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**Council Proceedings of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana**  
**June 27, 2006**

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana was called to order by Vice-Chairman Robertson at 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 27, 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 Walford.

On Roll Call, the following members were Present: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody (Arrived at 3:03 p.m.), Robertson, Green, and Jackson. 6. Absent: Councilman Hogan. 1.

**Motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Walford to approve the minutes of the Administrative Conference, Monday, June 26, 2006 and Council Meeting, Tuesday, June 27, 2006 Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Robertson, Green, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Hogan. 1.**

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

Councilwoman Robertson: I see our Mayor has not made it in yet. Mr. Antee, do you know if he has any communications, or we can come back to him.

Mr. Antee: Not that I know of Madam Chairman.

Mr. Thompson: Madam Chairman, while you're waiting, we did have one amendment to the June 13, 2006 City Council Minutes. I believe that it is on your electronic agenda. If we could get a motion to - - -

**Amendment No. 1 to the June 13, 2006 City Council Minutes as published on June 19, 2006 in the Official Journal.**

Amend the June 13, 2006 minutes relative to Ordinance No. 69 of 2006, as follows:  
On Page 10B, Column 6, strike the ordinance styled "Ordinance No. 69 of 2005" in its entirety

Explanation of amendment:

"Ordinance No. 69 of 2006" was **postponed** at the June 13, 2006 meeting. However, Ordinance No. 69 of 2006 was inadvertently titled "Ordinance No. 69 of 2005," in the City Council Minutes and published on June 19, 2006, in the Official Journal, and advertised as an adopted ordinance.

This amendment to the June 13, 2006 minutes corrects the error.

**Motion by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Walford to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Council Proceedings, June 13, 2006. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Robertson, Green, and Jackson. 5. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Hogan. 1. Out of the Chamber: Councilman Carmody. 1.**

**Motion by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Walford to adopt Council Proceedings, June 13, 2006 as amended. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Robertson, Green, and Jackson. 5. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Hogan. 1.**

Councilwoman Robertson: We have some special guests in our midst today. One is the helper that we have, Amber McAfee and she's helping today with collecting some of the notes in the back and she was also one the Summer Camp candidates that we have. We also had Stonewall Summer Institute, Mrs. Scroggins, are you in the audience. Alright, well we'll recognize them when they come if you'll just let me know. Thank you. Mr. Mayor, did you have any communications today?

Mayor Hightower: Nothing today Madam Chairman.

*Reports:*

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

Mr. Antee: We gave it yesterday. If anybody has any questions, I'll be glad to answer.

Councilwoman Robertson: Is Mr. Carrier here today? I believe there was a couple of questions. Councilman Carmody, did you have a question for Mr. Carrier today?

Councilman Carmody: As a matter of fact, I had requested a copy of the contact list. I did not know if I might be able to get it from you, or maybe possibly the City could provide. Just a copy of our agreement with SMG.

Councilwoman Robertson: And Mr. Carrier, I would like to request one of the booking schedules that you have. If you could just put it into my Council box.

Mr. Carrier: Booking schedule?

Councilwoman Robertson: Showing what the Convention Center has booked.

Councilman Jackson: Mr. Carrier, I have a couple of questions. First along the same lines that Councilwoman Robertson, one of the things that we were concerned about initially when we began to talk about the Convention Center, and those of us who have supported the Convention Center from the very beginning. One of our hopes was that our support would be justified in the sense that we in fact would book major conventions and have what we would consider major conventions because clearly for us it was never going to be a venture where the convention center "paid for itself", because it wasn't that kind of a venture, but it would be one that we could realize some success and prosperity through the sales tax that we could generate by having visitors in town. Obviously, that comes by in fact having major conventions. Conventions we call major. Now, by definition, there may be in the language of convention center management and people in your industry, there may be different definitions of what a convention size, what's a major convention, what's a - - - you know I don't know what the different levels of conventions are. Can you

tell me first how you rank the different size conventions or how you classify or characterize the different size conventions.

Mr. Carrier: Well Councilman, it really is based on the building. Obviously for Shreveport, a major convention is going to be something in the thousand and up range of attendees. When you look at the number of hotel rooms, that generates the number of days that they are there, etc. In New Orleans as an example, a major convention may be 15-20,000 participants for the convention. So, it really depends on the size of the facility you have and your particular situation in your city.

Councilman Jackson: So a major convention would be a thousand and up.

Mr. Carrier: A major convention here would be probably a thousand and up.

Councilman Jackson: Tell me this. How many major conventions do we have booked for the upcoming whatever period of time?

Mr. Carrier: I don't have that on the tip of my tongue. Sir, I'll be glad in conjunction with what Councilwoman Robertson had said, we already have intentions to provide you with a report at the end of June, a six month report of where we were for this year as well as for future years. And it will have that information in it.

Councilman Jackson: Okay, so we have booked conventions and then prospective conventions?

Mr. Carrier: Yes sir. And it will give you information about where we are with various conventions. We have quite a number of trade shows and conventions for 2007 that we have booked, and also have contracts in their hands, waiting for decisions from them. We still have trade shows and other shows for 2006 that are finalizing their decision. We met yesterday with a show. We have things all the way out to 2010 that we are working on. So, we already have that in the process of doing a report at the end of six months to be able to give you.

Councilman Jackson: Alright and my final concern, I don't know if Mr. Antee talked to you about it or not. On yesterday, we had some conversation about it. One of the issues that I have in fielding phone calls with regard to the Convention Center, because as you know people, when they have a good experience, you don't hardly hear from them. When they have a bad experience, they call everybody. One of the things that continues to at least seems to be a theme, that continues to evolve when it comes to conversations about the convention center is the lack of customer service. Yesterday, I spoke to Mr. Antee about an incident that was not a hear say incident, but the person was involved themselves and I failed to get back to that person today to find out a name. Because I don't like to speculate about anything, but this person has a specific name about an individual who through difficulty - - - you know they were trying to book the convention center, and it wasn't easy. It wasn't easy perhaps on the convention side either. And again, you don't know both sides of the story. And so, but this person suggested to me that through all the difficulty, that final statement from the employee at the Convention Center was you know "I hope you all don't ever come back here." And obviously that's an issue.

Mr. Carrier. Yes sir, it is. And as I have asked Council before, I would appreciate it if you would refer them to me. I would love to be able to talk to that individual, to find out exactly what happened. Because that's not acceptable to me. I don't care what the issue is. That kind of "customer service" is not acceptable to me or to our company. It really helps me to be able to talk to the individual involved, so that I can get all the facts

first hand. And I can deal with that then much easier than I can obviously through second hand.

Councilman Jackson: Right. I told Mr. Antee that I would get that information. I didn't have a chance to get it today, but before the week is out, I will forward the information not only of the person who had the issue, but the employee who made the comment.

Mr. Carrier: Please do. I would love to - - - I want to talk to that client to get all the information about that, because that's not acceptable.

Councilman Jackson: Sure. Now, my final question, and I had asked yesterday is do in fact you all have a customer service training program?

Mr. Carrier: Yes sir.

Councilman Jackson: Are employees who are employed with SMG and our Convention Center required to attend this program, and then are they granted some kind of certificate that would suggest that they have completed this program, and do we have employees who are currently in possession of those certificates now which would suggest that they have in fact gone through this training?

Mr. Carrier: We do have customer training programs. We do not have a certificate that is given to them or anything of that nature. When we have customer training programs, people are required to attend those. We bring in trainers. The corporate office sends trainers in on a regular basis to all our properties. We also Councilman, we deal with that internally with each of our departments. Our directors talk about that. We have a directors meeting every Wednesday, and we talk about these issues every Wednesday, we go over the activities of the previous week, two weeks, what's coming up, etc. Anytime there's an issue of this nature that comes to our attention, we talk about it specifically there, an either I deal with directly with the individual, or the director from that department deals with. But we take that very seriously. We continue to - - - a lot of times, there will be an issue that comes up that perhaps we haven't seen in this marketplace before. It's a very unusual issue that's not necessarily handled in a customer service training, that we'll talk about directly. Unfortunately one of the problems that we see not just here, but anywhere, sometime you can't teach common sense. And so you have to deal with those things time and time again. But I certainly want to talk with you about this. I want to find out all the details about it. It's something that we deal with constantly.

Councilman Jackson: Well, I just want to applaud you for at least acknowledging that because while we can't teach common sense, I just want to be sure we don't reward it either. Because we certainly don't want to reward behavior that we don't desire. Thank you Madam Chair.

Councilman Carmody: Mr. Carrier, I know that y'all aren't teaching rudeness, but you can rest assure that all of us are concerned about maximizing SMG's potential to put paying conventioners into our facility. My question goes to the City doing everything it can to provide SMG with the tools that it needs, there with the physical facilities. Is there anything left that we need to be doing to assist y'all so that you can maximize a return on this investment?

Mr. Carrier: Well of course, we're still in the process of finishing things in the building. Mr. Antee and I were just meeting a few minutes ago. There are FF&E items that are still in the works. It takes a long time to finish a building of this nature. No ifs, ands or buts about it. Those things are being worked. The City and the Administration's

been very cooperative and very supportive of that. And the things that are lacking are lacking because they haven't gotten here yet. It's that type of situation. And just one other thing along that line Councilman, the difference we have seen in the last few months in terms of interest and future booking, once the hotel actually started construction, and when I give you the report that I was talking about after the end of this week, the six month report, you will see a difference in 2007 and 2008 versus what we're having in 2006, in terms of the types of business. It's already beginning to pay dividends.

Councilman Carmody: And that's good. What I would ask in addition to the information to provide us with the bookings that y'all have, or that y'all are working, could you also give us a critique of the things that still need to be finished and done in conjunction - - - I understand that the Administration is working with you, just so the Council has that report. Cause - - - and that was why I asked about a copy of the agreement with SMG is I do want to see what the requirements are of the company that you represent and are working for us as far as providing back a report to the Council at least prior to the budget every year. To give future Mayors and Councils an idea of what SMG sees as work that needs to be done to the facility in order to make sure that we don't have somebody to walk away saying 'man, I had a bad time in Shreveport, the roof was leaking.' Those types of things. And granted, you'll be working with the Administration, but I do think that the community would want to know as well. Thank you sir.

Mr. Antee: Madam Chairman, if I may on that, this may help Councilman Carmody as well. There were many items throughout the construction of the process that SMG, once they came and we saw how much money we had left to start going down our priority wish list as to things we could add back in. As we went to Yates for a quote to do through a change order, to add it back in, we weren't satisfied, or happy with the price of the quotes Yates gave us, so we put those on the side, and said once they're gone and out of it, we'll build this office out. We'll add this ramp. We'll add the cover over the back, and those types of things.

Councilman Carmody: These are exterior finishes to the building and some interior finishes?

Mr. Antee: Well some in finishing, but mainly in structure, and build outs.

Councilman Carmody: Do you have any idea what that's going to cost?

Mr. Antee: We've got - - - yes - - -.

Councilman Carmody: I mean just a ballpark figure of what it's going to take to finish to do those.

Mr. Antee: We had budgeted what - - - \$250,000 I think? For all of the items.

Councilman Carmody: Okay.

Mr. Antee: But there are things that we could have included, but that \$250 was going to cost \$500,000, so we knew could pull those out and go do it because they weren't necessary to open the building, but they would help in the operation once the building is up and going. We'll also have some things such as the build out on the first floor when the hotel is done, that connection. There is some offices, but we wanted to go ahead and get Yates done and out, so that they can go on to the next project.

Councilman Carmody: What's their time period for completion?

Mr. Antee: Their pretty much out with the exception of a few employees doing the punch out with some of the subs, but they're demobilizing as we speak.

Councilman Carmody: So, when do you think we can go out to bids to complete this quarter of a million dollars worth of work?

Mr. Antee: Well, I don't know that there'll all be going out for bids, some we'll do internally. But we're doing that now. We're starting on that now. I think we're out for bids now for ramps for the ramp, or at least for the proposal.

Councilman Carmody: Could y'all provide us with that as part of the dates on the convention center, in addition to the information that we're already getting. I appreciate it, thank you for the information.

Councilwoman Robertson: I want to back up just a moment. Councilman Hogan is not here in Chambers today. He had a previous engagement that was already scheduled before our meeting, so that's why he's not here for those of his constituents that are watching today. Also, I noticed Ms. Scroggins, your children came in. We'd like to recognize the Stonewall Summer Institute. If those children would like to stand up. They're on a field trip today from their summer camp. They are with the Stonewall Missionary Baptist Church Life Center. They're at a summer camp that started earlier on June 5<sup>th</sup>. They're going to be visiting several different areas, and some of your children, are y'all having fun this summer?

Campers: YES!

Councilwoman Robertson: Well, we're glad to have y'all and maybe you'll learn something in Council. Thank you for coming.

### Property Standards Report

Councilwoman Robertson: We did Property Standards yesterday, Mr. Bowie was absent. I hope he's here today. Does anyone have any further questions today?

Councilman Walford: I do if Mr. Bowie is here. Oh, he's hiding in the other corner today. Mr. Bowie, I know we'll be seeing each other tonight at a neighborhood meeting, but would you get 2217 Free Water in the system for me. It may already be, but if you could give me a status.

Mr. Bowie: What I did this morning, I visited with the property owner next door to that, it's already been taken care of.

Councilman Carmody: Mr. Bowie, I don't think I jumped too soon to compliment you, but I did notice that we went from 73 citations two weeks ago down to 3.

Mr. Bowie: Well, they're cutting mainly in the area right now, and not concentrating on the care of premise, so forgive us with that.

Councilman Carmody: That's all right. I understand a lot of this I'm sure is in the process.

Councilman Walford: Madam Chair, before he sits down, would you run interference this good this evening at the neighborhood association meeting as well please? If I'm late.

Mr. Bowie: Yes sir, I have all the information for it.

**Public Hearing:** None.

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

**Confirmations and/or Appointments**

Assistant Director, Community Development - Mr. Herman Vital

**Motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Walford to confirm the appointment of Mr. Herman Vital to the position of Assist. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Robertson, Green, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Hogan. 1.**

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

Councilwoman Robertson: Mr. Thompson, is there any legislation to be added today?

Mr. Thompson: We have three items. We'll take them one at a time.

1. **Ordinance No. 92 of 2006**: An Ordinance amending the 2006 General Fund Budget and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

**Motion by Councilman Carmody, seconded by Councilman Walford to add Ordinance No. 92 of 2006 to the agenda. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Robertson, Green, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Hogan. 1.**

2. **Ordinance No. 93 of 2006**: ZONING C-43-06: An Ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the city of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the west side of Youree Drive, 120 feet north of Archer Avenue, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from SPI-3 (b-1) Commercial Corridor Overlay (Buffer Business) District, to SPI-3-E, Commercial Corridor Overlay/Extended Use District, Limited to "A Sign Shop", only and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (C/Carmody)

**Motion by Councilman Carmody, seconded by Councilman Walford to add Ordinance No. 93 of 2006 to the agenda. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Robertson, Green, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Hogan. 1.**

3. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract for the purchase of property for The Shreveport Fire Department fire maintenance facility and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

**Motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Lester to not add Resolution No. 110 of 2006 to the agenda.**

Councilman Green: My motion not to add it is because some time ago, when we just had the extra money, the Fire Department was saying that they in order to keep their 1-A+ status, they needed some pumper trucks, and they had a budget item that they did not have the money to get another truck. And so since at this point and time, this was bond

issue money, and they could use it at their own discretion, I wanted to basically have a discussion as to seeing what is most important. Since we already have a facility that we're in, is it more important to not have the 1-A? Is the 1-A not important anymore, or could we delay this, and let them buy the pumper trucks that they needed and handle the budget items that came in over budget, or basically what is it that they wanted to do? Because when we had the extra money, then all of this was very important. So, before we voted on this, and before we added it to the agenda, I basically wanted to have some dialogue with the Chief, and I haven't had the opportunity. So, that's basically where I am. Because it was really a dire need, when we had the extra money. So, I don't know if that need has been met or if in fact, it's not needed now. But at that point and time, it was very needed. So that basically why I was doing this.

Mayor Hightower: Madam Chairman, I think I can address part of Councilman Green's concern, and certainly your concern is valid, and I think the Chief will tell you that the pumper trucks are still needed, the ladder truck is still needed, all the things that they've asked for are still needed. However, this is a totally separate issue. This was a bond issue project in conjunction with the construction of several new fire stations that we've seen come up around town. The maintenance facility is also in that category, and as you know, the maintenance facility is scheduled to be enlarged at the time, at the current location in your district. Is Wray Ford in your district as well?

Councilman Green: Yeah.

Mayor Hightower: Okay. The Wray Ford facility was initially looked at back in 19- - or the year 2000 or something like that, when we first started looking at the possibilities. And it was way too expensive for us to be able to fit it into the bond package and to do the reconstruction that we needed to do to make it fit the Fire Department needs. What has happened now that the facility has sat there over the past several years, and we through a third party have been able to acquire it for as you see the figure I think is 247 or so on your schedule, and I think at the time, but I'm thinking it was almost \$2,000,000 if not a little more than \$2,000,000 was the original asking price for the facility. So, we've been able to structure a deal that gives the Fire Department a better facility for less money, and keeps them within their budget constraint to be able to again, have a facility as big as the Wray Ford facility with extra concrete, extra shop, extra offices, all those things. The Fire Department and I believe as well that this is a much, much better deal for the citizens and the taxpayers. I know that we had talked about that at one time before, and I just wanted to remind you that it is two separate deals. Although I understand your concern with the trucks and you know, I think we all have the concern with that ladder truck. But there is a line down the middle between the two with packets of money. This money is a facility money, and not an equipment money packet.

Councilman Carmody: Mr. Mayor, I wanted it pointed out that of course my first thought we're talking about acquiring another automobile dealership would be the environmental liability we might be assuming, but I do see in the fact sheet that an environmental assessment has already been completed and a letter of no further action issued. So at least we're not biting off something that we don't know that we can chew. So, I'd feel more comfortable about us using the money and I'd appreciate that if we can actually acquire it for that consideration of \$247,500. It would look like it's pennies on the dollar.

Mayor Hightower: And you being in the real estate business, I think you're exactly right. And let me remind you too, we're buying this one, the other one that we got, we did do remediation on, but we got it for free.

Councilman Lester: Thank you. That was one of my questions Councilman Carmody, and thank you for that answer Mr. Mayor. My next question was going to be just from a historical standpoint, have we looked at other alternatives, other buildings and decided that this was a better scenario? I guess I was trying wonder how did we come from expanding a facility that was already there to purchasing this particular facility?

Mayor Hightower: Madam Chairman, if it's alright, we went to - - - we did initially when we looked at several dealerships, abandoned dealerships around town. Looked at would they work or would they not work. The only one that would work, due to garage door heights was the Wray Ford building. The Holmes building wouldn't work at the time, the ones on Linwood wouldn't work at the time, the only one that would work was Wray, but it was just way out of our price line, so we've just now come again come full circle, back to this building because it's vacant and the price has dropped.

Councilman Lester: Okay, well that answers my question, because I'm sure people will ask how did we wind up at this point, and so now I know that. I appreciate that answer. My next question would be to Mr. Thompson. If the Council had the pleasure or decided to add this particular item to the agenda, would this be something that we would vote on today, or would this be something that would require us to lay over for two weeks?

Mr. Thompson: It's not required to lay over. You can vote on it today. Or you can add it and postpone it. You can do either one, but it does not have to lay over. It can be adopted today.

Councilman Lester: Okay, and thank you. That answers my question. I would think and again in deference to Councilman Green, I would support adding this item to the agenda and postponing it for two weeks so that he could receive the information that he asked for from the Chief, relative to the report in terms of what was necessary and things of that nature. I guess I would defer to Councilman Green as this is in fact in his district, and he is as recently as our last budget year was very (inaudible) this question. So that would be my pleasure.

Councilman Green: Madam Chair, thank you very much. With the information that I've just basically received in the discussion, then I will withdraw my postponement motion.

**Motion by Councilman Carmody, seconded by Councilman Green to add Resolution No. 110 to the agenda. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Robertson, Green, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Hogan. 1.**

Councilman Green: Madam Chair, I would like to ask Mr. Thompson a question. Since we basically can vote on this today, would I make a motion to suspend the rules and vote on it now, or do we need to wait?

Mr. Thompson: Well, in the ordinary course of business, we'll come to it, and then you'll have the opportunity to vote for it.

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

*Ms. Maxine Sarpy: (225 Holcomb Dr)* Good afternoon. I am presently serving as President of the Pastoral Council at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church, here in Shreveport, located at 1558 Buena Vista. When we exit our church at the front door, we're looking at an extremely blighted area with a row of dilapidated, unoccupied old shot guns houses. We have been praying for a long time to see something done in then area, praying for a miracle, if you would. And as a result of that, we know that many organizations, many individuals have been working in the community for revitalization, not only in Allendale, but throughout the whole of Shreveport. I have worked along with members of our church with many of those organizations, and look forward to working in the future. Because truly there is much, much work to be done, not only in Allendale, but all over our communities. But I rise today to speak to the work that our church has been associated with as it relates to Habitat for Humanity, as well as the Fuller Foundation. Now, I don't need to tell you about the respect that Habitat for Humanity and Fuller Foundation have, not only in this area, in this country, but in the world, and that they have spent all of this time in helping low income citizens with housing. So you know about that, but I'll tell you about the volunteers that come from hither then, and yond across the country to work here in this area. We've had 30 here at our church living this past week, from all over the country who have paid their way to come to Shreveport, Louisiana. Who have taken their vacation time, who have given up their job for a week to come to give their time and talents, and efforts to this project. And so, we see those volunteers, we know their commitment, but most of all and most importantly, talking with individuals who through this project have had and opportunity, many for the first time in their lives to be homeowners, others to have homes that have been displaced from Katrina or Rita, or whatever the case might be. And so this has brought great joy with them, and so, I pray that this council and whatever deliberations you do will consider that the projects undertaken by Habitat for Humanity, and the Fuller Foundation through Community Renewal will be afforded an opportunity to move forward and complete the 60 houses that have been committed for in and around our immediate area. Thank you so very much, and God bless.

Councilman Carmody: I just wanted to compliment you on bring forward the report, because I think as we've all recognized, not only did they bring their time and their talents, they brought us their treasure. And by doing so, the City of Shreveport and it's citizens are the recipients of that, so thank you Ma'am.

*Rev. Harry Blake: (1666 Alston)* Some 33 years ago, when I came to that community, we built multi-family housing for the poor, and some 24 years, we built housing for the elderly and the handicapped. So, Mt Caanan has been about helping the community of Allendale and people with housing for 30+ years. We have over 220 units. Recently as I was contemplating retirement, asked Mt. Caanan to lets talk about revitalizing Allendale, since that's where we live. We have a project called Grace Project, where we are building houses for single family persons. I want to see, and I think the citizens of that community want to see a mix income of clientele, low to moderate income people. I applaud what Fuller Center, what Habitat for Humanity and what my friend Mack McCarter, who is a member of our church is doing, and we're doing it together. We respectfully request that you honor what Habitat is doing, but also don't forget what Grace Project is doing. We would respectfully request some of the property on your agenda, be

given to Grace Project, so we can have mixed project, and Mr. Odom will come now and tell you about our program, and project, and proposal for making that happen.

*Dr. Russell Odom: (3632 River Cliff Court, Decatur, GA)* Mr. Mayor, Council, citizens, how y'all doin'? First of all, I serve as the special project director for the office of the present (inaudible) which is a collaboration between all of the major African-American National Baptist Convention, representing over 15,000,000 people. Our specific role is we are engaged in what is called comprehensive community development. And by that, what we do is identify areas around the country that are involved in which cities to revitalize their communities. And we do focus on primarily mixed use and mixed income developments. One of the things that we do through our conventions, and Dr. Blake, I don't know if you are aware of is the new secretary of the National Baptist Convention USA, which is the largest representing 9,000,000, also the President of the Louisiana Baptist State Convention. I actually have been assigned since the storms to the State of Louisiana, and we are headed to recovery for the New Orleans area. And what we do is we basically bring capacity. We have identified individuals who work to revitalize these communities. Now, we do what is called Public/Private Partnerships. And that means we use subsidies, we use the local citizens, we create jobs, and we create housing that can contribute to your tax base. We are as much about attainability, as we are about sustainability. One of the things that we also do is we are able to partner with two of the largest lending companies in the State of Louisiana. Of course you're familiar with Chase Bank, we're still working all of that out. They've already committed and then we have one of the largest non-predatory lending what is called sub prime (inaudible). Most folks in these areas have what are called credit issues. So, we are able to come in and get rates that are affordable, where using the subsidies and other training that we have available to (inaudible) America which is the premier training group in the nation. We come in and we actually pre-approve the individuals, we provide tracking with them for a year or more to make their mortgages perform, and we are able to bring lower rates to them, and we try to create homeownership. One of the things that we've found, and that's why these relationships are so important is these are niche projects. Habitat of Humanity and Fuller Group, which I've had the opportunity to meet has a niche, and in no way do we intend to try to infringe on that. In fact, we have identified, a number of properties, that we will build that will compliment what they are doing. It's important that when we build a community, you build a community that it's able to create stronger growth over the years. If you build one type of product, then you don't allow that group to grow. And of course, that means folks with families are not going to come and you're not going to have an area that people want to live in over the years. So, our goal is to come in and work with Dr. Blake. I have a number of documents. We have one of our groups alone that is a Louisiana based company that is committed which we don't need no where near that, but they are committed to \$40,000,000 alone. We have a couple of slides, and I can talk right through these. You can see the type of houses that we're talking about building that will compliment what is happening. Also in the interim, we have identified minority contractors and we've partnered with individuals who have stronger financing. One of the things that you're going to find is in our group, we're actually are about the creation of jobs, and we totally applaud volunteers, however, at the same time, we believe in creating jobs and income in those particular areas. And so what we've done is identify private individuals who have capabilities who as I said with \$40,000,000 which we've found we

don't need that for this particular area, but they will come in and underwrite any cost that we have. One of the things that we also do is we have people who specialize in subsidies. I don't know if you're aware, Grace Project is also now the CHDO (Community Housing Development Organization), meaning that they are able now to bring down home funds and other dollars which go along with your HAPPI (Homebuyers Assistance Program Participation Initiative) dollars. Is that right? HAPPI dollars? Okay, that's a subsidy called happy. That's a good name I guess for a subsidy. I'd be happy if somebody just gave me some money. So, what we're doing here is moving this process forward, so that you can understand what we're doing. As you can see, this house is 1600 square feet, and this is the (inaudible). This house is 1800 square feet. And some people say well, how you going to build and how are people going to afford it? When you mix the subsidies along with the other resources that are available, home funds and the borrowers qualifier, and they go through the homebuyer training, they're able to buy a little bit more home. We also have homes that are in the area of 1100 square feet. As you can see, our models will fit in, but they are not quite the same type of home that you are seeing with those other groups. And it's so that you can have a mix. You want to have a good mix, so that the neighborhood can be sustained. This is a 1100 square foot home. This is a 1200 square foot home, the Elm. This is a 1300 square foot homes. This is one other thing that I forgot to add. All of our homes are built with a product - - - one of the things with our homes, these homes are all built at a wind rate of 300 mph, they have 70% efficiency rate. What we found is some people get in the homes, but the utilities break them. And then we have state of the art everything. And these homes can be built in half the time as traditional homes and at less cost which allows the contractors to make profit, we could still create jobs, and we can still build a product that will not throw the tax base off for the citizens who own homes.

*Mr. Roy Carey: (4615 Monkhouse Dr)* First of all, I want to thank the Council for having us here this evening. I'm here because I'm concerned too about Allendale because I'm a member of Mt. Caanan Baptist Church, been there some 30 years, and have a vested interest in the revitalization as well as the redevelopment of the Allendale Community. Of course my Pastor who has been pasturing there for some 40 years has already set, I think the tone, and set the trend that he not only talks, but he puts his money where his mouth is, when it comes to housing and helping poor people and helping people become homeowners. I want to first start off and say that Grace Project came into existence some five years ago. Since then, we've gotten it certified as a CBDO (Community Based Development Organization) as well as a CHDO (Community Housing Development Organization). We are sincere about making a difference in the community, but our plight and our desire is to see that we create some diversity. Give people a choice. I think we've seen in all neighborhoods and the best recollection that I have is when back some years ago, they did what they called the 235 homes. And I think that we know that when you develop all homes on the same level, predicated and based on the same income, a matter of 5-10 years, you're going to see blight, you're going to see deterioration, you're going to see depreciation in property values, because for some reason, it just doesn't work. I've been throughout this country with Neighborhood works, and most redevelopment, cities that have been redeveloped, you see a diversity in housing that allows people who are low to moderate and even sometimes in some cases, a little bit higher in income to co-mix to create a solid base for long time homeownership. We're not, and I want to say, we're not

in opposition to the City donating anything to the Fuller Foundation and Habitat for Humanity. We welcome them in this community effort, but we certainly don't want you to be naïve of the fact that Mt. Caanan Baptist Church, Pastor Blake, some 40 years ago, when nobody was thinking about Allendale, put everything that he had along with some community people and try to provide housing for handicapped people, for elderly people, and for low to moderate income people which is a quite diverse scale. I challenge you to look at this proposal before you make a vote, and look at the people who've demonstrated the capacity, the ability to get the job done. Certainly I'm sort of in Rev. Blake's trail, but he's blazed the trail in this city when it talks about housing and providing decent affordable housing for people. The other thing that I want to point out is, our homes and you just saw some examples, our homes are going to be on concrete slabs. They're going to be enclosed garages, there's going to be security systems in them. We're not competing, but we're simply saying we would like to provide the homeowner with a choice. Our homes happen to be on slabs, they're enclosed garages, possibly in some cases two-car garages with security systems, with brick and not brick veneer. So, we're trying to provide people homes where they're can provide long term living for their families, and want to stay there after a period of years. Our homes also are designed for mixed income or low income as well as moderate income people. So, when you look at what we're doing, we're not competing, I think we're simply giving Allendale a choice on what homeowners would like to see in that community. I urge this Council to be sensitive, to let's be fair. I know that Grace Project and Mt. Caanan Baptist Church don't get the publicity, we don't get the front page, we don't get the media coverage that possibly some other entities are, but I want you to know if you come over to Allendale, and you look, we've basically started from scratch. And we've been able to accomplish what we've done in a short period of time because right now, as we've talked, four homes are under construction. And I urge you to come out and see what we're doing. It's in the proximity of our church. The church has a vested interest. Grace Project has a vested interest, and Pastor Blake has always had a vested interest in our community. So, I just want to ask Council Members if you will this evening as you consider this vote, don't forget all the hard work that Grace Project, Mt. Caanan Baptist Church, Rev. Harry Blake and this community has played in providing homes and providing support to the elderly, the poor and the disabled.

Councilman Carmody: Mr. Carey, having to work in the west end for a decade, I was thinking about this as I was coming to the Council Meeting. The (inaudible) Grotto is gone, Silver Moon is gone, Jackson Heights is gone, okay? So, we've seen some changes in that area. Okay. So we've seen some changes in that area of town, and I commend the work that y'all've done to try and turn it around and offer an opportunity for people of very little means to have a place to live. What my question to you though is, are y'all here in support today of the Council making this donation to these organizations that are willing to do the same thing. To provide housing, and granted again, as you said, y'all don't compete, but if their proposal is not to do mixed income, but to provide for the very lowest of incomes, is that a difficult thing in that, that's really the - - - a lot of the population base that's there, that needs new housing stock. And what y'all are doing sounds to me like it would be complimentary to what they are proposing to do.

Mr. Carey: Certainly, and let me just say this. Being the Executive Director of Grace Project, I certainly came down here to pitch for our organization and what Mt. Caanan and what our pastor's been doing for housing.

Councilman Carmody: Y'all would like us to give y'all some property?

Mr. Carey: Certainly, certainly. Right, we're saying that if there are 60 properties, and I don't know who all, there are some other entities that are doing some development in Allendale. We're saying that if there are 60 properties, and if there's two people at the table, to wish for those 60 properties, then you ought to divide those properties 30-30. If there are four people, then you ought to divide them by 15. Give each viable interest who has shown the capacity to do the job. Give them 15. I think it would be ludicrous for the Council to go and vote and give one organization the total capacity, and all the property in the area to do what has been tried to before in this city, and has failed and has wasted tax dollars great amount of money. I'm simply saying lets divide the properties among the agencies and the groups that are in this area that have shown the ability to get the job done. And we're not competing again against the Fuller Center, and Community Renewal. We're Shreveport/Bossier Community Renewal. We're simply saying they provide a market or a clientele for homeownership, and we provide a market clientele for homeownership. And the neighborhood that I lived in, that's what it is. It's not all 5,000 square feet homes. It's not all 1,100 square feet homes. There is a diversity. Most neighborhoods Councilman Carmody, that survives long term growth and stability are neighborhoods where you create diversity. To put all of one kind of income in one area of town, or one community, or one neighborhood, you're going to find in 5-10 years that there is going to be a catastrophic depreciation of the property values. People are going to leave. There's not going to be a choice of people who are wanting, and people who are interested in coming in. There are some people in Allendale who work, who own jobs, who may not even need subsidy.

Councilman Carmody: Correct.

Mr. Carey: Who could qualify for homes, and they want to live there, because their parents live there, because they have attended church there, because they have interest there in the community.

Councilman Carmody: That's their neighborhood. But I guess what I'm trying to make sure that I understand is that it doesn't sound to me like there are any tax dollars that are basically at risk here. The Fuller Center and Habitat for Humanity are coming forward to say we can provide housing stock for these people that qualify under this income level. And that's brand new housing stock. We're not talking about shotgun shacks that basically today, we're looking at a CHDO, I mean the gentleman that was here before the Dr., God bless him, I love the expression he gave. Given something for nothing. We'll get into this later on. But what my point is today Mr. Carey is that it seems to me like it's in the best interest of those of us that are up here to make a decision today to try to provide for the lowest of us here in the community. And not to say that we're going to burden one part of Shreveport or one neighborhood with that population. But I really do applaud anybody that goes in to try to help their fellow man. And when you say tax dollars, and I understand that we're talking about CHDOs or go through Federal money, and federal money is subsidized to help to make the project go. I do understand all those things. But I wish that I thought that the market was so tight for housing poor people in Shreveport, that this was going to jeopardize anybody else's opportunity. And I don't think it is.

Mr. Carey: Excuse me Madam Chair, may I respond? Mr. Carmody, I don't think you heard me or anybody coming to this podium, spoke and said that it would jeopardize the well-being or the status of what Grace Project or whether it be Galilee Baptist Church or whatever entity may be involved in developing and building houses. I think we're

saying that you are held and responsible for making a fair decision. If this city owns 60 properties, and you turn around and assign all 60 to one entity as though nobody else is doing anything in the city, I think that's an indictment on you and this Council if they would do that. I think that when we've shown and I don't know the funding for the other program, I can only deal with what we're doing. We are helping people become eligible to become homebuyers which is what the whole program is about as it relates to providing homeownership. Because most of the people who can afford to own a home, most people are already in a home. But there is a market of people who have not been serviced, that we're going to be targeting, and there is a market of people who may not have tried. But I simply say to you that to give or to donate it all to Grace would be unfair. And I think Grace and Mt. Caanan Baptist Church have set the precedent and was here in Shreveport long before the Fuller Center, and I love the Habitat for Humanity. I think they do great work. We're not here in competition again. But if I were sitting in your seat, and I've set in one of those seats, I can assure you that if the pie is set before me, and we have three entities that are there, then I would divide it one-third, especially if each of those entities are doing the same thing. It's not as if they're building houses, and we're building barns. We're building affordable homes, we're getting people eligible in qualified to become homeowners. And we're providing a tax base for the City of Shreveport. We are creating jobs, so it's a rippling effect Mr. Carmody. It's not just giving somebody something, and then they go and set on it. I think if nothing, I think Rev. Blake and Mt. Caanan Baptist Church has shown the capacity to get the job done when it comes to housing. And I couldn't justifiably sit in a seat and have some 30 or 60 properties in an area where the Church is located, and not afford to assign some of those properties to a person, and to the church who has a vested interest, whose been there for over 40 years, whose been doing this, and who has shown the capacity to get the job done. So, that's our position. We're not against Mack McCarter, is our church member. We love him, we thank they're doing a fantastic job. We've prayed with them, we've met with them. Councilman Lester can tell you, on the onset Pastor Blake called all the preachers together in the Allendale community, and started talking about praying block for block to re-claim the community. Start talking about planning for how we will redevelop and revitalize Allendale. Started sharing and getting people involved into seminars and workshops to help us rebuild Allendale. And that was going on long before some of the other entities came in. So, I think to overlook that would be an indictment on this Council.

Councilman Carmody: I don't think we're overlooking it at all. I think that's where I started this conversation with commending the work that has been done, because I know it. I was there 10 years and I saw what y'all did, and I've seen the work that you do. But please understand that my question is to try to qualify why you're standing in front of me. Are you opposed to the project, or are you opposed to the idea that you're not getting part of the property.

Mr. Carey: :Mr. Carmody, I said very clearly at the onset that we're here saying that if there are 60 properties, then divide half of those properties between Grace. If there's another entity that's in this room that I'm not aware of, who is doing the same thing that the Fuller Center, and Shreveport/Bossier Community Renewal is doing, and they are interested in some of the property, I'm not so selfish to say lets divide it three ways. If there is a fourth party in the room, who has shown the capacity, who has the ability, and had has done the job of building affordable housing, I'm saying divide the pie four ways.

I'm simply here to appeal to you to say whatever you do, make sure that you allocate some of the properties for Grace Project and the development efforts that we're providing for the Allendale Community.

Councilman Lester: Thank you, and I just wanted to just clear up a couple of things if I might. I was going to wait to have my comments till we finish, but I think this is a good time to say a couple of things. I jotted some notes down. I'm excited about where we are today Councilman Carmody. I think this is a great time, because I'm fortunate enough to live to the point where I'm at a City Council Meeting, and we are having an argument over how to redevelop Allendale. I don't think that a lot of people would have ever lived to see the day that at a meeting of the Shreveport City Council, we would be sitting here arguing about how best to redevelop Allendale, so I count it as a blessing to be at this point right now. I will say this. If you go back historically, and my predecessor, the late Hilry Huckaby did say, and I think the history and the facts bear him out correctly, that to use the model that Councilman Carmody said, the idea of the shotgun houses was a bad idea. I think he was right then, and certainly he's right now. And now we have the benefit of that wisdom, and so the question is how do we move forward from here. One of the things that Rev. Blake has said and in an effort of full disclosure, he is my Pastor, he married me and baptized me and did my kids so, let me just put that out there for anybody that's wondering. But one of the things that he has said many times and I believe this to be the truth is it's almost like the biblical story of Nehemiah and how you decide to rebuild the wall. And I think a lot of people misunderstand and that's why I'm glad we're having this discussion today, they believe that rebuilding the wall as it relates to Allendale is a competitive thing and it's not. If you look at what happened biblically, it was the people rebuilt the wall, because the people had a mind to work. Not one person, not two people, which is a plural. And the bible even goes on and excuse me for taking a little liberties with it, but the bible goes down and gets so specific, is they talk about each portion of the wall was assigned to a specific tribe of people. One person built this section of wall, one group built that section of wall, one person built this section of wall, and "they" corporately rebuilt the wall, and you know if we're going to rebuild Allendale, which I do believe everyone that has come today is here because they are interested in Allendale's revitalization. I think we can certainly agree with that. There is plenty enough work for us in Allendale for everyone to have their own section of wall. And that wall can be built with Fuller Center, that wall can be built with Grace Project. That wall can be built with Blessed Sacrament, that wall can be - - - and it has been. The thing that kinda has disappointed me to a certain extent with our local daily, I won't call them by name, because I don't want to call them a name, one of the things that our local daily has missed is people have been working, revitalizing and keeping Allendale up for a long time, and it's not just about Grace. I'm sitting here - - - Galilee has done tremendous things on Laurel Street with Galilee City. Mt. Caanan has done tremendous things around the Ford, Austin and Dale Corridor. Little Union is working wonders on Milam Street with Milam Street Development Corporation. They've got plans. I've talked to some folks at Blessed Sacrament and there are some things that they want to get involved in doing. Praise Temple has an economic development project that they're slated in the Ford and Pierre Ave corridor to do some things. This scenario has even led to churches getting together under the goal of Allendale Churches United. So, people in Allendale are coming together under the common goal of revitalizing the entire community without the headlines, without Channel 3, without Channel 12, without

Channel 6, because they had a mind to work and they are working. And I think Councilman Carmody, what people are here today saying is the time has come for us to get beyond competing, saying well my way is the only or my way is the only way that works. If we're going to make Allendale a community again, you're going to have to have mixed incomes, you're going to have to have mixes in housing. People are going to have to mix together. The beauty of Allendale historically has been, you could live next door to a school teacher, and a doctor, and a lawyer all in the same block regardless of - - - next to the person that was working for the City. That's when Allendale was in it's hay day. You had businesses up and down Milam Street, down the corridors. You had the Freeman and Harris Café, you had - - - Rev. Terrell had Harmony House in that whole block. You had Mr. Wilson in the 1600 block of Milam Street. It was a beautiful place where people walked and talked and they lived, and it can be that again. We're just working toward that day. And so, I would just say to the Council and to those that are here, I'm just glad to be around that we're having that discussion, because that tells me that the more people that are coming to the table with a vested interested in what happens in Allendale says we are finally going to get to the point where we can arrest some of those 40 years of decline that have been in this wonderful neighborhood. And so, as we move forward, I just hope that the story that gets out today is not a portrait of competition. I hope that the portrait that gets out to the media is the Chambers were filled because people had a mind to work. Some people want to work on Clay Street, some people want to work on Patzman, some people want to work on Peabody, some people want to work on Allen, some are going to be on Austin, but everybody is going to do some work. And that's what this is all about. It's not competition. So, thank you Madam Chairman

Councilman Green: Thank you Madam Chair, I just wanted to say I'm in hopes that the headlines will read tomorrow that the Church had a business meeting at City Council. We have our pastor here who is Harry Blake, we have Councilman Lester who is a member, we have Mack who is a member, we have Roy who is a member, so it seems like we're having a business meeting on TV, but it's a great day and certainly Pastor Blake has been fighting this fight for a long time, and I'm in hopes that once it's all said and done, because I'm sure today that it will be postponed to see if we can work out how we can get it all down and balanced out. But it's a great day in Shreveport to have this happening. So, I'm just happy. I'm in hopes again, I see he's writing it now Pastor that Business Meeting was at City Council Meeting. Thank you.

*Ms. Rosie Chaffold: (1515 Buena Vista)* I have lived at that address for 30 years. Neighborhood Allendale, so to speak. I remember Allendale when I first came to Allendale it was a nice place to live, and like y'all said, it was a mixture group of people. There were teachers, doctors, people military and just people that did domestic work and all those kinds of folks lived in that community. Everybody loved and took pride in our little neighborhood and everything. We've never had a problem with one person having more money than the other one. That was never a problem in Allendale. What we all wanted was a place to be happy, a place to raise our families, children, go to church, school and everything, that's all we wanted. That's all we want now is a decent place to live. Unfortunately, I saw the good days in Allendale, and I also saw the worst that it could get. 20 years ago, when the neighborhood began to get bad, a lot of people left. Those that remained were mostly financially not able to leave or if they did leave, they lived in another neighborhood that was no better off than Allendale. So I was of this belief, that if

you can't help yourself where you are, there is no reason to go somewhere else where you're not going to be any better at. So my desire was to stay in Allendale and try to improve and try to do the best that I could as far as trying to use what we had and work with what we had. Now I have a (inaudible) for the last 20 years there have been several churches, people, Mt. Caanan and Rev. Blake and several more. Blessed Sacrament has been a gift from God to the neighborhood. Some of those groups have helped us. Many businesses have come in and probably 12 or 13 years ago, it was a group came in to try to revitalize the so called three room houses. But as we all know that anybody who knows Allendale, several people have tried to work over there to improve it. I think they had very good intentions, but we all know it didn't work. Because had Allendale worked, we wouldn't be in the condition we're in now. So, it's my belief, it's good. Why not give somebody a try who has a history of doing great work. But now with the Fuller Foundation for housing. They have a reputation throughout the world of being very successful in whatever they do. So have Shreveport/Bossier Community Renewal and it's very young age. As we know, they are nation wide. Every thing that renewal tried to do has been very successful. I am so glad that renewal with their foresight was able to bring the Fuller Foundation to Allendale. No one else had that opportunity or else they never tried. Now the Fuller in time has brought other organizations in to help. But please give the Fuller Foundation along with Shreveport/Bossier Community Renewal those 60 houses and there will still be more houses and room for the rest of y'all who can do the work in Allendale and it won't affect you one bit.

*Ms. Mary Richard: (#8 Dudley Square)* And I represent the Fuller Center for Housing Advisory Board in Shreveport and Bossier City. I'd like to address the suggestion that in 10, 20, 30 years this neighborhood will have deteriorated into a slum again. The Fuller Center for Housing doesn't come in here just out of the blue on its own. From the very beginning last September when Millard Fuller first visited, a partnership was formed with three other entities. One being Habitat for Humanity because the Fuller Center for Housing partners with Habitat all over. The second being the City of Shreveport. We want to - - - the Fuller Center for Housing is fitting with the City of Shreveport's Comprehensive Plan for Total Commitment Allendale for the renewal of that neighborhood. It's not just to build one kind of housing. The plan is still in development and is very cognizant that we need lots of interest there. Commercial interest, residential interest of all kinds. At every step of the way, over the past several months have worked with the City. The City architect has worked hard to vary the architecture of these houses, so that they don't all look alike, and that's been a really big undertaking, cause this hasn't been done before. This is something new in our nation. So, it's the partnership with the City is critical. The third partnership is with Shreveport/Bossier Community Renewal. Millard Fuller came here because of his relationship with Mack McCarter, and there were several things that appealed to him about Shreveport. One was evacuees that had come from New Orleans. One was the state of our neighborhoods that are similar to Allendale. But what the clincher was and still is, that Shreveport/Bossier Community Renewal has been working in Allendale and four other neighborhoods in our two cities for 12 years. Five years in Allendale to create, sustain and support relationships among the residents, and this is no easy undertaking. It's a very courageous and visionary effort. But that is the factor that Millar Fuller sees and that I see and I think everyone who works with the Fuller Center for housing sees will sustain this neighborhood. The houses aren't going to sustain

themselves, and we've seen that. One difference between these houses and the shotgun houses is that they will be owned. There will be homeowners who maintain and keep up with these houses. And they have to qualify, they're not just moved in from anywhere. And nobody's making money off loans to these people. These are no interest 30 year loans. But they do have to qualify. But as homeowners that will make a difference. Shreveport/Bossier Community Renewal is in this neighborhood for keeps, for the long haul. And they'll continue to build and sustain and strengthen those relationships. And that's what will keep the community from becoming a slum again. So, I just plead with you to give the Fuller Center for Housing this land, so that they can complete their commitment to Shreveport. We've built 10 houses and we want to build 50 more at least. But there's plenty of room in Allendale for lots of people to build. And if you haven't been to Clay Street, the 1500 block, please drive down there and see the difference, the transformation that is occurring. It's something that you can't believe until you see it.

Councilman Carmody: Ms. Richards, can you answer this for me, because I was trying to find out. The Fuller Center for Housing, what's the total investment that they'll be making into the 10 homes that have been built, plus the 50 that they're proposing to build?

Ms. Richard: I think that the cost of building one house is \$50-60,000, closer to \$60,000. So, if you multiply that - - -

Councilman Carmody: Okay, but then and that's going to be done, when is y'all's timeframe for trying to complete a total of 60 homes?

Ms. Richard: I think that we had thought originally about a year and a half. Now, let me say this. There are other churches and organizations that will build some, that will pay for some of those houses. So that total investment doesn't come from the Fuller Center for Housing, but that would be the upper end and Glenn is that - - -?

Councilman Carmody: I just didn't know if somebody might be able to answer that question for us, what the total investment was and the time for that investment.

Ms. Richard: The last I heard was about a year and a half and it took us about a year from then.

Councilman Carmody: And so those 60 homes then would provide housing for about how many people would you guess? Three to a home?

Ms. Richard: Yeah, I think probably you could say an average of three to a home.

Councilman Carmody: I mean for Carmody's it would have to be 13 to a home, but I'm just trying to make sure that I understand that these are going to be homes for kind of a smaller family, at least in the Carmody connotation.

Ms. Richard: Most of them are three bedrooms, one or two bathrooms. 1,000 square feet I think.

*Mr. Henry Mariner: (1515 Clay)* First of all I'd like to say that I'm in Allendale by choice. And I chose to move into the neighborhood because it was a neighborhood that needed some help. And I want to make it frank and clear that I could live anywhere, but I chose to live there. And it's amazing that people who move out want to talk about revitalization. I think that revitalization is if a neighborhood worth revitalizing, we all ought to move in, because I believe that, that's where it starts at. When we begin to build relationships that work, that create an environment for people to say 'hey we're part of the solution, rather than the problem,' then I think that we get further ahead. But when we move to gated communities and things like that, we're saying you deal with your problems,

you deal with your issues and I'll come in and I'll throw you a bone every now and then. And I think that's the wrong system. The system that truly works is that you are significant, you are important, and we're here to help you with your life. There is something about our government assistance, and why the city is important. The government was established for the people and by the people. And I think that's very unique. And I think that the people who need it the most are most of the time, most under represented. The government most of the time works for those who have versus those who have not, and this would show a good faith effort for the government saying that we're concerned about those who have not. There was a failed system that went into Allendale. They revitalized some of those houses, and the rich got richer. That's exactly what happened. And so therefore it went again to the rich on the backs of the poor. And so the government has always done that, and this is an opportunity to say guys, we're not going to do business as usual. We're not going to do business like we always have done, but are going to choose to do something outside of the box. We're not going to go with what we've always done, because there were landlords, owners, people who owned the thing that wouldn't even keep up the property. And the city failed those people miserably. Because they did not require any certain level of what I call humane efforts. And the council and all the other things that went with that has an obligation to insure that never happens again. Now, we can talk about Hitler, we can talk about all the kinds of things that happened in history. But if we fail to remember the past, we're doomed to repeat it. And one thing that this City Council has in front of it, is a decision to decide are we going to repeat the same thing, or are we going to do something different. Thank you.

*Ms. Jewel Mariner: (1515 Clay)* You just heard from my wonderful husband. I'm very proud of him. For the last five and a half years, I've been living in Allendale. I also am employed and work with the ministry of Shreveport/Bossier Community Renewal. And you already heard we moved there by choice. We don't have to live there, we choose to live there. It's an honor to be among the least of these, because I remember the word of God reminds us that, that, that you do to the least of these, you've done it unto me, which is Jesus speaking. And of course we're familiar with that. I'm here because I am excited about what is happening in Allendale, I'm excited about the improvements. When we first went to the neighborhood, it was at the bottom. And I'm so thankful that things have changed. What we've seen over the last year or almost a year, since the houses started being built there, we've seen hope. People have become excited because they see hope coming into our neighborhood. Seeing people focusing on Allendale world wide, we're excited about what is going on, because we now see that other people care about us in the neighborhood. We've seen ten house go up, in a matter of no time from volunteers. We thank God for people from all over our country who are coming to say, I have something that I can offer to help your neighborhood. We're excited about Mack McCarter and Shreveport/Bossier Community Renewal. And we're excited about Grace Project, we're excited about the People of Praise. Because all these people are actually doing exciting things in the neighborhood. But what we're asking is that you continue to look at what has already been started there on Clay Street and will continue for months and months, I didn't have neighbors. I lived in the Friendship House. I still live there in the Friendship House, and I didn't have neighbors. And the run down houses were continuously drawing vagrants, and people that were breaking out windows. So, what we see now is a brand new community. We see people's lives being transformed, because we have established

relationships with them. They now know each other by name. They know their neighbors. They're not locked behind the doors afraid to come out anymore. They're actually excited about the new garden that we have. You can drive through at anytime and see people sitting in this garden. We're building people, we're not just building houses. We're building people because we're building relationships. And it is an awesome thing to see people's lives being changed and transformed. Not only from within, but from without. Those who have plenty, they're now coming to meet and to agree with those who have nothing. And now the lives are being changed, because people are being mentored by those who have. And we thank you for the opportunity, and we're believing that you'll see that this is a transformation that will continue for years to come. Thank you very much.

*Glenn Barton: (1700 Buckner Street)* I'm the Director of US Affiliates for this Fuller Center for Housing. I'd like to answer the Councilman's question on the money part> We looked at this as 60 houses is about a \$6,000,000 investment. Some of that as Mary mentioned is for housing, and some of that is for infrastructure. We're working with the City - - - the City has acquired a \$1,000,000 CDBG grant and some of that money we believe will be coming to the Fuller Center to be paying for infrastructure, for some back alleys, some improvements, landscaping of common areas, and those kinds of things.

Councilman Carmody: And Mr. Barton, was her timeframe correct, if that investment is very likely or at least thought to go with the next 18 months?

Mr. Barton: To be totally honest with you, that's probably optimistic, but we've done ten houses since December, and another 15 months, I'd love to be there in September, we plan on (inaudible) and that's why we're here today in the Allendale area, so we're going to do 10 houses in September this year, we're getting ready for that. So, by the end of 2006, we should be in the 25 range, and if we continue to get the out of town support, but more importantly, the local support, we can get to those 60 houses, 18, 24, 36 months.

Councilman Carmody: But your commitment is or at least your intention along with the million dollars from the City of Shreveport if that so comes in, in the way of infrastructure, that y'all would spend that on this project?

Mr. Barton: Yes sir. And that is not the City of Shreveport dollars, these are federal tax dollars paid through the city. I'd like to back up a couple of things that were said there. Mary Richard mentioned the homeowners. We certainly go through a process of selecting homeowners through education so that they will understand what homeownership means. Many of the Habitat homeowners have never owned a home before. Some of our homeowners coming in through as evacuees have owned homes in New Orleans and down south, that are gone. We believe in supporting our folks and we see the Shreveport/Bossier Community Renewal as the perfect vehicle for that, providing them not just the house, but the support. We urge you to look favorably at our request for much of this process, and I hate to disagree with my colleague at the Grace Project, but I think if you look at what we've done since September, and that's the 10 houses under roof, I think you gotta look at results, and I think we're getting results and we're getting resources coming from all over the country, and I ask you not to just split the baby in half, but to look at the end results and make your judgement upon that. Thank you.

*Father Andre McGrath: (Our Lady of Blessed Sacrament)* I live in Allendale and I have the honor to serve as Pastor of Our Lady of Blessed Sacrament Church in Allendale, and I am employed by the Catholic Diocese of Shreveport and appointed by Bishop Friend to this office. And I want to say on Monday of this past week, I came home and found

some strange ladies in my bathroom, in my house, and I found some strange gentlemen upstairs and they were people from the University of Notre Dame who moved into my house, because I told Sean O'Brien who was coming with these volunteers for Habitat for Humanity that they need some extra places, if he had some extra volunteers, we'd try to find room in my house, and there they were. Well, they didn't stay strange long, because we became friends. They flew. They paid their own way to come from all over the country. Some of them came from Pennsylvania. Some came from New Jersey. Some came from paying their own way from California to go over the on Clay Street and build a house for two people. For Dorothy and Charles Wiley that they'd never seen before in their life. And these graduates from the University of Notre Dame, most of them were good Catholics and they were doing it for two good Baptist that they'd never seen before in their life. I am honored to stand here near a wonderful, wonderful man Harry Blake who has given his heart and soul to Allendale and done wonderful leadership, and I'm honored to stand in the sense with him being a good father, and a good teacher in so many ways. I've served for 40 years in the priesthood, only six years in Allendale, and I was in missionary and I've done other work throughout the world. But what I'm impressed with here is that the commitment of Shreveport/Bossier City Community Renewal to our neighborhood is tremendous. And it's not just one organization among many organizations, I feel I belong to Shreveport/Bossier Community Renewal. I'm a Catholic and a Catholic priest and frankly in an area in which we're kind of a minority. I think maybe 3-5% of the people in our area here are Roman Catholic. And in the African-American Community, 1%. And I run the school, Our Lady of Blessed Sacrament Academy in which we have over 200 kids, and maybe about five or six Catholics. But we're here, because we love our people and we're trying to give good witness and support other churches and other organizations. It seems to me also that Building on Higher Ground and Fuller Center and Habitat for Humanity is not just again one organization among other organizations. And with all due respect for people who've said something perhaps a little bit different, I don't think this is a matter of just dividing up the pie. I think it's a matter of empowering people, and giving people the power to own their own homes (inaudible). There's plenty of land around, and there's plenty of room for Church organizations. I stand with an organization that is very much an organization, the Catholic Church. So, I think I know something about organizations, but organizations are one thing. Empowering people is something else. And that's what I see with Habitat for Humanity, Fuller Center, and above all the wonderful project of Building on Higher Ground is doing. It was my privilege to know these people came in that one day, and there was just a blank piece of land over there on Clay Street. I went by and I saw it, and in five days it was a brand new beautiful home. And it was my privilege to be able to go and bless that front door and stand with my fellow ministers and other people, other believing people to give a blessing to that house. And when I was walking in there, there was a little boy about that big. I think he told me his name was (inaudible) and he was wearing a Notre Dame T-Shirt. And I said Boy, where'd you come from? He said I live across the street in that yellow house. And he was living in one of those beautiful new houses that Habitat had done, and he said Mama calls it her sunshine house. Well mamma has a sunshine house because of Habitat for Humanity. And if the 350 hours of sweat, sweat equity she's putting in. And I don't believe that those house are ever going to fall (inaudible). Those houses are well built, nothing's going to destroy those houses. Lets empower Habitat for

Humanity and Fuller Center to continue the investment in our community that they started. God bless you. Thank you.

Councilman Lester: Madam Chair, the Father almost sounds like a Baptist minister when he said "as I move to my seat." That sounds something very familiar. He's been in Allendale too long.

*Mr. Fredrick Henson: (3503 Del Rio)* Let me first start by saying as being a growing up in Allendale, I grew up on Ford Street, and Father, let me say this. I remember many a day of going around (inaudible) a many day. Growing up in Allendale, I can go back and Councilman Carmody, you speak about Silver Moon, we had this discussion just the other day in terms of who had the best barbeque.

Councilman Carmody: I miss it.

Mr. Henson: It was the best barbeque in the city.

Councilman Carmody: Nobody has to say barbeque without thinking Silver Moon.

Mr. Henson: Exactly, exactly. And I can appreciate what's being discussed here, as Councilman Lester said, and what's happening in reference to the redevelopment of Allendale. And when I think about redevelopment, I think about total redevelopment. Not only in terms of housing, but education, job opportunities. And I can appreciate the term being used in reference to empowerment. For empowerment is something that we've been fighting for and working on in the African-American community. Since 1994, for one when the word started, empowerment. With the National Baptist Convention. Empowerment. Empowering people to stand up, empower people to redevelop their communities. I don't think it's a question in terms of sincerity of anybody that has spoken here, of everybody that is here now representing the groups that are being represented. I think there is a lot of sincerity in terms of what's being done. And I can greatly appreciate the resources that the Fuller Group, the Shreveport Renewal, okay Habitat. I can greatly appreciate the resources for I just told the story before the Caddo School Board about a group of young men in upstate Detroit, I believe, who got the resources and built a car. That was the No. 1 car at the Chicago Auto Show. But the thing that most fascinated me about that, it was a group of kids who had been discarded. Who had said they were no good and kicked out of regular school and gone to an off-campus school. And they got the resources to build a car. That was the No. 1 car at the auto show. And it was a group of African-American kids. I was astound because I had a little prejudice when I heard the story on the TV. On the evening news, on the national news. Because in my prejudice, I said that with resources, hell you ought to be able to build anything. But to my surprise, it was resources given to a group of African-American kids. Now, I'm saying that because resources is all that was needed 10 years ago, or 30 years ago in terms of redeveloping Allendale. And I can greatly appreciate it in terms of the resources that are coming forth now. In terms of rebuilding the community. And I think that Grace has made a great effort in stepping forward in terms of trying to bring or bringing resources together. To build a diversified, one of the things that we oft time have talked about in all of the groups that I have been associated with from Dallas to Shreveport to Denver has been talking about diversifying the roof tops. I think with Allendale, just like any community, it needs to be diversification. I can appreciate developing the housing that Fuller is developing and Habitat. But I think we need to diversify in terms of bringing all of Allendale back to Allendale. Because I can also remember from the elder lady that spoke earlier in terms of Allendale, living on Ford Street right around the corner on Leroy. We had my 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

teacher stayed around the corner from me. Had one of the biggest houses in the block. And we could greatly appreciate having that diversification, because we could go around to her house to get cookies and Kool Aid. Allendale needs to be diversified. And also I can think one of the Mayor's of Dallas said, anyone planning my future, I want to be a part of the plan. Because if Fuller and Habitat and others are planning the redeveloping of Allendale with the City, then I think we need to unify that and have everybody sit at the table. And lets all plan together. And lets bring all the resources together. And I will wager you that we can rebuild in a phenomenal way in terms of Allendale, both from residential, and I wouldn't want to see us go in there and just build residential housing any way. Because if you run out of gas right now downtown, you've got to go all the way from one side of town to the other before you get to a gas station. You are unfortunate and don't talk about a pharmacy or a drug store in terms of Allendale. You know what's interesting, speaking biblically, you know the disciples came back to Jesus and said that it's some people over there speaking your name and healing people and baptizing people in your name. And they were trying to get Jesus to go against what those people were doing over there. But Jesus said that if they're doing it in my name. So all we're saying is that Allendale needs to be redeveloped, but in a diversified development. It needs to be a number of different rooftops developed in Allendale to service all of the people. Lets bring all of the people back to Allendale. And while we're doing it, one of the things that I can appreciate with Rev. Blake and Mt. Caanan, is that education has always been important. And we've adopted both Booker T., as well as Ingersoll, as well as other elementary schools and schools in that area, to lets bring them back to a standard that folks who are moving back to Allendale, would want to send their kids to those schools. So, I hope that we look at this as an opportunity. Not as a divisive or a question of whose right or whose on first. But if we're going to rebuild, then lets rebuild totally. And lets plan together. Thank you.

*Mr. Mack McCarter: (501 Slattery)* Like the Council Members that are celebrating today, I too am celebrating a wonderful thing, and I'm delighted to be in the presence of my Pastor, and my good friend Roy Carey as well as my church member Calving Lester, and my good friend Rev. Green, Rev. Jackson and all the other reverends and Rev. Walford. I'm delighted for this opportunity and the opportunity really to share. We've heard wonderful comments and we've heard wonderful concepts that have been brought forth today. And it's my hope that the concepts in their perfect idealism would work. Unfortunately, I think that we also have to address the human condition. And that means a lot of different things with Humanity. One is that if we build \$100,00 house next to a \$50,000 house, it certainly is diverse, it might work, we would have the human condition though of proposing of a person who would be faced with buying that \$100,000 house and then watching it depreciate in the midst of lower cost housing. It might work, and it would be my hope that it would work. Because the ideal of diversity strikes me as a wonderful ideal. But it also strikes me as if we're dealing with reality that, that reality is that folks are looking at their housing stock as an investment. And we have to talk about cost and we have to talk about dealing with profit and we have to talk about whose making money and whose not making money. And I'm all for everyone who wants to make money to make money. And I'm all for that to happen in our community of Allendale. The chief thing I think that's on my heart is that we have an opportunity. And we have an opportunity to do something absolutely unique here in Shreveport, LA. And I think that's the primary

motive for me standing before this Council. And that primary motive is that in an area that was neglected, not for lack of good faith and the churches, but for the fact that sometimes our business took us away from the places that we needed to be. And we did watch the neighborhood deteriorate. And now for the first time that I know of in the history of Shreveport and the reason that it would happen around the Friendship Houses is that we set people free full time to build relationships. That's what they do. It's that relational foundation so necessary to keep society from disintegrating. So we're not looking at building new houses and in 30 years, those houses going down because you don't have that nourishing aspect. But for the first time, we have a group that's bringing \$6,000,000, that's bringing all kinds, hundreds of volunteers to this city, and it would appear to me that if this was a business, and the business came to the City Council, and the business said, we want to start with \$6,000,000, Millard Fuller wants to start with 60 houses, but his commitment is to end substandard housing in all of Shreveport, and I think that's a wonderful commitment here. That's his commitment to Shreveport, LA. He has gone all over the nation, and people that never heard of Shreveport or Bossier, now are hear all over. A man who is a potential Nobel Peace Prize Winner. If a company came and said, we want to start with an investment of \$6,000,000. We will bring hundreds of volunteers. And that's a start. I doubt if the City Council would say no. We only want \$3,000,000. You wouldn't say that to a business. And here we have the opportunity and I understand about the pie, and I understand about the baby, and I understand about those things. But could we grasp this opportunity just once. A chance to do something absolutely stupendous. Thank you.

Councilman Green: Thank you Madam Chair. I just feel in my heart that I need to say this at this time. If the truth is told, I heard Mack say reality. The reality of community renewal would not be where it is, if it were not for Harry Blake. That's reality. I heard Father say empower, and the reason that it's a reality and the reason that empowered is so important is because Harry Blake empowered Mack McCarter to be where he is as we know community renewal in the Allendale area. Then we say as business folk, for one time, let this happen, but as business folk, there is another word that's called loyalty. And when I look at the reality and when I look at the empowerment, and when I look at the word loyalty, we shouldn't even be having this discussion. Because the fact of the matter is if I helped you, you're here because you're on somebody else's shoulder, then I think that what we must never do is never forget the bridge that brought you over. And I don't need any clapping for mine. I'm going to tell you reality because the fact of the matter is since a Harry Blake helped a Mack McCarter to have a community renewal as it stands in the Allendale area, as we see it, it shouldn't be a discussion. It should basically be Pastor, you helped me to get where I am today, so we're not going to bring this to the Council, we're going to sit down as men. And you take your part, whoever take their part, and we're going to do this together. Not all or none, but together, because again reality, empowered, loyalty. Pastor Blake took Mack in at Mt Caanan. Whatever he wanted, whoever he needed to be introduced to, whoever he needed to be talked to, paid his dues at the minister's fellowship, whatever he needed. Met all the people that he needed to meet to develop community renewal as it stands in Allendale. I can't speak for no where else, but I'm talking about what a Harry Blake did, and I'm talking about what a James Green knows. So today, we shouldn't be here. It shouldn't be on us to decide, to say if we vote one way, then that means that we're not good business thinkers, or if we vote another way, that we are a this, that or the other. We shouldn't even have to do that. That should have

been ironed out between the parties. If we talk about reality, empowerment, loyalty and when they come here, the statement should have been “this is what this organization wants, this is what this one, and we’re doing this together.” Because we started together. We didn’t start with outsiders. Mr. Whoever when we were doing all this was not here. But a Harry Blake, and a Mack McCarter was here, and these fine folk in Allendale area, if you look at the board of community renewal, possibly the grass roots of it started at Mt. Caanan Baptist Church. That’s where it started. Because Harry Blake empowered McCarter’s idea. And sometimes it’s strange in our land that when we get where we’re trying to go, we forget the bridge that brought us over. And sometimes we say don’t worry about the bridge that brought me over, I’ll build a better bridge. And that’s what I’m seeming to hear today, is that don’t worry about the bridge. Pastor, you did a good a job to get me there, but now we need a better bridge, we’ll burn this one. And that’s basically what I had to say. Because when you talk about reality, when you talk about empowerment, and when you talk about loyalty, we need to keep those in mind. Thank you.

*Robert Handy: (319 N. Dale)* First of all let me say I am too a member of Mt. Caanan. Pastor Blake is my pastor. I have worked with Pastor Blake on many occasions. I’ve worked for Pastor Blake at one time, whom I love and respect very much. And on that note, I would also say that I am a faithful member of community renewal, and I was with Mr. McCarter when we made the march Saturday, for this particular reason here. I’m not here to be against or for anyone particularly. My main thing is for the community of Allendale. I was born and raised in the surrounding area from Lakeside to the Bottom, and Allendale. And I have seen different organizations come and go. One of our biggest things in Allendale is building a trust. You can tell us one thing, that you’re going to do this for that reason, but so many times, the bottom has been pulled from under us. So we find it hard to trust one. And in working with Mack McCarter and with community renewal, they have built a trust. Working with Pastor Blake and the church, they have built a trust. I can say this because I have been on the streets of Allendale with both men. The church and with the group. And what I’m saying to the Council that if there is property to be given, I don’t know what particular property we’re talking about at this particular time, whether it’s by the houses where Mr. McCarter is building now, or whether it’s in a different part of Allendale, where Pastor is. But what I am saying, it’s so strange to hear all this talk about Allendale and it’s not (inaudible). It is such a blessing to hear a positive things about Allendale, about people wanting to help Allendale, and that is my main thing. Helping and improving Allendale. And another thing, we can build houses on top of houses on top of houses, and me as a person, I know it’s got to start with the people. The people must start improving themselves. And I am one of those people that for a long time stood on the sideline, and not approved of what was done. I don’t like this being done, and I don’t like that being done, but never once did I lift a finger to try to help myself. But now, I can stand here and say I’m here trying to help my community, and I want to ask that you do the same.

*Mr. Peter Williams: (10395, LA Hwy 1)* I’m a visitor, I’m not from Shreveport, I’m not from Allendale, I’m a business man. My partner and I are the Johnson Bros. Construction Co. We’ve been touring Shreveport for the past months, looking at the blighted neighborhoods, meeting different groups in the community. But I want to say this as a man. Sometime a stranger can see your faults a lot better than you can. And I’m a national consultant, I live in Louisiana down in New Orleans, Baton Rouge area. And what

I'm seeing, I'm feeling the love of Allendale. And I'm seeing a vision, but it's not collective. And the bottom line is many hands make light work. We're all in this together. I feel this, but I want to say one thing. Mr. Fuller is not the only one with money. Habitat for Humanity is not the only one that builds houses. We stand before you today with a \$100,000,000 commitment to (inaudible) for the recovery of Katrina victims. Folks from New Orleans. But when I walk the streets of Allendale, when I came and I walked around. I saw houses that reminded me of what I saw when my grandfather came up in rural Louisiana. But I also feel in that same passion, that can turn that around. I'm not here for just 60 houses. I'm here for Shreveport. The whole city. I'm here to get warehouses. I'm here to get old schools, I'm here to get playgrounds. Because as a business man, it's going to be more than just Allendale, it's going to be this whole bank. Workers and volunteers are fine. When they build the houses, they're gone. Their resumes are going to be filled, the glory and the lights will be over, and the people will still be here. Let me train some carpenters, let me train cement finishers, let me train some painters and some plumbers. While they're building these houses, they can stay in Shreveport and continue keeping a job. I work with grants. There is so much federal money that Shreveport is eligible for now, because of Katrina and Rita. I think that's an untaxed budget. You're talking about Major tax credits. You're talking about homeland security money. I saw Allendale. There's a plant sitting right there. You're sitting on a gold mine for the fire trucks that you're talking about. For the EMS, you're talking about business coming here because they're relocating and getting away from the Gulf, whether it's Mississippi, whether it's Florida. I applaud what's happening, but I think you need to get out the box, thinking of total structure. Because we have money, we have bonding, we build 15-20 houses a month. We're talking about supply and demand. I understand the love with Humanity, but we have people that's living in Shelters committing suicide. We have mothers living with five kids in FEMA trailers. I don't have 18 months. I start today. If we're going to help the people, get off the pride, get off the pie in the sky, we get off the Nobel Peace Prize, which is fine, but that don't save families, and that don't build houses and that don't save communities. Thank you for your time.

Councilwoman Robertson: Pam, before you get started, I may just - - - yesterday at our meeting, for those that are watching, we had an item on our agenda that's called "Funky Fridays," that SRAC is putting on. And so, we've asked Ms. Atchison if she would come and give us a little bit of information about it.

*Ms. Pam Atchison: (425 Dalzell)* I wish I had five people from Allendale speaking about the Arts. Wouldn't that be wonderful to have that passion for the Arts? Thank you for the opportunity Madam Chairman and Members of the Council. I wanted to come and talk with you about a new effort to respond to the survey and the assessment that our City did earlier in the Spring to look at how SPAR could be more effective and how our city could use SPAR and recreation to enlighten the city even further. And one of the issues that came forward was the request for more outdoor programming and outdoor events like concerts and films and activities. So. The coalition that makes up the West Edge Arts District and there are about 18 organizations, and we work very closely with the Downtown Development Authority, and we've created an event called "Funky Fridays, Cool Nights in the West Edge." And these Fridays are happening four times throughout the summer. They're rather a rendition of the old "Downtown Neon Saturday Nights" that used to happen over the course of five years, and happened once a month. The ultimate goal is to

get to where Lafayette is with this kind of Downtown programming that once a month, there is always an event that happens in the Arts District, that's assessable to community, and that's family friendly, but in and of itself, it's like a miniature Red River Revel or Good Times Roll Festival or even a Mudbug Festival in the way of celebrating great food, great film, we're partnering with the Robinson Film Center and great bands and music. So, the events starts on Friday nights at 5:00 p.m. with ArtSpace with Friday night wind down time for people that listen to jazz, light jazz and to be able to have a happy hour time in ArtSpace. Then it moves out to the street when it gets a little cooler. And Texas Street is the coolest street in all of Shreveport. There is a great breeze, so at 7:00 p.m., we open with bands and hands on activities for the whole family, and art tours throughout all of downtown. And at 9:00 we start a movie. And we have asked permission to be able to sell beer, wine, and alcohol at those events, to offer it along with popcorn, soft drinks, candy and other kinds of refreshments that would happen throughout that event. As again, many popular events just span the spectrum of beverages and refreshments for the different guests that would be there. So we're here on behalf of asking that you all would support the notion that for the next three events, we would be able to have a special event permit. And it is a gated event, I should say that also. It's in the 700 block of Texas and there's an entry at Texas and Common, and ending at Louisiana. So there is no leaving the site with beverages, but there would be hopefully the opportunity to have a variety of beverages within the site.

Councilman Jackson: Thank you Madam Chair. I guess my questions yesterday that I had, No. 1 was whenever I received the invitation to the event, I thought it was a great idea. And funniest thing, I was telling the Council yesterday, I passed it along to my son and daughter because there were some movies on there that either they had seen before, or wanted to see. I thought it was good idea, to be able to do it. And I thought it was a very good idea to be able to go from this month until August with those Friday nights. And I was on yesterday to some degree surprised because, I expected that something that I passed along to my kids, I didn't suspect that at that particular event that there would be the consumption of alcohol at those particular events. And that bothers me, only because I guess I didn't see it as a festival per se, or mini Red River Revel. And obviously at the Red River Revel, Good Times Roll Festivals, all those other festivals, we vote about what we do at festival landing, and much of that is suspending rules and allowing alcohol sales and those kinds of things. I did not and nobody could really answer it on yesterday I think, and that's why I appreciate you coming today, we'd ask for someone to come here. Because I had suggested to my colleagues yesterday that I thought it was a strange mix. I didn't know if there was going to be an age limit, to the number of people, I mean to the people who could get in, and/or if there was going to be a particular time when drinks were going to be available. I think one of my colleagues was saying yesterday, he thought maybe there was going to be a certain time drinks would be available and at other times, drinks would not be available that was more family oriented, and I'm certainly not trying to superimpose my values on anybody else, but typically we try not to bring where folks, not that people don't buy it if you will, but it just makes for a strange mix. And so I thought that this was more of a I say a family environment, but even more toward younger people or kids. But I think based on what you just said, you clarified to some degree that this is not necessarily what this is.

Ms. Atchison: It's a festival celebrating the West Edge Arts District, yes sir, it really is. But we've certainly tried to appeal to a family friendly crowd. The movies are you know this next movie will be Some Like It Hot, with Marilyn Monroe, and then we'll have Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, and have a big chocolate candy bar set up. So, we are trying to appeal to all people. But it's warm in the summer time and I think that we would very much like to be able to offer a libation for those people who would like to purchase, as well as lots of sodas and lemonade, and just the whole spectrum.

Councilman Jackson: I can appreciate your perspective. I just again, would say to my colleagues what my concern was yesterday. I couldn't remember the names of the movies on yesterday, but you're exactly right. Willie Wonka and the Chocolate factory was one. And I guess this is difficult for me to digest or to get wrap my mind around the idea of Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory and Jack Daniels, all kind of in the same place. Just seems to me that that's a strange mix. That's just me, and I just wanted to make sure that I reiterated that was the fact. I can understand where we're going with it perhaps, but I just think that it makes - - - when I hear Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, it sends one message. When I hear Happy Hour, it sends another message. And I think what my issue was yesterday was that there is collision of these messages all in one environment. And that just bothers me. That's just me as an individual. So that was my concern. I just wanted to have someone who could come to in fact verify that that's what the deal really was.

Councilman Carmody: Yes Ma'am. In every event that I've attended there in that block of Texas, there were alcohol available for purchase. And again, I can't say that I've been there for every event, but it didn't appear to me that people were being encouraged to buy beyond what you normally expect people that are want to celebrate art and get together and look at it and that type of thing. But I do think that Councilman Jackson's concerns are valid, because and I know that we've been down this before, but have we had any discussion with the church at the head of Texas? Have they said anything about their concerns regarding the festival or blocking the street off? And again, I guess one of the things that I was concerned about was that in the past whenever I attended an event in the West Edge, you could not walk outside with an open container. What y'all are basically doing is barricading off Texas Street, and I'm assuming it must be at Common, and then back at McNeil?

Ms. Atchison: It's at the parking lot, we're blocking it off at the parking lots.

Councilman Carmody: Okay, so you can still turn in from Common onto Texas, and then turn into the parking lot?

Ms. Atchison: Yes.

Councilman Carmody: Okay, but again, nobody would be allowed to walk outside of that barrier with an open container.

Ms. Atchison: And we have talked with the Church, and they're extremely sensitive about these issues. But they so far have said as you've said, the crowd that comes to these events is really not a drinking crowd. That's why I hesitated to use the word festival. I really hesitate to use the word, but I will tell you that last week the total liquor sales were \$110. So, it really is just not a driver for the event. But we do have six police officers in that ½ block of the event that we're going that we're trying to also make sure that everything is safe. People's cars are safe and that everything is cleaned up afterwards.

Councilman Carmody: And again, my experience has been that I would not have a problem with bringing a child with me to attend an event. Basically again, with the understanding that you're going to celebrate the Arts and expose the child to Art, not so much alcohol. That's not the emphasis, so thank you.

**Motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Green to suspend the rules to consider Resolution No. 100 of 2006. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Robertson, Green, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Hogan. 1.**

5. **Resolution No. 100 of 2006**: Authorizing the release of mortgages and cancellation of promissory notes executed by Shreveport Publishing Corporation (now Snap Property, LLC) in favor of the City of Shreveport in connection with the neighborhood improvement leveraging project and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

**Motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Green to postpone Resolution No. 100 of 2006.**

Councilman Lester: Thank you. The reason why I'm moving to postpone this matter, there are, if you look at your agenda, there are some attachments that have just been put forward. And there are some other questions I have regarding Attachment 2. We have Attachment 1 that speaks to the property donation, but there needs to be some clarity in Attachment 2 which deals with the letter from the Shreveport Publishing Corporation, that we do not have. Also, there is a question as to the taxes that are owed. Because one of the things that we need to do before we accept and release the mortgage and cancellation of the promissory notes is that we need to get some clarity on in terms of the property taxes that are owed, and a certificate that says those have been paid. In talking with Mr. Beard, he has been working and I have been working with the Finance Department to get that information done as expeditiously as possible. We were hoping that we would have that by this meeting, but we do not have that. And I don't think that we should move forward without that information. So, that's why I'm asking for the postponement.

Councilman Jackson: Yes I wanted just a couple of things. And I guess I say this for the general public who is here today, and those who have come today. I didn't speak during the time that people were making public comments. I wanted to wait until I felt it was the appropriate time which is when it was on the agenda. But I wanted to say that a lot of people made a lot of comments today. It's even billed as this great competition to revitalize Allendale, and how positive it was. I just want the general public to recognize today that the Council is not now, faced with a decision with regards to who gets property in Allendale. And I'm certainly not suggesting that it was a waste of time, because people have a right to talk about whatever it is they'd like at the Council. But that's not on our agenda today. On our agenda today is whether or not to forgive a debt. And we're not the owners of the property, we're simply having to decide whether or not we forgive a debt. We as not being the owners of the property can't decide who gets what at this point. But people have been vociferous today, and very passionate in that, and I think that's a great thing. But the truth of the matter is a lot of folks have gotten perhaps in an uproar to some

degree. And you've gotten folks drawing lines, and being divisive about different things. An the truth of the matter is today's agenda, does not afford us the opportunity to determine who gets what. This meeting and this that's on our agenda, 100, is not about who gets what. It's about whether or not the City will forgive a loan made to a person who has gone bad on the loan. And so, while I appreciate everybody who has come in, I hope that the same passion doesn't die. Because it's nice to see folks come in and talk about what we need to do for Allendale, and the partnerships with the city, and all those kinds of things. And you know, I don't suggest that anybody is blaming anybody, but everybody is kinda saying this is what I can do, and here's our capacity. Well, Allendale, and the folks who may have watched today, and certainly those who have attended the meeting, ought to leave encouraged that there are so many people seemingly, so concerned about Allendale, that the future ought to be bright for Allendale, and it certainly not either or, it's a both and proposition from where I sit. And I hope that throughout this period of time, and today was an exercise, but it was an exercise in expression of where folks stood. And I hope that as we move down and one day when it really becomes an issue of who gets what, that we'll remember all of these things, and take this in consideration, and people's passion, and all those other things. But I wanted to be sure that people who came today, that nobody left disappointed because today's meeting was not about who gets what. It's wasn't about whether or not the Fuller Center gets something, or whether or not the Grace Project. Certainly was not whether or not either group was worthy of getting it. It wasn't about how we're going to divide it, whether we cut the pie up 30-60 or whatever the case may be. I just wanted to be clear that even the vote to table today or to postpone, is not about putting off who gets what. It's about the city's responsibility to either forgive a debt or hold a person's feet to the fire and proceed at whatever level of litigation or whatever is necessary to make sure we recover the money that's owed to the city. And that's the bottom line, and I'm sorry that so many people perhaps misinterpreted the purpose of the meeting, because everybody spoke with passion. And I hope that passion does not subside, because one day, whenever the meeting is really what you talked about today, be great to hear everybody say that once again. And stay involved in Allendale, and try to make Allendale a better place. But Madam Chairman, I just wanted to clarify that, that really was not the subject today.

Councilman Carmody: I'm not opposed to the postponement, I'm not opposed to doing that Calvin Lester. The thing that I do want answered though and again, I guess it would be Mr. Beaird to do this. From the information I requested yesterday, it appears at least that the revenue that the city can document, that was received through Section 8 monies by the successor corporation was about \$5,800,000 and it looks to me like what the Council is being asked to do is to forgive \$651,289 to allow them to basically to then basically in turn have property free and clear of any lien of interest that we might have. But my question, and I certainly would like them to bring this to light, are there any tax benefits to the debtor if we release him from the debt and he in turn makes donation of these properties. Because to me, as I mentioned to the Mayor when we talked about this earlier in the week that, I don't want to say any discouraging about Dr. Beaird, because obviously the man acquired great wealth here in the City of Shreveport by many different avenues. And it looks like this is one avenue by which he acquired great wealth. My question to his successor in interest is by us basically allowing forgiveness of \$650,000, are you in turn going to receive additional benefit of a tax write off by donation of the

property? Because that to me would be something that we ought to look closely at. And again, it's not that I think that we need to pursue trying to foreclose on these properties, because then what Councilman Jackson was saying is actually going to become the reality, if we were to spend good money after bad to try to take the property back and to try to clear the title, and try to convey it, then this would be an appropriate debate that we have kinda gotten into which is off the subject. And I appreciate you bringing it back around. Because that's really what it's about. But if you could please ask Mr. Beaird to answer those questions for us. I would appreciate it, if we're going to postpone it, that he would come before us. And not with an intent to embarrass him, but to at least have the issues laid on the table as to what occurred and where we're going with this process.

Councilman Lester: And Councilman Carmody, I think that would be 100% appropriate given what we're dealing with. Because again, there are still a couple of issues that are up in the air, and that is one of them. And I know that I certainly expressed some concern about being diligent in terms of what was spent, what was earned, and the forgiveness of the note. And in talking with the folks at Community Development, there are several options that we could have had. One obviously is the foreclosure, then again, you get back to the scenario spending good money after bad. I think what we have come up with is the best workable solution with what we have, but I do believe that you're absolutely correct, that for our sake and for our constituents sake, those questions definitely do need to be answered.

Councilman Carmody: If you could ask Mr. Beaird to also again, because this is a one-sided story that we have in front of us. And it shows that they basically grossed \$5.8 (inaudible) we don't know what their overhead was and again, it would just be enlighten to us who have to make the decision as to what was the net. And what is the possible net in the future if any by us relieving them of the obligation?

Councilman Walford: Just for the benefit of the folks at home that are watching, I think my colleague asked to suspend the rules as a courtesy to a number of people in the Chambers who are waiting for a decision on this, and in fairness to them, bringing this up on the agenda, so they don't have to sit here and wait.

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

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

**RESOLUTIONS:** None.

**ORDINANCES:** None.

**TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

*The Clerk read the following:*

**RESOLUTION NO. 102 OF 2006  
A RESOLUTION REJECTING BIDS RECEIVED FOR IFB #06-061, EASY  
STREET PAVING IMPROVEMENT 01-C016 AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE  
WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

WHEREAS, two (2) bids were received as a result of solicitations for Easy Street Paving Improvements, IFB #06-061; and;

WHEREAS, the City has rejected these bids in accordance with La R.S. 38:2214 B, the City has determined it will make the necessary corrections to the plans and quantities then re-bid the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that the bids received on IFB #06-061 be rejected.

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 declared repealed.

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

Councilman Walford: Mr. Strong, you don't even have to get up, you may nod for me. Did this come in over budget.

Mr. Thompson: He's asleep.

Councilman Walford: He said yes. Thank you Madam Chair.

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

**ORDINANCES:** None.

**REGULAR AGENDA LEGISLATION**

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

*The Clerk read following:*

**RESOLUTION NO. 96 OF 2006**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH METRO MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES FOR MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE CITY'S TRANSIT SYSTEM AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**BY:**

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport owns the SporTran transit system; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it appropriate to continue to contract the management of SporTran to a third party; and

WHEREAS, the City has advertised for proposals for management services for SporTran for the period beginning October 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Metro Management Services has submitted a proposal for this work which meets all City requirements and Federal guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has recommended that Metro Management Associates, the current management company, be employed to provide SporTran management services for the period beginning October 1, 2006.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute a contract with Metro Management Associates for management services for the City's SporTran transit system, substantially in accordance with the draft of the contract provided to the Clerk of Council on June 13, 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 resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 97 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 Ronald J. Miciotto, Attorney at Law, be retained for the purpose of representing Mayor Keith Hightower and Mike Strong, Director of Operational Services, 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 Ronald J. Miciotto, 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 June 13, 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 Green, seconded by Councilman Lester to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Robertson, Green, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Hogan. 1.**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 98 OF 2006**

#### **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE GRANTING OF A RIGHT OF PASSAGE TO HUGH AND GLENDA ILGENFRITZ ON A PORTION OF LAND ADJACENT TO CROSS LAKE OWNED BY THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO**

WHEREAS, by instrument dated September 28, 2004, executed pursuant to Resolution 186 of 2004, the City granted a Right of Passage and Utility Easement in favor of Robert and Janet Henderson over a portion of land adjacent to Cross Lake, enabling them to access their property from N. Lakeshore Drive and to connect their utilities, and the grant was deemed to be a real right running with the land; and

WHEREAS, the property owned by the Hendersons was subsequently sold to the current owners, Hugh Calvin Ilgenfritz, Jr. and Glenda Gorman Ilgenfritz, instrument number 1941248, filed on October 4, 2004 and recorded in Conveyance Book 3711, Page 437, Caddo Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Ilgenfritz now wish to obtain a right of passage over a different portion of the City-owned tract adjacent to Cross Lake, slightly west of the area covered by the Right of Passage and Utility Easement granted to the Hendersons, for the limited purpose of building, maintaining, inspecting, repairing, altering and rebuilding a driveway, and to utilize said driveway to access their adjacent property; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Ilgenfritz also wish to abandon the Right of Passage and Utility Easement originally granted to the Hendersons, with the exception of a 10 foot wide strip along the easternmost portion of the area covered by the grant to the Hendersons, over which they wish to retain a utility easement only; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Ilgenfritz shall not commence construction of the driveway on the area covered by the Right of Passage, nor shall they lay any utility lines on, over, through, upon across or under the remaining area covered by the original grant to the Hendersons, without first obtaining the approval of the City of Shreveport, Director of Operational Services (which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld); and

WHEREAS, because the Ilgenfritzs' property is landlocked, the proposed Right of Passage shall be a real right running with the land; and

WHEREAS, Hugh and Glenda Ilgenfritz promise that if this Right of Passage is granted, they will not construct any additional improvements on said property; and

WHEREAS, any successors and assigns agree to be bound by all provisions of the Right of Passage, as well as this Resolution, including, without limitation, the prohibition against the construction of any additional improvements on said property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal and regular session convened, that the Mayor of the City of Shreveport is authorized to execute, for and on behalf of the City of Shreveport, a Right of Passage unto Hugh and Glenda Ilgenfritz, substantially in the form of the document filed along with the original of this Resolution in the Office of the Clerk of Council on June 8, 2006, a copy of which is attached hereto.

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 99 OF 2006**

#### **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY FROM THE DUTTON FAMILY, LLC, AND SORENSEN-NAYLOR, LTD, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO**

WHEREAS, the Dutton Family, LLC and Sorensen-Naylor, Ltd. desire to donate, give, grant, assign, and transfer unto the City of Shreveport immovable property in Caddo Parish, more specifically a 48.54 acre tract located in Section 37, Township 17 North, Range 13 West, more particularly described in the Act of Donation attached hereto; and WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport desires to accept this donation of immovable property. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal and regular session convened, that Keith Hightower, Mayor, be and is hereby authorized to accept the donation of immovable property from the Dutton Family, LLC and Sorensen-Naylor, Ltd.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal and regular session convened, that Keith Hightower, Mayor, be and is hereby authorized and empowered to execute an Act of Donation, substantially in accordance with the document filed along with the original copy of this resolution in the Office of the Clerk of Council on June 7, 2006, attached hereto.

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 Green, seconded by Councilman Walford to adopt.**

Councilman Lester: Mr. Strong, on this No. 99, are we walking into any environmental negative situations?

Mr. Strong: Councilman, it was our landfill that we've used for years and what it is, we had owned part of the property and what this is to bring the other part of the old Bagley Landfill under full control of the City. That's what we're doing on this, and it was donated to us. So now, we have full control of all actions that take place on the landfill. So, if anything we can prevent any problems.

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

Mr. Thompson: No. 100 has been postponed so we move on to 103.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 103 OF 2006**

**A RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND THE EFFECTS OF SECTION 10-190 OF THE OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO THE "FUNKY FRIDAYS" EVENT AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

BY: COUNCILMAN WALFORD

WHEREAS, the Shreveport Regional Arts Council ("SRAC") will sponsor "Funky Fridays" on June 23, July 14, July 28, and August 11, 2006 in the 700 block of Texas Street; and

WHEREAS, the event will be open to the general public; and

WHEREAS, SRAC desires to dispense and sale, and allow its patrons to purchase and consume alcoholic beverages on the public street and sidewalks in the 700 block of Texas Street during the event; and

WHEREAS, Section 10-190 of the Code of Ordinances prohibits the sale, consumption, dispensing or otherwise of alcoholic beverages in and on public places, including streets and sidewalks, unless specifically authorized by the City Council or the Zoning Board of Appeals; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of this resolution would permit SRAC to dispense and sell and its patrons to purchase and consume alcoholic beverages on the public sidewalk and in the public street in the 700 block of Texas Street during the "Funky Fridays" event.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that Section 10-190 of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances is hereby suspended on June 23, July 14, July 28, and August 11, 2006 between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 12:00 p.m. in the 700 block of Texas Street during the "Funky Fridays" event sponsored by the Shreveport Regional Arts Council.

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

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

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

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Green to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Robertson, and Green. 5. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Hogan. 1. Out of the Chamber: Councilman Jackson. 1.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 104 OF 2006**

**A RESOLUTION SUSPENDING THE EFFECTS OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 10 RELATIVE TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND CHAPTER 106 RELATIVE TO ZONING FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT ST. VINCENT MALL FOR THE ANNUAL FIRECRACKER RUN ON JULY 4, 2006 AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

By: Councilman Walford

**WHEREAS**, Sport Spectrum located at St. Vincent Mall intends to host the annual Firecracker Run July 4, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, the establishment desires to dispense, and allow the consumption of alcoholic beverages on the grassy knoll on the Fairfield side of St. Vincent Mall, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; and

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

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

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

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

**WHEREAS**, activities planned by Sport Spectrum in conjunction with the Firecracker Run is open to the public as spectators or participants; and

**WHEREAS**, the adoption of this Resolution would allow the dispensing, and consumption of alcoholic beverages on the grassy knoll on the Fairfield side of St. Vincent Mall, on July 4, 2006, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. for activities associated with the Firecracker Run.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened Sections 106-130(6), 10-103(a)(5)

and 10-80(a) of the Code of Ordinances are hereby suspended on July 4, 2006 from 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. for activities associated with the Firecracker Run sponsored by Sport Spectrum, on the grassy knoll on the Fairfield side of St. Vincent Mall.

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

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

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

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Green to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Robertson, and Green. 5. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Hogan. 1. Out of the Chamber: Councilman Jackson. 1**

#### **RESOLUTION 105 OF 2006**

#### **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF WOOD VENEER WALL COVERINGS FOR THE CONVENTION CENTER HOTEL AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO**

WHEREAS, Section 3 of Ordinance No. 166 of 2005, the 2006 Capital Improvements Budget, states that the Mayor is not authorized to execute contracts or other legal instruments to expend the funds appropriated for the Convention Center Hotel project without first obtaining the City Council's approval by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor desires to have the authority to execute a contract for the purchase of wood veneer wall coverings for the public space areas of the Convention Center Hotel, pursuant to a recommendation from the Hotel's developer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in legal session convened, that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute said contract for the purchase of wood veneer wall coverings on behalf of the City.

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

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

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

**RESOLUTION 110 OF 2006**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY FOR THE SHREVEPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE MAINTENANCE FACILITY AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO**

**BY: Councilman Green**

WHEREAS, Section 3 of Ordinance No. 166 of 2005, the 2006 Capital Improvements Budget, states that the Mayor is not authorized to execute contracts or other legal instruments to expend the funds appropriated for the Fire Maintenance Facility project without first obtaining the City Council's approval by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor desires to have the authority to execute a contract for the purchase of land and improvements located at 7300 Mansfield Road for use as the Shreveport Fire Department Maintenance facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in legal session convened, that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute said contract for the purchase of land and improvements located at 7300 Mansfield Road.

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

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

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

**INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS** *(Not to be adopted prior to July 11, 2006)*

1. **Resolution No. 106 of 2006**: A resolution authorizing the waiver of building permit fees and authorizing the donation of building materials and supplies to qualified low to moderate income homeowners in the City of Shreveport and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
2. **Resolution No. 107 of 2006**: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a settlement agreement between the United States of America and the City under the Americans with Disabilities Act and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
3. **Resolution No. 108 of 2006**: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept the donation of a 19' aluminum boat and 40 HP outboard motor listed in Appendix "A" from Reeves Marine Center in Bossier Parish, Louisiana, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Carmody to introduce Resolution No(s). 106, 107, and 108 of 2006 to lay over until**

**July 11, 2006 meeting. . Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Robertson, Green, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Hogan. 1.**

Mr. Thompson: Madam Chairman, we also have a resolution under Section 9C, which is the Ordinances section. *The Clerk read the following:*

1. **Resolution No. 109 of 2006:** A resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept a donation Inter Vivos and otherwise providing with respect thereto. *(Not to be adopted prior to July 25, 2006)*

Mr. Thompson: We would ask you to suspend the rules to move it to this section on the agenda and to introduce it.

**Motion by Councilman Carmody, seconded by Councilman Green to move Ordinance No. 83 from Section 9C to Section 9B on the agenda and introduce Resolution No 109 of 2006 . Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Robertson, Green, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Hogan. 1.**

#### **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES** *(Not be adopted prior to July 11, 2006)*

1. **Ordinance No. 78 of 2006:** An ordinance amending Section 42-226 of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances relative to license permits and business regulations and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
2. **Ordinance No. 79 of 2006:** An ordinance amending and re-enacting Chapter 58 of the Code of Ordinances relative to nuisances by adding Section 58-2 relative to offensive odors and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
3. **Ordinance No. 80 of 2006:** An ordinance amending and re-enacting Chapter 66, Article II, Section 66-64 of the Code of Ordinances relative to the contribution rates for the Employees Retirement System and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
4. **Ordinance No. 81 of 2006:** An ordinance amending and re-enacting portions of Chapter, 94 of the Code of Ordinances relative to utilities and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
5. **Ordinance No. 82 of 2006:** An ordinance authorizing the purchasing agent to dispose of surplus real property and other wise providing with respect thereto.
6. **Ordinance No. 83 of 2006:** An Ordinance amending the 2006 General Fund Budget and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
7. **Ordinance No. 84 of 2006:** An ordinance creating and establishing a no parking anytime zone around the perimeter of the T. L. Amiss Water Purification Plant and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
8. **Ordinance No. 85 of 2006:** ZONING APPEAL – C-26-06: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinances by re-zoning property located on the east side of Russell Road, 1753 feet south of Gain Street, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-A,

- Residence-Agriculture District, R-1H, Urban, One-Family Residence District, and R-1D Urban, One-Family Residence District to I-2, Heavy Industrial District and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Lester)
9. **Ordinance No. 86 of 2006**: ZONING – C:38-06: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinances by rezoning property located on the north and south sides of Clay, east of Pierre and south side of Buena Vista west of Pierre Avenue Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-3, Urban Multiple-Family Residence District to R-3 (PUD) Urban Multiple-Family Residence (Planned Unit Development) District and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Lester)
  10. **Ordinance No. 87 of 2006**: ZONING – C41-06: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinances by rezoning property located on the north side of Claiborne Avenue, 75 feet west of McWillie, 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 “Eye Clinic and Rehabilitation Center, with Associated Sales”, only, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Walford)
  11. **Ordinance No. 88 of 2006**: ZONING – C-42-06: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinances by rezoning property located on the south side of Stoner Avenue, 300 feet west of Creswell Avenue, Shreveport, Caddo Parish Louisiana, for continuation of B-2-E, Neighborhood Business/Extended use District, Limited to the Primary Use as “Residential Facility for treatment of adults with compulsive gambling disorder,” only, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Walford)
  12. **Ordinance No. 89 of 2006**: ZONING - C-28-06: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinances by rezoning property located on the southwest corner of West 84<sup>th</sup> Street and Wallace, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-D, Urban, One-Family Residence District, to R-1D-E, Urban, One-Family Residence/Extended Use District, Limited to “Construction/Engineering Office with inside Storage,” only, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Robertson)
  13. **Ordinance No. 90 of 2006**: ZONING – C-45-06: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinances by rezoning property located on the west side of Broadway, 100 feet south of Murvon Street, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from B-1-E, Buffer Business/Extended Use District, to B-1-E, Buffer/Business Extended Use District, Limited to “A Barber Shop” only, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (F/Green)
  14. **Ordinance No. 91 of 2006**: ZONING – C-46-06: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinances by rezoning property located on the southeast corner of Jewella and Sumner, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-2, Suburban, Multi-Family Residence District, to B-2, Neighborhood Business District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (G/Jackson)
  15. **Ordinance No. 92 of 2006**: An Ordinance amending the 2006 General Fund Budget and otherwise providing with respect thereto

16. **Ordinance No. 93 of 2006**: ZONING – C-43-06: An Ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the city of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the west side of Youree Drive, 120 feet north of Archer Avenue, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from SPI-3 (b-1) Commercial Corridor Overlay (Buffer Business) District, to SPI-3-E, Commercial Corridor Overlay/Extended Use District, Limited to “A Sign Shop”, only and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Carmody to introduce Ordinance No(s). 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, and 93 of 2006 to lay over until July 11, 2006 meeting.**

Councilman Carmody: I think that yesterday, we had actually talked about postponing or did we decide that we - - - decide that we're just introducing it, it'll lay over for two weeks, and then you can take a look at your proposed legislation?

Councilman Walford: My obnoxious odors?

Councilman Carmody: Yeah.

Councilman Walford: Just go ahead with introduction. It'll have to lay over two weeks, and we'll deal with it at that time.

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

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

1. **Ordinance No. 72 of 2006**: An ordinance amending the 2006 General Fund Budget and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

**Having passed first reading on June 13, 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. *The Clerk read the following:***

**Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 72 of 2006**

**Amend the Ordinance as follows:**

**Section 2 (Appropriations):**

In Public Assembly and Recreation increase Other Charges by \$65,000.

In General Government increase Transfer to Community Development Fund by \$265,000.

In Operational Services decrease Improvements and Equipment by \$330,000.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

**Motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Walford to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 72 of 2006 Motion approved by the following**

**vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Robertson, Green, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Hogan. 1.**

Mr. Thompson: Madam Chairman, if there is no wish for us to vote on Amendment No. 2, we will just skip it and go to Amendment No. 3.

*The Clerk read the following:*

**Amendment No. 3 to Ordinance No. 72 of 2006**

Amend the Ordinance as follows:

Section 2 (Appropriations):

In SPAR, increase Other Charges by \$44,600.

In Department of Operational Services, decrease Improvement and Equipment by \$44,600.

**Motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Green to adopt Amendment No. 3 to Ordinance No. 72 of 2006.**

Councilman Walford: In brief discussion, this is transferring \$44,600 of the funding from my district to SPAR.

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

**Amendment No. 4 to Ordinance No. 72 of 2006**

Amend the Ordinance as follows:

Section 2 (Appropriations):

In General Government increase Transfer to Community Development Fund by \$210,000.

In Operational Services decrease Improvements and Equipment by \$210,000.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

**Motion by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Green to adopt to adopt Amendment No. 4 to Ordinance No. 72 of 2006. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Robertson, Green, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Hogan. 1.**

**Motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Jackson to adopt to adopt Ordinance No. 72 of 2006 as amended. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Robertson, Green, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Hogan. 1.**

2. **Ordinance No. 73 of 2006**: An ordinance amending the 2006 Budget for the Police Grants Special Revenue Fund and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

**Having passed first reading on June 13, 2006 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Carmody, seconded by Councilman Walford.**

**Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 73 of 2006**

**AMEND THE ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS:**

In Section 1 (Estimated Receipts):

2005 and Prior Year Receipts:

Decrease the appropriation for Prior-Year Solving Cold Cases with DNA Grant by \$8,600.

Appropriate Prior-Year Anti-Terrorism Grant at \$4,200.

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

From 2005 and Prior-Year Revenues:

From Prior-Year Solving Cold Cases With DNA Grant, decrease Personal Services by \$8,500 and Improvements and Equipment by \$2,100. Increase Materials and Supplies by \$2,000.

From Prior-Year Anti-Terrorism Grant, increase Personal Services by \$4,200.

**Motion by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Green to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 73 of 2006. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Robertson, Green, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Hogan. 1.**

**Motion by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Green to adopt Ordinance No. 73 of 2006 as amended. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Robertson, Green, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Hogan. 1.**

3. **Ordinance No. 74 of 2006**: An ordinance amending the 2006 Budget for the Community Development Special Revenue Fund and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

**Having passed first reading on June 13, 2006 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Carmody, seconded by Councilman Walford.**

**Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 74 of 2006**

**Amend the Ordinance as follows:**

**Section 2 (Appropriations):**

In Section 1 (Estimated Receipts):

Increase Transfer from General Fund by \$210,000.

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

Under A2006 Revenues@:

**Workforce Development**

Summer Jobs for Youth increase by \$30,000

**Bureau of Administration**

Public Service increase by \$180,000

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

**Motion by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Green to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 74 of 2006. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Robertson, Green, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Hogan. 1.**

**Motion by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Green to adopt Ordinance No. 74 of 2006 as amended. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Robertson, Green, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Hogan. 1.**

4. **Ordinance No. 75 of 2006**: An ordinance amending and reenacting Sections of Ordinance No. 96 of 1980 as amended by Ordinance No. 22 of 1981, Ordinance No. 333 of 1983, Ordinance No. 158 of 1989 and Ordinance No. 199 of 2002 relative to the levy and collection of sales and use taxes, by continuing to levy the tax of one-fourth of one percent (1/4 %) upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption and the storage for use or consumption of tangible personal property and on sales of services, in addition to all other existing sales and use taxes, all as defined therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

**Having passed first reading on June 13, 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 Carmody to adopt.**

Councilman Carmody: Basically this the Council's acknowledgement of the public support of the renewal of the firemen and the police tax money, and that's what the Council is doing today is affirming the vote of the people.

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

5. **Ordinance No. 76 of 2006**: Ordinance declaring certain adjudicated properties needed for a valid public purpose and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (B/Walford)

**Having passed first reading on June 13, 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 to adopt Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Robertson, Green, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Hogan. 1.**

5. **Ordinance No. 77 of 2006**: An ordinance amending Section 22-62 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport by providing that swimming pool drainage systems must discharge to the City's sanitary sewer system: and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

**Having passed first reading on June 13, 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: Madam Chair, maybe someone can answer the question. Whenever 77 on this particular section of the Code, Section 22-62, we amend this, does the homeowner bare the responsibility or the person who does the installation?

Mr. Strong: Councilman, it's going to depend on whose - - if the one that's doing the installation is filled it, and is actually draining the pool, then that would be the person that did the installation. But if it's the homeowner there, and has somebody working on it, it's always going to be the homeowner's responsibility.

Councilman Jackson: I just wanted to see what the effect of it was.

Mr. Strong: And understand this. All this is to do is to clarify the ordinance anyway, because one section of the ordinance says, and we've been enforcing that it's been going into the sanitary sewer anyway, but in another section it said, you can do it into the drainage system. And we're doing away with that.

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

*The adopted ordinances and amendments follow:*

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 72 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 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. 163 of 2005, the 2006 General Fund budget, is hereby amended as follows:

In Section 1 (Estimated Receipts):

Increase Miscellaneous by \$1,000,000.

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

In General Government, appropriate Improvements and Equipment at \$1,000,000.

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. 72 of 2006**

**Amend the Ordinance as follows:**

**Section 2 (Appropriations):**

In Public Assembly and Recreation increase Other Charges by \$65,000.

In General Government increase Transfer to Community Development Fund by \$265,000.

In Operational Services decrease Improvements and Equipment by \$330,000.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

**Amendment No. 3 to Ordinance No. 72 of 2006**

Amend the Ordinance as follows:

**Section 2 (Appropriations):**

In SPAR, increase Other Charges by \$44,600.

In Department of Operational Services, decrease Improvement and Equipment by \$44,600.

**Amendment No. 4 to Ordinance No. 72 of 2006**

**Amend the Ordinance as follows:**

**Section 2 (Appropriations):**

In General Government increase Transfer to Community Development Fund by \$210,000.

In Operational Services decrease Improvements and Equipment by \$210,000.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

**ORDINANCE NO. 73 OF 2006**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2006 BUDGET FOR THE POLICE GRANTS 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 desirable to amend the 2006 budget for the Police Grants Special Revenue Fund, to appropriate new 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. 175 of 2005, the 2006 budget for the Police Grants Special Revenue Fund, be amended and re-enacted as follows:

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

**2005 and Prior-Year Receipts:**

Appropriate Prior-Year Integrated Criminal Apprehension Grant at \$8,000.

Increase Prior-Year Block Grant 2004 by \$3,100.

**Fiscal Year 2006 Revenues:**

Appropriate Project Safe Neighborhoods Gun Crime Reduction Grant at \$40,000.

Appropriate Project Safe Neighborhoods Anti-Gang Initiative at \$82,000.

Decrease 100 Days of Summer Heat Grant by \$3,400.

**In Section 2 (Appropriations):**

**From 2005 and Prior-Years Revenues:**

From Prior-Year Integrated Criminal Apprehension Grant, appropriate \$3,000 to Personal Services, \$3,000 to Materials and Supplies and \$2,000 to Improvements and Equipment. In Prior-Year Block Grant 2004, increase Improvements and Equipment by \$3,100.

**From Fiscal Year 2006 Revenues:**

From PSN Gun Crime Reduction Grant, appropriate \$39,900 to Personal Services and \$100 to Materials and Supplies.

From PSN Anti-Gang Initiative, appropriate \$67,200 to Personal Services, \$900 to Materials and Supplies, \$5,100 to Contractual Services and \$8,800 to Improvements and Equipment.

In 100 Days of Summer Heat Grant, decrease Personal Services by \$3,400.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance No. 175 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 sections 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. 73 of 2006**

**AMEND THE ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS:**

In Section 1 (Estimated Receipts):

2005 and Prior Year Receipts:

Decrease the appropriation for Prior-Year Solving Cold Cases with DNA Grant by \$8,600.

Appropriate Prior-Year Anti-Terrorism Grant at \$4,200.

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

From 2005 and Prior-Year Revenues:

From Prior-Year Solving Cold Cases With DNA Grant, decrease Personal Services by \$8,500 and Improvements and Equipment by \$2,100. Increase Materials and Supplies by \$2,000.

From Prior-Year Anti-Terrorism Grant, increase Personal Services by \$4,200.

**ORDINANCE NO. 74 OF 2006**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2006 BUDGET FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 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 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):

Increase Transfer from General Fund by \$265,000.

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

Under A2006 Revenues@:

**Housing**

Housing Programs increase by \$200,000.

**Workforce Development**

Summer Jobs for Youth increase by \$40,000

Public Service increase by \$25,000

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. 74 of 2006**

**Amend the Ordinance as follows:**

**Section 2 (Appropriations):**

In Section 1 (Estimated Receipts):

Increase Transfer from General Fund by \$210,000.

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

Under A2006 Revenues@:

**Workforce Development**

Summer Jobs for Youth increase by \$30,000

**Bureau of Administration**

Public Service increase by \$180,000

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

**Ordinance No. 75 of 2006**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REENACTING SECTIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 96 OF 1980 AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 22 OF 1981, ORDINANCE NO. 333 OF 1983, ORDINANCE NO. 158 OF 1989, AND ORDINANCE NO. 199 OF 2002 RELATIVE TO THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF SALES AND USE TAXES, BY CONTINUING TO LEVY THE TAX OF ONE-FOURTH OF ONE PERCENT ( 1/4%) UPON THE SALE AT RETAIL, THE USE, THE LEASE OR RENTAL, THE CONSUMPTION AND THE STORAGE FOR USE OR CONSUMPTION OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY AND ON SALES OF SERVICES, IN ADDITION TO ALL OTHER EXISTING SALES AND USE TAXES, ALL AS DEFINED THEREIN, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Article VI, Section 29 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, Louisiana R.S. 33:2711.15 and other constitutional and statutory authority, a special election was held in said City on November 5, 2002, which authorized the levy and collection of an additional tax of one-fourth of one percent upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the distribution and storage for use or consumption of tangible personal property and on sales of services within the City, all as presently or thereafter defined in Chapter 2 of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, inclusive, for a term not to exceed four years from and after the date said tax was first levied, with the avails or proceeds of said tax (after paying the reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of collecting and administering said tax) to be dedicated and used solely and exclusively for salaries, benefits, equipment and personnel for the Police and Fire Departments of the City of Shreveport; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Article VI, Section 29 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, Louisiana R.S. 33:2711.15 and other constitutional and statutory authority, a special election was held in said City on April 1, 2006, which authorized the renewal and continued levy and collection of the tax of one-fourth of one percent upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the distribution and storage for use or consumption of tangible personal property and on sales of services within the City, all as presently or thereafter defined in Chapter 2 of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, inclusive, for a term not to exceed six years from and after the date said tax was first levied, with the avails or proceeds of said tax (after paying the reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of collecting and administering said tax) to be dedicated and used solely and exclusively for salaries, benefits, equipment and personnel for the Police and Fire Departments of the City of Shreveport; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with the aforesaid statutes and the said election of April 1, 2006 it is the desire of this City Council to renew and continue to levy said sales and use tax and provide for the collection thereof and other matters in connection therewith as herein provided and as provided in the City of Shreveport Sales and Use Tax Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, since the tax is a renewal and levy of the sales tax will be continued at the existing rate, the provisions of the ordinance relative to the tax rates are not changed; only the authority for the levy has changed.

NOW, THEREFOR, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal and regular session convened that Sections 13.04 and 14.03 of Ordinance No. 96 of 1980 as amended by Ordinance No. 22 of 1981, Ordinance No. 333 of 1983, Ordinance No. 158 of 1989, and Ordinance No. 199 of 2002 be and the same are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Section 13.04. In compliance with the said special elections of June 6, 1967, December 8, 1970, January 17, 1981, November 19, 1983, October 7, 1989, and April 1, 2006 authorizing said tax, after all reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of collection and administration of the tax have been paid as provided for in Sections 13.02 and 13.03, the remaining balance in the "City of Shreveport Sales Tax Fund" shall be available for appropriation and expenditure by the City solely for the purposes designated in the propositions authorizing the levy of the tax, and having been approved by a majority of the qualified electors of the City, voting at said special elections.

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Section 14.03. This ordinance shall become effective on January 1, 2007.

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

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

### **ORDINANCE NO. 76 OF 2006**

#### **AN ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES NEEDED FOR A VALID PUBLIC PURPOSE AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO**

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has a tax interest in certain properties adjudicated for the nonpayment of 1990 property taxes, said property being more fully described as follows:

Property No. 1: Lot 25, Haven Perrin & Zeiglers Subdivision, City of Shreveport – Geo. #181437-045-0025-00

Property No. 2: Lot 26, Haven Perrin & Zeiglers Subdivision, City of Shreveport – Geo. #181437-045-0026-00

Property No. 3: Lot 27, Haven Perrin & Zeiglers Subdivision, City of Shreveport – Geo. #181437-045-0027-00

Property No. 4: Lot 28, Haven Perrin & Zeiglers Subdivision, City of Shreveport – Geo. #181437-045-0028-00

WHEREAS, Bill Hanna Ford, Inc. is the last known owner of record the above-described adjudicated properties and has not paid city taxes on said properties since 1990; and WHEREAS, other interested parties of record for the above-described adjudicated properties are as follows:

- 1) Parish of Caddo. Tax Adjudication Deed in favor of the Parish of Caddo for non-payment of 1990 Parish taxes, recorded in Conveyance Book 2750, Page 544 (577) on June 14, 1991, bearing registry number 1308735, records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana.
- 2) City of Shreveport. Tax Adjudication Deed in favor of the City of Shreveport for non-payment of 1990 City taxes, recorded in Conveyance Book 2756, Page 749 (768 & 769) on July 11, 1991, bearing registry number 1311754, records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana.
- 3) Alton Ochsner Medical Foundation. Uncancelled mortgage in favor of Alton Ochsner Medical Foundation in the amount of \$65,400.00 recorded in Mortgage Book 1737, Page 199 on March 7, 1986, bearing registry number 1081794, records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana.
- 4) Ford Motor Credit Company. Uncancelled mortgage in favor of Ford Motor Credit Company as Mortgage, Assignment of Lease and Rents and Chattel Mortgage recorded in Mortgage Book 2031, Page 454, and in Conveyance Book 2637, Page 63 on November 22, 1989, bearing registry number 1250056; and
- 5) State of Louisiana. Uncancelled tax lien in favor of the State of Louisiana, Department of Revenue and Taxation, Notice of State Tax Assessment in the amount of \$165,725.22, recorded in Mortgage Book 2771, Page 683 on September 23, 1998, records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, under La. R.S. 33:2891.1 et. seq. property adjudicated to a city more than five (5) years for nonpayment of taxes or paving and other local improvement assessments, may be declared by the city as needed for a valid public purpose, defined in La. R.S. 33:2891.2 as “the revitalization of economically depressed areas by placing abandoned properties back into the economic stream of commerce”; and

WHEREAS, said property has been abandoned by its owner and the lack of use has contributed to the decline of this economically depressed area; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport intends to use this property for parking for the public and/or for lease or other grants of use to persons or businesses, whether public or private, which will use the property for purposes which help to revitalize this area, or for any other valid public purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that it does hereby declare the above-described adjudicated properties needed for a valid public purpose, and that in accordance with La. R.S. 33:2891.1 et. seq. the City of Shreveport shall acquire the subject properties in full ownership upon expiration of sixty (60) days from the date of recordation of this adopted ordinance in the conveyance records of Caddo Parish, provided no owner or interested party (as defined in La. R.S. 33: 2891.2) files suit in Caddo Parish District Court contesting the acquisition within said sixty (60) days.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Office of Property Management of the City of Shreveport shall give notice of this acquisition to the owners and interested parties described herein in accordance with La. R.S. 33:2891.2 and 33:2891.3.

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. 77 OF 2006**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 22-62 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT BY PROVIDING THAT SWIMMING POOL DRAINAGE SYSTEMS MUST DISCHARGE TO THE CITY’S SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM; AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

By:

WHEREAS, current city engineering practice is to require that discharge drains from swimming pools be constructed so as to discharge into the sanitary sewer system, rather than the storm sewer system;

WHEREAS, such practice is the preferable alternative, because it lessens environmental impact and eliminates nuisance situations created by discharges to ditches, streets and storm drains; and

WHEREAS, Section 22-62 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport, as currently worded, requires that swimming pool drainage systems discharge to the storm

sewer system, which is inconsistent with city engineering and permitting practices and is not the preferred alternative;

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

Section 22-62 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport shall be amended so as to read as follows:

**Sec. 22-62. Sewer system.**

Where available, the drainage system of all swimming pools shall discharge into the sanitary sewer (provided that the drainage systems of swimming pools located at single family residences which were approved for installation without connection to the sanitary sewer may discharge to a storm sewer if the water is fully dechlorinated before discharge and documentation is kept evidencing dechlorination, and if no nuisances are created upon discharge). There shall be no direct physical connection between the sewer system and any drain from the swimming pool or recirculating system. Any swimming pool or gutter drain, or recirculating system, when discharged to the storm drain or sewer system, shall connect through an approved air gap, so as to prevent the possibility of the backup of waste into the swimming pool piping system.

Drains adjacent to swimming pools (such as drains located on pool decks) shall not discharge to the sanitary sewer.

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.

**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*)

Mr. Thompson: No. 93 has been tabled, I don't believe there is any indication that it should be removed.

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*)

Mr. Thompson: Ordinance No. 220 has been tabled. I think we have the same thing there, but Madam Chairman, I think we have the same thing there. But Madam Chairman, I think we need to remove Ordinance No. 68 of 2006.

3. **Ordinance No. 68 of 2006**: ZONING APPEAL C-28-06: 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 84<sup>th</sup> 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)(Remanded to MPC – May 23, 2006)

**Motion by Councilman Robertson, seconded by Councilman Carmody to remove Ordinance No. 68 of 2006. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Robertson, Green, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Hogan. 1.**

Mr. Thompson: By way of explanation, that was remanded to the MPC and it now comes back as Ordinance No. 89.

4. **Ordinance No. 69 of 2006**: ZONING APPEAL: C-16-06 - 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. (A/Lester)(Postponed June 13, 2006 until July 25, 2006)
5. **Ordinance No. 70 of 2006**: ZONING APPEAL C-18-06 - 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. (A/Lester)(Remanded to MPC June 13, 2006)

Mr. Thompson: We also have Ordinance No. 69 and 70, and I don't believe there's any indication to remove those at this time or to take those up.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **Animal Service Appeal:**

Ms. Donna Streetman, 1739 Midway, Shreveport, LA – Vicious Dog Attack

Mr. Thompson: We did the Animal Appeal on yesterday. The MPC Appeal I believe can be taken up today if Council Members are ready to do so. There's no reason why we can't but it's up to the Council. This is the first time it appears on your agenda.

##### **MPC Approval:**

ZONING – C-47-06: Cash America, Inc. of Louisiana, *WRI/TEXLA,LLC*, located on the NE'rly corner of Jewella Avenue and Greenwood Road. MPC Approval in a B-3. **(MPC Approval only, No ordinance required)**

**Motion by Councilman Carmody, seconded by Councilman Jackson to consider ZONING C-47-06.**

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Kirkland is here.

Councilman Jackson: Madam Chair, and Mr. Clerk. We have it on New Business, and our vote at this point and time places it on our, well it's already on our agenda, but now places it in the Council's purview for voting on this right at this point?

Mr. Thompson: Yes. I don't believe that, that motion to take it up was necessary, but it does not hurt anything. But the reason I've asked Mr. Kirkland to come up is to tell us what was done, and what would be the appropriate votes for the Council.

Mr. Kirkland: This is on the Cash America.

Mr. Thompson: That's correct.

Mr. Kirkland: And the ordinance is probably one of the more unusual in zoning laws, in that it requires MPC action or MPC approval, but the Council a number of years back also wanted to see every pawn shop, as well and be able to act on it, so it was forwarded to you for your vote, up or down. And other than following the normal procedure of letting it lay over, it's just an approval action, therefore all it takes is a simple yes or no vote.

Mr. Thompson: So, it would be a motion to approve the zoning for C-47-06?

Mr. Kirkland: That's correct, Pawn Shop.

Councilman Jackson: Thank you Madam Chair. We - - - and do have the City Attorney or someone who is here? If not then Mr. Kirkland come forward at this time. I saw he was in here earlier, but obviously at some point and time, based on what Mr. Kirkland has said, a city council decided that whenever these kinds of zoning came up even though they only required MPC Approval, based on our Charter or what have you, that the Council wanted to have the final say perhaps on the zoning. Assuming the MPC had approved it, and it followed all the guidelines to approving it, does the Council have I guess my question is whether or not, if I don't like it for example, whether or not, I can say lets vote it down, because I don't like it, whether or not, there was recourse that we can expect if we follow no other rules other than I don't like this type of business?

Mr. Kirkland: Well, I think based on your assessment and the other Council Members' determination, if you don't think it's an appropriate land use, for that area, just vote against it and a simple majority of the Council as opposed to a two-thirds, since it's not an ordinance, so a simple majority of those present can decide it either way. For it or against it. And the reason that it's there is it really came out of the Agurs Business District, and Mr. Craig Kennedy is now deceased is the one who, I think Mayor, I'm sure you remember Mr. Kennedy, didn't want pawn shops anywhere in the city, but he didn't want them in that area in specific. Because he thought they were more of a problem to the City than they were an asset. And he I guess more than anything else Councilman is the one who got this law changed because he didn't want a matter involving pawn shops be dealt with solely by the MPC. It was about that simple. He saw them more as of a problem, but he seemed to be not alone, but he didn't have a whole lot of company as far as I recall.

Pawn shops like 'em or not are like any other lending business, they just have their own way of operating.

Mr. Thompson: I think it's safe to say that the courts generally allow the Council a great deal of discretion to determine what is the proper land use.

**Motion by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Green to deny the zoning approval.**

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Kirkland, did I hear you say that requires a two-thirds vote under the - - - ?

Mr. Kirkland: No sir.

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

**REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES:** None.

**CLERK'S REPORT:** None.

**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 6:01 p.m.

*Clerks Note: A special meeting has been set to address an appeal for the revocation of license, concerning the Phat Katz Lounge, 4303 Greenwood Road, Shreveport, LA. The meeting is schedule to begin at 4:00 p.m., Monday, June 26, 2006 or immediately following the City Council Administrative Conference, whichever occurs later.*

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*//s// Cynthia N. Robertson, Vice- Chairman*

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