports):

Establish a new project entitled **Small Community Air Service Development Grant (06H011)** at \$600,000. Funding sources are Federal Grant \$500,000, Private Donations \$50,000 and Shreveport Airport Authority \$50,000.

Amendment No. 2 to Ordinance No. 47 of 2006

AMEND THE ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS:

In Program A (Buildings and Improvements):

Decrease the appropriation for **Renovations for ADA (06A001)** by \$575,000. Funding source is General Fund.

ORDINANCE NO. 49 OF 2006

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2006 GOLF ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY:

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend the 2006 budget for the Golf Enterprise Fund to appropriate additional funds 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. 173 of 2005, the 2006 budget for the Golf Enterprise Fund, is hereby amended as follows:

In Section 1 (Estimated Receipts):

Increase Transfer from General Fund by \$30,000.

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

Increase Personal Services by \$30,000.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance No. 173 of 2005 shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 50 OF 2006

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2006 SPORTRAN ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend the 2006 budget for the SporTran Enterprise Fund to provide additional funding and for other purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that Ordinance No. 179 of 2005, the 2006 budget for the SporTran Enterprise Fund, is hereby amended as follows:

In Section 1 (Estimated Receipts):

Increase City of Shreveport by \$380,000.

Increase City of Bossier City by \$20,000.

Increase Federal Transit Administration by \$100,000.

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

Increase Contractual Services by \$500,000.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance No. 179 of 2005 shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 51 OF 2006

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2006 BUDGET FOR THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION'S SPECIAL REVENUE FUND AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY:

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

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend the 2006 budget for the Metropolitan Planning Commission's Special Revenue Fund, to appropriate additional revenues 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. 174 of 2005, the 2006 budget for the Metropolitan Planning Commission's Special Revenue Fund, be amended as follows:

In Section 1 (Estimated Receipts):

Increase Operating Subsidy - Transfer from General Fund by \$19,000.

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

Increase Personal Services by \$19,000.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance No. 174 of 2005, as amended, shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 52 OF 2006

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2006 BUDGET FOR THE RIVERFRONT DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY:

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend the 2006 budget for the Riverfront Development Special Revenue Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that Ordinance No. 178 of 2005, the 2006 budget for the Riverfront Development Special Revenue Fund, is hereby amended as follows:

In Section 1 (Estimated Receipts):

Increase Estimated Fund Balance as of 1/1/2006 by \$389,200.

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

Increase Transfer to Capital Projects Fund by \$389,200.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance No. 178 of 2005 shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 53 OF 2006

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2006 BUDGET FOR THE FLEET SERVICES INTERNAL SERVICE FUND AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY:

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

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend the 2006 budget for the Fleet Services Internal Service, to appropriate additional funds 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. 172 of 2005, the 2006 budget for the Fleet Services Internal Service Fund, be amended as follows:

In Section 1 (Estimated Receipts):

Increase Transfer from General Fund by \$37,000.

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

Increase Personal Services by \$37,000.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance No. 172 of 2005, as amended, shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 54 OF 2006

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2006 BUDGET FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

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

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend the 2006 budget for the Community Development Special Revenue Fund, to adjust appropriations, reflect current revenue estimates and for other purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that Ordinance No. 167 of 2005, the 2006 budget for the Community Development Special Revenue Fund, is hereby amended as follows:

In Section 1 (Estimated Receipts):

Under "Fiscal Year 2006 Funds":

Increase Transfer from General Fund by \$56,500.

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

Under "2006 Revenues":

In Administration, increase Personal Services by \$10,400.

In Housing and Business Development, increase Personal Services by \$9,500.

In Codes Enforcement, increase Personal Services by \$33,100 and Materials and Supplies by \$3,500.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

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

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

Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 54 of 2006

AMEND THE ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS:

In Section 1 (Estimated Receipts):
Increase Transfer from General Fund by \$100,000
In Section 2 (Appropriations):
2006 Revenues:
Housing and Business Development:
Programs:
Increase Total Commitment Program by \$100,000.

ORDINANCE NO. 55 OF 2006

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT SECTION 2-29 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF COUNCIL MEMBERS AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

By: Councilman Jackson

WHEREAS, the City Charter provides that the compensation of the Mayor and City Council may be modified by ordinance, provided that no increase takes effect in the current terms of office; and

WHEREAS, the Charter further provides that any action to modify said compensation must be adopted at least six months prior to the end of the current term of office; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is appropriate to eliminate the annual salary paid by the city to the members of the City Council for the terms which shall begin on November 28, 2006; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal and regular session convened that Section 2-29 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Sec. 2-29. Compensation and reimbursement of council members.

(a) Members of the city council shall not receive a base annual salary. This provision shall remain in effect unless and until changed by the city council in accordance with section 4.09 of the Charter.

(b) Members of the city council shall be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with Section 14 of the City Council Rules of Procedure and for mileage within the city for distances driven to attend to City Council business. Reimbursement of travel and mileage expenses incurred by council members will be in accordance with those rates, financial controls and other policies established for other city employees by Administrative Procedure No. 1-1.

(c) Members of the city council shall be reimbursed for postage for items mailed for city council business purposes.

(d) Reimbursements shall not exceed the amount appropriated for such purposes in the City Council's budget in the annual general fund budget ordinance.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 56 OF 2006

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 138, Lincoln Memorial Subdivision, a subdivision in the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, as per plat thereof recorded in Book 6500, Page 393 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon.

(GEO#181421-032-0138-00) Municipal Address - 1810 Jackie Robinson Dr.

AMOUNT OFFERED: \$300.00 APPRAISED VALUE: \$600.00 DISTRICT A

Property No. 2: Legal Description - Lot 3, Bufkin Addition, a subdivision in the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, as per plat thereof recorded in Book 600, Page 167 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon.

(GEO#161401-008-0003-00) Municipal Address - 9207 Linwood Avenue

AMOUNT OFFERED: \$600.00 APPRAISED VALUE: \$3,400.00 DISTRICT D

Property No. 3: Legal Description - Lot 6, Turner Lane Subdivision, a subdivision in the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, as per plat thereof recorded in Book 1300, Page 117, of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon.

(GEO#171330-019-0006-00) Municipal Address - 7224 Rayne

AMOUNT OFFERED: \$1,050.00 APPRAISED VALUE: \$7,000.00 DISTRICT D

Property No. 4: Legal Description - WLY 50 Ft. Of SLY 195.04 Ft. Of Lot 6, Frank Robinson Partn., a subdivision in the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, as per plat thereof recorded in Book 150, Page 409, of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon.

(GEO#171330-016-0015-00) Municipal Address - 844 Turner Lane

AMOUNT OFFERED: \$900.00 APPRAISED VALUE: \$6000.00 DISTRICT D

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Mayor of the City of Shreveport shall be authorized to do any and all things and to sign any and all documents, including Acts of Cash Sale, in a form acceptable to the City Attorney necessary to effectuate the purposes set forth herein.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 58 OF 2006

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING A TAX OF TWENTY-SEVEN AND EIGHTY-TWO ONE HUNDREDTHS (27 AND 82/100THS) MILLS PER DOLLAR ON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO AD VALOREM TAXATION WITHIN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT FOR THE YEAR 2006 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON THE OUTSTANDING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

An ad valorem tax of Twenty-seven and Eighty-two One Hundredths (27 and 82/100ths) mills per dollar of assessed valuation be and the same is hereby levied on all property subject to ad valorem taxation within the City of Shreveport, for the year 2006, for the purpose of paying the principal and interest on the outstanding general obligation bonds of the City of Shreveport, and creating a reasonable reserve for the payment of such principal and interest as the same respectively become due and payable, and this shall be full authority to the Tax Assessor of Caddo Parish and the Tax Assessor of Bossier Parish to extend said tax on the assessment rolls of the City of Shreveport for the year 2006.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Director of Finance, Ex Officio Tax Collector of the City of Shreveport, be and she is hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to cause said taxes, as herein above set forth, to be spread upon the tax roll of the City of Shreveport for the year 2006, to collect said ad valorem taxes for and on behalf of said City, according to law, and to place the same to the credit of the funds described herein above as authorized by law. The taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and the collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

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

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

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

ORDINANCE NO.59 OF 2006

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING A TAX OF EIGHT AND THIRTEEN ONE HUNDREDTHS (8 AND 13/100THS) MILLS PER DOLLAR ON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO AD VALOREM TAXATION WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AS DEFINED BY ACT 554 OF 1978, AS AMENDED, FOR THE PURPOSES AS SET FORTH HEREIN, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

An ad valorem tax of Eight and Thirteen One Hundredths (8 and 13/100ths) mills per dollar of assessed valuation be and the same is hereby levied on all property subject to ad valorem taxation within the bounds of the Downtown Development District, as defined by Act 554 of 1978, as amended, for the year 2006, and to be expended by the Downtown Development Authority for administration, operational expenses, capital improvements, project expenses or the retirement of bonds or other evidences of indebtedness, all in accordance with the results of a special election held November 5, 2002, and this shall be full authority to the Tax Assessors of Caddo Parish and Bossier Parish to extend said tax on the assessment rolls of the City of Shreveport for the year 2006.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Director of Finance, Ex Officio Tax Collector of the City of Shreveport, be and she is hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to cause said taxes, as herein above set forth, to be spread upon the tax roll of the City of Shreveport for the year 2006, to collect said ad valorem taxes for and on behalf of said City, according to law, and to place the same to the credit of the funds described herein above as provided for and authorized by the special election held on November 5, 2002. The taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and the collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

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

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 60 OF 2006

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING VARIOUS TAXES TOTALING EIGHTEEN AND EIGHTY-TWO ONE HUNDREDTHS (18 AND 82/100THS) MILLS PER DOLLAR ON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO AD VALOREM TAXATION

WITHIN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT FOR THE YEAR 2006 IN THE AMOUNTS AND FOR THE PURPOSES DESCRIBED HEREIN, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

An ad valorem tax of Ten and Ninety-nine One Hundredths (10 and 99/100ths) mills per dollar of assessed valuation be and the same is hereby levied on all property subject to ad valorem taxation within the City of Shreveport, for the year 2006; for the purpose of general operating expenses of the General Fund.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that an ad valorem tax of Eighty-nine One Hundredths (89/100ths) mills per dollar of assessed valuation be and the same is hereby levied on all property subject to ad valorem taxation within the City of Shreveport, for the year 2006; for the purpose of operating and supplying recreational facilities and appurtenances and maintaining the same, title to which shall be in the public, in accordance with the results of a special election held April 5, 2003.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that an ad valorem tax of One and Fifty-seven One Hundredths (1 and 57/100ths) mills per dollar of assessed valuation be and the same is hereby levied on all property subject to ad valorem taxation within the City of Shreveport, for the year 2006; for the purpose of providing revenues sufficient to enable the City of Shreveport to provide a three-platoon system in the Police Department, now in effect in the City of Shreveport in accordance with Act 323 of the Legislature of Louisiana for the year 1936.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that an ad valorem tax of One and Nineteen One Hundredths (1 and 19/100ths) mills per dollar of assessed valuation be and the same is hereby levied on all property subject to ad valorem taxation within the City of Shreveport, for the year 2006; for the purpose of improving, repairing, and maintaining the streets of the City of Shreveport, title to which shall be in the public, in accordance with the results of a special election held April 5, 2003.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that an ad valorem tax of One and Nineteen One Hundredths (1 and 19/100ths) mills per dollar of assessed valuation be and the same is hereby levied on all property subject to ad valorem taxation within the City of Shreveport, for the year 2006; for the purpose of continuing the salary and wage schedule of City employees, in accordance with the results of a special election held April 5, 2003.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that an ad valorem tax of One and Nineteen One Hundredths (1 and 19/100ths) mills per dollar of assessed valuation be and the same is hereby levied on all property subject to ad valorem taxation within the City of Shreveport, for the year 2006; for the purpose of police and fire personnel and allowance for uniforms and equipment for said departments in accordance with the results of a special election held April 5, 2003.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that an ad valorem tax of One and Eighty One Hundredths (1 and 80/100ths) mills per dollar of assessed valuation be and the same is hereby levied on all property subject to ad valorem taxation within the City of Shreveport, for the year 2006; for the purpose of providing funds for the City's portion of pensions, employee life insurance and hospitalization plan for City employees in accordance with the results of a special election held April 5, 2003.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall be full authority to the Tax Assessor of Caddo Parish and the Tax Assessor of Bossier Parish to extend said taxes on the assessment rolls of the City of Shreveport for the year 2006.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Director of Finance, Ex Officio Tax Collector of the City of Shreveport, be and she is hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to cause said taxes, as herein above set forth, to be spread upon the tax roll of the City of Shreveport for the year 2006, to collect said ad valorem taxes for and on behalf of said City, according to law, and to place the same to the credit of the funds described herein above as authorized by law. The taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and the collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

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

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 61 OF 2006

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2006 BUDGET FOR THE SHREVEPORT REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, APPROPRIATING THE FUNDS AUTHORIZED THEREIN, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

BY: COUNCILMAN CALVIN LESTER

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

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend the 2006 budget for the Shreveport Redevelopment Agency (SRA), to appropriate additional funds and for other purposes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that Ordinance 176 of 2005, the 2006 budget for the Shreveport Redevelopment Agency, be amended as follows:

1. Estimated Receipts - The estimated receipts of the Shreveport Redevelopment Agency Special Revenue Fund for 2006 are hereby established as follows:

Transfer from Riverfront Development \$300,000

TOTAL \$300,000

2. Appropriations - The funds set forth in the following classes of expenditures and projects are hereby appropriated out of the Shreveport Redevelopment Agency Special Revenue Fund=s receipts for the year 2006:

Contractual Services \$ 60,000

Improvements & Equipment 240,000

TOTAL \$300,000

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance NO 176 of 2005, as amended, shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

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

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

Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 61 of 2006

AMEND THE ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS:

In Section 2 (Estimated Revenues):

Strike out the words "Transfer from Riverfront Development" and add "Transfer from General Fund".

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

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 – 6/14/05 - Tabled on July 12, 2005*)
2. **Ordinance No. 220 of 2005:** ZONING APPEAL: C-95-05: Amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, to rezone property located on the Southwest corner of Cleveland and Jewella Avenues, from R-1D, Urban One-Family Residence District to B-3, Community Business District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (F/Green) (*Introduced – Dec 27, 2005 – Tabled January 10, 2006*)

NEW BUSINESS:

Property Standards Appeals:

1. Ms. Lula Mae Davis – HB00600134: 435 East College (B/Walford)(Decision rendered – May 22, 2006)
2. Mr. Roy Wayne Durr – HB06000070: 1070 Prospect (B/Walford)(Decision rendered – May 22, 2006)

Zoning Appeal

1. **Case No. SC-23-06** (Subdivision request) *MERIDIAN COURT, LLC*, Enoch J. French, Jr., north side of MLK Drive, approximately 750 feet west of Shreveport-Blanchard Hwy, **R-1H (SPI-2** Appeal Letter.

Mr. Thompson: It's - - - let me check something Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Lester: Okay.

Mr. Thompson: This one can't be taken until June 13th.

Councilman Lester: Okay, so do we need to - - -

Election of City Council Officers:

Chairman

Mr. Thompson: We don't need to do anything on it Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Lester: Alright, thank you sir. That takes us down to the election of the officers, there's a declaring the officers of Chairman and the Vice-Chairman are vacant. There's a motion for – is there a motion for –

Motion by Councilman Carmody, seconded by Councilman Jackson, to elect Jeff Hogan as Chairman of the Shreveport City Council.

Councilman Lester: I'd like to move for Cynthia Robertson for Chairman as well.

Mr. Thompson: Is yours a substitute motion or how are we going to handle this Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Lester: I don't know, I guess mine would be – would the proper – well let me ask this question, let me get a second.

Substitute Motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Green, to elect Cynthia Robertson as Chairman of the Shreveport City Council.

Councilman Lester: Alright my motion is for Councilwoman Robertson, Councilman Carmody's motion is for Councilman Hogan. What is the procedure for having an election? Is, I mean is there a vote, do we pass out slips of paper, what is the procedure on that?

Mr. Thompson: Normally, the council has a motion and then you vote that motion up or down however, if you wanted to change the procedure so that you could find a way to pass slips or something so that people could (inaudible)

Councilman Lester: I don't want to go that far. Okay, so if my motion is a substitute – if I want to offer my motion as substitute motion for Councilwoman Robertson, what would be necessary would be a vote to –

Mr. Thompson: Under a substitute motion.

Councilman Lester: Okay, alright. Well that's my desire, question by councilman Green.

Councilman Green: Councilman Walford said, why not suggest that we hear from both of them because there was a point and time that we assumed that they had worked it out and (inaudible) so that's coming from Councilman Walford.

Councilman Walford: Before we vote, Mr. Chairman. If I'm not of order could we hear from both nominees or –

Councilman Jackson: Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Lester: What I'll do –

Councilman Jackson: Point of order.

Councilman Lester: Well let me speak to this first and then I'll get to your point of order.

Councilman Robertson: We're not enemies.

Councilman Lester: I don't think it's necessary for us to have a quote unquote campaign speak per say, I think those that want to support who they want to support will do that I don't think we need to go to that particular level. Councilman Jackson, had a point of order, Councilman Jackson.

Councilman Jackson: My only point was going to be, it seems to be that this was unprecedented, and I don't know what our rules stated, but it seemed to be unprecedented, and I just wanted us to be careful about going down this particular line. It would seem to me that whenever we voted before, we had nominated and then note that perhaps there was not another nomination. The other thing is that we have replaced, for example when Councilman Gibson was not here, we dealt with an election of sorts if you will of people that ended up with Mrs. Robertson. The thing we did then, I think is appropriate even now in the sense that when one name came up, we voted. If in fact that name failed, then we came with another name, and we voted for that particular name until such time that we were successful in identifying a candidate by 4-3, at minimum, 4-3 or a majority vote.

Councilman Green: Thank you Mr. Chairman. And I think this would be an unprecedented time, because normally we would just have one presentation. Of course, what happened is that at one point, Councilman Hogan had committed that he would never, ever want to be chairman, when Mrs. Robertson, I talked to her, she committed to wanting to, so I pledged my support with no disrespect to Councilman Hogan. So, that's basically what happened to me. When he made the statement that he didn't ever want to be, in fact, that's how I became Chairman twice on him not wanting. So that puts me in a dilemma, but I had committed to her. So therefore, I wouldn't want the media or anyone to think that by any means that I was being disrespectful or whatever to Councilman Hogan, it's just that possibly others of you had made a commitment to possibly him or to her, so that's just basically puts me in the (inaudible) as to where I am.

Councilman Lester: Okay, well this is how I want to deal with it. I've offered a substitute motion and it has been seconded by Councilwoman Robertson, and I want to have a vote on that.

Councilman Walford: I'm like Councilman Green. Jeff had mentioned this to me several meetings back, and frankly I told him I was indifferent about it. It didn't matter to me. I guess in the spirit of fairness is the way I'd like to look at it, that Mr. Hogan was afforded the opportunity in times past and declined that opportunity. Now, Mrs. Robertson has expressed an interest in serving in that capacity. I guess in the spirit of fairness, I have no problem supporting that. I want Mr. Hogan to know it's certainly nothing against him. I do this strictly in the spirit of fairness to give her, her opportunity to serve. And Mrs. Robertson, you're free to do like Councilman Carmody was telling you Councilman Huckaby would do. You can decline it because (inaudible)

Councilman Robertson: Well, Mr. Jackson wants to put his name in if there is a pay raise.

Councilman Jackson: In all seriousness Mr. Chairman, I'm concerned, and maybe the Clerk can clarify this. I think if you're present at the Council Meeting, you have to vote. Yes or No?

Mr. Thompson: That's correct.

Councilman Jackson: Now, there is a law in the State of Louisiana that suggest that no one who is seated can vote to increase their pay. So, does that mean each candidate would have to vote for the other? Is that technically correct?

Mr. Thompson: I suppose because of those laws, (inaudible) that one way to get around it would be for both candidates to leave the Chamber. It's just a suggestion. Mr. Lafitte, I don't know, you can chime in here.

Councilman Lester: Mr. Thompson, it's not that complicated. Those that are going to vote for Councilwoman Robertson, will vote for her. Those that are going to vote for Councilman Hogan will vote for him.

Mr. Thompson: But the problem he's raising is that our rules say that you are supposed to vote. And the law says that you are not suppose to vote a pay raise for yourself. So, it's a conflicting ruling.

Mr. Antee: The Charter would supersede though wouldn't it?

Councilman Jackson: That's State law.

Mr. Thompson: I don't know about State law.

Councilman Walford: This became a real issue in Baton Rouge.

Councilman Green: (Inaudible) all needs to go to jail.

Councilman Lester: I'm not going to jail for y'all.

Councilman Walford: How about Mrs. Robertson going to the back for a minute.

Mr. Thompson: If the City Attorney rules that the Home Rule Charter supersedes State Law, then that's what we'll go by.

Councilman Lester: He's going to be disbarred. He's not going to do that. How about this. Lets do this. As I appreciate it, what Councilman Jackson is alluding to, to clear up things for the audience. There was a long and protracted situation in the City and Parish of Baton Rouge, whereby there was a loggerhead about to vote for the Chairman of the Baton Rouge Metro Council, because there was some unclerness as to whether or not someone could vote themselves a pay raise. And to the extent that their ordinance and their charter is like Shreveport's, their charter provides that the Chairman of their Metro Council has an additional pay raise. And there was an opinion that - - - I believe it came from the Attorneys General Office, I don't know that it was litigated, but the Attorneys General's opinion said that, that is a reasonable interpretation, i.e., you cannot vote yourself a pay raise. And to the extent that you cannot vote yourself a pay raise, the people that were candidates for the Chairmanship of the Metro Council in Baton Rouge could not vote for themselves. So, if we follow that precedent, even though the Attorneys General opinion are not controlling, if we accept them without the benefit of litigation, therefore we would have to ask at this particular time is for Councilman Hogan and Councilwoman Robertson to leave the room, or to have it understood that they vote for each other. And I think the cleanest thing to do would be to have them leave the room.

Councilman Jackson: Mr. Chairman, they could just simply vote "NO" for themselves.

Councilman Lester: Or they could just leave the room and make it easier, and we could just conduct the vote at that particular time.

Councilman Green: Paid for by Calvin Lester.

Councilman Walford: You can stay while she's voted on.

Councilman Hogan: I don't mind leaving. I asked to speak a moment ago. May I speak?

Councilman Lester: Sure Councilman Hogan.

Councilman Hogan: First of all, it's not that big a deal to me. If she gets the Chairman, or I do, I just want to make one point or to clarify one point. Councilman Green, you said a while back that I said I never wanted to be Chairman, that's not correct. What I said was I had taken on some extra responsibility in my business, and I see some heads nodding down there, and at that time, when it was my turn after everyone else had served.

Councilman Lester: Not everybody.

Councilman Hogan: Well, I was approached.

Councilman Lester: Alright.

Councilman Hogan: About being nominated for Chairman. And I said I appreciate the offer, but at this time, I'm going to pass. I didn't say I never wanted to be Chairman. But as I spoke to Councilman Robertson yesterday, I told her, I said, Cindy, if you get this, I'm going to congratulate you, I'm going to shake your hand. I don't have to be the Chairman. But it's my last opportunity, since I'm not going to run again. And she is running again. Now she may not win, but this is my last opportunity since I'm not going to run again. So, as I had mentioned like Councilman Walford said a while back a few weeks ago, I asked for support and Councilman Green, I asked for your support that day too. But it's not a big deal and I'm going to walk out smiling if I get elected or if I don't get elected (inaudible) and I'll leave the room.

Councilman Walford: No, you don't have to leave while we vote on her.

Councilman Green: Before you leave, when we had that discussion Councilman, you said your business had increased and whatever, and your exact words were "I don't know if I'd ever want it." Those were your words. So therefore when you say I don't know if I'd ever want it, those were your exact words. If you can repeat that. Here again I apologize if you can repeat that, but those were your exact words. I don't know if I'd ever want to do it.

Councilman Hogan: Okay. That's fine. That's not the same as "I never wanted" and I just wanted to clarify that. That's two different things. "I never wanted" and "I don't think I would ever want it". Not a big deal and I'm finished.

Councilman Jackson: Mr. Chairman, just as a means of hoping to campaign for my candidate, I would just say that Mr. Hogan has been here with us from Day 1, and to hold that statement as the single reason why we would not elect him. I've got confidence in Mr. Hogan. We haven't agreed on many things, but I'm sure that's about true with all of us haven't agreed on everything. But he's been here, and that's no strike against Ms. Robertson. I nominated Ms. Robertson for this particular vacancy. So, it's nothing against Ms. Robertson, but I do know that Councilman Hogan was elected by his constituency and has served his constituents, and one of the things again, I'm certainly not trying to turn the Chairmanship into a scenario where it's just an added amenity, but I do think that Councilman Hogan certainly has served here with us, and I think served admirably with us. Has chosen not to seek re-election and me, I just think as a token of collegiality and just as a symbol of the time that we've served and the appreciation we have for his service, that it would in fact to me just be something that I think would be good for him as he moves on and as he has his resume, and all those other things that he's

done before that it would certainly be an honor. I thought it an honor to serve as Chairman of this particular body. And I just think that to deprive him of that only solely for that reason, I think would not be in our best interest necessarily, but just my only consideration. I made a joke about campaigning for him, but I really mean out the spirit of collegiality that perhaps, particularly most recently, Ms. Robertson has voted with me more than Councilman Hogan. You don't have to go further than today. And so, that's not the issue. The issue is not our relationship so to speak. But as a symbol of collegiality toward Councilman Hogan.

Councilman Carmody: And I think we're prepared to go ahead and vote, but as I recall the original Charter for the City required that the Chairman serve a one year period, but that so many members of previous councils felt that only four persons would be able to serve out of the seven that were elected. And so they made a policy decision to basically rotate every six months to allow all seven to serve if they chose. Granted Huck never wanted to, and it was kinda of funny, because we would nominate him and you could just see him just saying I'm not going to accept it. I don't want to be the Chairman of the Shreveport City Council. Because to some people it holds no fun. It is additional work. I mean, God knows each one of us that sat in that chair with that gavel in our hand realizes that to run these meetings takes some effort and concentration beyond just sitting here and trying to read the legislation, know what your vote is, try to get your thoughts together as to stating your position, so that you can either garner support or at least explain to your constituents why you're doing what you're doing. So, I agree with Councilman Jackson, in that here's one of the original seven that was elected to serve this City, and again, I'm honored to have District D's Council Person serving with us now, but I know that it is her desire to return to this Council, and if that is what her district elects to do, she would have an opportunity to serve as a Council Member during her elected term. So, those are my thoughts and at this point, I would call for the question.

Councilman Lester: Before you call for the question, I have one question, one something that I would like to say. You could withdraw your call for the question.

Councilman Carmody: I withdraw my call.

Councilman Lester: Every time we get ready to have a vote for Chairman, I have to sit and pray hard before I come to that particular meeting. I understand what Councilman Carmody has said, and I think he's absolutely correct. There is a certain order to having each and every member serve as Chairman. And having had the opportunity and the blessing not only to serve on the Council, but to serve as the Chairman, I understand there is a completely different meeting sitting as the Chairman, than it is as a member. But I will say this, and I have prayed and held my tongue about this a lot. When I was Vice-Chairman, I had the distinction of being the only person in the history of the Shreveport City Council not to ascend from being Vice-Chairman to being Chairman. Now, I don't know why that happened, but the vote was 7-0. I didn't say anything about it. I went on, and I continued to serve for whatever. When Councilman Hogan was nominated to be Vice-Chairman, I made the motion and the records will reflect that I made the motion for Councilman Hogan to go from Vice-Chairman to Chairman, because I think there is something to be said for the order of sitting as Vice-Chairman, assisting the Chairman and moving on to be Chairman. I think there is value to that. And for us to say in one instance, particularly mine, that there was some reason that we go around that process back then and then come back and say well

we need to stick with the standard practice, doesn't make a lot of sense to me. I have absolutely nothing but respect for Councilman Hogan. He and I don't agree on many things. Some things that we do. My support of Councilwoman Robertson is based upon what I think to be the proper protocol. If someone sits as Vice-Chairman for six months, and from time to time, stands in for the Chair, I think that person should be given the deference to move from Vice-Chairman to Chairman. It's something that's happened with alarming regularity with one exception. And I don't think that there is anything in the scenario that says that we should change that. So now, I don't want Councilman Hogan to think that my support of Councilwoman Robertson is a slap in his face, because it's not that at all. I just believe that in this instance the precedent that I think even Councilman Carmody alluded to is something that in this instance that should be upheld. And speaking as one that's been on the other side of the precedent, I think there's a reason for maintaining that. And that's my position.

Councilman Jackson: I just wanted to say for the record Mr. Chairman say that I was the Vice-Chairman, I don't know if it was the last time or the time before, but I also did not ascend to the Chairmanship.

Councilman Lester: But you had been

Councilman Jackson: But I had been Chairman before.

Councilman Lester: But you had been Chairman before, I hold the distinction of being the only person to sit as Vice-Chairman

Councilman Jackson: And had never been the Chairman before and ascend.

Substitute motion to elect Councilwoman Robertson fails by the following vote: Nays: Councilmen Carmody, Hogan, and Jackson. 3. Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, and Green. 3. Out of the Chamber: Councilman Robertson. 1.

Councilman Jackson: Do we have to make the motion over or?

Councilman Lester: No, I think the motion on the floor is for Councilman Hogan.

Motion to elect Councilman Hogan fails by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Walford, Carmody, and Jackson. 3. Nays: Councilmen Lester, Robertson, and Green. 3. Out of the Chamber: Councilman Hogan. 1.

Councilman Carmody: I nominate Huck.

Councilman Lester: Mr. Thompson, where does that leave us?

Mr. Thompson: It leaves you as the Chairman

Councilman Lester: For how long?

Councilman Green: Well, you're still the Chairman. So?

Councilman Lester: Well, let me ask this? Can - - -

Mayor Hightower: Why don't you just have both candidates step out of the room. That leaves five and that way, there's not going to be a tie.

Councilman Carmody: Good counting Mayor.

Councilman Lester: Well, just for what it's worth, I did suggest that sometime ago.

Motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Green to elect Councilwoman Robertson Chairman of the Shreveport City Council. Motion fails by the following vote: Nays: Councilmen Walford, Carmody, and Jackson. 3. Ayes: Councilmen Lester, and Green. 2. Out of the Chamber: Councilmen Robertson, and Hogan. 2.

Motion by Councilman Carmody, seconded by Councilman Jackson to elect Councilman Jeff Hogan, Chairman, Shreveport City Council. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Walford, Carmody, Green, and Jackson. 4. Nays: Councilman Lester. 1. Out of the Chamber: Councilmen Robertson, and Hogan. 2.

Vice-Chairman

Motion by Councilman Carmody, seconded by Councilman Green to elect Councilwoman Robertson, Vice-Chairman, Shreveport City Council. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Green, and Jackson. 5. Nays: None. Out of the Chamber: Councilmen Robertson, and Hogan. 2.

Councilman Carmody: Thank you Gentlemen.

Councilman Green: Thank you Mr. Mayor.

Councilman Lester: Alright bring the candidates back.

Councilman Walford: Are there any hanging chads Mr. Chairman?

Councilman Lester: I don't know. Congratulations Councilman Hogan, our new Chairman, and Councilwoman Robertson, our new Vice-Chairman.

Councilman Green: Councilman Hogan, just for the record, I voted for you.

Councilman Hogan: Thank you I appreciate it.

Mr. Antee: Mr. Chairman, before we go to the next section, I think there's some confusion on some prior ordinances as it relates to the Riverfront parking garage and the Bill Hannah parking lot at Municipal Auditorium. I think there may be some understanding by some Council Members that the funding and the appropriating of that money is in the same ordinance and not separate. And I'd like for Mr. Dark to explain that for the Council's benefit just to clear up in confusion if it's possible.

Councilman Lester: With all due respect Mr. Antee, that's out of order.

Mr. Antee: At whatever point that the Chairman deems it in order, if that would be appropriate.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES: None.

CLERK'S REPORT: Letters of Appeal:

1. **C-28-06:** 600 Block of West 84th Street, *JOHNNY L. HORTON*, SW corner of West 84th Street and Wallace, R-1D to I-1, Office for construction and engineering company.

2. **C-16-06:** 2700 Block of Hilry Huckaby, *MANSEL O & RUTH S. HOLMES & SUPERIOR LAND CO. LLC*, northwest corner of Hilry Huckaby and Russell Road **R-A to R-1H (PUD)**
3. **C-18-06:** 2700 Block North Hearn *BLOUNT BROS. CONSTRUCTION INC.*, east side of North Hearn, 1540 feet north of Hilry Huckaby III Avenue **R-A to R-A-E, limited to “a concrete crushing and product storage”, only**
4. **C-27-06:** 615 Rutherford Street *MATTHEW FARRELL LINN*, south side of Rutherford – 180 feet west of Creswell Avenue **R-2 to R-2-E, limited to “a driveway for access to the adjacent parking lot”, only**

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I believe they're on your agenda, the letters of appeals that we've received.

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

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:10 p.m.

//s//Calvin Ben Lester, Jr., Chairman

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