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The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana was called to order by Chairman Joe Shyne at 3:03 p.m., Tuesday, May 13, 2008, in the Government Chambers in Government Plaza (505 Travis Street).

Invocation was given by Pastor Edmonds.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Wooley.

On Roll Call, the following members were Present: Councilmen Lester (Arrived at 3:08 p.m.), Walford, Long (Arrived at 3:10 p.m.), Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Absent: None.

Motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Wooley to approve the minutes of the Administrative Conference, Monday, April 21, 2008 and Council Meeting, Tuesday, April 22, 2008. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Walford, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 5. Nays: None. Out of the Chamber: Councilmen Lester and Long. 2.

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

Councilman Shyne: Since the Mayor is not here right now, I want to invite a couple of - - -

Mr. Dark: He's here. He heard you talking about him.

Councilman Shyne: You must have heard me talking about me.

Mayor Glover: I always hear you Mr. Shyne.

Councilman Shyne: Oh, okay I'd better be careful then. Mr. Mayor, what I'd like for you to or impose on you, I invited the Interim City Marshall down, and I'd like for you to have the honor of introducing him, and asking him to come up and say a word or two. Is that alright with you?

Mayor Glover: Certainly, open the floor to Marshal Caldwell.

Councilman Shyne: He's right over there to the right of you.

Mayor Glover: Invite him to come on down.

Councilman Shyne: In fact, you all kinda favor a little bit.

Mayor Glover: Well, I'm not quite that handsome (inaudible).

Marshal Caldwell: Thank you Mayor.

Councilman Shyne: Charlie, that's a compliment.

Marshal Caldwell: My pleasure. Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen of the Council. Good afternoon everybody. I'm the interim Shreveport City Marshall, and it's my pleasure being here today. It's my pleasure on Mr. Shyne inviting me here to meet with the Council, and I'm looking forward to working with you all for the years to come.

And I thank you guys again for inviting me at the Council Meeting this afternoon Mr. Shyne.

Councilman Shyne: Charlie, it's just good to have you down, and I'm happy to see that Marshal Dove had enough confidence in you because you are truly a people's person. And Mayor, I don't want to say this, and I don't want the people to misunderstand what I'm about to say, but I remember Charlie when he was a youngster like you growing up. And Charlie, you've always been a fine fellow, and I always knew that you would be in a position to do something great. So, whatever we can do, and I know that the Chief is sitting over there, and I know we're going to have a good warm working relationship between the Marshal's office and the Chief of Police Office, so anything that we can do to assist your office, you can feel free to call on the Council here, and I'll let the Mayor express whatever he want's to express from the standpoint of the Administration. And right now, I'm going to ask if any Council Member that would like to say hello to you.

Councilwoman Bowman: I would just like to say congratulations.

Marshal Caldwell: Thank you Ms. Bowman.

Councilwoman Bowman: And I look forward to - - - maybe I'd better rephrase this. I hope you'll work with us on the budget. Thank you.

Councilman Shyne: Anybody else? Wait a minute. Was this someone who just came in from Hollywood? Is this one of the new actors from California or Hawaii or somewhere? Oh, okay. Mike, you look today. Alright, I'm sorry Charlie.

Councilman Walford: I just wanted to welcome you, and to piggyback on what Ms. Bowman said. And to say that we really have some interesting food at our budget meetings, you would enjoy coming to one.

Marshall Caldwell: I plan on attending the majority of the meetings, but as you all know that I'm hitting the ground running on the campaign trail. So, I've got to do what it takes to keep this office for the next six years. (Inaudible) in that direction, and that's what I plan on doing.

Councilman Shyne: Charlie, we appreciate it. Mayor wants to say a word or two to you.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Mr. Chairman and members of the Council. Charlie, I want to congratulate you. I'm very proud of you. I know your family is as well. You are without question a history maker, and I look forward to you continuing the great job that you've done in your capacity as Deputy Marshal. And I know you've got a vision and drive, and we look forward to you sharing that with us over the coming weeks and months. And congratulations again, and just keep your shoulder to the wheel and just keep pushing.

Marshal Caldwell: Thank you.

Councilman Shyne: Charlie again, thank you. Mr. Mayor, we're going to turn this ballgame over into your hands. I keep saying ballgame, because we've got some State Champions here.

Mayor Glover: But before I do that, I've got to acknowledge a man of God is here in the house. I know there may be more than one. Have you had an opportunity to recognize Pastor Kimble?

Councilman Shyne: I was going to have him come up and say a few words. If you'd like for him to do it at this particular juncture?

Mayor Glover: Absolutely. I know that he has just been recently been blessed with a national honor.

Councilman Shyne: He's going to explain - - - I don't want him to steal your thunder. Mr. Mayor, he's going to explain all that to us.

Pastor Kimble: Thank you so Mr. Shyne and Members of the Council. To the Mayor, to all of the officials, leaders and to the public and to this wonderful group of basketball players (inaudible). I've just been elected last month as the Louisiana representative for the ICP, which is an international organization called the Police Chaplains. And there are 13 different countries that are members of this national police chapter and organization. And I was chosen to represent Louisiana and the Shreveport Police Department. The position allows me to travel in Louisiana and to see if there are police departments that don't have a chaplaincy program, is to help them get a chaplaincy program. One of my main aims is to make you one of the most professional, best chaplains program that Shreveport Police Department has ever had. And that's my aim. I certainly want to appreciate you for inviting me to come, - - -

Councilwoman Bowman: That's right, tell 'em.

Pastor Kimble: And my Councilman is Joyce, and all the wonderful Councilmen. And the wonderful Mayor, thank you so much. Just pray for me that I'll be able to perform my duties. I'm going to do my best to be as well as I possibly can.

Councilman Shyne: Pastor, we appreciate that, and you might live in Joyce's district now, but I know you'll always be a Mooretown boy.

Pastor Kimble: Sure, I pastor in your district.

Councilman Shyne: That's exactly right. Any of the Council Members want to say a word. I'll turn it over to Joyce then.

Councilwoman Bowman: Congratulations Pastor Kimble. I appreciate everything that you do, not only in Mooretown, but in Queensborough as well. And also throughout the City of Shreveport. I want to thank you again for everything. I've seen you in action, and that means a lot. It really does. Not just to me personally, but to all of the citizens who live on Fredrick Street, and those throughout Queensborough. We appreciate it.

Pastor Kimble: Thank you.

Councilman Walford: I want to congratulate you, but more than that, I would like to publicly thank you because you've been there for some very difficult times in my district, and Councilman Shyne's district. And I appreciated you being there. We had prayer gatherings, and I think it meant a lot to people. I do appreciate you being there in that leadership role.

Councilman Shyne: And Pastor, I just want to say this to the Chief. Chief, can you hear me back there? When he's out riding sometimes, don't let him have his gun, because remember now, the bible says, "Thou shall not kill." So Pastor, we appreciate it hear?

Pastor Kimble: Let me just say that how gracious I am to have Chief of Police, Chief Whitehorn who works diligently in supporting the Police Pastors and Chaplains Program, and I just want you all to know that I deeply appreciate his support and the Shreveport Police Department. Thank you so kindly.

Councilman Shyne: Pastor, thank you so very much, and come back and see us again. And Mr. Mayor, we have Rev. Smith, of course Rev. Smith is going to come up

and speak a little bit later. Pastor if you want to just raise your hand? Okay. He's going to come up and speak in a few minutes.

Mayor Glover: Chairman Shyne, that's Dr. Louis Smith of the New Bethel Baptist Church.

Councilman Shyne: I'm sorry. I'm sorry Mr. Mayor. The Reverend Doctor Louis Smith. I'm sorry. We've been knowing each other so long until, he'll call me Joe, and I'll call my Louis, so.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, now you're going to try to sit here and convince us that Dr. Smith is as old as you are, are you?

Councilman Shyne: Let's move on. Mr. Mayor, I'm going to turn it over to you.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Alright. We're going to save the larger group for the end. But I want to start today Mr. Chairman and members of the Council, recognizing a young man who is a student at Caddo Middle Magnet School, Mr. Carter Boyd. Would you join me here at the front?

Councilman Shyne: If you want to get a good picture, tell her to come on.

Mayor Glover: Carter is one of only two students in Louisiana selected to win the nation's Prudential Spirit of Community Award. Carter is the only Middle School Student in the state selected as one of America's top youth volunteers. As a state winner, Carter received \$1,000 and just returned from an all expense paid trip to Washington, D. C., where he was honored nationally. Carter collects new and used athletic equipment to give to needy children and then conducts demonstrations on how to use the equipment safely. Carter is an avid sports lover, he wanted to share his passion with others, but saw that many children could not afford the proper sports gear. This young man began to solicit donations from his friends, his church, his Boy Scout Troop, and local sporting goods stores, and gave sports equipment to hundreds of local children. In his first distribution, Carter responded to an immediate need for tennis rackets at a local school. Next he gave a variety of sports equipment to about 100 children at a local YMCA and taught them how to use the equipment safely. Carter hopes his volunteer efforts which he named BAGS, which stands for Be a Good Sport, enables those less fortunate share his love for sports and develop a healthy love of sports of their own, and also to develop, and establish and practice healthy exercise habits. Students like Carter represent the Best of America's youth and are role models to their peers and their communities. We as a City are so proud of this young man. Carter is here today with his parents, who is busily taking pictures, and his principal Mrs. Kay Robinson. Ms. Robinson, would you stand please for us. Carter in recognition of all that you have done, and all that you have achieved, it is my great pleasure and privilege to present to youth is Mayoral Award of Excellence, on behalf of the Mayor's office and the City of Shreveport. Would you share with the Council, and show us what you brought.

Carter Boyd: First of all, I just want to thank all of you for giving me this opportunity and honoring me here today. This is a poster of some of the stuff that I've done with my BAGS project, and as the Mayor said, I collect sporting good equipment and donate to children in need at the Carver Y.M.C.A. And I attended Washington, D. C., for my project for the Prudential Spirit of Community Award, and I learned a lot of stuff in Washington, D. C. And one thing that I plan on doing in continuing my project in the future, is having day camps for the children. I plan on getting sports figures and

celebrities in our community to assist me in doing this camp. Once again, I want to thank all of you for having me here today, and the Mayor for honoring me. Thank you.

Councilman Shyne: Carter, we are so proud of you. You represent the future, not only of Shreveport, of Louisiana, but America, and we hope that you will be one of those young people that we can keep right here in Shreveport. Because your ideas and your philosophy, and your belief in your fellow human being is what we need. I would hope that God would always bless you and yours, and Carter, we thank you. Any Council Member would like to say anything?

Councilman Wooley: I just wanted to say to see a young man exhibit such selfless acts is truly commendable. And you are truly an example to your peers, and I just want to thank you for your service to our community.

Carter Boyd: Thank you.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Carter. Mr. Chairman and members of the Council, I'd next like to ask Mr. Karl Leon to join me along with Colleen Hull from Personnel to come forward as well. Colleen will present a certificate to Karl Leon for 35 years of service to the City of Shreveport, Department of Operational Services, and we'll make a presentation to Mr. Karl Leon as well, but 35 years may be as old as a couple of our members of the Council up there.

Councilman Shyne: Watch out now, watch out.

Mayor Glover: And maybe half of (inaudible).

Ms. Hull: Somehow Mr. Leon's name was left off the list. I told him that's because he was here for 35 years and the computer doesn't expect anybody to be here that long. But I would like Mr. Mike Erlund of Traffic Engineering and Mr. Strong to stand up, they are Assistant to the Director of Traffic Engineering and the Director of DOS, and Mr. Leon has worked with them quite a while. Karl, I want to present you with this certificate from us, and that shows the number of years, and I know (inaudible). So, congratulations for making this year, and I hope to see you this year after making 36.

Mayor Glover: Mrs. Leon, would you mind joining us up here. In addition to that recognition from the Personnel Office, we also want to present to Mr. Leon and also his wife, because obviously it takes a lot of support from home for a man to be able to make it 35 years on the same job and to do as well.

Councilman Shyne: Amen!

Mayor Glover: Absolutely, and so on behalf of the Shreveport Mayor's office and all of the City of Shreveport, it's my honor and privilege to present to you, this Mayor's Award of Excellence for all the service that you rendered to the citizens of the City of Shreveport. Thank you. Would you share a word with us?

Mr. Leon: No thank you, (inaudible) 36 years.

Mayor Glover: Gotcha. Thank you.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, anybody who could work around Mike Strong that long, need to get an award.

Councilman Walford: He also had to work around Tom Dark.

Councilman Shyne: That's right. Anybody who could work around you and Tom Dark that long deserves an award.

Mayor Glover: Next Mr. Chairman and Members of the Council, I'm going to ask that all these outstanding young men who are sitting here on the first and second row

who are members of the State Champion Calvary 2A State Champions to please come up here and join me. Pastor Edmonds, coaches, all the rest of the Calvary family.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, I want to come down and join you for that group. I used to play a little bit of baseball, so this is still my heart.

Mayor Glover: Come on and join us Mr. Shyne. This is your district I believe Councilman Wooley, feel free to join us as well if you will. We are honored today to be here and recognize the Calvary Baptist Cavaliers. They are the 2008 Class 2A State Baseball Champions. They claimed this past Wednesday in Monroe, Louisiana, their second straight State Championship with a 12-2 win over cross town rival Evangel Christian Academy. A near capacity crowd of over 1200 packed ULM's Warhawk's stadium to see the showdown between the two Shreveport Schools. It was the third meeting of the district rivals this season with Calvary winning the "rubber match" for the State Championship. 4 year starting pitcher Randy Zeigler won the game on the mound and went perfect at the plate. The future LSU Tiger could not be tamed. He threw 100 pitches exactly. 56 of which went for strikes, while going the distance in a contest that was stopped after 5 innings due to the 10 run mercy rule. Mercy, mercy me.

Councilman Shyne: Let's give them another hand.

Mayor Glover: Evangel scored twice to take their only lead at the bottom of the 1st inning. But that pair of runs was all the Eagles could manage to come up with on that day. The Cavaliers were 22-9 on the season, going 10-2 in the District 1-2A and 9-7 in the regular season. They are fierce, dedicated, skilled outstanding athletes both on the field and also excellent students in the classroom. I'm proud to have the State Champions here today along with winning Coach Rodney Traweek and his Assistants: Scott Falcon, Wayne, Lupo, Kevin Mims, and Wayne Perryman, and of course, they are led out at Calvary, both at the School and at the Church by one of Shreveport's best, our own, Dr. Rick Edmonds.

Councilman Shyne: Alright. And he's a Fair Park graduate, and that's all good.

Mayor Glover: Taught by Joe Shyne?

Councilman Shyne: There you - - - well?

Mayor Glover: Councilman Shyne, Councilman Wooley, come on up here and join me as we call up Dr. Edmonds, Coaches, where are our senior captains? We've got to get Zeigler. It's our honor and privilege to present to you all today on behalf of the Mayor's office, and the City of Shreveport, this Mayor's Award of Excellence in recognition of your accomplishment for winning the State Championship 2A Baseball for the second time. And we know that you all are just one more season and one more game away for a three-peat. We look forward to it coming back to Shreveport. So congratulations and keep up the good work. We're going to start with Pastor Edmonds and then we'll go to Coach, and any player that you all will designate.

Pastor Edmonds: I'll use the danger Pastor word. I'll be brief. Let me just say it's an honor always to represent Shreveport in any capacity. And we've had the privilege over the past two years in baseball to be able to bring home the State Championship to our city. And we are honored to be able to do it and represent all the schools in our city. We have great schools in our city, and we have a great city, and it is our great privilege. And we couldn't do it without a great baseball coach, and he's Rodney Traweek who we sort of stole from Monroe so he could come over here and stay

with us, and we're thank for Coach Traweek. Come say a word to us Rodney, and we appreciate you.

Coach Traweek: I'd like to say thanks. It's been an awesome day all day. These boys thinking about being able to come here. It doesn't get to happen much, but we're honored, we're happy to be here. Just want to say one thing. Last year, we were lucky and blessed enough to win the State Championship, and you always hear this old saying to help motivate you, when somebody tells you, you can't do it. Last year, we did win the State Championship. We lost a lot of good talent in some seniors. We lost a couple of guys this year from injuries, and we had a lot of young guys that had to step up. And we used that to motivate us all year. No way was this team supposed to win the State Championship. But look where we are now. We won it, and it's the perfect example right here today, that when somebody says, no way y'all can win again. And that's what we used to motivate us, and I want to say thank again for being here. It's been awesome. And Mayor, I've got two seniors, Tyree Cooper and Sam Walker that would like to present you with something. Okay?

Sam Walker: On behalf of Calvary Baptist Academy in Christ, we would like to present you with a game ball signed by each team member, just a way of telling you thank you, and thank you for everything you do. And Council, everything y'all do for us in this city. It means so much and we appreciate it and thank you again. It's our privilege and honor.

Mayor Glover: We will place this in a place of honor here in the City of Shreveport, and it will be an official part of our archives as we go forward into the future. Thank you all. Now I also have for each player Sam Walker, we have for you your own Mayor's Award of Excellence. Drew Spears, Wes Nale, Jared Lupo, Payton Massey, Beaux Gipson, Eli Rothell, Alex Lee, Craig Rascoe, Chris Jones, John Gault, Hayden Hawkins, Tyler Josey, Justin Crouch, Philip Windham, Colton Derrick, Trey Hudgins, Tyree Cooper, Randy Zeigler, Jake Goodwin, Christian Leone, and we didn't forget the coaches. Coach Traweek, Scott Falcon, Coach Lupo, Kevin Mims, and lastly but not least Coach Wayne Perryman. Let's give them all a round of applause. Thank you Mr. Chairman. Phi Delta Kappa, ah yes. We have Mrs. Paesha Finister-Wright. Mrs. Right is one of the City's best and brightest educators. The keepers, the molders and shapers of our city and our nation. That's what school teachers are without question. Both my parents were and we know our beloved Chairman as well. And we thank her and all educators for all that they do for our children. Mrs. Wright represents an organization of outstanding educators, nationally and local chapter of Phi Delta Kappa, and she's here to make a presentation. Oh my goodness. Mr. Shyne, get ready. Or maybe I spoke too soon. I'm sorry.

Ms. Finister-Wright: Well first of all good afternoon. On behalf of Phi Delta Kappa, Chapter 1213, we would like to present our Distinguished Person in Education Award. We give this award annually to a person who has demonstrated support of our educational system, who believes in our children, who lends their expertise and knowledge and their assets and resources to our children's success. We have been trying for the past two years to lock this person in to come to us, and since the city takes precedence, we decided to come to this person. So on behalf of Phi Delta Kappa, Mayor Glover please receive our Partner in Education Award.

Mayor Glover: Thank you, thank you so much.

Ms. Finister-Wright: Thank you. You have done so much for our children since you have been in office, and again, we appreciate that.

Mayor Glover: Oh, God bless you. I am so honored, I am so humbled as I can assure you that this ball and this plaque will both have a place of great honor in the Shreveport Mayor's office.

Ms. Finister-Wright: Well, we wish you continued success and look forward to continue working with you and your Administration. Thank you.

Mayor Glover: Thank you, thank you all.

Councilman Shyne: And that's a great honor Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Glover: Absolutely, absolutely.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, If you are through, I have a few people, I'd like to invite up.

Mayor Glover: Yes sir Mr. Shyne.

Councilman Shyne: I'd like for the group that work with Fitness for Life, Shelly and I believe Bishop Brandon is a part of you all's group. Superman and I think Bishop must have blessed this organization, because it turned out so well. And I'd like for Shelly to come up. But Mr. Mayor, I'd like to say this to the whole City of Shreveport. They really, really put on a beautiful program, and they all worked very hard. And this is the type of program that we can be extremely proud of, and I hope that we can build on this from one year to the next year to the next year, and every year we will grow and grow and grow, and get larger. And we talk about what are we going to do about the rising cost of health. And I guess I'm a politician, but I heard a politician this morning talk about what all they were going to do and this and that, but they never mentioned anything about prevention. And this is the key. This is the key to a healthier and a happier America. And I know most of us don't do as much as we should do toward being healthy. Because you know Bishop, I just sometimes I was at your church a few weeks ago, and I hope you don't mind me saying it, and I won't call no names, but you had a friend that was talking about the 'Rib Shack.' And I know a lot of us stop by the Rib Shack. But the key to it is prevention. Shelly, I want you to know that we are extremely proud of you. I want you to come up and say a few words and introduce. And I'd like for Superman and the rest of you all to say a word or two. Because you all worked extremely hard. And let me say this. The program could not have been a success with just one person, and this is what we have to understand. Bishop knows this with his church. This is a team effort. The more people you get involved, the better it is. So, next year, we want to reach out. We want to bring more people in, we want to get more people involved. So, next year I want you all to bring the whole group down. But Shelly, we will start with you and we want everybody to come up and say something if you don't say nothing but Amen.

Ms. Ragle-Stone: Mayor, Councilman Shyne and Members, we're honored to be here today and appreciate you acknowledging the work of the staff and our partners, especially Robert 'Super Man' Blount that we all did. You guys yesterday for people to come down who participated or helped to facilitate 'Fit For Life', we couldn't put them all in this room, even the hard working men and women at SPAR could fit in the room. This is one of those events where every division from maintenance to you know, took all of them stepped up and had a part in putting these activities on. And I want to say again, our goal with this event is for everyone to find something that they want to do in their leisure time that gives them exercise. And learn it and enjoy it and do it for life. That's

what this event was all about. We were fortunate to have great response from professionals. We had two Olympic team members out there, we had one gold medalist, we had two 8 time Olympians, one runner up, I mean we, Robert Blount, all of these professionals who were there helped to support this event that the young people can really look up to. I want to start with the people at SPAR and let Robert speak to you a minute. All of you know Patrick Wesley. Patrick is Assistant Director at SPAR and he works diligently. We started on the event yesterday looking at the things that we did right, and what we did wrong to move forward for next year. Milt Magaw is the Division Manager of Athletics. They put together, you saw the Hershey Track Meet that was going on there. Katherine Kennedy's staff worked really hard on all the peripheral activities that we had. We had everything from dance diaper derby to toddler tricycle races to all the health information that you saw out there. The packets that the children got when they came that gave them health information, and prizes and fun things too that children could take home with them. I want to say a special thank you to Germaine Williams, Germaine was actually the coordinator/event facilitator for that day. She put together everything to make it all kind of run like a well-oiled machine, so we wanted her to come down today, the guys that mowed our grass, we just couldn't have 'em all here today, but we appreciate you acknowledging that it took all of us to put this thing on. And I want to thank many of you, you Councilman Shyne, Councilman Wooley, Councilman Lester, all of you that came out and participated in our luncheon. The day's activities, it really means a lot to the young people.

Councilman Shyne: Before you turn it over to Robert, I think Kathy and I will be in the 50 yard dash next year. And I firmly believe I can beat her. But before Robert comes up, Patrick, you all just come up if you don't say nothing but Amen. I mean you all just worked your tails off.

Mr. Wesley: Thanks again and thanks to the Council and the Administration for all your support and resources. Just to see the smiles on the kids faces this weekend was so invaluable to us and the City of Shreveport. And anyway that we can better enhance the quality of life of the youth, seniors, young adults is just a win-win situation for the City of Shreveport. So again, I just want to say thank you.

Councilman Shyne: I'm glad when you said seniors, you looked over at the Mayor, and not over here at me. You know?

Mr. Magaw: The majority of activity of Athletics was of course the Hershey down at Lee Hedges Stadium, but we also hosted a Girls Softball Tournament at Cargill, which is near and dear to Tom Dark whose daughter has been involved in for a long time. And we had Hispanic 16 team soccer (inaudible) also and it worked out very well. And I want to extend a moment here to give special recognition to our ball field crew led by Denise Howard who can't be here today but those folks go well above and beyond every weekend to make the events happen and everything that comes back in the form of praise for what is done belongs to Denise and that crew. Thank you.

Ms. Kennedy: Well, I just would like to really tell you how proud I am to work for the City of Shreveport and humbled by the fact that you're acknowledging us for something that we do everyday. And Fit for Life is really an awareness weekend that we do fitness things all throughout the year. Everyday, not just Mother's Day weekend, but that these programs continue to grow or are being used in our after school program and

our senior program and working with Robert and other outside agencies, to create a fitness oriented city and so, you're on for the races.

Ms. Williams: It's an honor and a privilege. I'd like to thank Councilman Joe Shyne for inviting us today. I would like to thank my superiors, the dignitaries for their support and my (inaudible) colleagues that assisted in this joint effort in making this event a success, and looking forward to the 5th Annual Fit for Life next year.

Bishop Brandon: Mr. Chairman and Council, we really appreciate this opportunity and thank God for SPAR inviting us and of course Bro. Blount inviting us to be a part of this, because it's our aim and goal to make sure every citizen, if we're going to be the Next Great City of the South, to take care of body, soul and spirit. And that is so important. We had a great weekend and even last night, it was such a blessing so no longer am I going to the Rib Shack. It's going to be hard trying to lose fried chicken. But I do thank God for the opportunity, and I appreciate you.

Mr. Robert 'Superman' Blount: First of all I want to thank God for this opportunity to come before this great Council. I want to thank Councilmen Shyne, Lester, and Wooley for taking out your time to come to our first Fit for Life day, first Fit for Life Luncheon that we held at the Eldorado Casino. My wife Rochelle and I are founders of Fit for Life, Inc. And God embedded in our spirit that the State of Louisiana was a dying state. The average man is living to be about 68 years old. The average female, about 70. And in my spirit, that's unacceptable. Our goal was to bring about an event that the entire city, the state, and the nation would be able to partake in. Fit for Life day exploded into Fit for Life weekend to bring about health and fitness awareness to Louisianians. We must get a grip and have an understanding on how important it is to live a healthy lifestyle. To begin to eat better, to begin to do the small things that we can do to help start preventing the diseases from attacking our bodies. Cancer, stroke, diabetes, high blood pressure, Louisiana is in the top three, top five in the nation in all of these areas. This is just a day of fitness and health awareness, and what we're doing is inclusive. We've been blessed to bring you professional athletes from all over the world to come into this city and to partake in what we believe in here. And I believe that Fit for Life Day, Fit for Life Weekend will go into being a part of all of lives, so we can live a Fit for Life lifestyle. And I want to thank the City of Shreveport for all of your support. Because without your support, this would only be a vision. Thank you.

Councilman Shyne: Before you take your seats, I would like to ask each Council Member, and of course Shelly again, I'd like to thank you and your staff for working so hard. Without you all's help, and I'm going to say friendly cooperation. You know you can cooperate, but you can friendly cooperate. When you friendly cooperate, it's a whole lot better Patrick. And so I appreciate that and Superman, you know I appreciate you and your wife for coming up with this idea. And you're kinda like I am, you kinda have a passion for activities and I don't want to make anybody jealous, but that might be the reason why I'm so slim and trim. Because this is about being healthy, and Mr. Mayor he was saying that the average age is about 68. So, I got about 20 more years to go, so I'm going to make sure, (Bishop, you didn't hear that) I'm going to make sure that I do everything that I can that next year and the year after, and the year after, that this program will grow, and this will be something that can bring Shreveport some national attention. And we can turn things around here. And we can. I'm going to ask if anyone of the Council Members would like to say anything? Councilman Wooley.

Councilman Wooley: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I just wanted to say thank you to Mr. Blount, to the SPAR team, Bishop Brandon for the partnership. You know a great city or a greater city is a healthier city. That's one thing when you find across the nation those cities that are considered progressive or those cities that are top five or top ten, they really do promote a healthier lifestyle. We also need to note that it's a Godly attribute so you know you'll be blessed for that as well. And so I got to participate a little bit on Saturday, came out to the events. And to see the young people excited come across that line, even though those that didn't finish first, it was just a great experience for me. I know they really appreciated all the effort that everybody put into it. And I just want to say thank you and I look forward to next year.

Mr. Blount: I'd like to say briefly Councilman Shyne, that we had 8 time Mr. Olympia Lee Haney here, and Lee Haney is the ambassador for fitness and health throughout the world. And by partnering with Fit for Life and the City of Shreveport along with SPAR, what Lee Haney has done is allow us to go international this year. His \$14,000 a month ad out of a magazine and allowed Shreveport to put their ad in there. With that move, what we're doing in this city is in Russia, Japan, China, throughout the world. And again, I want to thank all of you all for your support in helping us become a healthier city and a healthier state. Thank you.

Councilman Shyne: Robert again, thank you. And Shelly, if Kathleen sneaks and tries to practice or train on me, you make sure you come and let me know hear? Alright. Thank you all very much.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, before you all leave this particular, and I know we've gone from Mayoral Communications to Council Communications, we also know that unfortunately due to some other pressing obligations out of town, and I've got to leave a little early today, there were two issues I guess I wanted to see us address before I had to take my leave. And Tom get a chance to stay a little longer. I'm not sure about Terri. But No. 1 would be the bond issue that we'll get to later on, on the agenda. But I also know that we have members of the Tremendous Davis family who are in attendance here today. And I'm assuming that at some point that maybe some or all who may be interested in addressing the Council and the City. Because I would want to be here to hear what they would say and what they would express.

Councilman Shyne: Would you like for me to bring them up at this time?

Mayor Glover: I would. I would ask that you all if necessary Mr. Thompson, suspend the rules if necessary, if not then.

Councilman Lester: So moved.

Councilman Shyne: We can, or either I can just bring them up.

Councilman Lester: Well, I was going to defer because I think these might be Councilwoman Bowman's constituents?

Councilwoman Bowman: No, I was just going to - - - I'll second.

Councilman Shyne: Well, just let me go head on. Pastor Smith and I believe it was two speakers for the family. The other family members want to come up a little closer or you want to just come up and stand behind? Mr. Mayor, I appreciate you bringing that, because I'd forgotten that you - - - I don't know how I could have forgotten it, because you're leaving early. Cause I told you I'm glad that you're not taking Shelly with you, and don't let - - - kinda keep your hand on Tom, because might be an old Texas

boy too, so you know you get him over there in Dallas, he's a Cowboy fan. Reverend you want to come up and give us your name and address.

Pastor Louis Smith: (3300 Greenwood Road) First we give honor to God, to whom all of us stand before. To our Mayor, and to our Chairman, and to all of the Council Persons, men and women who are here. The New Bethel Church is located in Ms. Bowman's district.

Councilwoman Bowman: Thank you.

Pastor Smith: Tell you why I'm here. I'm here out of concern for this city, The Next Great City of the South. A couple of weeks ago, a young man, been to my church, and most of his family members are members of my church. And I had a talk with them about my concerns, and I know they may have some. But I just have some questions as it relates to how the police handled that situation. I'm not here trying to say what the young man was doing, whether it was the right thing, I'm not here to defend that. But I'm here to ask certain questions as to what happened on the night of the killing. You see I'm tired of going to the graveyard for young African-Americans here in Shreveport. Whether they are killing themselves, or whether they're being shot by police officers. It is of grave concern to me, and I know it is to most of the citizens of Shreveport. The first question I would like to ask is how far long is the investigation? Is it completed? Where was he killed? Was he armed at the time other than the vehicle? Did he literally try to run over this officer with his vehicle? Now, I go by that house all the time, and I know him to be a young man who was certainly concerned about his young nieces and nephews as far as them getting their homework and that sort of thing. I'd never seen an act of violence or heard of an act of violence from him. So is there evidence or are there any film? Were there any cameras available on the lot or even from the police car, that would give us some more information so that we could try to put closure to it? You know it's hard to tell a mother to put closure to the death of her son. Or to any other family members. Why was it 14 hours before this family was notified? Because that's something. Why was the coroner called? The coroner is called to the scene of something like this if the person is dead. Was he dead there on the spot? Because according to his mother when she got to the hospital, he was cold. They just had him hooked up on the breathing machine. The officer that was involved, had he been involved in other incidents? I know we have a fine chief in this city, but now just like there are fine chiefs in other cities, there are also some trigger happy police officers that we need to deal with. Now there is always room for negotiation in the most hostile of situations. Is there evidence on the vehicle where he struck this officer? Has that kind of information been collected? And like I say, according to his mother, she felt him when she got to LSU, and he was cold. A dead kind of cold. And these are the kind of answers that I would like to have and I know that this family would like to have at this time. The time is out. We're trying to move this city ahead, and we'll never get Shreveport to where you all want to carry Shreveport if this kind of stuff keeps going on. And I do know that there are Pastors along with the Pastor Police. We're trying to work as hard as we can in these communities to curb some of the violence that goes on in our neighborhoods. And that's a every person's - - - that's something that everybody can play a part in, but these are the kinds of questions that we would like answered as it relates to this young man, Tremendous Davis. Thank you Mr. Chairman, Mr. Mayor, and to all of you, thank you so much.

Councilman Shyne: Pastor, thank you very much. I believe there are a couple of other people that would like to speak too.

Ms. Velma White: (2054 Murray) To the Mayor, and the Councilman board. We are the family of Tremendous Davis. And we come to this Board, to the local government to look into the details of Tremendous' dying. We are not upholding as Rev. Smith spoke. We're not upholding Tremendous in his wrong doing, but did he deserve to die? We want to know did the police officer have any other way of handling this, than just the deadly force that they did do. And we as his family, we love him. We miss him, but I want you all to know saying that it's alright for our young people to do wrong, and we justify for it. We're not saying that Tremendous was right. But we feel like Tremendous didn't deserve what he got and in the manner that he got. Maybe we could accept this if it hadn't been so dreadful, the way he was killed, and how the bullets entered his body. These are the things that concerns us, and we would appreciate it to the fullest if we could get some answers to these questions, so that we can bring closure to this. Thank you so much.

Councilman Shyne: I believe his mother would like to say a few words.

Ms. Carol Hercules: (3015 Drexel) Rev. Smith is my pastor and Velma White, they pretty much said the things that I really wanted to say. But the answers to this question why 14 hours to get to me, to get to my baby. And when I got there, he was cold. Like I say, I need some answers to it. So they pretty much said what I wanted to say.

Councilman Shyne: Thank you. Before y'all leave, is it any of the Council Members have any comments?

Councilman Lester: I would, just really briefly. I would say certainly this was a tragic situation, but more than anything I appreciate particularly Ms. White, the way you presented and framed the issue. I don't - - - what happened, notwithstanding the things that you have asked in terms of basic questions or things that I think that you are owed at a minimum. I don't think that you're asking a tremendous amount of the city and the police department to explain those issues. I know a lot of people have said a lot of things, and have tried to maybe say that because something else was going on, that doesn't necessarily justified what happened. But I don't think that to be the case, and I know that I have confidence in the chief that, that's not the department that he has, but certainly the questions that you asked, and the way that you framed them are very respectful, and those are the things that any family would want to know, and I don't think it's asking too much. So, I'm certainly encouraged by the fact that you have come down here and presented yourselves in the manner that you have. I'm encouraged that the Mayor has made a point to alter his schedule to hear you and the Council. I know I was taking very copious notes, and I noticed as you were each asking your questions, most if not all of the Councilmen were writing questions down. So, I do appreciate the way that you have come to us to ask these basic questions. I just wanted to say that we are sorry for your loss. I know that that doesn't heal anything but it is heartfelt. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Walford: I too want to thank you for the way you presented your case. And certainly that helped. But I want to piggyback on something you said Pastor. We've got to stop the killing. The reference I made to pastor Kimble about what happened in my district, not once, but twice. It happened in Councilman Shyne's district just before he was elected. The senseless killing of young people, and we can't keep

having that. The Mayor and I left Council that time to my district and that was probably the most heartbreaking thing you could imagine, when a young girl had been killed so needlessly. And it's something that we've got to stop and I'll tell you that I was at a very tearful function where Pastor Harry Blake said almost the same thing you did to me. He said, "What do we have to do to stop this? Why is it happening?" And it's something that's going to be a function of government, it's going to be a function of the churches, it's going to be a function of families. But we've got to stop it. Every morning I drive down Pete Harris Drive and see that "Don't shoot, I want to live" sign. And I hope that's making an impact on somebody. But we've really got to stop this. I think you put it well Mr. Councilman. But it's going to take this entire community. Both Blacks and Whites. It's going to take an able, honest, and trustworthy police department of officers that the public can trust. And we do have trust in that leadership that is there now. I do know that Chief Whitehorn will get to the bottom of this and that he will come out with the answers to the questions that we've asked. But it's going to take all of us from every community, even if we have to do it one community at a time. We've got to take 'em back. It's just that simple. We have to do it one at a time. Take one community at a time. We can start in Queensborough, because there are some things that's going on in most of our inner city communities that's not pleasing. We have old folks who are afraid to come to church at night. And that's literally when we used to come to church. They don't want to sit on their front porches anymore and enjoy the nice spring and summer breezes because they are fearful. Thank you so much.

Councilwoman Bowman: I know you posed these questions to us and I wrote these down. But have these questions been put to Chief Whitehorn?

Ms. White: Yes they have. Some of them have. I've met with him and some of the questions that Rev. Smith brought up and some of the questions that I asked. I have met with Chief Whitehorn pertaining to that, and I can tell you, I didn't get any satisfying answers. Not - - - I wasn't looking for answers to satisfy me, but answers to justify what happened to Tremendous. I didn't get it.

Councilwoman Bowman: Okay. Well, we wrote down questions that were asked and hopefully we can present them and in a timely manner, you can get your answers which we'll pass it on to our (inaudible)

Councilman Shyne: I just want to let you all know that I appreciate you all coming down, and I've had some concerns over the years, even before this Administration about the use of deadly force, and how it's justified. If Pastor Smith used deadly force on me, and the DA finds out that his life was not threatened, or if I'm going away from him, then he's going to be in a world of trouble. But it seems like it has been misinterpreted, and it's gotten out of hand, and I would hope that we would look at this, and I know the Chief is looking at it, and all of us are looking at ways in which we can diffuse hostile situations, and I agree with you, the young man was wrong. But was he wrong enough to snuff his life out? That's what we're after, is a T.V. worth a human's life. I mean even if it was in a car, can we get out of the way, I mean, do we just have to shoot just because we think we have the right to shoot? To take a human life? Do we need to be the judge and jury at that particular moment? When emotions are running high? Because that's one thing, if you take a life you can't give that back. Now, I can take a T.V., and I can give that back, or I can take a refrigerator, you know if I could move it out, let's say a tennis racket, because Pastor a refrigerator would be too much for

me an you. But see you can give that back. But if you take my life, you can't give that back. Now, I understand how you feel, because I would feel the same way, and you know I would advise you all to stay on top of it, because this is the only way we're going to be a great city. This is not Tombstone. You know we don't have a bunch of Wyatt Earps and Billy the Kids out there. So, you are right to be concerned about what's going on. And again, I appreciate you all coming down and you know I would just say stay on top of it, and lets see how it comes out.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, Dr. Smith and the family. I want to thank you all for coming down as well, and this is when it's difficult for these members of the Council, for me as Mayor, for Chief as the chief, and obviously very difficult for you all as the family to be able to deal with in these types of situations and circumstances. I would offer that the Chief has met with members of the family along with members of my staff and the questions that were posed have not been completely answered and resolved at this point and time. We know that the standard procedure at least for this Administration in these types of circumstances is that we are going to ask the necessary questions. This is being investigated by all of the appropriate authorities at this point, and I believe that with the leadership that we have over at the police department, that we're going to get some honest and objective answers. If I didn't believe that, then I never would have appointed Chief Whitehorn to be the Chief of this department. But I think two individuals point out two set of circumstances that represent that great challenges that we face in this city right now. Councilman Walford referenced the night that he and I and Councilman Walford, it was (inaudible) Wiley was the young lady's name. A sophomore at Woodlawn. When you and I left here from these Council Chambers to go and discover that she had been shot dead on Ledbetter Street. And the picture that you see or one of the pictures that you see in that are is of Treveon Hunter. A young 9 year old shot down in Queensborough with his uncle. We've not yet found the person who killed him. And Pastor Smith, Dr., you mentioned the senior citizens who are members of your church and members of churches all across this city who don't venture out at night because they're afraid. Not to go to South Highlands, or to Southern Trace, or to Ellerbe Road, or to University Terrace, they're afraid to travel from Fredrick Street to New Bethel on Greenwood Road. And that's the problem that we've got to figure out, how to affectively address, and do it while saving the lives of our young men, who may end up for a whole host of reasons putting themselves in situations and circumstances that could end up leading up to some negative conclusions. I want each and every young man in this city, I want each young man whose here with you all here today, to be able to grow up and live out the full potential that's inside each and everyone of you. Because each of you have an opportunity to be able to do so much. One of the biggest reasons for it is because men like Dr. Smith, a couple of generations ago, and like some of the others who are standing there with you, be willing to stand up and fight to make it possible for Joe Shyne to be a City Councilman, or a Cedric Glover to be a Mayor. And I want us to especially recognize our obligation to those little ole ladies out there in those neighborhoods who are afraid to come to your church at night. I know you love having them for 8:00 service, and for 11:00 service, but I know on the Cooper Road, when I was a boy growing up, they used to love going to BTU. And a lot of them don't now. And we've got to go back and make sure that we save our young men and at the same time, make our streets safe for our grandmothers, and our great grandmothers. And there are no easy answers, if it was easy, there would

be a whole lot of other people sitting in this mayor's chair except for me. And so we're going to continue to work and to fight and to pray that we're going to figure out how to deal with these situations. Ask the tough questions, deal with the tough answers, but all focus on what you said is making us a better and greater city. So, I thank you for your leadership and how you brought this issue. Ms. Velma, Ms. Mother of Tremendous, how you all have helped to come make this Council and my office aware of the pain that's on your heart, and know that we're going to look to reach and find out and discover what the truth is, and we're going to deal with whatever that truth is. And we're going to use that to help us make Shreveport a better place for all of us to be. So, thank you all. I thank you members of the Council and I thank you all for giving me the opportunity to be able to hear this today from you all directly.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, anything else that you wanted to discuss. I don't know whether Ms. Bowman wanted to hear about the bonding situation before you.

Councilwoman Bowman: No, I was going to tell him that when he leaves at 5:00 and it's 4:20 according to this clock, Joe will be Pro Temp.

Mayor Glover: Not until I leave the State.

Councilman Shyne: Oh, wait until after the Council Meeting before you leave the state.

Councilwoman Bowman: I was going to say it's going to be some dangerous things happening in this Chamber.

Mayor Glover: I'm going to have the votes coming up, text to me, so I'll hold that right there in Greenwood.

Councilwoman Bowman: Okay, you better sit there on the line.

Mayor Glover: And if we need to hold this vote, I'll (inaudible) I just crossed over to Waskom.

Councilman Shyne: No. No way, cause I want to vote on it.

Mayor Glover: Thank you for pointing that out Council Member Bowman.

Councilwoman Bowman: I was trying to give you a little warning.

Mayor Glover: That's what I like, someone who knows the rules, and knows them very well.

Councilman Shyne: I knew it was a conspiracy. And Rick, you would think that he would be on my side since his dad and I walked the Cooper Road together. You see? When he was running around barefooted.

Mayor Glover: You know I love you Chairman Shyne.

Councilwoman Bowman: There you go.

Councilman Shyne: Alright. I feel better then. I didn't want you to let Joyce divide you and I. Okay. Lets move into Property Standards I believe.

Reports: Property Standards Report

Mr. Holt: Good afternoon. Be happy to take any you may have.

Councilman Shyne: Any member?

Councilwoman Bowman: I gave you mine per email.

Councilman Lester: Mr. Chairman, I would like to take the opportunity to ask really briefly, I think he alluded to it on yesterday at Work Session, but if we could get Mr.

Holt to speak to the issue of the capability that citizens have on the web since this is going live throughout the world.

Mr. Holt: Several months ago, you all got a new revised version of the Property Standards Report that gives you a much easier access to find out the current status on any violation in your district. IT has now added a button to the city's web page called Property Standards Office as immediately as the City of Shreveport's web page pops up. And by simple click on that button, it makes it the same report that you see accessible to every citizen that would care to check on any specific violation in their area.

Councilman Lester: Thank you Mr. Chairman, I just wanted to make sure he got that information out to the public to help them stay abreast of what's going on. Thank you sir.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, I would be looking to get a call from Rick Seaton after you determine what time Thursday, the three of us could meet for about 15 or 20 minutes.

Mayor Glover: Okay.

Councilman Shyne: Jim, so - - -

Mr. Holt: I've held the day open, I'm waiting to hear.

Councilman Shyne: Oh, thank you Jim.

Mayor Glover: We'll try and make it in proximity to our meeting with Mr. Smith from yesterday. Lester Smith. "Graveyard"

Councilman Shyne: Okay, now what time are you all going to - - -

Mayor Glover: Sometime around 3:00 is what we're looking at. But I've got a couple of other things. I'll be able to firm it up tonight as I'm driving over to Forth Worth.

Councilman Shyne: Okay, and just let Rick call me. You know how it is when you invite me, and you got a big family.

Mayor Glover: Like you, we're here to serve Mr. Shyne.

Public Hearing: None

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

Confirmations and/or Appointments:

Downtown Development Authority

Ms. Sherricka Fields

Motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Long to approve the executive appointment of Ms. Sherricka Fields to the Downtown Development Authority. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 6. Nays: None. Out of the Chamber: Councilman Lester. 1.

Councilman Shyne: Mike you got that New Orleans look I guess. Mr. Mayor, what are we going to do with him?

Mayor Glover: Well, I'm not sure if we're actually in the presence of Councilman Long today. I believe that might be Denny Fountaine.

Councilman Shyne: I didn't know Mike had that in him.

Mayor Glover: Denny Fountaine. Yes sir.

Councilman Long: Stage name.

Mayor Glover: Plays a mean guitar.

Councilman Shyne: Now that, he does.

Mayor Glover: Now Mike Long, does not play at all, but Denny Fountaine does well.

Councilman Shyne: Oh, okay. I thought you were saying Mike Long.

Mayor Glover: Well, there's Councilman Mike Long, and then there's Denny Fountain.

Councilman Shyne: Well see what we've got to do now, is get him to play one of those old Western tunes, and Ron and I are going to try and cut us a CD.

Councilman Long: (Inaudible) square dance.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Council Members.

Councilman Shyne: Thank you, and I think Ms. Fields will do an excellent job. Mr. Mayor, I don't know how you found her, but however you did it, it was a good finding, or should I say discovery.

Adding Legislation to the Agenda:

The Clerk read the following:

1. **Resolution No. 135 of 2008:** A resolution declaring the intention of the City of Shreveport (the "City") to proceed with a financing in an amount not to exceed Forty Two Million Seven Hundred Twenty Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$42,720,000) for the purpose of refunding certain existing indebtedness of the City which was used to finance the costs of acquiring and constructing the Shreveport Convention Center Hotel, Funding certain SWAP termination payments and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
2. **Resolution No. 136 of 2008:** A resolution declaring the intention of the City of Shreveport (The "City") to hire professionals in conjunction with the issuing of not to exceed Forty Two Million Seven Hundred Twenty Thousand and No/100 (\$42,720,000) Dollars Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority Revenue Refunding Bonds (Shreveport Convention Center Hotel Project), Series 2008 for the purpose of refunding certain existing indebtedness of the City which was used to finance the costs of acquiring and constructing the Shreveport Convention Center Hotel and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
3. **Resolution No. 137 of 2008:** A resolution selecting THE TIMES as the Official Journal for the City of Shreveport for the period commencing July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 and otherwise providing with respect thereto
4. **Ordinance No. 50 of 2008:** An ordinance making certain findings with respect to the issuance by the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority on behalf of the City of Shreveport of its revenue refunding bonds (Shreveport Convention Center Hotel Project) Series

2008 to refund the existing auction rate bonds issued for the Shreveport Convention Center Hotel, funding certain termination payments, approving the forms of and authorizing the distribution, execution and delivery of the preliminary and final official statements by the authority; approving the form of the trust indenture and authorizing the execution and delivery of the loan agreement, and other documents, certificates or contracts required in connection therewith; and authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk of the City to do all things necessary to effectuate this ordinance.

5. **Ordinance No. 51 of 2008**: An ordinance amending the 2008 General Fund budget and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Motion by Councilman Wooley, seconded by Councilman Long to add Resolution No(s). 135, 136 and 137 of 2008, and Ordinance No(s). 50 and 51 of 2008 to the agenda. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Shyne, I did suggest that the Council may want to consider the first resolution that was added for adoption at this time. Because if it adopted at this time, we need to prepare the signature pages. And you need to suspend the rules to do that.

Councilman Shyne: Okay, what is the pleasure of the council? If so, then we'll suspend the rules.

Motion by Councilman Webb, seconded by Councilman Bowman to suspend the rules to consider Resolution No. 135 of 2008 for adoption. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 135 OF 2008

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENTION OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT (THE "CITY") TO PROCEED WITH A FINANCING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FORTY TWO MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$42,720,000) FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING CERTAIN EXISTING INDEBTEDNESS OF THE CITY WHICH WAS USED TO FINANCE THE COSTS OF ACQUIRING AND CONSTRUCTING THE SHREVEPORT CONVENTION CENTER HOTEL, FUNDING CERTAIN SWAP TERMINATION PAYMENTS, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

WHEREAS, the City desires to proceed with a financing through the Authority by the issuance of its revenue refunding bonds (Shreveport Convention Center Hotel Project) Series 2008 in an amount not to exceed Forty Two Million Seven Hundred Twenty Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$42,720,000) (the "Bonds") in a manner and structure to

be determined by a related ordinance, for the purpose of (i) refunding certain existing indebtedness of the City previously issued through the Authority as \$40,000,000 Revenue Bonds for the Shreveport Convention Center Hotel Project, Series 2005 (the "Prior Bonds") the proceeds of which were used by the City to finance the cost of the acquisition and construction of the Shreveport Convention Center Hotel Project (the "Hotel"); (ii) funding an escrow for the purpose of making termination payments (the "Termination Payments") pursuant to the existing swap agreement related to the Prior Bonds, when determined feasible by the City. The refunding of the Prior Bonds and fund the Termination Payment(s) escrow by issuance of the Bonds shall be known as the "Project."

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

Section 1: LCD A Approval. The City is authorized to proceed with a financing through the Authority in an amount not to exceed Forty Two Million Seven Hundred Twenty Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$42,720,000), represented by the issuance of the Authority's bonds on behalf of the City to provide funds to refund the Prior Bonds issued through the Authority for the Project.

Section 2: Structure of Financing. The structure, terms and conditions of any such borrowing by the City shall be determined by subsequent ordinance of the City Council, provided, however, that the term of said borrowing shall not exceed thirty (30) years from their date of issuance and will bear interest at a variable rate not to exceed twelve (12%) percent.

Section 3: State Bond Commission Application. This governing authority hereby authorizes and directs that application be formally made to the State Bond Commission, Baton Rouge, Louisiana for final approval of the issuance of the Bonds by the Authority for the benefit of the City within the parameters set forth above.

Section 4: SWAP Approval. By virtue of the Issuer's application for, acceptance and utilization of the benefits of the State Bond Commission's approvals are expressly conditioned upon, and it further resolves that it understands, agrees and binds itself, its successors and assigns to, full and continuing compliance with the "State Bond Commission Policy on Approval of Proposed Use of Swaps, or other forms of Derivative Products, Hedges, Etc." (the "Policy"), adopted by the State Bond Commission on July 20, 2006, as to the borrowings and other matters subject to the approvals, including subsequent application and approval under said Policy of the implementation or use of any swaps or other products or enhancements covered thereby.

Section 5: Existing Swap. It is the intention of the Governing Authority that the existing swap be terminated, that the rate of the Bonds shall be variable and the Governing Authority authorizes the authorized officers of the City and the Authority to amend the existing swap until such time as the authorized officer elects to terminate such swap when determined feasible by the City, upon recommendation of the Financial Advisor.

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

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any provision or item of these resolutions or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items

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

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

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt Resolution No. 135 of 2008. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

Mr. Thompson: Okay, that's 135. Mr. Shyne for the record and to be sure that Lynette got it, who made the motion and who seconded the motion?

Councilman Walford: I made the motion.

Councilman Long: I seconded it.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Council Members.

Councilman Shyne: Thank you Mr. Mayor. We appreciate your sensitivity on yesterday. We enjoyed the little exchange back and forth. It was a learning situation for all of us, and it goes to show you that we do have patience.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, I want you to know that we spent some time today within the Administration talking about exactly how we can put together in the week before Council Meetings, the kind of briefing and question and answer sessions that we think would be helpful. So we will have specific suggestion probably this coming week in terms of how we would want to suggest that maybe we get an opportunity to be able to present a full range of issues to you all every time we have one of these, which should put you all in a position to be able to ask those questions and get those answers, and to have the understanding and clear view of exactly what it is that we're trying to do. That's not at all anything other than what the folks who elected each of you all would want you to do. So we welcome and look forward to it.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, I appreciate that because all of us have not been on the Council as long as Monty Walford or been in politics as long as Michael Long. So, there could be a few things that are new to us. So we appreciate you taking that into consideration.

Public Comments (*Agenda Items to be Adopted*)

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, I believe we have a friend of yours and I want to say a former student of mine. I think you all grew up probably not too far apart. I don't know whether you all used to pick up cans and pop bottles together and run down to ah - - I'm trying to think of the name of the store that was on the corner of Cooper and Russell Roads.

Mayor Glover: That was - - - you had the - - - that was before probably my time as well. By the time I was coming up, that was still just a corner. It may have been the Big Ox store back in those days.

Councilman Shyne: Well, you could sell them. You know how - - -

Mayor Glover: Now if you're talking about the Cooper Road and Boykin, that would have been Penny's Grocery.

Councilman Shyne: Okay, we'll say Penny's Grocery. You know how you all used to pick up bottles and go down there and sell them. I think you could get a penny a piece or two pennies for 'em.

Mayor Glover: A nickel or a dime when I came along. A nickel for the 16 oz bottle and a dime for the 32 oz bottle.

Councilman Shyne: I think when Monty and I came along, it was a penny.

Mayor Glover: Now if you went to the corner of Cooper Road and Booker T. Washington, you had the - - - was it M & M? H & R.

Councilman Shyne: Well we'll use Penny's because I know it was one of the stores there.

Mayor Glover: Now one of the ones that's still there since we call 'em out, we have to give a little love, and that's Spearman's and it's still there.

Councilman Shyne: Now that's right. I agree with you. It's been there for a long, long time. Rickey? Rickey come forward and - - -

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, could I add before he speaks, I'm not even sure of what he's about to share with us, he may be about to decry the inefficiencies of the Mayor's office, I don't know, but I believe that whatever it is, it's going to be good and positive. But before I hear him, I just want to be able to say since you referenced the neighborhood, and individuals growing up, and I believe I've heard when I was a kid still growing up, that he might have been one of your baseball players.

Councilman Shyne: Right.

Mayor Glover: At high school, but I know that in the years since then, Rickey Hall has gone on to be without question one of the great heroes from the MLK community. Starting off as an apprentice carpenter when I was still in Jr. High and High School, and having worked himself all the way up to having one of the best and most progressive and most forward thinking construction companies in all of Shreveport, Bossier and Northwest Louisiana. He serves without question as an outstanding example to exactly what the young men of this city can aspire to become. Doesn't matter whether you're from Allendale, or Cooper Road, or Lakeside or Queensborough. If you're committed, if you're humble, if you're willing to go out and do the work that's necessary, this man is without question an example of exactly what you can achieve. And while I haven't yet had a chance to visit personally, I know he has a house on one of those shores on Cross Lake that they tell me is so large, that you can punt a football on the inside of it.

Councilman Shyne: Look out Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Glover: So, and in addition to that, he's a deacon at the Lake Bethlehem Baptist Church, and serves there in a might and humble way. And as I said that I know for those of us who grew up behind him on the Cooper Road that we looked up to, respect and still honor to this day. So, I'm glad to see him here, and with his lovely wife as well and who also stands beside him, and everything that he does in everything as she's doing here today. So, just happy to see him here.

Councilman Shyne: And Rickey has always been a nice young man. Even, and I hope he doesn't mind me saying this, even as a child coming up at Linear and all. You know Rickey was always kind of quiet and focused. He was not the kind that Ms. Hall, I used would have to go to the house and get. You know Mr. Howard would say, "Coach,

you gotta go and get so and so and so, and so, and so, and so.” And I’d have my car loaded up Mayor, with a bunch of ‘em, but Rickey was never that. Rickey was always in class on time, he’s always at practice, and you can just look at Rickey and tell that success was there. He was focused all the time. And Rickey, I’ve been extremely proud of you, and I’ve kept up with what you have done through the years, because I try to keep up with former students. Because those were days that, it was learning situation for me. I was just starting. Cause sometimes I kinda thought I knew everything, but I look back now, and I see that I didn’t. So I learned a lot from you all and Rickey it’s a pleasure to have you down. Come on down and tell us what you want to tell us.

Mr. Rickey Hall: (1185 Hawn Ave) Good evening and thank you Mayor and Councilman Shyne for those gracious comments about me. I appreciate that. I’m here to speak on behalf of the case that was presented on April 9th. We have purchased a building in District A, in Councilman Lester’s district. And we presented the information, the application to the Zoning Board of Appeals back April 9th, and it was - - - we don’t agree with the 2 year - - -, everything was approved with the exception of a 2 year only stipulation for our facility, and that we are here today to ask the Council to reverse that particular decision simply because there was not opposition. It was really no justification on why just two years, and the investment I’m starting up, I kinda made a checklist and gave the letter to all the Councilmen. I hope you all had a chance to review that. But that is why I am here today, to have favor on reversing that particular decision.

Councilman Shyne: I’m going to ask Councilman Lester if he has any comments.

Councilman Lester: Thank you Mr. Chairman for giving me that opportunity. I have had an opportunity to visit with both Mr. And Mrs. Hall, and he is correct. This is not the first building he owns in District A. I think this is his third building, might even be the fourth. Because he has one in the Agurs area, one on Martin Luther King Drive, and this one on N. Market. They’re bringing to the area what I believe is going to be a first class, and I know it’s going to be first class too because his wife is involved in it and Rickey is involved in it, and they are very first class folks. But they’re going to bring a first class banquet hall, meeting facility, something that is sorely needed in the North Shreveport area. And he is absolutely right. There is absolutely opposition to it. There is not a neighborhood in close proximity to it. The only thing that’s around it are N. Market, there’s a hotel across the street. It fronts N. Market and behind it is a shopping center. So there are not the usual scenarios when you have alcohol establishments of churches or neighborhoods or anything for that nature. The only thing that’s around him is basically an industrial heavy business area. So, what I’m going to be doing is supporting his request and asking that the Council not only remove the stipulation for two years, but remove all of the stipulations that were placed at the Zoning Board level, and ask that they be given the right to operate what I believe is going to be a first class facility for everyone in North Shreveport, so I would ask for your support on that. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilwoman Bowman: I have a question for Councilman Lester.

Councilman Lester: Yes Ma’am?

Councilwoman Bowman: What was the - - - I mean why did they have the 2 year stipulation? What brought that on?

Councilman Lester: Honestly Councilwoman Bowman, I don't know. I don't know and Mr. Kirkland might be there to give you some additional information.

Councilwoman Bowman: Did they tell you?

Councilman Lester: I think, and it's kinda hard to get into someone's mind. I think they were concerned that in prior history, and when I say prior history, I'm talking about it's been over six years. But it was before my term of service. But I think in 2000, there was an incident, a negative incident that happened in the general vicinity. But it had absolutely nothing to do with this location. This was in the shopping center. This location used to be an old SWEPCO building that they have taken and they are refurbishing and things of that nature. And I suspect that they might have been concerned because of what happened maybe six years ago. And out of an abundance of caution, they said well, we will give them the right to have alcohol at the establishment, but we'll put a two year time limit on them to make sure that everything goes fine. But in my mind, looking at what's actually physical there, I could understand maybe a two year type of zoning scenario if there was a neighborhood around, if it was in close proximity to churches or anything of that nature. But in this case, it is on the main highway, there is no homeowner around it. There is an apartment complex further down the street and around the corner. But in terms of is it close to an appreciable neighborhood that we know of? Are there any churches or anything like that around? No, there aren't. Everything around is either zoned B-3 or industrial uses. So, again Mr. Kirkland might be able to shed a little more additional light. But my review of the record doesn't seem that there was any appreciable - - - many time you have scenarios where a neighborhood group would come and say, we're concerned about this, please do this. There was no opposition whatsoever. So I think the best person to answer that question would be Mr. Kirkland.

Councilman Shyne: Would you like for Mr. Kirkland to come up?

Councilwoman Bowman: No, because it's really not on our agenda yet, and when - - - it is? Where is it?

Mr. Thompson: It's BAC-25-08.

Councilwoman Bowman: Then Charles, I think you need to come up.

Councilman Walford: Point of Order Mr. Chairman. We're really are not debating this item right now.

Councilwoman Bowman: But I want some information.

Councilman Walford: Point of Order Ms. Bowman. I've called it for the Chairman. We're not debating this item, we're in Public Comments.

Councilman Shyne: Right, he's actually right. When we get to that particular - - -

Councilwoman Bowman: Which one is it Art?

Councilman Lester: It's at the very bottom.

Mr. Thompson: Zoning Board of Appeals.

Councilman Walford: Right before Reports from Officers, Boards, and Committees.

Councilman Shyne: Zoning Board of Appeals. When we get to that item. Monty's right. Cause you all are not leaving right away are you? Okay. Thank y'all very much, and when we get to that item, we'll call him up then.

Ms. Karen Johnson: (2544 Malcolm St) I'm here because of the amendment for the vacant lot, for the drinking on vacant lots. I think that's for today, and I'm here to say

that I'm against it. Because I think that the people who are on the vacant lots are people who don't have any other place to be. And they're not like using obscenities or doing anything obscene, and they don't have anywhere else to go, that they have a right to be there, you know on the vacant - - - if it doesn't say do not disturb or do not enter, that they have a right to be there. And I'm you know.

Councilman Shyne: Okay, I'm going to direct that to the honorable Calvin Lester, Jr., the author and he gave birth to that piece of legislation. Calvin if I could use that terminology?

Councilman Lester: That's strong words.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, you think that's a pretty good use of the King's language?

Mayor Glover: I think that Mr. Lester is the "Visionary" behind this outstanding piece of legislation.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Lester, I would turn it over to you.

Councilman Lester: Thank you. And Ms. Johnson, I appreciate you coming down. This item is not going to be voted on today, it's for introduction. Just to give you some background. I really am glad that you asked that question. I've had a number of people ask me, cause there's some misinformation about the intent of the legislation. The intent of the legislation is not to prohibit someone from enjoying an alcoholic beverage on an (inaudible) residential lot. If you're at your house, and you've worked a had a hard day, and you want to come back and we know Councilman Shyne doesn't imbibe, but if you want to engage in that on your own residential property, there is nothing in this ordinance or anything else that prohibits you from doing that. This ordinance is specifically tailored to those situations where we have these vacant lots, many times they're adjudicated, and unfortunately, you can almost draw a line from the neighborhood convenience/liquor store to these lots, they are a literally a bottle's throw away from the lots. What happens is people congregate in these places, they drink, they're loud, they're obnoxious. They litter, they put trash all over these lots, and if you have the unfortunate scenario or circumstance to live in close proximity to these lots, you are basically under siege because you have this trash that constantly blows in your yard, you have these people that are constantly up til all hours of the day and night, "enjoying themselves," and the police are called out to the lot to disperse the crowd. And without this ordinance, there's really nothing the police department can do in terms of dealing with homeowners and things of that nature. So, we're not trying to say to someone - - - we're not taking a temperance movement, that's not where we're going at all. But what we are saying is, if you want to purchase an alcoholic beverage and enjoy it, you should do that in the comfort of your own home, and not standing in the middle of a vacant lot, trashing up the neighborhood, getting loud, obnoxious and things of that nature. And it is a problem, and it's not just a problem in my district, it's a problem across the width and breadth of the city. There are any number of these places, and like I said, all you would have to do is just drive down through any neighborhood. Look at where the neighborhood convenience/liquor store is, and throw a rock or a bottle, and you could find a place where people are hanging out and engaging in these activities. So, we want to say that we want to be a clean city, and we want to deal with it from that perspective. So that was the intent of the legislation.

Ms. Johnson: Okay, and with all due respect sir, I find that sometimes when I go through the city on my bicycle, and I pass these different areas, and sometimes I do see these people in these vacant lots, sometimes you can't even tell that they're there unless you're looking at them, and they're very quiet sometimes, and they're drinking and talking among themselves socializing. Because this is the only social situation that they have. They don't always have country clubs and stuff like this to socialize at. And for them this is their form of socialization. And this is their shall we say, freedom to go in these vacant lots. And they're not stupid. If they see a sign that says, 'do not enter' or 'private, keep out', they won't go there. But if they see that it's vacant, sometimes they congregate there, because they just want to get away from their homes. Because they have no other place to go. Because they're impoverished individuals, and I'm just saying that if they're not bothering anybody, if there is not a 'do not enter' sign or something, if they're not obscene, and they're not cursing or anything, and they're not drinking alcohol, and they're a cola or something like that, I think that this country is still free, they have a right to congregate in a place that's open. And they're not constricted in the confinement of just being at home. If they're not disrespecting anybody or disrespecting officers or something like that.

Councilman Lester: And I do appreciate your comments. The reason why I brought forth the legislation is No. 1, more often than not, there is alcohol, high concentrated, low quality, and I didn't come from country club experience, but when I go out and see these places, there aren't a lot of Diet Coke bottles. I see a lot of Cisco, a little Night Train, Wild Irish Rose, Thunderbird, Mogan David (you know we call it Mad Dog).

Councilman Long: MD.

Councilman Lester: Back in the day, and these types of things, and it's not a situation where the people are out there discussing the finer qualities of the gasoline tax and things of that nature. Although that would not be precluded from that happening. And these aren't the country club situations, they are more often than not engaging in loud and obnoxious behavior. And at the point that it has become a problem to the extent that I have heard from my constituents, that's what led me to move forward with this particular piece of legislation. Certainly I don't expect the police department to go out there and enforce the scenario that happened in the '30s and the '40s, or much like they had in New Orleans, the Black Codes that said anytime you had a certain number of minorities congregating in a position under the Black Codes, it was to be dispersed. This is not that situation at all. This is a scenario where you have people that are out drinking, making a mess, none of the situations that you described. If we were having civil discourse and people were drinking soda pops and lemonade, and mint juleps, then we would not have seen fit to bring forward this particular piece of legislation, but that is not the case. And I do appreciate you coming.

Ms. Johnson: Thank you.

Councilman Shyne: And Ms. Johnson, since we're not voting on this today, if you have some further questions about it, I would suggest that you call Councilman Lester, and you all might want to sit down over a cup of hot chocolate, or a cup of coffee

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Councilman Lester: Or send Councilman Shyne an email.

Councilman Lester: And you all might want to discuss the legality of it from a constitutional standpoint, and I know he would be more than happy to entertain that conversation with you. We appreciate you coming down, and we appreciate your concern about impoverished people and those that are left out of the main stream.

Ms. Johnson: Like the park, because they have their freedom.

Councilman Shyne: That's right, so I do appreciate you coming down and I know all the Council Members do, and please come back again, hear?

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

RESOLUTIONS: None.

ORDINANCES: None.

TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

RESOLUTIONS:

The Clerk read the following:

1. **Resolution No. 127 of 2008:** Authorizing DECO Home Dreams, L.L.C., located at 9013 Mitcham St., to connect to the Water & Sewer System of the City of Shreveport and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (Near D/Wooley)

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Wooley, seconded by Councilman Long to postpone until May 27, 2008. Motion approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 6. Nays: None. Out of the Chamber: Councilman Walford. 1.

RESOLUTION NO. 128 of 2008

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING T.L.A. PROPERTIES, L.L.C., LOCATED AT 5955 BUNCOMBE RD., TO CONNECT TO THE WATER & SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that T.L.A. Properties, L.L.C. be authorized to connect the proposed building to be located at 5955 Buncombe Rd. to the water & sewer system of the City of Shreveport.

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

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

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Webb, seconded by Councilman Wooley to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Long, Wooley, Webb, and Shyne. 5. Nays: Councilwoman Bowman. 1. Out of the Chamber: Councilman Walford. 1.

Councilman Shyne: It passes with a 6-0 vote, one out of the chamber.

Ms. Johnson: No. 5 for, 1 against, and 1 out of the chamber.

Councilwoman Bowman: You understand don't you Ron?

Councilman Webb: I understand. I don't hold it against you.

Councilwoman Bowman: Thank you.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, you see what you caused? Can I lay it on you?

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, I just think that Council Member Bowman is determined to get some money for some water and sewerage issues in her district.

Councilwoman Bowman: Thank you very much.

Councilman Shyne: And when you look in the dictionary, and you see the word 'consistent,' you see her picture right beside it.

Mayor Glover: Absolutely.

ORDINANCES: None.

REGULAR AGENDA LEGISLATION

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

The Clerk read the following:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 124 OF 2008

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A DONATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND NEW CENTURY PROPERTIES, L.L.C., HEREIN REPRESENTED BY STEVEN N. SIMON, MANAGING PARTNER, FOR WATER AND SEWER FACILITIES, INCLUDING A LIFT STATION, SERVING LONG LAKE ESTATES, UNIT NO. 14, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

BY:

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened, that Cedric B. Glover, Mayor, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Shreveport a Donation Agreement with Century Properties, L.L.C, represented by Steven N. Simon, Managing Partner, substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in the draft of said agreement which was filed for public inspection with the original draft of the resolution in the office of the City Council on April 3, 2008.

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

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

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

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Wooley, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, and Shyne. 6. Nays: Councilman Bowman. 1.

RESOLUTION NO. 125 OF 2008

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FROM THE CADDO PARISH COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT FOR THE 2004 COPS INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS PROJECT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport Police Department and the Caddo Parish Communications District are currently official partners in the 2004 COPS Interoperable Communication Project for which grant funding was awarded in 2004. The purpose of the project is the development and management of a parish-wide mobile data communications system that will provide all the area public safety agencies the ability to communicate and share data on one common data network. The project is now in its final stages, and lacks sufficient funding to reach completion. As a significant partner in this project, the Caddo Parish Communication District has offered to donate funding in the amount of \$130,150.11 to the project. As administrator of the project, the City of Shreveport Police Department intends to place these funds into special revenue fund identified for this project, and to expend these funds in accordance with current grant guidelines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, regular and legal session convened, that it does hereby authorize the execution by Cedric B. Glover, Mayor, all actions to accept this supplemental funding as given by the Caddo Parish Communications District.

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 affect 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 Wooley, seconded by Councilmen Long and Webb to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

Councilman Shyne: And I would just like to make this comment. Bryan, I made a mistake, I thought maybe you and Joyce had worked that out. So that's why I said a 7-0 vote.

Councilman Wooley: I understand Mr. Chairman, thank you.

RESOLUTION NO. 129 OF 2008

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BUDGET FOR THE CADDO-SHREVEPORT SALES AND USE TAX COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2008 AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY:

WHEREAS, the Caddo-Shreveport Sales and Use Tax Commission was created by the City of Shreveport and the Caddo Parish School Board to provide for the joint collection, enforcement and administration of sales and use taxes levied by the City and School Board; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has submitted its proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, a copy of which was filed with the Clerk of the City Council on May 13, 2008.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that the total operating budget of \$1,115,350 and the capital budget of \$16,000 proposed by the Caddo-Shreveport Sales and Use Tax Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, are hereby approved.

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 Long, seconded by Councilman Walford to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

4. **Resolution No. 130 of 2008**: Declaring the City's interest in certain adjudicated properties as surplus and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (A/Lester, B/Walford, C/Long, E/Webb and G/Bowman)

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Bowman to postpone. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS: *(Not to be adopted prior to May 27, 2008)*
The Clerk read the following:

1. **Resolution No. 131 of 2008**: A resolution authorizing the institution of expropriation proceedings against certain described property within the City of Shreveport in connection with the Ledbetter Heights Land Banking Project, No. 07A001, Parcel No: P-8A, and otherwise provide with respect thereto.
(B/Walford)
2. **Resolution No. 132 of 2008**: A resolution authorizing the institution of expropriation proceedings against certain described property within the City of Shreveport in connection with the Ledbetter Heights Land Banking Project No. 07A001, Parcel No: P-48, and otherwise provide with respect thereto.
(B/Walford)
3. **Resolution No. 133 of 2008**: A resolution authorizing the institution of expropriation proceedings against certain described property within the City of Shreveport in connection with the Ledbetter Heights Land Banking Project No. 07A001, Parcel No: P-52A, and otherwise provide with respect thereto.
(B/Walford)
4. **Resolution No. 134 of 2008**: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept a donation from the Jeanne B. Jackson & Alan M. Jackson Charitable trust and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
5. **Resolution No. 136 of 2008**: A Resolution declaring the intention of the City of Shreveport (The "City") to hire professionals in conjunction with the issuing of not to exceed Forty Two Million Seven Hundred Twenty Thousand and No/100 (\$42,720,000) Dollars Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority Revenue Refunding Bonds (Shreveport Convention Center Hotel Project), Series 2008 for the purpose of refunding certain existing indebtedness of the City which was used to finance the costs of acquiring and constructing the Shreveport Convention Center Hotel and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
6. **Resolution No. 137 of 2008**: A Resolution selecting THE TIMES as the Official Journal for the City of Shreveport for the period commencing July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 and otherwise providing with respect thereto

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Wooley, seconded by Councilman Walford to introduce Resolution No(s). 131, 132, 133, 134, 136, and 137 of 2008 to lay over until May 27, 2008 meeting. Motion approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7.
Nays: None.**

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES: *(Not to be adopted prior to May 27, 2008)*
The Clerk read the following:

1. **Ordinance No. 45 of 2008**: An ordinance closing and abandoning the ten and fifteen foot-wide utility servitudes on lots 33, 34, 35, and 1001 in the Southern Trace Phase IV – Section XVII – B Subdivision located in the SW ¼ of Section 29 (T16N-R13W), Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Wooley)
2. **Ordinance No. 46 of 2008**: An ordinance amending Section 26-106 of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances relative to finance and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
3. **Ordinance No. 47 of 2008**: An ordinance amending and reenact Section 10-190 of the Code of Ordinances relative to drinking in public and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Lester)
4. **Ordinance No. 48 of 2008**: An ordinance creating stop intersections and establishing speed limits in the Haven Subdivision within the City limits of the City of Shreveport, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Wooley)
5. **Ordinance No. 50 of 2008**: An Ordinance making certain findings with respect to the issuance by the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority on behalf of the City of Shreveport of its revenue refunding bonds (Shreveport Convention Center Hotel Project) Series 2008 to refund the existing auction rate bonds issued for the Shreveport Convention Center Hotel, funding certain termination payments, approving the forms of and authorizing the distribution, execution and delivery of the preliminary and final official statements by the authority; approving the form of the trust indenture and authorizing the execution and delivery of the loan agreement, and other documents, certificates or contracts required in connection therewith; and authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk of the City to do all things necessary to effectuate this ordinance.
6. **Ordinance No. 51 of 2008**: An ordinance amending the 2008 General Fund budget and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Wooley, seconded by Councilman Long to introduce Ordinance No(s). 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, and 51 of 2008 to lay over until May 27, 2008 meeting.

Councilwoman Bowman: Hold up. Councilman Lester went out, and I had a question about 49.

Councilman Shyne: Would you mind telling Councilman Lester that - - -

Councilman Bowman: Why don't we go on and vote on No(s). 45, 46, 47, 48, 50 and 51?

Councilman Walford: If that's a substitute motion, I'll second it.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, Point of Order. Is that 45, 46, 47, 48, and the two that were added?

Councilman Shyne: And the two that were added. All except 49. Councilman Lester, I believe that Councilwoman Bowman is waiting to get an explanation.

Councilman Walford: Let's get a motion.

Councilman Shyne: Huh?

Councilman Walford: Let's get a motion.

Councilman Shyne: Okay.

Substitute motion by Councilman Wooley, seconded by Councilman Walford to introduce Ordinance No(s). 45, 46, 47, 48, 50, and 51 of 2008 to lay over until May 27, 2008 meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 6. Nays: None. Out of Chamber: Councilman Lester. 1.

7. **Ordinance No. 49 of 2008**: An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute an Act of Donation of City-owned property to Urban Housing of America, Inc., Louisiana and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Lester) (*Not to be adopted prior to June 10, 2008*)

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Wooley to introduce Ordinance No. 49 of 2008 to lay over until May 27, 2008 meeting.

Councilwoman Bowman: I just wanted to ask Councilman Lester I know that - - - the last time that this came up, we had killed it. So I was wondering why we have it back on. I just saw it back on here, and no one had said anything.

Councilman Lester: Well, I'm asking that the Council adopt it, put it on and move forward with it.

Councilwoman Bowman: But can you explain to me what's the purpose of the donation?

Councilman Lester: The purpose, thank you. The purpose of the donation is to move forward with a project that Urban Housing of America has to develop some property in the Allendale area to build an apartment complex.

Councilwoman Bowman: I'm ready to vote Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Lester: So moved on No. 49 Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Shyne: No it's already been - - - we had to get a motion in order to get to the point of discussion.

Councilman Lester: So, let me - - - I thought the motion was on everything but 49?

Councilman Walford: I made another one for the purpose of discussion.

Councilman Shyne: He made another one.

Councilman Lester: So the motion on the table is everything in globo?

Councilman Shyne: No, no, no, no.

Councilman Walford: You were out of the Chamber.

Councilman Shyne: No, the motion on the table is for the introduction of 49.

Councilman Lester: Okay, thank you Mr. Shyne.

Councilman Shyne: So, all in favor of adding 49, you vote YES. If you don't want to introduce it, then you vote NO.

Motion denied by the following vote: Nays: Councilmen Walford, Wooley, Shyne, and Bowman. 4. Ayes: Councilmen Lester, and Web. 2. Out of the Chamber: Councilman Long. 1.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Thompson, you want to help me read that again?

Mr. Thompson: It's 2 FOR and 4 AGAINST.

Councilman Shyne: Okay, so that piece of legislation fails, am I right?

Mr. Thompson: Yes sir.

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

The Clerk read the following:

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I believe the Administration wants us to postpone 191.

1. **Ordinance No. 191 of 2007**: An ordinance authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$9,000,000 of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana Taxable Special Facilities Revenue Bonds on behalf of the Shreveport Airport Authority, authorizing the pledge of certain revenues to secure the Bonds, awarding the Bonds to the Purchaser thereof, **AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS RELATED TO AN INTEREST RATE SWAP AGREEMENT**; and providing otherwise with respect thereto. *(Postponed April 22, 2008)*

Having passed first reading on October 23, 2007 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Wooley, seconded by Councilman Walford to postpone until the next regular meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 6. Nays: None. Out of Chamber: Councilman Long. 1.

2. **Ordinance No. 24 of 2008**: An ordinance amending Chapter 42 of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances to add Article XI relative to operation of a rendering plant or transfer center within the City of Shreveport and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. *(Postponed April 22, 2008)*

Mr. Thompson: I believe that at the Administrative Conference Mr. Walford indicated that he wanted us to postpone.

Having passed first reading on March 11, 2008 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 Wooley to postpone.

Councilman Walford: Mr. Thompson, would we be better served to table this one for now, or just continue to postpone?

Mr. Thompson: If you don't think it's going to be considered anytime soon, we can table it.

Substitute motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Wooley to table Ordinance No. 24 of 2008. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Walford, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 5. Nays: None. Out of the Chamber: Councilmen Lester and Long. 2.

3. **Ordinance No. 39 of 2008**: An Ordinance amending the 2008 capital improvements budget and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (*Postponed April 22, 2008*)

Having passed first reading on April 8, 2008 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Webb, seconded by Councilman Wooley. The Clerk read the following Amendment(s):

Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 39 of 2008

Amend the Ordinance as follows:

Before the first BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED paragraph insert the following:

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that paragraph 2 of Ordinance No. 160 of 2007 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2. The Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute all contracts, deeds, grant documents and other legal instruments necessary to expend and receive the funds herein authorized, except that he is not authorized to execute such contracts, deeds, grant documents and other legal instruments to expend the funds appropriated for the Ledbetter Heights/Allendale Park and Community Center, Project No. 94B003, until specifically approved by the City Council by resolution.

Motion by Councilman Wooley, seconded by Councilman Bowman to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 39 of 2008.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, I want to share with the Council that, that's an amendment that the Administration is opposed to. And this particular amendment, I guess would be if we were in Baton Rouge, be considered a 'poison pill amendment,' to otherwise a good piece of legislation. This amendment seeks to provide the dollars necessary to move forward with the Millennium Project, and unfortunately, if it's passed with this particular amendment included, then we're from an Administrative standpoint won't be in a position to be able to move forward with the other things that Ordinance 39 calls for. It will either meet with a veto from the Administration. And that if that isn't sufficient, then the necessary documents to move forward with executing these particular actions probably won't move forward. So, I'm going to ask that the Council not pass Amendment No. 1. It is not necessary at this particular time. There is no need to try and micromanage the actions of the Administration with regards to any possible scenarios that

may develop the recreational needs of the Allendale/Ledbetter Heights area, and so I'm going to ask that you all look to work with us on this.

Councilwoman Bowman: I wanted to remove that second one. I just looked at what the Amendment was. I looked at the actual ordinance, and I had never consented or agree to the amendment. To Amendment No. 1, I have not. And I want to clarify that. So, I remove my Second, and I wasn't a part of the original discussions on Amendment No. 1. I was looking at the actual ordinance. I wanted to clarify that.

Councilman Walford: Question. Well, we don't have a second, so we can't discuss.

Councilwoman Bowman: Right.

Councilman Shyne: Well, let me go back to Amendment No. 1.

Councilman Wooley: So moved.

Substitute motion by Councilman Wooley to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 39 of 2008.

Councilman Webb: And it was already seconded, correct?

Councilman Shyne: No.

Councilman Webb: Okay. Second.

Councilman Long: I just have a quick question.

Councilman Shyne: Let me get a second on it and then we'll get some discussion. Okay, it's been seconded by Councilman Webb. No it's not, it's been seconded by the Chair.

Motion seconded by Councilman Shyne to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 39 of 2008.

Councilman Shyne: Now, we're at the point of discussion.

Councilman Long: Have we voted on 2 and 3?

Councilman Shyne: No, we haven't gotten there yet.

Councilman Webb: We're still on 1.

Councilman Wooley: Thank you Mr. Chairman. The reason for my partnering with Councilman Webb, and Councilman Shyne on this piece of legislation is surely not to micromanage the Administration or the recreational needs of Allendale/Ledbetter Heights. My concern with this is the original intent of the money that was budgeted in the Bond Issue, which was 1996, the voters voted on this, and a committee was formed to see the needs or to assess the needs of the community, and at that time, there was a very populated Ledbetter Heights, that did not have substantial or any type of recreational facility for their use. However, the dynamics have changed dramatically. Where we see most Ledbetter Heights, if not all Ledbetter Heights is vacant and unpopulated. I think the last total was about 17 registered voters in the entire area. Which they are very important. No one is without need, and no one is considered less valuable than someone else. However, I guess I am concerned to see us spend \$2 possibly \$1.4 (million) up to \$2,000,000 (just because I heard different numbers), I don't have the exact figure in front of me, to spend for an area that is definitely not very well populated. Especially when it comes to the younger years. I know when some housing had been removed from the area,

it definitely caused a decrease In the population of children and young teenagers. I know the City has done very well to accommodate since we were removed from the Y.W.C.A. building, and partnered with the Lakeside facility and with the Y.M.C.A, to provide services for the community that was utilizing that facility. But the (inaudible) is for the original intent of the voter or taxpayer. And I think to serve the taxpayer and the public, in it's proper form and with it's proper intent, I would be interested in bringing this back to the taxpayer. They're the ones who voted for this Bond Issue, they're the voters who voted to see a recreational facility for Ledbetter Heights area. So, I think for us to do our part, is to say, 'hey the dynamics have changed, the population has changed, and there's hardly anyone in the immediate Ledbetter Heights area,' so we want to know what you think as of today. It's different today than it was in 1996 when the needs were assessed then. Plus I think that it would show the public that we are concerned about their money. It is their money that we are responsible to handle well. And I think since things have changed, I would like to see us bring it back before the public to see what they think should happen to that money. Because it is different now. And plus I think we could possibly utilize the money in other parts of the city, in other districts. I know that Councilman Webb has need in his district. I don't know who Cargill Park's district is.

Councilman Webb: In mine.

Councilman Wooley: I know Councilman Shyne mentioned yesterday about Cargill Park and it's conditions are deteriorating. I think it would serve the community well to look at all the needs of the existing facilities and existing parks. Some need restrooms. I know I had a conversation with Shelly about quite a few parks that have no restrooms. And I think that would serve the public well to possibly look at that. But most of all since it was voted on by the public, I think that it's important that we return it to the public to see what they think the needs are for today. Thank you.

Councilman Lester: If I could Mr. Chairman, and I'm going to support where you're coming from.

Councilman Walford: Can we go ahead and get that working, get the hard copy is what I'm after. Thank you. Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a substitute motion to postpone this till later in the agenda and if you'll give me a second, I'll explain why.

Councilman Lester: Second.

Substitute motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Lester to postpone Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 39 of 2008 until later in the meeting.

Councilman Walford: Okay, we got my second. We can't hyperlink. I can't read any of this, and I really would like to have a hard copy if we could to work from. We're talking about an amendment that I can't read. And I would really appreciate a copy. So, if we could go ahead and consider a couple of other items and come back to this if it pleases - - - well if we get the votes?

Councilman Shyne: Okay, we'll just table this until we come back.

Councilman Webb: So we're going to vote on - - - do we need to postpone?

Councilman Walford: Yeah, can we vote on postponing until later in the agenda?

Councilman Shyne: Yeah, we just say table. All in favor vote YES, opposers

NO.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Walford, Long, Webb, and Bowman. 4. Nays: Councilman Lester. 1. Abstain: Councilmen Shyne and Wooley. 2.

4. **Ordinance No. 40 of 2008**: An ordinance amending and reenacting Section 26-211 of the Code of Ordinances relative to City Contracts, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Walford)

Having passed first reading on April 22, 2008 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 Councilmen Shyne and Bowman to postpone until the next regular meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

5. **Ordinance No. 41 of 2008**: An ordinance amending the 2008 Budget for the Community Development Special Revenue Fund, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on April 22, 2008 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 Long to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

Councilman Lester: Mr. Chairman, could we go back to No. 39 now? I believe that our hyperlinks are now working.

Councilman Shyne: Oh good. Okay. No, you got a different computer.

Ms. Pilkinton: You want me to print it Calvin? And then I can make copies.

Councilman Lester: Hit refresh. Now try it. Just hit refresh, it works. But I will print them, if you trust me. That's a good question.

Councilman Shyne: Yeah, that's what I'm saying.

Councilman Lester: (Inaudible) trust me with my district.

Councilman Shyne: Big question (inaudible)

Councilwoman Bowman: Mr. Chairman, Point of Order. That's the reason I couldn't tell what. I thought I was going with the original ordinance.

Councilman Walford: Well, we're getting hard copies now that we finally can get it, the hyperlink. No, this is 3. We were looking for 1. You can get it on the hyperlink.

Councilman Lester: I think I printed all of them.

Councilman Shyne: I believe this is 2. I gave - - - I know what - - -

Councilman Lester: I gave you 3.

Councilman Lester: This is 1.

Councilman Shyne: That's 1 right there? Okay, we want to go back to 39. Can I get a motion on the Amendment, so we can bring it up for discussion.

Motion by Councilman Wooley, seconded by Councilman Webb to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 39 of 2008.

Councilman Shyne: Let me ask this question. Mr. Thompson, does this have anything to do with Millennium?

Mr. Thompson: I'm not sure what the Mayor was referring to. I don't understand what it has to do with Millennium.

Mayor Glover: Am I not correct that this the amendment to the Capital Budget that allocates the Millennium money?

Councilman Shyne: No.

Mr. Dark: The base ordinance does. And you've indicated that this ordinance, that this amendment might make the ordinance something you couldn't sign. So, that's the issue.

Mayor Glover: The base - - - the ordinance without the amendments addresses the drainage issues with Millennium. This particular amendment is what is termed in legislative parlance as a clear amendment. Because it makes it - - - puts it in an unacceptable form for the Administration to be able to move forward. Either by veto or by signing off on the necessary documents to allow the dollars to be expended.

Mr. Thompson: What the Mayor is saying that he would consider vetoing the ordinance because it has this provision in it that he's opposed to.

Councilman Shyne: And it doesn't necessarily have anything to do with - - - this particular amendment doesn't have anything to do with the Millennium Project.

Mayor Glover: But it attaches - - -

Councilman Shyne: This amendment is specifically with - - - if I'm understanding the amendment correctly, it deals specifically with the \$2,000,000, if I'm putting it in dollars and cents that would deal with parks in Allendale and Ledbetter Heights. Am I understanding this right?

Mr. Thompson: That's correct. It simply says that before any funds can be expended for the Allendale/Ledbetter Heights recreational project, it would have to come back to the Council by Resolution for approval.

Councilman Shyne: So, what the Mayor is saying is that he disagrees with this, and since this is tied to the main piece of legislation, then this would be vetoed I guess.

Councilman Webb: Point of Order Mr. Chairman. Can't we separate?

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, you can offer a separate ordinance that would have to be introduced and lay order.

Councilwoman Bowman: Point of Order. Once it's attached to this ordinance, then it goes like hand in hand with this ordinance. If the original ordinance fails, then this fails also. Right?

Councilman Shyne: Yes, if the original ordinance fails after we amend it, sure. But I think what Mr. Thompson is talking about now in order to - - -

Councilwoman Bowman: But it's attached.

Councilman Shyne: To specifically accomplish what you want Amendment No. 1 to do, you could put that in a separate ordinance. Am I - - -?

Mr. Thompson: Let me back up even before that. What you're amending here is an ordinance amending the 2008 Capital Improvements Budget. That would be all of the items that would be in the Capital Improvements Budget, this is an amendment to that

budget. So this particular, if you approve Amendment No. 1, it would go toward the project, it would be attached to the project that's in the overall Capital Improvements Budget. And it could be done as a separate ordinance, but if you do it as a separate ordinance, you would have to introduce it as an ordinance, and it would have to lay over for two weeks, and then it can be adopted. What the Mayor is saying is that because he is philosophically opposed to this amendment, that it puts him in the position of either having to approve something that he's opposed to by signing it, or to veto a project because it is attached to another project that he really wants to get done or needs to get done. Or, the other option would be not to sign it, and have it go into effect within the 7 days or whatever the time limit is.

Councilman Webb: Point of Information please. So, Mr. Mayor, what you've done is you've attached a piece of legislation on here?

Mayor Glover: No, you have Councilman Webb.

Councilman Webb: So, we've attached a piece of legislation on here that ties up -

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Mayor Glover: If you pass Amendment No. 1.

Councilman Webb: If we pass Amendment No. 1. Okay, what I'm trying to separate from the whole thing is the \$1.7 (million). You have the \$1.7(million) or somebody has the \$1.7(million) tied in with the other - - -

Mayor Glover: No, that's what you're doing.

Councilman Shyne: No, no, no, no.

Mayor Glover: That's what you're doing by offering Amendment No. 1. You could attempt to do what you're trying to do by offering a separate ordinance that does it on it's own without attempting to amend it into Ordinance No. 39.

Councilman Webb: Alright, how (inaudible)

Mayor Glover: And have it stand as a separate vote on it's own.

Councilman Walford: The only way that this is tied to Millennium or to anything else about the ordinance is you put it on there. This does absolutely nothing to affect Millennium or anything else. It merely impacts the Capital Improvements Budget just like we frequently have Tom come to us and we'll be doing four or five things in one ordinance amendment to the budget. Basically all you're saying is before that money can be spent that was voted in the late '90s, in my district, is that the Council has got to approve how it's spent. That's all you're saying. Now, the Mayor philosophically disagrees with that, but you're not affecting anything to do with the other ordinance. You're just making that change to the Capital Improvements Budget. Either you can spend the money tomorrow, or he's got to come back to council for approval by resolution. That's all this is saying. Now philosophically he's not - - - he doesn't want his hand tied on that. But that's all that that is saying. It's not affecting anything to do with Millennium, anything to do with the drainage projects or anything else, and it's no different than when Tom frequently brings us budget ordinance revisions.

Councilman Shyne: The only way it would impact, if you vote NO.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, I beg to disagree with all that's been said. Here's where I find offensive and damnable about all that is being said and all that is being considered today. We're here talking about a project that was approved by the voters of this city 12 years ago. Mr. Walford has served on this Council for 4 years, now over 5. There've been two mayors who've sat in the Mayor's office for those 12 years. Mr.

Wooley sits here today and says that the reason why we should not spend these dollars in Ledbetter Heights and Allendale is because there's nobody there. Well there happen to be people there. Part of the reason as to why there is not as many people there today as there once were is because there are people who sit in these positions, and who sit in the seats, and who decide that they'd rather go out and address the interest and concerns and the needs of other parts of this city, rather than to focus on the very direct specific needs of the people who elected them. This is a project that started back when I was still on the City Council, and each and everyone of us should be ashamed that we sit here today, 12 years down the road and not a single additional step has been taken to address the recreational needs of the people of Ledbetter Heights and Allendale in those 12+ years. Now what you are doing here today is you are putting restrictions on this administration, with these dollars that were not there on any other previous mayor who sat in this position. Or on any other of the previous 10+ budgets that have been passed in the years since then. Now what you have is a mayor who has said that he intends to address the recreational needs of the people in Allendale and Ledbetter Heights as the voters approved for us to do. Not to put us in a position where we are in somebody else's building or facility, somebody else's structure, and somebody else's set of circumstances, where we can be kicked out of, as we have been. We also members of this Council who've decided that because of the neglect and the lack of concern shown by some members of this council, some members of previous council, and by some previous administrations, of not expending those dollars and addressing those needs that have been approved by the voters, that now it's time, not it's time to take those dollars, as Councilman Wooley has just suggested, and to give those who already have a whole lot, at least in comparison to Allendale and Lakeside, and Ledbetter Heights, a whole lot more. So let's take this \$2,000,000 or whatever that number may be, and break off some, and send it over to Councilman Webb's district. Or, let's take some of that and break it off, and send it out into Councilman Wooley's district. And then you may decide Councilman Walford, Councilman Shyne, that there may be somewhere else that you may want to go spend. Some of the money that was passed and approved for the people of Allendale and Ledbetter Heights. That's wrong, it's wrong. Somebody should have had the gumption to sit here on this Council or in this Mayor's office and say that we're going to do what the people of Shreveport approved and authorized us to do over a decade ago. Because we didn't do that, we have seen people leave the core neighborhoods of this city. But yet we sit here and act as if what we did here today, somehow did impact and affect that. I made it clear under no uncertain terms that yes, I intend for us as a city to address the recreational needs of Allendale and Ledbetter Heights. Now, do I intend to do that unilaterally? Without any input or feedback from not only the specific Council Members who represent the districts, but the entire (inaudible) district? No. Do I intend to do that without any input and direct feedback from the people who really (inaudible) neighborhoods? No. Do I intend to do that without any input, direct feedback, suggestion, counsel from the churches, the businesses and other folks who are concerned and connected to those communities? No. My question to each and everyone of you is why, when you finally have a mayor who is committed to expending those dollars in the neighborhoods where they were intended, that you want to sit here today and now try and tie my hands in ways that no other mayor's hands have been tied before? I say the reason was expressed by the very lips of

Councilman Wooley. But because you want to take the money and spend it some place else. You want to tell the folks of Allendale and Lakeside and Ledbetter Heights, Councilman Shyne, that they don't need anymore recreation over there. That they've got enough already. That they need to go and find some place else. Or catch the bus and come out to your part of town and play some ball, or swim in the swimming pool. And that's wrong. It's damnable. And you ought to do it, and if you add it to this particular amendment, to this particular Capital Budget, there is no aspect of it that will move from the 2nd floor. Whatever is connected and amended into this original ordinance, shall not move. Whatever is connected to the original ordinance shall not move. Period. Now, there is a line that I'm willing to draw. That line says that the people of this city voted over a decade ago to make an investment into the central core of this city. Into one of the oldest neighborhoods in this city. And leader after leader, person after person sat here and said, we have a greater sense of priority some place else. That offends me, and it should offend every right thinking, fair minded person in the City of Shreveport. The vote is up to you all, but pen is still in my hand. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Shyne: Now Mr. Mayor, I'm going to pass it on to Mr. Walford, but let me just say this, and I'll come back. I appreciate your passion. I don't agree with your logic, and I don't agree with some of the other statements that you made. If you're offended, I apologize to you, but I do want you to know that, hey we all get offended from time to time. And this probably won't be your last time that you will be offended. I have been offended. And it won't be my last time to be offended. And my votes and my decisions on this Council sure ain't going to be made on the thinking that I might offend the Mayor or I might offend any Council Member, or I might offend any employee. I'm in the business of offending people.

Councilman Walford: You're taking my - - -

Councilman Shyne: I'm sorry.

Councilman Walford: The way you're taking it, I don't have a chance here. Mayor, I want to correct you on something. In my last term, and Mr. Dark, look at me, because you will confirm this. We made every effort to have this built in Ledbetter Heights. Did we not?

Mr. Dark: We made every effort to work with other parties, but Ledbetter was pretty clearly out of the question, fairly early.

Councilman Walford: Did we not have a location that we attempted to work - - - put this in Ledbetter Heights where it would provide a significant benefit?

Mayor Glover: Are you talking about the Y.W.C.A. scenario?

Councilman Walford: Yes sir. The money was sitting there. I was going to make every effort to put it - - - (inaudible).

Mayor Glover: Why would you have to wait for some other non governmental group to step forward in order for you to be able to expend dollars that the voters of the City of Shreveport authorized and empowered you to expend regardless of whether or not any other nonprofit or anybody else was willing to step up and partner with you? That's a specious reason Mr. Walford.

Councilman Walford: I've got the floor Mr. Mayor, wait. You'll get your turn. I don't intend the money to go somewhere else. I intend the money to benefit Ledbetter/Allendale. It was voted for that. You know and I know that some good friends

of mine got behind you and helped you get that passed. Kenneth Paul, Charles Beard. That's what they wanted.

Mayor Glover: The voters got behind me and got it passed Mr. Walford. The little old ladies of Allendale got behind it and got it passed, (inaudible)

Councilman Walford: I don't argue that point at all. Why do you want to argue with me, when I want the project there, without question.

Mayor Glover: Then why do you want to put something on this Administration that you didn't vote to put on the four years that you served with the previous Administration?

Councilman Walford: I clarified to Mr. Webb, what was being considered once we could read it. I have yet to say I'm supporting that position. I do not think the money should go outside of the districts involved. It was voted for that. It would be wrong to take it elsewhere. I watched that happened in my own district. Last term, money was in a bond issue for Texas Avenue where it's sorely needed. Six Council Members voted to move that money, bond money that was voted for that specific project and use it for concrete panel repair in six other districts. The vote went 6-1. As far as I am concerned those Council Members went exactly contrary to what the voters asked for. I will stand behind this money going to Ledbetter/Allendale. I certainly trust you enough to think that you're not going to go out unilaterally and come up with some project and leave us in the dark and that we're not going to have any input into what it is. It's a lot of money to spend. I certainly think you're going to share the designs and the concepts and the location with us. I think it would be a terrible mistake if you didn't, and I just don't think you do business like that. The money as far as this vote is concerned will stay in Ledbetter/Allendale, unless you take it to the voters and the voters say otherwise. And I don't know how we go back to the voters and ask them again have you changed your mind, do you want to use it somewhere else. So, I don't know why you and I are arguing right now, because we seem to be on the same point.

Mayor Glover: We're arguing because you're about to ask for a restriction to be placed on these dollars. You voted to improve this same approximate \$2,000,000 at least five times. At no point before today have you considered voting to add the restrictions that Amendment No. 1 would place on those dollars. That's why we are in conflict Mr. Walford.

Councilman Walford: So, you're saying that I'm supporting this?

Mayor Glover: I won't know that until we see the lights go up.

Councilman Walford: That's the exact point Mr. Mayor, you won't. So my mistake was clarifying something to Mr. Webb, on what exactly the amendment said. I haven't voted yet.

Mayor Glover: And if I have misread your position, then please accept my apologies for assuming that you were going to vote away what you ultimately may end up not voting. I apologize to you before the vote is even taken in that regard.

Councilman Walford: Yeah, I will be guilty for not being as aggressive as I should over the past four years in trying to spend this money. Quite frankly as Mr. Dark knows, I didn't know it was there. It was a pretty closely guarded secret. Once the word got out, I got pretty aggressive in trying to spend it for a recreation center.

Mayor Glover: And you and I worked together on that.

Councilman Walford: That's right. So, don't accuse me of not doing what I could with money that was intended for my district. I will have to tell you that the past Administration didn't put up a sign or send me an email that said, "There's \$1.7(million) here, what are you going to do with it?" It was a pretty well guarded secret. In fact, in this Administration, I didn't really know exactly what we had until the Y.W.C.A. issue came up. Thank you Mr. Chairman, I'm going to quit now, while I'm ahead.

Councilman Shyne: Councilman Lester, and then we'll come to Councilman Bowman. But let me say this. I enjoy this passion, and I hope we don't take it personal. And I think this is a great debate and this is what democracy is all about. Councilman Lester?

Councilman Lester: Thank you. Item No. 49 that was not approved by the Council was authorizing the Mayor to execute an act of donation of city-owned property to a developer who was going or proposes to build housing in the corridor of Milam, Allen, Logan, and Pete Harris Drive Mr. Chairman. An area that is on the borderline between Ledbetter Heights and Allendale. My right honorable friend has made a comment as it relates to the lack of population in the Ledbetter and Allendale area and using that has one of his justifications for moving forward with Amendment No. 1. I believe if he was to be honest - - - I don't understand Mr. Mayor, how you can say I want to move the money because there are no people there, but when we are trying to do a project to bring people back to this area, you vote against it. I would suggest, or at least it seemed that it would suggest to me, that you don't want anything to happen positive in terms of development for the people of Allendale and Ledbetter Heights. I mean, you know, it's almost you're damned if you do, and you're damned if you don't. You're damned cause you don't have enough people. You try to put people in there, and build a nice quality project you vote against that. You want to have recreation for the people that are that, you vote against that. It almost seems that you know if we could just get the proverbial redline that they have used in banking and those types of scenarios and draw a red line around Allendale and Ledbetter Heights and just draw it out and erase it out of the city, that's what we want to do, and I don't understand that. You know what's amazing to me, is the - - - what's the word I want to use? The remarkable, consistent inconsistency that we see in this Council Mr. Mayor. I remember, not several months ago, I of all people made the argument and support of the maker of this particular piece of legislation as it relates to a water project. And I remember making the argument to some of my Council colleagues that did not vote in favor of that saying, and I don't want to quote myself, but as I can recall the issue was 'why should I in District A, who has little infrastructure and infrastructure needs that recently have been addressed both to spend money in a Bond in district D?' And what I said to the Councilman in District D was, 'People are people. Regardless of the fact that some people make more money or some people make less, if you are a citizen of the City of Shreveport and you have a particular need, at the Council level, we should deal with your need on the same basis, regardless of how much you're paying in taxes, regardless of what neighborhood you live in, regardless of your race, religion, creed or color.' I made the argument that people are people, and I felt that it was wrong for me to vote against putting infrastructure and drainage dollars in District D, in Southeast Shreveport to benefit some people who have houses that you know Mr. Mayor, some of these houses you could put two or three of my constituents houses in. But I said, you know what? Rather than being parochial, the Council voted to,

1) extend some water lines in my district, that was taking care of. It would be wrong for me to say no to District D in Southeast Shreveport in terms of spending the money to deal with their needs. And yet here we are, months later saying, 'you know what, I know we voted to put money and do recreation in Allendale and Lakeside, but you know what? I'm going to substitute my judgement for the judgement of the people of Shreveport. And you know what now that I've taken care of what I need to take care of in terms of what I need to take care in terms of my infrastructure needs, it's okay for us to take away from the people of Ledbetter and Allendale and take it to other areas.' There might be more votes. That's fine. But wrong is wrong and right is right. And this is wrong. What this does is, it sets up a scenario where regardless of what the people have said, and what the people's needs, we substitute our judgement for theirs. And that's just wrong. And if it's proper for us to extend city funds to do a Bond issue in District D, what's to stop me and three other people from coming to this Council next Council Meeting and putting an amendment that directs the Mayor and Mike Strong to take away the money that was allocated for the water pressure issues in District D, and move it to District C, or District E, or District F? At what point are we going to say this is a need, and it needs to be handled, and we just get to the point where we cherry pick? The Mayor has argued very eloquently in terms of what needs to happen in this particular issue. You know I sit here and I'm continued to be amazed at the (inaudible) of some of my Council colleagues that when things happen in certain parts of town that's one set of rules. But when they deal with things on another set of rules, on another part of town, the rules completely change. It's amazing to me. And it's very unfortunate. If you have a question or a concern about needs in terms of recreation in your particular district, those are things we handle in Bond issues. Since we've been on the Council, we have talked about an issue in terms of dealing with Bond issue projects because there are needs out there. But it is wrong for a Council Person, any Council Person to take from one particular district that has a need, and give to someone whose needs have been fulfilled. It's even worse to take from an area that does not have anything and give to someone for the betterment of (inaudible) that already exist. Again, the votes may be there to do this, and that's fine. But we need to say what it is. And it's wrong. Plain and simple, it's wrong. Again, I just don't understand what we're supposed to do in Allendale. I mean it's bad enough that we go out and seek out partnerships with a nonprofit that works for the better part of a year, and then because you've got new leadership in this organization that wants to go in a completely different direction, they boot out a city and a situation that's working well for everybody. When resources were there to take care of those things. I don't understand how this Council just decides that there is something so unusual and special about this particular Mayor, that he does not have the common sense to exercise his mayoral privilege or exercise what is in the best interest of the city, and this Administration's hands have to be tied in ways that others, not only were not - - - were not even contemplated. It's offensive to the people in Allendale and Lakeside. And you know what, they're watching. And it's bad enough, it's bad enough that they have been disrespected throughout this process dealing with the Allendale Y.W.C.A. I really don't think that many of my Council colleagues really, really understand and have a true appreciation for what it took to get that building constructed. It's not just brick and mortar down there. If you talk to people who grew up in Lakeside and Allendale, particularly some of the senior women who are over the age of 50, they will tell you Mr.

Mayor, Councilmen, that they washed cars, they had bake sales, they had food drives, they had can shakes, they cooked dinners to raise the money for the first time in the inner city for people to have recreational facilities for the young girls in the area. And now we want to decide that our judgement is superior to others and do something else. Now, again, I might be new to this scenario, but wrong is wrong by any other color. And this is not the way to handle this. And I would encourage the Mayor, that if this passes, please, please help us in Allendale and Lakeside, please exercise the veto power. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Shyne: I'm going to come to Councilwoman Bowman, but just one minute before we come to Councilwoman Bowman. Mr. Mayor, I'm not going to sit here and let somebody frame my thoughts for the reasons why I support something or do not support anything. I've been here too long. I've given this city whether it was Lakeside and Allendale or whether it was anywhere. I've given it a pint of blood, and a pound of flesh. And ain't no shame in my game. And I want you to understand that this isn't personal. I mean whether I vote YEA or NAY, and I think you've been knowing me long enough to know that this isn't personal. I might be with you on this issue and against you on another. I might be with Michael Long on one issue, or Ron Webb on one issue, and be against them on another issue. I would hope that they would be professional enough to understand that this isn't personal. That my votes are not personal. My ideas, so I'm not going to sit here and let somebody frame or put a circle around whether I vote for something, whether it's right or wrong or not. It might be right or wrong for them. But don't put me in there. Don't include me in whether it's right or wrong. If I'm out voted, hey let's truck on down the road. If I win, let's truck on down the road. And I'm not trying to speak for Councilman Wooley or Councilman Webb, because I know they're going to come back and speak for themselves. I appreciate the passion, because I love passion. But I want you to understand that this isn't personal toward you, if I vote to make sure that before this money is spent, you come back and let us know. It's nothing personal towards you, and I think you ought to know that. And it hurts me to have somebody sit up here who maybe been in politics 15 minutes to tell me what my motives are, for voting for something. I've known you almost all your life. And you know I don't have no personal reason to vote for anything to try to, to try to be personal towards you. If that's my opinion, I'm going to vote my opinion. If you veto whatever I vote for, hey me and you still going to be friends. Or I'm going to still be your friend. Because something else might come up that I'm going to support you on. Not only with you, but with John Hussey. You and I served on the Council when Hazel Beard was Mayor, there were things that we supported that Hazel didn't. We didn't fall out with Hazel. I didn't serve with Bo. The same thing with Hightower. The Bond issue for the Convention Center. It's nice. Did I vote to approve the Bond Issue in the beginning? No. The money that was spent down on the Riverfront. Did I vote for that? No. Hightower and I didn't fall out. He didn't take it as something personal. He didn't think that I was trying to tie his hands. There were some things that I wanted added, there were some things that I wanted to see in there, I didn't get it. I was out voted. I see Hightower now, we laugh and talk, the same thing with John Hussey. So, I want you to understand, I don't want you to let nobody set up here and frame this is as this is something personal. Now, I don't know how it is with the other folks, but I think you've been knowing me long enough to know that this is not personal. I'm going to go along with you on some things,

and some things I'm not going to go along with you. I did that with my mama and daddy, with my kids. I do that with my constituents. If I believe that we need to know how this money is going to be spent, I don't think that the intent was to move it out of Lakeside and Allendale, the intent was to make sure that as Council Members, that we know how this money is going to be spent. And if you and I have a disagreement on that, we just disagree on that. Now, what I would like to see and I don't know whether the other Council Members are going to agree with me on that, I would like to see this as a separate ordinance. I don't want to put you in a position where you're going to veto something, or if we win, then the whole Millennium Project stops. I don't want us to be in that kind of position. I don't want to put you in that kind of position. But I do want to know what you're going to do with the \$2,000,000 before you go out and do it. Now whether we agree on that or not, I'm entitled to know. And you and I are entitled to disagree with one another. And it doesn't have to be nothing personal. I've disagreed with a whole lot of Mayors who sat over there. And they have disagreed with me. And you and I have been on the Council where we disagreed with Mayors. But we didn't fall out. So, let's don't make this no - - - lets' don't frame this as no referendum on our relationship with Cedric Glover. Cause it ain't so. Now if you listen to somebody and let 'em frame it like that, then that's going to impede your ability to be able to work with Council Members, and it's going to impede our ability to be able to work with you. I'm going to love you anyway, whether you agree with me on my vote or disagree with me on my vote. If it's a falling out, it's going to be on your part. It ain't going to be on mine. Cause I'm going to love Cedric. I'm going to come over there and say hello to you, and I'm going to tell you what I want. And you know I've told you what I want, and you've disagreed with me on some things. But did we fall out? No. I've given you names of somebody that I wanted to see him on a Board, and 'Well Joe, no, no.' I didn't fall out with you on that. That's professional. Michael Long and I have disagreed on some things. Might have left me hanging out a time or two. I still love Mike. Ron and I have had it, and we might have it again.

Councilman Webb: Probably will.

Councilman Shyne: That's right, but I love Ron. And Ron understands it's nothing personal. There are some things that I might do that Ron don't like. But I don't take it personal. If he doesn't like it, hey that's tough on him. Cause I ain't going to change. The same thing with Monty. So, I don't want you to - - - you know I don't want this to get where this is a referendum on your Administration. From my standpoint it's not. I would hope that you and I would be able to work together, because I'm going to work with you. And we're not going to fall out. And before I turn it over to Joyce, I do want you to know that I love you. This doesn't have nothing to do with whether I love you or not. Cause me an you can see one another outside, and I hope we don't have no preachers listening, and I hope my boys are not listening, because I do this a little bit sometimes, I might use a curse word or two, not that it's the right thing to do. But you and I are still going to be friends. And you know if somebody say something about Cedric, I'm going to come to your defense. My friendship with you ain't going to be based on whether I agree with you all the time. My friendship with my wife, and Lord knows I love her, ain't going to be based on whether we agree all the time. Now Rickey, I hope your wife didn't hear that. So, if we disagree on this or disagree on something else, let's don't fall out, lets don't make it personal. And I'm not going to sit here and let

somebody frame my intentions. Because they ain't that smart. I've been around a long time, I've been in a lot of political scuffles. I've been in a lot of battles, and you know that, so we ain't going to make this personal. I want to just throw this out and then, I'm going to go back down the line. I hope that we can do this amendment in a separate ordinance. Because I don't want to tie your hands, if you understand Mr. Mayor, where we would stop what we've got going with Millennium. But I do want to know what's going on with this \$2,000,000 and I am concerned about the lack of population in Lakeside and Allendale. And I am concerned about the recreational facilities in Lakeside and Allendale. But I am concerned about making sure that I spend the dollars wisely. If I hurt somebody's feeling by the way I vote, hey - - - whether it's somebody on the Council, or whether it's somebody in the administration or whether it's somebody out there. I'm a big boy, I can take it, and keep on ticking. And I ain't going to fall out with nobody. When I see you, I'm going to love you and hug you and tell you how much I - - - I almost said I was going to take you out to lunch, but I don't make enough money to take you out to lunch. I'll go out to lunch with you and I think Mike Strong got a little mad with us the last time when we were out there, because you remember I didn't keep y'all out long enough for us to have lunch. I see Mike passing me a cookie, so I can have lunch. But Mr. Mayor, I appreciate it, and I'm going to turn it over, but I just wanted to let you know this is nothing personal, and I'm not going to let nobody frame this as a right or wrong or whether it's a referendum on your administration, because I walked the streets for you, I called for you, got on the radio, when other folks were running. When other folks didn't know who to come out or was hedging their hands. Hey, I'm for Cedric. I don't have nothing to hid. If Jerry Jones win, or if your other friend that's over in Dallas now, I don't know whether you got him that job or not, but somebody said you tried to get him out of town. So now that, I don't know. But like I told them, Cedric is my friend. It's nothing personal against you. But now, that's not to say me an you not going to disagree sometimes. I'm sorry, I'm sorry. Councilwoman Bowman.

Councilwoman Bowman: Yes sir Mr. Chairman, you sure you're through? I don't think everyone here is right all the time, and I think we all make mistakes. I feel that we all need to own up to them when we make mistakes. I certainly try to do that here. And I can't tell you how many meetings that I have said, probably not here for the same reason that many others are here. This is a ministry in a way for me. I'm here to serve others. I'm here to do what I know in my heart is the right thing to do. Now when we get to the personalities and all of that, I don't think that's really what the citizens want to see from us. They're expecting us to come here and do the business of the city. That's all they want to see, and that's all I really want to do. I'm not going to agree with everyone of you, and I have not agreed with - - - I don't think it's a one of you sitting here who maybe come up with something, if I didn't believe in it, I was against it, and I told you from the beginning, no I can't go with you on that. And I was through with it. Now let's look at this and let's be realistic. When this first came up, I had no idea about it, it wasn't mentioned to me. I came to the meeting early and saw the amendment attached here. I got with Councilman Webb, because his name is on here. Now the original intent that has not been spoken today was the tennis courts in Southern Hills, and I said to Councilman Webb, why don't you get with the Mayor, the two of you sit down and try to work this out, so that maybe there is a way he can help you to find the money that you need for the tennis courts in Southern Hills. This is it in a nutshell. The original

intent had nothing to do with the recreation facility in Ledbetter Heights/Allendale. It did not. Just being honest, just being truthful about the whole situation. This is where it started. The argument has not been in that light. So, I could not support doing this, and that's why I wanted to see a compromise. Because that was what the whole issue was about. I am going to sit here today and when the vote comes up, I'll have to vote NO. I cannot go with the amendment. No. 1 because of all the excuses we are using here today is not the original intent. I'm through.

Councilman Wooley: Yes sir, thank you Mr. Chairman. No. 1, I obviously don't appreciate some of the personal remarks today. You know for me, this is business, this is not personal. Comments made about judgements being superior, and I'm going to try to tell the folks of Allendale/Ledbetter Heights, that they're not important and things of that nature and those kinds of comments that alluded to that, it's just not true. That's not who I am, that's not my intent. I have repeatedly supported legislation all over this city, for the benefits of all the people of Shreveport. Today Mr. Mayor, I supported a \$42,000,000 Bond issue so that we as a city can save money. I heard about \$300,000 a month or at least for one months, you know if it kept going at that rate. I'm a team player, I want to see the best for everybody. And speaking specific to this, I have a copy of the Citizens Bond Issue Committee final report January 1996. I know that we have coined the phrase Ledbetter Heights/Allendale, when you look at the original report of the original Bond issue, actually let me start by saying the 2008 Capital Improvements Budget and here is a copy that says this project funded the acquisition of park land in the Ledbetter Heights area. When you read the Citizens Bond Issue Committee final report of January 1996, it says here that in addition there is a need for a community building in the Ledbetter Heights neighborhood, which some city and private funds have already been committed. My concern is because there is no population, or there is very little population left specifically in Ledbetter Heights, which that was the specific reason that was cited for the Bond issue, that they people voted on and the fact that that's what's in this committee report, they cite specifically Ledbetter Heights. Now, please correct me if I'm wrong. It's my understanding that Allendale does have one facility that it does utilize which is Lakeside. I know we have utilized a couple of facilities because we were removed from the Y.W.C.A facility. So, I know that the people or it's my understanding, if I'm wrong, then I'm wrong and that's no problem. My understanding is that the people of the Allendale community are being served by Lakeside and the Y.M.C.A. They do have a facility. There is hardly any folks left in the Ledbetter Heights area, so I guess I have a hard time, because I am concerned about the \$2,000,000 justifies spending that much money in an area that is not populated. Now, there is a question, the chicken before the egg. I know Councilman Lester made reference to that. About if you build a facility, then people will come and things of that nature. I don't think it's a wise move to spend that kind of money there. And by the way, just for clarification I'm not going to suggest that we spend the money in Southern Hills or Cargill Park or the Tennis Courts, that was just a suggestion, just if we decided to something else with the money or what I really should say, what I think is in the best interest of the public money is to go back to the voters and let them decide if they think it's still in the best interest after 12 years when there is no housing left in the Ledbetter Heights community, do we the people who voted for it, do we still think today that we should do it. If they think so, then I'm all for it, because it's their money. They voted once, things have totally changed. They voted for

it (inaudible) then I would definitely be supportive of it. But when things are different and they are clearly different in that area, to the point where we are trying to expropriate land to help build a Millennium Film Center down there, which by the way Mr. Mayor, I have no intentions or do not want to see that effort to be hindered. We definitely want to see that move forward, because it is a positive impact to the community. It positively impacts to hopefully repopulate Ledbetter Heights area. But regardless of whether it's repopulated or not, helping that movement, I'm supportive of you as you've asked us to support you on that. But I am concerned that I do have to join Councilman Shyne's kinda echo on his remarks. It's what I believe in the best interest of the entire city when it comes to spending their money. It's their money, and things are clearly different now. I would love to see it go back to the public and let them decide. And if they say hey, we think it should be there, then that's fine with me. If they don't then I think we should look to see where else would you like the money to go, and get their input once again. So, my heart and my intent is to do what is best with the taxpayers money. Because I want to see it spent wisely. So thank you. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Webb: I haven't gotten a chance to speak yet. I guess I'm going to get left out of this thing. Thank you Mr. Chairman. The night that I found out that we were - - - had intentions of building a facility in the Allendale area was on the 10:00 news. When Mr. Mayor, you were being interviewed and you made mention of building a facility, and that's when the first time I heard that the money was there to build a facility. It was a shock to me to know that we even had the money sitting there and could do it. It was just like Councilwoman Bowman spoke earlier. That was my whole line of thinking about this thing from the get go was I knew that - - - I called Art, and I got a copy of the language of the Bond, and I read it, and it kept talking about Ledbetter, Ledbetter, and also that the money could be used in Parks and Recreation city-wide. So in my way of looking at this from the beginning was we've got a lot of beautiful parks throughout the city that are crumbling because they're not getting the proper maintenance, and my initial thought was why should we go and build another facility when we can't even take care of the ones that we got. And I know I spoke with you in your office about this, or one evening for an hour or hour and a half, and you went out and looked at the courts with me and you know hopefully we can find a way to do some repair before we go out for Bond money, but the way I was looking at this, I thought well, if two previous mayors sat on this money for this length of time, and didn't spend it, there had to be a reason why and I felt that was the reason why because it's - - - we keep mentioning Allendale, but to me it specifically was talking about Ledbetter which has now turned into the Millennium Studios and everything. So, my way of thinking was why not take this money that's in there now, and I don't want all of it. I would like to have had some of it to bring the tennis courts out in Southern Hills to a standard that we could start drawing some large crowds that according to the tennis pro out there, that we're missing out on thousands and thousands of dollars annually because we cannot have the tournaments there any longer, because the courts are not in shape to do so. Now I realize it's a nice facility and it's probably the best facility in the City of Shreveport. And I'm glad that it's in my district of course, any Council Member would be. But I just felt that well, why not take this money and spread it around through every district, through every existing park and recreation center, and take care of some of the needs that are now where the people are using the facility on a daily basis and if we're going after a

bond next year, then my way of thinking was then go ahead and build your facility. But take care of what we have right now that is just - - - feel like the back is being turned on the people and everything is just going downhill when you look at the facilities, there have just been no preventive maintenance done, or yearly maintenance. And we're just like we let it crumble to nothing. And when it gets so bad, then we're going to go out for another bond, and we're going to ask for people to do it. And I'm sitting here saying well we've got money sitting in the bond right now, why not use it and take it and use it wisely there, and that's the reason I was talking to Wooley. You know I wouldn't have a problem with that. And maybe after 10 or 12 years, maybe the people will say, let's fix what we've got now. Rather than go and build another facility. You're going to go and build another facility, you've got hire personnel to operate. You've got to have money to operate. So to me that was money that could be taken and used in the facility that we have now. And that was the whole intent of my amendment. I certainly didn't want to tie up the project of the Millennium. I told Mike Strong that, and it was not my intent. And if there is a way we can separate this, and vote just on that, and have this money held off for a later discussion, that's the direction I'd like to go in.

Councilman Shyne: Before I get to Calvin, Mr. Mayor and other Council Members, and you've got to hit the road, and I don't want anything to happen to you, and who all going with you?

Mayor Glover: We are all here Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Shyne: Okay, well what I was about to say is - - -

Mayor Glover: Some lines you draw and you stand on.

Councilman Shyne: There you go. Now y'all heard that didn't you. So in order to get this line where he can step off of it and we can step off of it, and move on and then come back to this at a later date, let's look at a compromise or maybe pulling Amendment No. 1 out of this. And we come back at a later date, and we put it in an ordinance to itself. Cause I'm like you and I think I probably stated it, and it's kinda like I'm scared of Mike Strong.

Councilman Walford: Is that a motion that you're making to remove it?

Councilman Shyne: Yeah but I mean, I want to get the consensus before I make the motion.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Shyne, the authors can just remove it if they want to.

Councilman Shyne: Okay, well what I suggest is let's just remove it at this particular time, because I don't want to hold up the Millennium Project, and I don't want Mike Strong to be mad with me.

Councilman Webb: Well, I make a motion to remove it.

Motion by Councilman Webb, seconded by Councilman Shyne to remove Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 39 of 2008 from the agenda.

Councilman Lester: Question.

Councilman Walford: Let's vote on removing it.

Councilman Lester: I have discussion on that.

Councilman Shyne: Okay, go ahead, uh, ah oh wow wee, I don't know what to say.

Councilman Walford: (Inaudible) he's trying to stop.

Councilman Lester: I know.

Councilman Shyne: Right, that's really what I'm trying to do.

Councilman Lester: I know.

Councilman Shyne: Okay, can I limit him to two minutes, three minutes or what?

Councilman Webb: You're the Chairman.

Councilman Shyne: Alright, well go head on, go head on. Take 30 then.

Councilman Lester: Thank you. I appreciate it. And like that great philosopher Joe Shyne once said, "I'm here to serve the people, however long it takes."

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, now I'm guilty of that, now I might not be guilty of a lot of things, but I am guilty of that.

Councilman Lester: I'm on record. And we had T-Ball yesterday, so I don't have to run to T-Ball. So, I'm here for the duration Mr. Mayor. Just wanted to hit a couple of months, and then lets move on. I keep hearing this issue about population as it relates to Ledbetter and Allendale, and I don't understand. We had an issue, No. 49 that would have supported a project to put housing in Ledbetter and Allendale and the Council voted majority against it. And some of the same folks that voted against moving forward on this project that would have put the population in Ledbetter/Allendale, or using the population argument to say that's why they're not supporting this. And if I asked the question, then I'm doing something personal and I'm wrong for bringing it up. Now you can say on your behalf, it's wrong. And that's fine, but if it walks like a duck and it quacks like duck, maybe it is. Who knows? Why should we go back to the people when the people have already said this is what we want. I don't understand. Again, another Councilman spoke to the whole idea of repopulating the area, but you vote against the measure not 10 minutes, well it's been more than 10 minutes, it's been about 30 minutes, 30 minutes ago, that would have supported repopulating the area. But some kind of way, you want to separate those issues. I don't understand it. How can you say that I'm for a particular area, and your votes are completely inconsistent. And as the representative for the folks, I'm supposed to just gloss past the fact that on one hand you say I have an issue with the population. But when you do something to try to repopulate the area, you vote against it. Again, what does that leave the people in that area. I mean are you for them, or are you against them? And then again, the other issue is, and let me be quiet, because the Council Chairman is speaking, and Mr. Mayor, I've always been told to respect my elders. So I'll - - -

Councilman Shyne: Just hold up one minute. Then Councilman Wooley and I have something.

Councilman Lester: Okay, go ahead. I'm here. The clock is running, I'll wait till you finish.

Councilman Shyne: Thank you Councilman Lester.

Councilman Lester: Thank you so much Mr. Chairman. What is the statute of limitations on right or wrong? That's what I want to understand. How long do you have to be in the world or on the Council? 15 minutes? 15 years? 20 years? To recognize something that's right or something that's wrong? Or 20. Maybe that's what it is. But if it takes you 20 years to figure out what's right or wrong, maybe the Council ain't where you need to be.

Councilman Shyne: Then get them off of it then.

Councilman Lester: That's a sip for dramatic pause. Again you talk about, I heard someone say lets - - - you're turning your back on folks that already have facilities in their area because they want to improve them. And I understand that concern, but I don't see how any fair minded person could drive the confines of Ledbetter Heights or Allendale and see why we can't say that this city has turned it's back on an entire neighborhood? And has done so for many years. I mean there are some people in this city, and every morning they wake up, they don't have what other people have. I mean at the end of the day, they weren't blessed to have maybe trust funds or things of that nature, and it is what it is. There are some people in this city that wake up every morning, and the envelopes of life that they have are empty. And when we get to a point of the city when we can write off an entire segment of our population because we want to have something better for ourselves, and we're willing to sacrifice those things for the less fortunate, for the needy, then that's not the type of city that we need to have. And God will not bless us. And at the end of the day, I think our actions on this Council, not only need to be right, they don't need to be fair, they need to be just. And in a society, justice is the highest value of a land. Justice and how you treat the people that don't have and how you treat the least of these, is how you judge a society. And I'm a little disappointed that on every turn, or at least in this meeting twice, we've said NO to the people of Ledbetter and Allendale. And I think that's unfortunate. Again, that's not the popular thing to say, and again I'm not necessarily down here to be popular, I'm down here to represent the people of my district. The bloody and the dusty. And it is what it is. I appreciate you giving me the opportunity to have my say Mr. Chairman, I love you, we don't disagree on some things, some things we are going to disagree. But at the end of the day, I'm going to represent my folks the folks I feel like I need to represent them, whether I've been down there the compensatory 15 minutes or the 30 minutes or the 20 years. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Walford: I'd like to make a motion on Amendment No. 2.

Councilman Long Second.

Councilman Webb: I thought we already had a motion on the floor.

Councilman Shyne: Yeah, the motion on the floor was to withdraw, it passed.

Ms. Johnson: I wrote it down because they kept talking. It's 1 NO, 4 YES, 2

ABSTAINED.

Councilman Shyne: I think we voted while the speech was going on.

Councilman Webb: I didn't vote.

Ms. Johnson: The two Council Members who did not vote were Councilmen Shyne and - - -

Councilman Wooley: I don't remember the vote.

Councilman Lester: Well let her finish making her report.

Councilman Shyne: That's a YES vote in order to take this off.

Councilman Webb: Report mine a YES.

Councilman Walford: Now, we're voting on No. 2 right?

Councilman Shyne: Yes.

Councilman Lester: Point of Order Mr. Chairman. I would like to get the Deputy Clerk's report on that particular issue.

Ms. Johnson: Councilman Lester voted AGAINST removing it, and Councilman Shyne and Webb looks like I wrote abstained.

Councilman Shyne: Voted for it.
Councilman Walford: No, you didn't vote.
Ms. Johnson: ABSTAINED.
Councilwoman Bowman: You didn't vote.
Councilman Shyne: Well write down that I voted YES for it.
Mr. Thompson: Mr. Shyne, to make the record clear, could you vote again?
Councilman Shyne: I sure can, we would be glad to.
Ms. Johnson: And this vote is to remove - - -
Mr. Thompson: To remove Amendment No. 1.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

Councilman Shyne: Now Mr. Mayor, you don't have no line no more.
Councilman Walford: Now you have my motion on Amendment No. 2.

Amendment # 2 to Ordinance # 39 of 2008

AMEND THE ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS:

In Program F (Sewer Improvements):

Decrease the appropriation for **Flournoy-Lucas/Twelve Oaks Sewer Repairs (05F001)** by \$100,000. Funding source is 2005 URB.

Increase the appropriation for **Cedar Grove Lift Station Improvements (05F004)** by \$100,000. Funding source is 2005 URB.

Motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt Amendment No. 2 to Ordinance No. 39 of 2008.

Councilman Lester: Question Mr. Chairman. Thank you Mr. Chairman. The source of this money for the Cedar Grove Lift Station, was that in a prior Bond issue?

Councilman Shyne: Tom?

Mr. Dark: Yes it was, 2005.

Councilman Lester: Okay, and was this project described in the 2005 Bond issue?

Councilman Shyne: Tom?

Mr. Dark: It was, however at less funding, because this project has turned out to be more expensive than we thought.

Councilman Lester: Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, and Shyne. 5. Nays: Councilmen Lester and Bowman. 2.

Amendment # 3 to Ordinance # 39 of 2008

AMEND THE ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS:

In Program C (Street Improvements):

Increase the appropriation for **Turn Lane - East Kings Highway at Bert Kouns (06C002)** by \$285,000. Funding source is 2001 GOB.

Motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt Amendment No. 3 to Ordinance No. 39 of 2008.

Councilman Lester: Mr. Chairman, the turn lane project, East Kings Highway at Bert Kouns, what Bond issue was this in Mr. Chairman?

Councilman Shyne: Tom?

Mr. Dark: This actually was added after the 2001 Bond issue list was put together. This project was funded first in 2006, when all the development occurred in the area of E. Kings, (inaudible) and Youree. It's using interest - - -

Mr. Thompson: Tom, could you talk up, we're having a little trouble.

Mr. Dark: I'm sorry it's using interest money earned on the 2001 money.

Councilman Lester: Was this project described in the Bond issue?

Mr. Dark: No sir, it was not.

Councilman Lester: Okay.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 6. Nays: Councilman Lester. 1.

Motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt Ordinance No. 39 of 2008 as amended. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

Motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Wooley to suspend the rules to consider our zoning appeal. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:

The Clerk read the following:

BAC-25-08: Property located on the westerly side of N. Market, 765 feet north of Nelson Street. (A/Lester)

Motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Shyne to approve the Special Exception Use and a variance in the hours of operation to permit a Multi-Purpose center with a courtyard (outside dining) with on-premise consumption of high alcoholic content beverages operating til 2 a.m., subject to compliance with the following stipulation:

- 1. Approval is for a 2 year period only. Prior to the end of said 2 year period, the applicant shall reapply to the Board for reconsideration of this use.**
- 2. Development of the property shall be in substantial accord with the site plan submitted with any significant changes or additions requiring further review and approval by the Zoning Board of Appeals.**

Alcohol and food service and/or sales shall be restricted to the areas specifically designated for this purpose on the floor plan.

Councilman Shyne: It's been seconded by the Chair, because I want to show that Councilman Lester and I can disagree on the introduction of the donation of land, but we can agree on this, and I agree with him on we need to repopulate Lakeside and Allendale. I might not agree with him on his methods of doing it. So - -

Councilman Walford: Discussion.

Councilman Shyne: Yeah, discussion. We're together, and I love you Calvin.

Councilman Lester: I love you passionately Joe Shyne.

Councilwoman Bowman: Have Mercy!

Councilman Lester: And there is nothing that you can do about it.

Councilman Webb: Man, it's getting thick in here.

Councilman Shyne: Joyce, don't make nothing out of that now, you and Ron try to make somebody - - -

Councilman Lester: I might have some of that DNA too.

Councilman Shyne: There you go. Now, now. We got 'em that time Calvin.

Councilman Walford: I have a question of Mr. Lester if he's not going to discuss. My question involves the 2 year. I don't think - - -

Councilman Lester: My motion removes that.

Councilman Walford: That's what I'm after, because I don't think it's appropriate to make that kind of investment. I explained to Mr. Hall, he's under the gun anyway, because if something goes wrong, he'll be standing up here in front of us.

Councilman Lester: Right.

Councilman Shyne: Rick we wish you well, and for the ribbon cutting ceremonies, I would hope that you would invite me and the Mayor and Rick Seaton out, the first three. Now these other people, Rick I didn't mean no harm, don't look at me with those blood shot eyes, cause I didn't mean no harm.

Councilman Walford: Mike is trying to talk.

Councilman Shyne: Now you can invite Michael out after you send me my invitation, cause he's going to come out dressed like he's dressed today, and all the eyes going to be on him.

Councilman Long: Just wanted to ask Charles why the decision was rendered the way it was.

Councilwoman Bowman: Thank you. That was the question I had.

Mr. Kirkland: Thank you Council Members. No on in this room has a higher respect for anyone, than I do for Rickey Hall. I've known him for a long time and he's a valued member of our community. The Board and Monty, you may remember this during your service on the ZBA. Multipurpose use facilities can be the most problematic of any. The folks who start off with them start off with the intentions are great, but then the next thing you know, High School Graduation parties, Rap Performances, Multipurpose means just that. And that's the reason the Board and their experience who had some bad experiences with multipurpose facilities that have gone south. Now, at one time the ZBA was able to tie these to the person who applied. That was a great idea because it meant if you changed that, like in this case, change from, then it would have to come back before the board for a public hearing. Because responsible people are what

you're looking for. They do not create problems, they do not let these things get out hand. However, the lawyers told us in no uncertain terms of city hall, you can't tie it to the individual, you basically - - - you're zoning property, and those rights are transferable to whoever it's sold to, whoever it's leased to, and that's why they, if you will, a check period. Personally, I would recommend if you do, just removing all the restrictions, Zoning Board of Appeals approval is requires a site plan. That's part of the law. I would recommend you not remove all of the restrictions, at least Restrictions 2 and 3. Certainly the investment Mr. Hall would be making is substantial, and he would be longer than probably two years to try to recover or amortize. But I would urge you to please leave Restrictions 2 and 3 in there because that's part of the typical, if you consistency Councilman Lester, that the board does. I'd be happy to answer any questions. I certainly support your intent which I'm - - - and I think the board was there too, was to approve Mr. Hall and his request to remove the restriction on the 2 year limitation.

Councilman Shyne: Councilman Lester, before we go any further, I want to give you - - - Councilman Walford over here is very anxious, unless you want to hear what he says, and then respond to it. If not, I'll give you the first comments.

Councilman Lester: Comments on what?

Councilman Shyne: On what Charles has said. Cause I think Charles has said that what you would really like to leave 2 and 3, and I think yours was to remove everything?

Councilman Lester: Right.

Councilman Shyne: Okay.

Councilman Walford: I would make a subsidiary motion to uphold the decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals removing Restriction No. 1, leaving 2 and 3 for site plan development which is standard on every property.

Councilman Lester: I second that.

Substitution motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Lester to uphold the decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals removing Restriction No. 1, leaving 2 and 3 for site plan development.

Councilman Shyne: I just want to say this.

Mr. Thompson: I was about to suggest that we have prepared a written motion which did just that. One of the three or the four that we gave, and I believe now that No. 2 now becomes No. 1 and No. 3 becomes No. 2.

Councilman Lester: That's fine.

Councilman Shyne: Councilman Lester, this is nothing personal against Councilman Walford, but I had planned to vote with you to remove all of them. This is nothing personal my brother.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

Councilman Shyne: Rickey, did you understand what we removed? Restriction No. 1, but we left Restrictions 2 and 3 on there. Well I guess we voted on it now, I guess this would have to be feasible for you to work with it. Okay? Alright back to the regular

agenda and I hope we can move fast enough so we can get the Mayor out of here, because I'm told that a storm is moving in, and you know how some of the storms can generate a tornado. And we don't want to see that F-150 up in the air. Cause we'd have somebody from the Times out there snapping shots and all that kind of stuff and crying and going on. Okay, where are we now?

The Clerk read the following:

6. **Ordinance No. 42 of 2008:** ZONING – C-10-08: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by re-zoning property located on the north side of East Mount Zion Road 1000 feet west of Hood Street, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from I-2, Heavy Industry District, to R-1D, Urban, One-Family Residence District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Wooley)

Having passed first reading on April 22, 2008 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Wooley, seconded by Councilman Walford to adopt.

Councilwoman Bowman: One question, Councilman Wooley, have you had any opposition or anything in reference to this?

Councilman Wooley: Is Charles still here? I've had one individual who owns one supposedly 1/20 something of a piece of property who verbally came to me outside of that, and I had one phone call. Outside of that no one else.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, take your time. We're not going to be able to get you out of here. I see that. I don't care how hard I try.

Mayor Glover: I'm about to go in a second.

Councilman Shyne: Naw?

Councilman Webb: The storm started three hours ago.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

7. **Ordinance No. 43 of 2008:** ZONING – C-22-08: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by re-zoning property located at the end of McGoldrick Drive, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-3, Urban Multiple-Family Residence District and RMHP, Residence Mobile Home Park District to R-MHP-E, Residence Mobile Home Park/Extended use District **LIMITED TO A TRAVEL TRAILER/RV PARK** only, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on April 22, 2008 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Webb, seconded by Councilman Wooley to adopt.

Councilwoman Bowman: Pardon me. Go ahead.

Councilman Webb: Wasn't that in your district?

Councilwoman Bowman: It was in my district, but Ron, go ahead, cause you've been doing a lot things today.

Mayor Glover: Known as 'Michael Williams' imitation Councilman Bowman.

Councilwoman Bowman: Say what?

Mayor Glover: His 'Michael Williams' imitation.

Councilman Shyne: Now Mayor, I don't know if you know what you're saying, but he might not be able to get back in his district.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 6. Nays: None. Out of Chamber: Councilman Lester. 1.

8. **Ordinance No. 44 of 2008**: APPEAL CA-03-08: An ordinance closing and abandoning a portion of the Flournoy Lucas Road running south and west from Ellerbe Road for approximately 365 feet, located in the NW ¼ of Section (T16N-R13W), Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and exchanging said property with the YMCA, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on April 22, 2008 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Wooley, seconded by Councilmen Long and Walford to postpone until the next regular meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

The adopted ordinances and amendments follow:

ORDINANCE NO. 39 OF 2008

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2008 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

By:

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend the 2008 Capital Improvements Budget to shift project funding and for other purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that Ordinance No. 160 of 2007, the 2008 Capital Improvements Budget, be further amended and re-enacted as follows:

In Program C (Streets Improvements):

Increase the appropriation for **GIS Map Development (01C030)** by \$175,000. Funding source is 2003 GOB.

In Program D (Drainage Improvements):

Increase the appropriation for **City-Wide Drainage - 2001 Bonds (01D015)** by \$600,000. Funding source is 2003 GOB.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance 160 of 2007, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect.

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

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

Amendment # 2 to Ordinance # 39 of 2008

AMEND THE ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS:

In Program F (Sewer Improvements):

Decrease the appropriation for **Flournoy-Lucas/Twelve Oaks Sewer Repairs (05F001)** by \$100,000. Funding source is 2005 URB.

Increase the appropriation for **Cedar Grove Lift Station Improvements (05F004)** by \$100,000. Funding source is 2005 URB.

Amendment # 3 to Ordinance # 39 of 2008

AMEND THE ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS:

In Program C (Street Improvements):

Increase the appropriation for **Turn Lane - East Kings Highway at Bert Kouns (06C002)** by \$285,000. Funding source is 2001 GOB.

ORDINANCE NO. 41 OF 2008

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2008 BUDGET FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

BY:

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend the 2008 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. 163 of 2007, the 2008 budget for the Community Development Special Revenue Fund, is hereby amended as follows:

In Section 1 (Estimated Receipts):

Under "2007 and Prior-Year Funds":

Increase Prior-Year WIA Grants by \$102,500.

Under "Fiscal Year 2008 Funds":

Decrease CBDG Entitlement by \$105,800, HOME Entitlement by \$49,600 and HOME ADDI by \$13,400. Increase Federal Emergency Shelter by \$300.

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

Under "Prior-Year Funds":

Increase WIA by \$102,500.

Under "2008 Revenues":

In Administration, increase Federal ESG by \$300.

In Housing and Business Development, decrease Contractual Services by \$12,500 and increase Improvements and Equipment by \$12,500. Decrease Housing Program - CDBG by \$105,800, HOME Program by \$49,600 and HOPE ADDI by \$13,400.

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.

ORDINANCE NO. 42 OF 2008

BY:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 106 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT ZONING ORDINANCE, BY REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED ON NORTH SIDE OF EAST MOUNT ZION ROAD, 1000 FEET WEST OF HOOD STREET, SHREVEPORT, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, FROM I-2, HEAVY INDUSTRY DISTRICT, TO R-1D, URBAN, ONE-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

SECTION I: BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, in due, legal and regular session convened, that the zoning classification of property located on the north side of East Mount Zion Road, 1000 feet west of Hood Street, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, legally described below, be and the same is hereby changed **from I-2, Heavy Industry District, to R-1D, Urban, One-Family Residence District:**

Section 31, T17N, R13W, 6.457 acres, M/L, being that part of Fractional Section 31, lying east of the KCS Railway, south of the Inner Loop, west of the Grappe Line, and north of the Solo Hood Partition, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA.

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

1. Site development plan shall be submitted to and approved by the Planning Commission prior to the issuance of any permits.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 43 OF 2008

BY:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 106 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT ZONING ORDINANCE, BY

REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE END OF MCGOLDRICK DRIVE, SHREVE- PORT, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, FROM R-3, URBAN, MULTIPLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT AND R-MHP, RESIDENCE MOBILE HOME PARK DISTRICT TO R-MHP-E, RESIDENCE MOBILE HOME PARK/ EXTENDED USE DISTRICT LIMITED TO “A TRAVEL TRAILER / RV PARK” ONLY, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

SECTION I: BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, in due, legal and regular session convened, that the zoning classification of property located at the end of McGoldrick Drive, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, legally described below, be and the same is hereby changed **from R-3, Urban, Multiple-Family Residence District and R-MHP, Residence Mobile Home Park to R-MHP-E, Residence Mobile Home Park/Extended Use District, limited to “a travel trailer / RV Park” only:**

Section 2 and Section 11, T16N R15W, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA, more fully described as:

From the SE corner of Section 11, T16N, R15W, said point being the POB from the tract herein described:

Run along the east line of said section S0°35'34"E a distance of 399.44 feet;
Thence N89°26'9"W a distance of 642.17 feet;
Thence N89°26'7"W a distance of 680.46 feet;
Thence N0°0'0"E a distance of 388.22 feet;
Thence N0°9'24"E a distance of 882.66 feet;
Thence N89°4'51"E a distance of 197.86 feet;
Thence along a curve to the right having a radius of 27.50 feet and a central angle of 85.40° for a distance of 40.99 feet;
Thence S5°31'14"E a distance of 46.94 feet;
Thence N84°28'46"E a distance of 60 feet;
Thence N5°31'14"W a distance of 323.58 feet;
Thence along a curve to the left having a radius of 363.55 feet and a central angle of 5.43° for a distance of 34.45 feet;
Thence N39°28'46"E a distance of 50.81 feet;
Thence N5°31'14"W a distance of 63.25 feet;
Thence S68°28'54"E a distance of 44.99 feet;
Thence S53°31'20"E a distance of 221.43 feet;
Thence along a curve to the right having a radius of 287.01 feet and a central angle of 38.42° for a distance of 192.45 feet;
Thence S15°6'12"E a distance of 253.55 feet;
Thence S64°6'57"E a distance of 38.41 feet;
Thence S0°10'0"E a distance of 100.91 feet;
Thence S14°15'20"E a distance of 450.49 feet;
Thence S14°24'8"E a distance of 182.47 feet;
Thence S89°55'13"E a distance of 735 feet to the POB. Said tract contains 29.49 acres M/L.

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

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

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I don't believe we have anything to take up today under Unfinished Business, or under New Business that has not already been done.

1. **Ordinance No. 204 of 2006:** An ordinance amending the 2006 Budget for the Riverfront Development Special Revenue fund and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (Disparity Study) (A/Lester) (*Introduced November 14, 2006 – Tabled December 12, 2006*)
2. **Ordinance No. 205 of 2006:** An ordinance amending the 2006 Capital Improvements Budget and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (*Introduced November 14, 2006 – Tabled December 12, 2006*)
3. **Resolution No. 51 of 2007:** A resolution supporting the Employee Free Choice Act, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (*Tabled May 8, 2007*)
4. **Ordinance No. 122 of 2006:** Amending portions of Chapter 90 of the Code of Ordinances relative to traffic and vehicles and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Lester) (*Tabled September 11, 2007*)
5. **Ordinance No. 32 of 2008:** An ordinance to amend and reenact portions of Division 3 of Article V of Chapter 26 of the Code of Ordinances relative to Retained Risk and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (*Tabled April 22, 2008*)
6. **PROPERTY STANDARDS APPEALS:**

HBO0700145 – 426 Woodrow, Shreveport, LA (F/Shyne) Mr. Adrian Gerard Gallion, 124 Carroll Street, Shreveport, LA 71105 (C/Long) (*Postponed February 25, 2008 until August 25, 2008*)

HBO0700081 – 1062 Dalzell Street, Shreveport, LA (B/Walford) Mr. Stanley W. Burke, III, 8848 Youree Drive, Shreveport, LA 71115 (D/Wooley) (*Postponed April 21, 2008 until June 23, 2008*)

HBO0700137 – 1919 Walnut Street, Shreveport, LA (A/Lester); Ms. Ethel J. Reed, 4745 McDaniel Drive, Shreveport, LA 71109 (F/Shyne) (*Postponed February 25, 2008 until August 25, 2008*)

PSD0700065 - 2513 Dupont Street, Shreveport, LA (B/Walford); Mr. David Bates, 2509 Dupont Street, Shreveport, La 71103 (B/Walford) (*Postponed May 12, 2008 until May 23, 2008*)

PSD0700243 - 129 Stoner Ave, Shreveport, LA (B/Walford); Mr. Raul Perez, Jr. 226 Cattail Trail, Benton, LA 71006)(*Postponed May 12, 2008 until August 11, 2008*)

PSD0700170 – 610 Terrell Drive (D/Wooley); Mr. Bobby Player, 3110 Logan Street, Shreveport, LA 71103 (G/Bowman) (*Postponed April 21, 2008 until June 23, 2008*)

NEW BUSINESS

PROPERTY STANDARDS BOARD OF APPEALS:

PSD0700347 – 4129 Theo Street/4709 Norton (F/Shyne); Mr. Johnny Myles, 1041 Sheridan Street, Shreveport, LA 71104 (B/Walford) (*Decision rendered May 12, 2008*)

Mr. Thompson: You are now down to Reports from Officers, Boards and Committees.

Councilman Shyne: I was told that we had none.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES

Councilwoman Bowman: I don't know who told you that, but that's wrong. Incorrect, I'll say. I want to remind everyone of the Public Safety Committee Meeting that will be held on Tuesday, May 20th at 2:00 p.m., in the Mayor's Conference Room, 2nd Floor, Government Plaza, and Chief Whitehorn is going to discuss the 56 Point Plan.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Thompson, can you send me a text message on that day?

Councilwoman Bowman: Email him.

Mr. Thompson: We will send you a carrier pigeon Mr. Shyne.

Councilman Shyne: Art, yes.

Councilman Lester: Councilwoman Bowman, your meeting is on - - -

Councilwoman Bowman: On the 20th of May, at 2:00.

Councilman Lester: Is it possible that we could have the Police Department discuss the ordinance that I have on Second Reading, that day?

Councilman Shyne: Chief, can you hear that?

Councilman Lester: That being the Ordinance dealing with the lots and liquor?

Councilman Shyne: Lots of luck.

Mayor Glover: Thank you.

Councilman Shyne: Bring the bacon back.

Councilwoman Bowman: Sharon, can you put that on?

Ms. Pilkinton: Yes.

Councilwoman Bowman: We'll put it on the agenda.

Councilman Lester: Thank you Madam, Mr. Chairman.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Mr. Thompson: There will be an SRA Meeting immediately following this meeting, it's one item. We've been trying to sell the Galilee Project for ages, and finally got in a position to do it.

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 7:08 p.m.

//s// Joe Shyne, Chairman

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