Council Proceedings of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana October 14, 2008

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana was called to order by Chairman Joe Shyne at 3:07 p.m., Tuesday, October 14, 2008, in the Government Chambers in Government Plaza (505 Travis Street).

Invocation was given by Councilman <u>Wooley</u>. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilwoman Bowman.

On Roll Call, the following members were Present: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Absent: None.

Motion by Councilman <u>Lester</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Walford</u> to approve the minutes of the Administrative Conference, Monday, September 22, 2008 and Council Meeting, Tuesday, September 23, 2008. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

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

Awards and recognition of distinguished guests by City Council members, not to exceed fifteen minutes.

Councilman Shyne: I see we've got by City Council Members not to exceed two minutes. Any Council Members have any special guests? Mr. Mayor, we have an award here.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, have we skipped Mayoral communications? Councilman Shyne: No, no. You know I wouldn't dare. Councilman Wooley wouldn't let me be skipping over you, would you Councilman?

Councilman Wooley: No sir.

Councilman Shyne: We're coming to you next. I wanted to present this to you. I want people to see you and I shaking hands. Cause they might not see this too often. Y'all make sure y'all get this on film. Cause y'all could get something - - - this is the Louisiana Municipal Association Community Achievement Award, presented to the City of Shreveport for outstanding community improvement and basic services, 2007. Mr. Mayor, it's an honor and lots of love that I present this to you.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, this is an award that does not belong to me. It's an award that more appropriately belongs to the employees of the City of Shreveport, specifically the men and women of the Shreveport Police Department. The folks out there in Public Works, Property Standards, who have been hard working in helping to make Operation T-Bone successful. So, in addition to the efforts of all those folks, obviously they would not have the resources necessary to do what they're doing were it not for this Council, being the supportive and visionary enough to help make it happen. So, I want to thank Bea from

Council Staff who was down at the Louisiana Municipal Association Conference back in August accepting, Mr. Shyne this hardware, on all of our collective behalves. I was there I think for about a day and a half. But did not stay for the Saturday night gala. So, Bea was kind enough to stand in and represent all of Shreveport and bring home the hardware. And hopefully I think at this point, this will confirm for the local media that we did in fact manage to win this award since we hadn't necessarily seen it noted anywhere prior to now, so thank you very much.

Councilman Shyne: I have another one, but the Council told me to wait until Committee of the Whole. Because they figured that you and I have a tendency to talk too much, and they didn't want to spend too much money. And I'll give that one to you and the rest of the Council during the Committee of the Whole.

Mayor Glover: Well plaques are not the important thing Mr. Chairman, it's the work that leads to them that matters more than anything.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, I'm so glad to hear you say that. That's just a token of appreciation for hard work. Mr. Mayor, I guess we'll continue with you for recognition of any special guest that you might have today. I see some smiling faces out in the audience.

Awards and recognition of distinguished guests by the Mayor, not to exceed fifteen minutes.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Mr. Chairman, as I've said to you and the rest of the Council on numerous occasions, anyone whose here in this Chamber or watching these proceedings is considered by this Administration as a special guest. So, we thank all those who are here today for taking time from their schedules to join us.

Communications of the Mayor relative to city business other than awards and recognition of distinguished guests.

Mayor Glover: The only guest or presentation that we have today is that want to provide this Council and the City as a whole an update on the Master Planning process. We know that there is something that will take place on tomorrow that is one of the milestones in this process, and so I've asked Charles Kirkland and Roy Jambor from the Metropolitan Planning Commission to essentially take up the vast majority of Mayoral Communications today and relate to you all exactly where we stand with the Master Planning process, and where we will be proceeding from here. Charles, Roy the floor is yours.

Mr. Kirkland: Thank you Mayor, City Council. I think you'll all be happy to hear that this report will be brief. It will not take very long to do. It is exciting. We were right in the middle of making one of the most important decisions in this process, and that's deciding who the lead consultant will be. We've provided the Council's office, the Mayor's office, the Parish Commission office and the Administration, and the MPC Board Members, copies of all of the responses we've received. Of course, I couldn't have been more I guess pleased myself, and when Roy who is a pure professional, I don't think they get much better than Roy when it comes to a professional planner as well as a number of other skills that he has, but the responses we got, I think you might have heard us say were outstanding. And that was hopefully a sign of good things that they entrust in our city, and they liked the approach that we're using. Which means we don't want any predecided upon team, we want you to come be lead consultant, and our community is going to help you decide who those other team members are, local people as well, in the different areas we will need a lot of work done on.

So, the timelines are that we are right now, we've asked for Monday, the 27th of October to be the deadline for anybody who has looked at the consultant list of folks to let us know who they would recommend to the MPC to select. An MPC Subcommittee will meet on the 28th to review those recommendations, and then those will be made to the MPC Board in these Chambers at 1:00 on October 30th. That's a Thursday, a little different from our normal meeting on Wednesday. But we had to allow a little extra time to do as good a job as we can on narrowing this list, if you will, of what was Roy 11 consultants on the consultant roll?

Mr. Jambor: 12.

Mr. Kirkland: 12, anyhow, down to hopefully five and then the Board can decide whether they want to go with five or three or whatever. But that means that we should be able to then set another public meeting for the purpose of hearing the presentations from the short list, i.e. three to five. And it could be in these Chambers, maybe at LSUS. We're going to look at a number of sites. We want the public to have plenty of space to come and listen to these presentations. They won't get to vote on them and it won't be a public hearing for them, but they certainly can listen to the presentations, and we don't know if the Board will vote that down or not. We're going to encourage them to vote rather quickly either that day or the next day. But the point is this. We want the public to be able to hear how it goes on, unlike those who claim that a lot of our business has been carried on behind closed doors and private meetings, that's just nonsense. Hadn't been, and won't be as long as I'm the Planning Director anyway. And the Board can always fire me if don't know, but the bottom line is, it's a very common process. We're going to continue that throughout this entire process. So, we're well on our way and Roy, you want to add any comments?

Mr. Jambor: A number of people for example have asked me to come to the Southern Hills Home Owners Association. That was a very, very effective forum to explain to the community at large, where we are and what's going on. If anybody has a similar sort of forum, I think we're meeting with the Western Hills folks?

Mr. Kirkland: Right.

Mr. Jambor: Later this week. Any forums like that to let the public be more aware of what's going on and when it's going to happen, please call us. We'd love to use that opportunity. One of the reasons we're looking at a public meeting, very much like the retreat we had last December, these are some fairly high caliber people here. We think it will help educate the community about what we're going to embark on, if they listen to these guys describe their approach. That's why we're trying to make this so accessible to the public. They don't have to commit to sit in here the whole time. We're going to try and make it in location in a format where they can come and go and not disturb anybody. And another thing, just so you'll have it in the forefront, our Board made what I think was a very excellent recommendation. Once we're down to a lead consultant and will be fairly near the holiday time then, they thought it was a real good idea to have kind of a public gathering where the community could meet and talk to the consultants one on one, more of a social gathering before this endeavor starts in full force so to speak.

Mr. Kirkland: Do you have any questions or recommendations? If not Mayor, that concludes our report. Council Members, to say we've been waiting for this a long time, and it's on the way. I hope and I think you will be just as excited as we are as this process unfolds.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Charles, thank you Roy. Council Members, I'm going to ask as this process moves forward that Charles and Roy come back, if not every Council Meeting, at least every other Council Meeting which would be approximately about once a month, to keep us updated and on point with exactly what's going on. Obviously encourage

all of you all to be involved and participate. I know that last December as we kicked this process off with out gathering down at the Convention Center, I think we had almost full participation from the Council. We want to hopefully continue that as much as possible in which we hope to try and facilitate that, as to keep you all abreast and informed of what's going on. And obviously we also want you to encourage your constituents. Roy referenced your neighborhood groups, your civic associations, your churches, your schools, your business folks, all throughout your various districts to be involved, connected, and engaged throughout this process. Because that's the only that'll hopefully end up accomplishing what I hope we all envisioned, and that's the road map for how we lead this city forward. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Councilmen.

Councilman Shyne: Councilwoman Bowman, just before I accept a motion, I wish you all would indulge me in about 30 seconds. I need to call Jim Holt up and I need him to bring his friend with him Mr. Cedric Henderson. And since Cedric was here on yesterday, Jim needs about 15 seconds to give him a solution to a problem that he asked on yesterday, and then I'm going to come to Mrs. Bowman.

Mr. Holt: You clear on Mr. Henderson's request, or would you like for him to go over what it is that he's actually after?

Councilman Lester: Could you review it for me?

Councilman Shyne: But if you could kinda do it in a short form, and just kinda tell us in lets say about a paragraph what it is, because Jim has the answer for you.

Mr. Henderson: Well, all I want is that they put me some dirt and grass there, and put me up a short wall there to keep everything from washing down. That's all I ask.

Mr. Holt: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I left the chronology in front of each of you on this property. It shows that we started our process back on February of '07. Went through the end of September of '07, when we finally demolished the property. Found out the Owner had died and we sent certified notices which are required by law. We did the advertisements in the newspaper. We never had contact from anybody. It was taken to the Property Standards Board, they ordered rehab or demolition. That was not done. We were then about a year and a half later, contacted July 15th of '08 by Mr. Henderson. That was the first contact we'd had with Mr. Henderson. There apparently was some period of time when we demolished this old garage, Mr. Henderson moved into the property which had been vacated through the death of some relative. Mr. Henderson does not own this property. There's never been a succession done. So, his legal rights as far as this property is concern is very questionable. What you'll also find attached are the before and after pictures of this garage that was demolished showing very clearly that the steel retaining wall was still in place when the contractor finished his job. You'll also find affidavits signed by the contractor that did the demolition and our inspector testifying that the wall was in place after the garage had been removed. There is a third affidavit signed by a new inspector who is now after the property for it's current condition being violation of the care of premises law. I have had here hold back on pursuing that violation until we can get this matter resolved here. When I was notified by Mr. Henderson of what he was after, which is basically to replace the part of this yard which he does not own, that is washed away, I had not choice but to refer him to Insurance and Risk. They in turn hired a private adjuster to review the claim, and that private adjuster did give them a determination of no liability on the part of the City. You have any questions, I'll be glad to answer them.

Councilman Lester: Clearly our claims folks said that we have no responsibility as it relates to this issue, and when the contractor did their job, retaining wall and all this stuff was there?

Mr. Holt: It was still in place when they finished.

Councilman Lester: And those are the pictures after they - - - that's part of the packet we have.

Mr. Holt: Yes sir.

Councilman Shyne: Alright, if we have no more other questions, Cedric, I'm going to give you - - - I'm sorry, I should say, Mr. Henderson, I'm going to give you one more shot, and then we're going to - - -.

Mr. Henderson: Okay, the property is my grandmother's property at 1418 Clay Street. My mother Ferma Lee Emerson is the overseer of the property. I moved in the property. My brother went and fixed the property up that was required to be done by the City of Shreveport that they asked to be done. After the property was fixed and everything, I moved in. Then afterward, we had a storm. That wall was there. I admit the wall was there. That's why I said that I had talked to Red Cross and FEMA about what had happened. So, Red Cross and FEMA turned be back to the City of Shreveport to get it taken care of to get it taken care of. And that's where we ended up at. And after it happened, I tried for so long to get it taken care of. And I've tried to call Cedric Glover. I've tried to talk with him first. And then I couldn't get in touch with Calvin, because I didn't know if he was my City Councilman in my district at that time, because I had just moved into the house. And so I was left up to call you Joe Shyne. And after I called you and talked to you, and let you know what was going on, if I could have brought my mother down here today, she could tell you everything exactly what I'm yet still saying, and that the work was done. I have receipts, I have everything, where everything was done what was required for the City of Shreveport to have me to do. And that's why I'm where I am. For anything else that they're saying, I don't know anything about it.

Councilman Shyne: Let me say this. I think we have gotten a ruling from the City. I'm going to refer you to your Council Person, who is also an attorney. And after the meeting, the two of you all can get together, and you all can decide on what step you want to go from here, or whether this is the end of it. So, you can wait a little while, and Councilman Lester will come around and at least say something to you. Cedric, we appreciate you coming down and we appreciate you expressing your concern.

Councilman Lester: Mr. Chairman, could I ask a question if you don't mind? I appreciate it. Jim, what is the status of this particular case? As I appreciate it - - -

Mr. Holt: Current violations?

Councilman Lester: Yes.

Mr. Holt: Been written up for a care of premises and we've stopped the pursuit of that until we get this resolved.

Councilman Lester: And that issue is whether or not the City is responsible for the retaining wall and that issue?

Mr. Holt: No sir, current violation is cause the whole yard is washing away and down on - - - because the retaining wall is gone.

Councilman Lester: Okay. So I guess my question is what is it that we have to resolve, because I think the pictures and the evidence are pretty clear to me.

Mr. Holt: As far as I'm concerned, we have nothing to resolve.

Councilman Lester: Okay. How about we go with that?

Mr. Holt: Fine with me.

Councilman Shyne: Alright. Thank you. Councilwoman Bowman?

Councilwoman Bowman: Mr. Chairman, at this time I move that we go into Executive Session Pursuant to R.S. 42:6 and R.S. 42:7, to discuss strategy or negotiations relative to the following matters:

- (1) Angela Garbarino v. City of Shreveport The plaintiff alleges damages based on an alleged battery by a Shreveport police officer, an has made a formal demand on the City.
- (2) MB Industries, L.L.C. v. City of Shreveport Docket No. 521,819-A First Judicial District Court Caddo Parish, Louisiana. A lawsuit concerning the Beaird lease, and; If I can get a second, I'll have some comments:

Motion by Councilman <u>Bowman</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Webb</u> to move into Executive Session.

Councilwoman Bowman: Mr. Chairman, at this time we are to remember that this motion requires a two-thirds vote of all members to be adopted. And if the motion is adopted, no final or binding action can be taken during the Executive Session. Invited to be in attendance are all City Council Members, Art Thompson, Julie Glass, Mayor Glover and Tom Dark, Chief Whitehorn, Attorney Terri Scott, Attorney Mary Winchell, Attorney Dannye Malone, and Attorney Edwin Byrd.

Councilman Shyne: How about Rick Seaton? Is he?

Councilwoman Bowman: No sir.

Councilman Shyne: Okay.

Councilman Long: Mr. Chairman, what about - - - was Ms Bea or Sharon mentioned?

Councilwoman Bowman: We don't need any minutes or anything like that.

Councilman Webb: We're ready to vote.

Councilman Shyne: We are? All in favor of the Executive Session, vote Yea. Opposers vote Nay.

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

3:31 p.m. - Council assembles in Executive Session

4:43 p.m. - Council reconvenes into Regular Session.

Councilman Shyne: I think Councilwoman Bowman has an apology that she would like to apologize to you all for - - - go head on Councilwoman Bowman.

Councilwoman Bowman: Well what I'm going to apologize for is if we went into Executive Session, we had to go into Executive Session to discuss those issues. But I apologize for having you all sit out here and wait the time it took us to do that. It took a little bit longer than I thought. But anyway, thanks for your patience.

Councilman Shyne: And she had a little *Blue Bell* for us, I don't know whether you all got any or not. Did ya?

Reports: Property Standards Report

Councilman Shyne: Okay. Property Standards, I don't think we have any more. Do we have any more questions for Property Standards? Where is Jim? Did he go home? Okay. Mike, we'll wait till Jim gets back. Mr. Thompson, I think you want to make a couple of comments about our Public Hearing.

Public Hearing: Proposed Resolution No. 231 of 2008: A resolution stating the City of Shreveport's endorsement of LH Commercial Real Estate Services, Inc., to participate in the benefits of the Louisiana Restoration Tax Abatement Program, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, we called a Public Hearing. It was called, and it was advertised for today on Resolution No. 231 of 2008. The resolution stating the City of Shreveport's endorsement of LH Commercial Real Estate Services, Inc., to participate in the benefits of the Louisiana Restoration Tax Abatement Program. We found out that all of the taxing authorities were not notified, but because the Public Hearing was noticed and called for today, we would ask the Chairman, if he would ask if anybody wants to speak on the Public Hearing today, and then we will ask you to postpone it until the next meeting. But I think it would be appropriate to get any comments today if anybody wants to comment on it.

Councilman Shyne: You have heard the request of Mr. Thompson, do we have anyone who came down today that has comments on the Public Hearing that will be held October 28, 2008.

Mr. Thompson: If not Mr. Chairman, we would ask for a motion to postpone the Public Hearing until October 28, 2008.

Motion by Councilman <u>Walford</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Wooley</u> to postpone the Public Hearing until October 28, 2008. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

Adding Items to the Agenda, Public Comments, Confirmations and Appointments.

A. Adding Items to the Agenda (Clerk reads items into the record - public comments allowed on items proposed to be added, then items can be added only after unanimous vote [See Act 131 of 2008])

The Clerk read the following:

1. Resolution No. 248 of 2008: Declaring the intention of the City of Shreveport (The "City") to proceed with the issuing of not to exceed Eleven Million and No/100 (\$11,000,000) Dollars Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority Revenue Bonds (Shreveport Airport Cargo Facility Project) Series 2008C-AMT Revenue Bonds and Five Million and No/100 (\$5,000,000) Dollars Louisiana Local Governmental Environmental Facilities and Community Development Bonds (Shreveport Airport System Project) Series 2008D-Taxable Revenue Bonds for the purpose of (i) The acquisition, construction and equipping of a Cargo Freight Facility of Approximately 57,000 square feet at

Shreveport Regional Airport, 9ii) Terminating an existing swap agreement if determined to be appropriate and feasible, (iii) funding a Debt Service Reserve Fund, if required, and (iv) paying the costs of issuance thereof and further providing with respect thereto.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Thompson, I believe we have to ask if there is anyone who has any comments in relation to adding this item to the agenda. If not - - -

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I would make one more comment. This can be voted on today, and I believe the Bond Attorneys have requested that the Council would do it. Not at this time, but when it comes up on the regular point in the aenda.

Motion by Councilman <u>Long</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Webb</u> to add Resolution No. 248 of 2008 to the agenda. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

The Clerk read the following:

2. **Ordinance No. 147 of 2008**: An ordinance making certain findings with respect to the issuance of the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority Revenue Refunding Bonds on behalf of the City of Shreveport of not to exceed Eleven Million and No/100 (\$11,000,000) Dollars Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority Revenue Bonds (Shreveport Airport Cargo Facility Project) Series 2008C-AMT Revenue Bonds and Five Million and No/100 (\$5,000,000) Dollars Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Bonds (Shreveport Airport System Project) Series 2008D-Taxable Revenue Bonds for the purpose of (i) The acquisition, construction and equipping of a cargo freight facility of approximately 57,000 square feet at Shreveport Regional Airport, (ii) Terminating an existing Swap Agreement if determined to be appropriate and feasible, (iii) Funding a Debt Service Reserve Fund, if required, and (iv) Paying the costs of issuance thereof, approving the forms of and authorizing the distribution, execution and delivery of the preliminary, if any, and final official statements; Approving the form of the trust indenture, authorizing the execution and delivery of the loan agreement, a Bond Purchase 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.

Councilman Shyne: Okay, do we have anyone who would like to make any comments in relation to adding this item to the agenda. If not Councilman Wooley, you see it paid off when we sent Mr. Thompson to that Workshop, the Carnegie Fast Reading Workshop. Paid off didn't it?

Councilman Wooley, Money well spent.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Thompson, thank you, hear?

Mr. Thompson: I'll have to collect for that Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Shyne: Mayor, do we have that in the budget?

Mayor Glover: We will soon find out Mr. Chairman. I want to thank the Council Members for adding those item to the budget - - - I mean to the agenda rather. And we also held a review session on yesterday prior to Work Session that several of you had a chance to

attend. We certainly between now and the time that we ask you all to take action on these, we want to afford you every opportunity possible to be able to understand exactly what we're doing here. We have Mr. Weems and Ms. Fields may be somewhere near as well. And so whether we do it here in Council or in separate meetings, we're here to make sure that we help to detail exactly what the issues and challenges are before us.

Motion by Councilman <u>Wooley</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Long</u> to add Ordinance No. 147 of 2008 to the agenda. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

The Clerk read the following:

3. <u>Ordinance No. 148 of 2008</u>: An Ordinance amending the 2008 General Fund Budget and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Mr. Thompson: This ordinance appropriates an additional \$1,700,000 from the Riverfront fund into the General Fund's Operating Reserve and \$200,000 in anticipated FEMA receipts into various departmental budgets. It appropriates FEMA monies and additional Riverfront fund money into the General Fund.

Councilman Shyne: Do we have anyone in the audience that would like to speak or make some comments before we add this to the agenda? Alright, you all have been very cooperative today.

Motion by Councilman <u>Webb</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Long</u> to add Ordinance No. 148 of 2008 to the agenda. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

Public Comments (Comments on items to be adopted)

Mr. Floyd Robbins, Jr.: (1819 Oakdale Street) I'm an employee of the City of Shreveport, DOS, Water and Sewer, Customer Service. First I give honor to God who is the head of my life. To the Mayor and Administration, the City Council, I am here today because I have concerns about the proposed increase in salaries for certain employees of the City of Shreveport. I think that all of us understand that they really deserve that. They deserve to have what you are seeking to do for them, but so do the other city employees. All of the ones that have not been mentioned, and in this incident, we also hear that in the same phrase or tone, that there are going to be layoffs of classified city employees. Those city employees are the ones that make sure that your services are going to your home, you trash is leaving your house, sewer moving away. They can bring in the revenue. These employees also put you in office to take care of them. We are asking that you consider revising your thoughts about the layoffs and keeping the employees as they are. I'm quite sure that you don't want to convey to any businesses or industries to have the eye of Shreveport, this is how we treat our citizens, this is how we treat our workers. How will afford insurance? How will they take care of bills, pay for their homes? Pay taxes? How will they do this? These are the same people that dedicate their lives to the City of Shreveport, a third of their lives, taking care of it, making sure that our lives and our standard of living are up to par. These employees are only asking for an opportunity to keep their jobs and be able to voice an opinion with you. Maybe we can sit down and come to a common ground. What would be good for the City, the Council, the

Mayor's Administration, and the employees, other than layoffs. And in my closing, is this the picture that we want to send to our youth? Is this the picture we want to send to the rest of the nation? We're the city employees, and Local 13-25 ask that you keep the work force as is. Thank you.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Robbins, we appreciate you coming down. We might have some questions from Councilman Lester, and other Council Members, but I do want to say that there probably will be a little bit of pain. But we plan to kinda share this pain around.

Councilman Lester: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Robbins, I appreciate you coming down here, both in your individual capacity, as well as your capacity as leader of Local (inaudible) Workers Union. I am very concerned about layoffs, and I'm certainly concerned about doing anything from a budgetary standpoint that will result in the loss of jobs. We have some tough choices that we have to face, but I cannot in good conscious, and I speak obviously for myself only, I cannot in good conscious in one hand say that we need to do some 'belt tightening,' in one hand and then on the other hand vote for a proposed pay increase. And No. 1 only deals with the certain segment of our employees. That does not treat all city employees fair, and in the current budgetary climate, would result in even a more drastic type situation as it relates to layoffs. Yesterday, I started working on a program, and I intend to with the help of our Budget Analyst, propose it to for the Council's (inaudible) at the next Council Meeting that will do a number of things. 1) Assume a less aggressive increase in sales taxes. With the current situation as we see it on Wall Street, I'm concerned about how far we're going to estimate sales taxes. I'm also going to ask in the proposal that I'm working on, that we do a number of things. I guess you could say, I would much rather cut perks than cut people. And so I'm looking at a scenario where not only will we deal with car allowances for no car allowance for Administration folks, I'm talking about no car allowances anywhere within the width and breadth of the city completely. Going back to another system and seeing if there are some things that we can save in terms of resources and stuff. I don't know if it's going to work, but my commitment to you guys is before I vote on anything that would result in a single loss of any job of any city work, that we would have done the maximum from our standpoint to make sure that we give you guys the respect that you deserve. Because it is true that guys that are in here in the orange uniforms and the blue uniforms, with the names on the shirt, that's the City of Shreveport. It's not us. It's those folks that when the water goes out at 2:00 in the morning, and someone calls us, and we call Mike, and they call you, and your guys go out and take care of it, that's the City of Shreveport. And I agree with you. That's the city that we want to project, and I think those folks deserve as much respect as we can give, and my vow to you is to continue to keep that in the forefront of my mind as we go through budget processes. But I will be offering that as at our next Council Meeting. But I would love to sit down with you and your leadership team to maybe - - - y'all can help us both from a working standpoint and an Administration and Council standpoint to find some areas of redundancy that maybe we can cut some things. Because certainly your guys are at the forefront of where literally the rubber meets the road as we deal with city services. So I appreciate you coming down and talking with us, and certainly know that your thoughts have a home with my thoughts. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Robbins, before you go to your seat, I think we have another Councilman that wants to - - -

Councilman Walford: Absolutely. Mr. Robbins, thank you for coming down and I echo many of Mr. Lester's thoughts. And I will tell you that we're going to have to punch some more holes in the belt, because we're going to tighten beyond where the holes are right now. I can't in good conscious let some things go that are going right now and lay off

employees. Just can't do it, I wasn't elected to do that, and I won't let that happen if there's anyway in the world to avoid it. I too am going to vote a very difficult vote today against a pay raise that I think is financially and fiscally irresponsible. But, that doesn't mean that I don't want every employee including Police, Fire and every worker to get a raise. And when the money is there, I certainly am going to support it. I've had conversations with Calvin Lester about what he told you about car allowances, and I think it's the kind of thing we need to be looking at. So don't think that we're sitting up here and not paying attention. Because we certainly are and we appreciate every worker. I live in one of those neighborhoods where the water seems to flow out about every six weeks. I see 'em out there at 2:00 in the morning, no matter how cold it is or what. And I appreciate every worker we have in the city.

Councilwoman Bowman: Yes sir. Everything sounds good, fine and dandy, but it's my understanding that the employees, and I've been told this by employees that they will be receiving or they have received letters or information that they were going to be laid off effective December 31st. In my opinion, that means that we cannot sit here and give you a line that sounds good without making sure that we do what we say we're going to do. Talk is cheap. Thank you.

Councilman Shyne: And Mr. Robbins, I just want to clear up one thing, and I'm going to let you go to your seat. I would hope that no one would consider my vote as being irresponsible, because I don't basically agree with their philosophy. It might be irresponsible to that individual, and it might not be irresponsible to somebody else. So, I don't want to sit here in judgement on how a colleague of mine might vote on an issue and tell that particular colleague that they are irresponsible because that doesn't necessarily have to be the truth. So, I don't want you leaving here thinking that because somebody might not vote the way that you think that they ought to vote or I think they ought to vote, that they are irresponsible. Because that's not the American way. That's why we live in the greatest country on the face of this earth. That's why we live in a democracy. So that we might disagree and don't have to be disagreeable. I can disagree with Bryan Wooley, and I don't have assassinate his character or his intelligence disagreeing with him. So appreciate you coming down, and I think you probably got the word from all of the Council Members that we're going to be doing everything to make sure that we reserve those jobs for those people that are being laid off. Of course a lot of times those persons being laid off are those people who sometimes happen to be at the bottom end of the totem pole. And I don't mean no harm by saying totem pole, but I understand and I appreciate you coming down, and please come back again.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, I'd like the opportunity to be able to address Mr. Robbins if I may?

Councilman Shyne: Oh, sure Mr. Robbins come back. This is an honor for you to be addressed by the Mayor.

Mayor Glover: Thank you members of the Council. Mr. Robbins, I want to thank you for coming down here today, and sharing with this administration and this council your concerns. And for also very ably representing the none police and fire employees of this city. At least those who are members of your organization. You make some very relevant and valid points today, and I also think that you deserve to hear some very straight and direct talk about exactly where we are and what we're in the midst of. This Administration has submitted a budget that calls for the reduction of 31 positions, but I think we've also mentioned that even where we stand right now in terms of how those individuals who are affected directly, would find themselves in the position to be able to move into some other areas of city government, and still maintain their employment with the City of Shreveport. Now there are at least a couple of those positions that do represent our true losses. And in my

opinion, they also represent necessary losses in terms of being able to achieve the kinds of efficiencies that this Administration wants to put forward, as we look forward to run a more efficient and effective operation. But now, you specifically came before this Council today to address an issue that causes great concern, and obviously is of great concern of each and everyone to each and every one of the individuals on this City Council, and that is the Police pay raise that is before us. You know as Mayor, I am loathed to want to be here to say anything against offering additional pay to any part of our first responders. These are folks who are responsible for going out and doing very difficult work on a day-in and day-out basis. And frankly they do things that you and I would not do. You know I might deem someone who might work in one of these other divisions, or one of these other departments. But the idea of strapping a gun to my side, and going into someone's house who's door has been kicked in and trying to figure out whether or not there's an armed felon on the inside is something I'm not quite sure I'd be very excited about doing. By the same token, if there were a house that was fully engulfed in flames and people were trying to struggle to get out, I'm not sure if I'd want to be one of those folks who'd strap on a firefighter's uniform and run in there attempting to save both life and property. So, without question they deserve a great deal of honor and recognition and acknowledgement for the work that they do. In particular when I look at the statistical data that tells me that the crime rate in Shreveport right now is at a - - - we had our first overall reduction last year, 2%. First time in violent crime in a decade. This year, year to date, we're down by 16%. And so that tells me that all over Shreveport, whether you're talking water and sewerage, streets and drainage, the whole nine yards, fire and police, folks that just simply - - - property standards, people are putting their shoulders to the wheel and helping to make this a better city. But now there are four votes up here today to vote for what it is that you are here speaking on. Those four votes are enough to carry the day. That means that that motion will pass, and it will carry. That will mean, that I think somewhere in the neighborhood of roughly \$2,000,000 additional dollars would be taken out of this current budget to pay for that. Now, if that were to become law, if that were to take effect, if the four votes that you're going to see that light up, were to have their way, the number that we're talking about in terms of potential losses wouldn't be 33, it would be dozens, and dozens and dozens more. And as a combination of what would entail both people as well as services. Because we're at a situation and circumstances right now as a city, as a region, as a state, as a country, and globally, we're fiscally financially, we're approaching a period that has been unprecedented in the lives of most of us who are still here breathing today. And so to see that vote take place, and to see that \$2,000,000 +, \$1.9 (million) is one figure, \$2.8 (million) is another I've heard. I'm assuming at some point we'll hear an actual number to find that \$2,000,000 in his budget means that literally untold numbers more of your employees of your fellow employees will end up not having a very merry Christmas. And while certainly we look forward to slicing and slicing even further, car allowances, and everything else. There' snot enough car allowance in this budget to be able to come even towards 10% of the \$2,000,000 that's being talked about here today that would have to be found within this budget. I doubt it even gets to be 5%, if it's that much. And so we're going to talk about really slicing, and really cutting, and really tightening, then it needs to be real, and so while I respect the process that we're in the midst of today, I'm going to talk to you and tell you exactly what the real situation is. That's probably why I've asked this Council to join with me in making this budget process one that is open and above board as we can make it. But if we don't sit here and tell you that we're going to go in and scrub the budget and tighten it up, and work to make sure that we don't lose anymore employees, and at the same time, say to the Administration to go out and find \$2,000,000 for something that you know we don't have the money to spend for in the first place.

Mr. Robbins: I understand, but I want to make perfectly clear. I'm not talking against Police and Fire getting their raise. I think they should have theirs. I'm saying at the best, at the best to find, should find - - -should be able to look into your budgets. There are some cutting other areas that you can do without losing the jobs. It can be done.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Robbins, I think we're going to do that, and I know you didn't come up here to get all this lecture, but we have one more for you. Councilman Wooley has some information that he'd like to bring to you. Look like you opened up something that was kind of a sore spot for somebody.

Councilman Wooley: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Robbins, I just wanted to tell you first of all I appreciate you and all the city employees of the City of Shreveport. It does not go unnoticed, no unappreciated. And we will work very diligently through this budget process to ensure the best we can to our ability to see that those jobs are not lost. Because as we found out yesterday, there is definitely some fat that needs to be trimmed in every department, not just one. And you'll see later on this presentation if you're able to stay that the money didn't have to be found, because the money has always been there to do what we need to do for police. Mr. Mayor mentioned he's looking to run a more efficient government. That is exactly the idea and the foundation on principal to do what we're doing with this police pay raise. It's going to be cost effective, and yet still provide the excellent public safety that we provide to the City of Shreveport. I thank you today. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Robbins, we appreciate you coming down, cause like I said again, people are entitled to vote their convictions, cause all of the employees that we have in the City of Shreveport are very near and very dear to us and again, I would like to assure you that there are some places of \$5,000 car allowance, or a \$6,000 car allowance, or a \$3,500 car allowance for somebody who is making \$100,000 or \$115,000 a year. I don't think you would agree with that, when you have somebody making \$17 or 18,000, that's going to be laid off. I couldn't sleep at night, and I know you wouldn't be able to sleep at night knowing that somebody was getting a \$5,000 car allowance, and that somebody who is losing their job over there. So we appreciate you coming down, and again please come back.

Mr. Bennie Thompson: (4434 Greenwood Blvd) I didn't know I was going to get up here this quick. I'm objecting to a single wide mobile home being moved in across the street from where I live. And that's the main thing, I don't won't it. And I understand it's supposed to be rental property, and I've got an awful lot invested in my house, I don't think this will help the situation any in our neighborhood. And that's really all I got to say.

Councilman Shyne: Bennie, that was a whole lot.

Mr. Thompson: Yeah, I know.

Mr. Bill Cobb: (4320 Greenwood Blvd) I wish to apologize to the Council for my appearance, when I arrived here, I thought I was going to be a spectator. I'm not a speaker. And I'm also against moving any mobile homes in there. To make it plain, the gentleman that moved it in there when they moved the first single home in there, tat we were against it, and now he's moved that one in, he moved a double in. And I understand he wants to move more in. I don't understand why he would like to come into an area of single family homes, right in the midst of them and want to put in a mobile home park. And from all indications it seems to me that, that is his intention. Now, I'd like to know if he intends to live in one of them, if he intends to sell them, or if he intends to rent 'em. And I'm under the impression

that he intends to rent 'em while he lives somewhere else. Now I'm sure that he wouldn't like it in his neighborhood. And as I say, I'm against it. Thank you.,

Mr. Eric Dean: (4423 Greenwood Blvd) And as my neighbors have stated, we've already gone through this with the Zoning Appeals Board. They looked at it, came out and physically looked at the situation and they voted unanimously against this. I want to apologize to all of y'all on the City Council, and Mr. Mayor. This is something that should have already been taken care of, and y'all got a whole lot more important stuff to fool with than this. But we are quite opposed to this. We don't want it. I can't be any plainer than that.

Councilman Shyne: Thank you. Have you gotten a chance to talk to your Council Person?

Mr. Dean: Yes sir, I have. And we've spoken with Ms. Bowman about this. We feel like, and she understands our position on this. It's just - - -we're kinda in a flux in our neighborhood. We've had problems years before. It takes a long time to clean up a mess. We've got a mess we're in the process of cleaning up along with Jim Holt, whose been super in helping us do that. It's a work in progress. We feel like this would be a step backwards.

Mr. Frank Allstine: (7119 S. Lakeshore) I have a step mom that lives at 4140 Greenwood Blvd, on property on the corner of Greenwood Blvd and Hwy 80. My sister owns the house at 4448 Greenwood Blvd. We were raised in that area. Mayor, I know you've got a lot more to do than this, and I'm like Eric, I apologize for bringing this forward. We went to the Metropolitan Planning Commission, and we thought we had it taken care of. These are all nice homes on this street. Brick homes, framed homes, big nice lots. This gentleman, and I admire what he's trying to do, but he's trying to buy - - - he hasn't purchased it. He's got evidently an order to purchase the property if he can get this done. We discussed this before. These houses are on big nice lots, have big nice trees. That's a 50' lot he's trying to buy, and put a single wide, I think it's a '99 model refurbished trailer. Singlewide trailer in the midst of these homes. And anybody we've talked to in the neighborhood is against it. I'm against it as a property owner there, and I think all of these homes are owner occupied and he's wanting to rent this house out. I think there's a rental unit down at the other end of the street, but it just needs to be brought to somebody's attention. I thought it was against an ordinance to bring in a single-wide into the city, and evidently it's not. I don't know. But the whole neighborhood is against it. And we need to voice our opinion, and I appreciate your time.

Councilman Shyne: Just one minute, and I appreciate you coming up. I think Councilman Lester wants to comment.

Councilman Lester: Just a brief comment, and the only reason I'm saying it cause I've heard you and your neighbors say it like twice. There's no need for you guys to apologize for bringing something before the Council, that's what we're here for. That's what we're here for.

Mr. Allstine: Well it's an honor for me to be here sir, cause I've never been here, and I've seen y'all on television. Y'all got a lot of work to do, but it's a shame that something like this has to come before you, instead of the Metropolitan Planning Commission. We thought we had it done.

Councilman Lester: This is our job, you've got a great Councilwoman down there, she's already caucused with us. We're supporting her, so there's no reason to apologize for bringing something down here, that's what we're here for.

Councilman Shyne: I just appreciate you coming down looking at me in person, cause I know I probably look a little different on TV.

Mr. Allstine: I usually see you wearing a hat. Thank you for your time.

Ms. Lena Parker: (8602 W. Wilderness Way) I own the property in question. And I'm glad that you want to listen. Because I'd like to tell you where I'm coming from. My husband inherited this 50' lot from his dad. My husband died two years ago, I'm a widow. I'm trying to divest myself of my property in order to have money to live. And that's why I wanted to sell this property. I've known Susan and Grant Cherry for many years. And I know the type of property they own. I know the type of mobile homes that they own, I know what they look like. And I have been on that street, and I know what some of those houses look like. They're not all brick, they're not all in good shape. There are several houses that nobody even lives in on that street. There are mobile homes on that street right now. And I think that Mrs. Cherry will show you pictures of some of them. But I am asking you to allow me to sell a 50 foot lot to someone who will enhance the neighborhood and not run the neighborhood down, because I need the money. And I need to sell my lot. Thank you.

Ms. Susan Cherry: (4545 Frances Street) This is actually just across the interstate from this property. And I think probably at one point before the interstate came through, it may have all been one subdivision through there, I'm not really sure, but it kinda appears like it is because the type neighborhood that I live in is the same type neighborhood that's across the highway that I'm trying to put this mobile home in. The neighborhood that I live in currently has mobile homes and stick built homes in there as well. It's a nice street, people take care of their property, just because it's a mobile home, doesn't mean it's going to be run down or not taken care of. We have taken probably 10-15 houses in neighborhoods that were eyesores through the last several years, and refurbished them and turned them into nice looking properties, that people were proud. The homeowners were very proud that we came in and took the properties and refurbished them, because they were very run down properties. We take pride in doing this. We can take a pig's ear and turn it into a silk purse. People are amazed sometimes at what we can do with properties, and so we take great pride in that. We also take great pride in our rental properties to constantly be upgrading them to try to make them better properties. The better properties they are, the better tenants you get, and the better overall helps people across the board. When we think - - - and if people could just see what we do with properties and what our rental properties look like, I think they would be very pleased for us to put a rental property in this piece of property there. Affordable rentals like this are very hard to come by in decent areas where people are not afraid to have gunshots, they're not afraid to lay their head on the pillow at night. They need a good property that they can live in and rent at a decent rental rate. The mobile home that we're wanting to put in this property is not a '97 refurbished mobile home, it's a 2002 model mobile home with a gable roof on it. It's got shingle composition roof on it, it's very modern. The inside of it is beautiful. It has pickled cabinets throughout, it's gorgeous. It has a wonderful master suite in it, so we'll have people standing in line to rent the property when we get through setting up. It will be skirted nicely. If it needs to be landscaped, we had talked at the previous meeting about not landscaping it, because that was not requirement, but if it is a requirement that we landscape, we'd be glad to do that. We don't have a problem with that. And as y'all stated, the economy around here is going down and we need more properties that people can rent that are decent properties, and nice properties. There is no consistency on this street with what's there. There are houses, there are mobile homes, there are huge workshops in people's properties, there are barns, there are a lot of diversity in the neighborhood. I sent a letter stating this as well as pictures. Do y'all have these pictures that I have that I sent to the panel before that shows there are currently four single wide mobile homes that are down that street. And on Rose Street in that neighborhood, there are four double wides there in that

neighborhood. So we're not asking to come in and do something that's not already there. And I can assure you that anything that we put on that lot is going to look as good as anything on that street. And yes, there are some brick homes there, and I think it's wonderful that people have these homes that are taking care of them. But there is a lot of houses on the street that have not been taken care of, that have not been maintained, and according to the tax records when I looked up to see who the homeowners were and who lived in those houses, probably close to a half of the properties, that have addresses that tax notices are being mailed somewhere else, which tells me that the homeowners don't live there, which tells me that they're rental properties. And you know there are homeowners on the street, there are a lot of rental properties, and I just ask you to reconsider the decision that the Council made. And yes, we are coming back. We feel that this is an important issue. It's not something that's - - - we're not wasting anybody's time by coming because we are trying to get affordable housing for people to live in, and our right is to come back and appeal if we don't agree with the decision that the Appeals Council made. So I appreciate your time very much. Anybody have any questions?

Councilman Webb: Yes Ms. Cherry, how many rental properties do you own out in that area?

Ms. Cherry: I have - - - I don't have anything on that particular street in that area, I've got some in the Lakeview Subdivision which is over on Cross Lake, that are mobile homes, single wide mobile homes. I have several mobile homes that are currently in mobile home parks that I'm wanting to get out of the mobile home parks and put them on just a residential lot. You get better tenants, and like I said earlier, we're always striving to improve our rental properties and make a more decent place for someone to live.

Councilman Webb: When you went to the Metropolitan Planning Commission, how many people were there, that were in opposition to this?

Ms. Cherry: Three.

Councilman Webb: Did the MPC give you a reason why they turned your application down?

Ms. Cherry: No sir, they just said that they had denied it. And I'm assuming it was because of the opposition in the neighborhood. And I as a homeowner can understand that. But when the President is already said in the neighborhood that there are single-wides already on the street, there are two single-wides within 1,000 feet of this property. So to deny me a mobile home based on the fact that there are no mobile homes on the street is incorrect. So, I understand their concern of another mobile home being brought in there, but to deny me because two others are already in there is not being consistent with what I already see happening on the street.

Councilman Webb: I've known your husband Grant for 46 years, and I've seen some of the work that y'all do on your houses. But I'm really surprised to be honest with you - - -

Councilwoman Bowman: In District G?

Councilman Webb: So adamant about moving forward with this one case instead of just moving along.

Ms. Cherry: Well I'm adamant about it because to find - - - and to be honest with you, I mean, we wouldn't go in a lot of neighborhoods to put a mobile homes because there are no mobile homes in there. So to go into an area where there are no mobile homes and say now we want to put a mobile home. And the reason we chose this. 1) We know Lena Parker and have known her for years, and she said I have this piece of property, I've tried to do something with it for years. I can't do anything with it, because it's not 50' wide, it's 48' wide. It's not wide enough to put a house on. You can put one in there sideways, but to put it

in there sideways, doesn't look concurrent with the rest of the street to stick a house in sideways. So, a single-wide mobile home is all that will fit in there. And so the reason we are pursuing this property is because it is a very desirable property to do exactly what we're trying to do. Is to create a nice rental environment. And some would say, 'Well you know I'm trying to portray the street as being totally run down.' Well the street is not totally run down. It still has some potential there. But it does have a lot of run down stuff on it, and what I'm trying to put on there is certainly not going to devalue the neighborhood at all.

Councilman Webb: Let me ask you this. The lot that you're wanting to put that on, who lives in the house right behind that?

Ms. Cherry: Behind the location?

Councilman Webb: (Inaudible) I saw in that picture.

Ms. Cherry: It's commercial back there. It's a body working place. (Inaudible)

Councilman Webb: No there's a house back there, I saw in the picture.

Ms. Cherry: Noyse Street, the street that's directly behind us, that abuts us, there are mobile homes back there. I don't know who lives directly. There's not a house directly behind this lot. There are several lots there that are empty, and there's a lot that runs parallel with the street that's directly behind it. The fortune teller place if you're looking at the lot on the corner up there. I mean, there's a lot of commercial around there, and this street actually backs up to commercial property, industrial type commercial property. So the type neighborhood that it is, it's not - - - you know and I'm not trying to run these people's neighborhood down, but it's not the same neighborhood it was 50 years ago. It's just not.

Mr. Grant Cherry: (4545 Frances) Just a little bit of my background. I've been in real estate since 1974. I have appraisers credentials from Rice University, and I'm a broker, and I've been listing and selling houses for this many years. I also have (inaudible) renovating houses before the term (inaudible) was ever coined. And so I have a lot of experience in what I'm doing here. My objective is not to run down this neighborhood or talk bad about it. We're here to talk about the facts. Some of the people who came before me to oppose this did not tell it exactly like it is. The MPC meeting before, they (inaudible) opposition to come in prepared to give any information. We didn't realize there was opposition, so we didn't have any. So we just come and got slam dunked that day. The tax records show as my wife said a while ago, about half of the houses are not occupied with the people that's on the tax records. There's a lot of renters in there. I've got printouts here for this neighborhood. This house closed for \$15,000. It's a shack. It's in terrible condition. That's at 4626 Wayne Road. 4219 Greenwood Blvd, house sold for \$15,950. 3236, house sold for \$10,500. 4341, house sold for \$21,000 and has a single-wide mobile home behind it. I seen Councilman shake his head a while ago. There's four single-wide mobile homes out there, and I can show 'em to you this afternoon, and there's four double-wides out there. There has been a (inaudible) set out there, just a year and a half ago, the MPC let two of 'me move in, and they're not grandfathered. They're right down the street from us. Mr. Kirkland was going to let us go out there and get administrative approval, but he was sick and couldn't go look at it to make sure you do that, but when he gave us administrative approval, he (inaudible) abutted us. We chose not to do that, we didn't have time to run it down, we only had about three days, and we said we'll just go the full route. So they were going to give it to us on signatures. Just like the people down the street got it. These people talk about the value of the street, and it's worse on the north end, which is away from Greenwood Blvd. When you appraise property, the neighborhood affects the value, the dirt the property's sitting on, so we see the values out there run the same, because the house on the corner across from Mr. Dean, has been for sale for seven months. It won't sell. I've talked to them today, and she can't sell it. She will probably sell it to a family member. We're not going to hurt this neighborhood. If you put a single-wide mobile home out there and set it up properly, it's donating value, it's not going to take any value away. When you go down the street, and I have a whole pile of pictures here I took this morning, of the conditions. You've got peeling paint down there. You've got 5325, with a single-wide (inaudible), it's one of the best looking property on the street. It's renovated, it has a cement driveway. Most of them have gravel driveways out there. You've got this double-wide down here, it's turned sideways because the lot's not big enough. You look (inaudible), there's not a window in it. It does not look good. You've got a dog kennel on the next street, dogs barking all night. You've got Child's at the back of the place back there, behind that property. Child's is an industrial site. I've got photographs of heavy equipment out there. It's an industrial area. There's no architecture or subdivision streets on records over there. This has been a haphazard development, not putting it down, it's just the way it was done back then. But when we lived across the way over there, it was the same way. If someone else can have a mobile home in there, (inaudible) a year and a half ago, we have a right to do the same thing. I think it's discriminatory to not give us an opportunity to do the same thing they did and improve that property. It has no use at 48' wide. I can get a permit and put a shotgun house up there, and renovate that and put it in there. This is a 2000 model home, because those houses down there are big, (inaudible), the point is you try to tailor those houses up on that street, without a code, and I can tell from the street by looking at 'em, if you need an explanation, I can give it to you. This house is (inaudible) code. When we (inaudible) full code as far as electrical and plumbing, it's going to exceed, I promise you, it's going to exceed over half the houses sitting there today. We're not going to hurt this neighborhood. And I've tried to explain to Mr. Dean and Mr. Thomas, we're going to help the neighborhood. If there are any questions, I'd be glad to answer them. If y'all need to verify any of this information, I'm talking about facts. They said there's no rentals over there, they said there's no mobile homes, they're there and I can verify it.

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TO INTRODUCE RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

RESOLUTIONS: None. **ORDINANCES:** None.

TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

RESOLUTIONS:

The Clerk read the following:

RESOLUTION NO. 236 of 2008

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NORRIS FERRY COMMUNITY CHURCH, LOCATED AT 10509 NORRIS FERRY RD., TO CONNECT TO THE WATER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, Norris Ferry Community Church 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 Norris Ferry Community Church, be authorized to connect the proposed building located at 10509 Norris Ferry Rd., to the water 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 <u>Wooley</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Shyne</u> to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 5. Nays: Councilmen Lester, Walford. 2.

RESOLUTION NO. 237 of 2008

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WISE HOMES, INC., LOCATED AT 9541 WEST ROCHEL, TO CONNECT TO THE WATER & SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, Wise Homes, Inc. 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 Wise Homes, Inc. be authorized to connect the structure, located at 9541 West Rochel, 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 <u>Wooley</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Shyne</u> to adopt. Motion failed by the following vote: Nays: Councilmen Lester, Walford, and Bowman. 3. Ayes: Councilmen Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 3. Out of the Chamber: Councilman Long. 1.

Councilman Shyne: Motion passes with a - - - 4-2 vote. Sorry, that's a - - -

Councilman Walford: No, it failed.

Councilman Shyne: Ask Michael to - - - tell him we got some candy for him.

Councilman Walford: If you want to bring it up, you've got to get motion from the prevailing side to bring it back up.

Councilwoman Bowman: Bring it back Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Shyne: Wait a minute now. I think Michael is coming. Michael is coming to vote.

Councilman Lester: Point of Order Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Walford: It's already been taken.

Mr. Thompson: It hasn't been closed.

Councilman Shyne: It's been taken, but it hasn't been closed. Mike you still get a chance to take a bite of the apple.

Councilman Long: What are voting on?

Councilman Wooley: To connect to the water system. It's part of the Twelve Oaks Subdivision.

Mr. Thompson: 9441 West Rochel.

Councilman Webb: Connect to the water and sewerage?

Councilman Shyne: Uh hmm. Councilman Long: Where is that?

Councilman Wooley: Twelve Oaks, on Flournoy Lucas.

Councilman Lester: Point of Order Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Shyne: Sure.

Councilman Lester: I believe the vote has been taken. That's what I'm thinking.

Councilman Shyne: I believe we're going to find out. Now if you don't want to vote, we're not going to force you to vote.

Councilman Long: I'd have voted for it, but if we're out of order, we're out of order.

Councilman Shyne: Well naw, I mean - - -

Councilman Lester: We are. Councilman Walford: We are.

Councilwoman Bowman: Explain it, it's not closed. Did you say 3-3? What did you say Mr. Chairman?

Councilman Shyne: 3-3. I'll bring it back up.

Ms. Glass: Mr. Chairman, I think under Robert's Rules, it depends on whether you had announced the vote. I thought you had not announced the vote. That's why we thought the voting was still open.

Councilman Shyne: I thought it was still open too. I thought I had announced it, but if they thought I did, we'll close it and we'll let somebody bring it back up.

Councilman Webb: I think you announced it 4-2 is what you did.

Councilman Shyne: We'll say it's 3-3, so it's moot at this point. Somebody want to bring it back at this point?

Councilman Walford: There has to be a motion for reconsideration.

Councilman Shyne: That's what I'm saying.

Councilman Lester: Point of Order Mr. Chairman. I mean my point of order is either lets go to No. 238 or if there is a motion, then let's have it.

Motion by Councilman <u>Bowman</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Wooley</u> to reconsider Resolution No. 237 of 2008.

Councilwoman Bowman: Mr. Chairman, I need to make a statement. I just have to -- it seems that if other people have developed the same concept that I've had all the long, and it hurts me, it bothers me Councilman Wooley to do this. It really does. I didn't want to go against the church. So, District G, forgive me.

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

Motion by Councilman <u>Wooley</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Long</u> to adopt Resolution No. 237 of 2008. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Long, Wooley, Webb, and Shyne. 4. Nays: Councilmen Lester, Walford, and Bowman. 3.

RESOLUTION NO. 238 of 2008

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING STEVEN ANDREW JOLLEY & SARAH ELIZABETH JOLLEY, LOCATED AT 203 OLYMPIA DR., TO CONNECT TO THE WATER & SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, Steven Andrew Jolley & Sarah Elizabeth Jolley have 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, Steven Andrew Jolley & Sarah Elizabeth Jolley, be authorized to connect the structure, located at 203 Olympia Dr., 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 <u>Wooley</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Long</u> to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Long, Wooley, Webb, and Shyne. 4. Nays: Councilmen Lester, Walford, and Bowman. 3

RESOLUTION NO. 239 of 2008

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BYRON LEE LAFIELD & LINDA KAY PETTEY LAFIELD, LOCATED AT 8063 AEGEAN LANE, TO CONNECT TO THE WATER & SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, Byron Lee Lafield & Linda Kay Pettey Lafield have 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 Byron Lee Lafield & Linda Kay Pettey Lafield, be authorized to

connect the structure, located at 8063 Aegean Lane 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 <u>Wooley</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Long</u> to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Long, Wooley, Webb, and Shyne. 4. Nays: Councilmen Lester, Walford, and Bowman. 3.

RESOLUTION NO. 240 of 2008

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING B. KENNY TAYLOR, INC LOCATED AT 654 SUMMERVILLE DR., TO CONNECT TO THE WATER & SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, B. Kenny Taylor, Inc. 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 B. Kenny Taylor, Inc. be authorized to connect the structure, located at 654 Summerville Dr., 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 <u>Wooley</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Long</u> to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Long, Wooley, Webb, and Shyne. 4. Nays: Councilmen Lester, Walford, and Bowman. 3.

RESOLUTION NO. 241 of 2008

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DAVID C. LEETH CONSTRUCTION, INC., LOCATED AT 9522 MAZANT, TO CONNECT TO THE WATER & SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, David C. Leeth Construction, Inc. 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 David C. Leeth Construction, Inc. be authorized to connect the structure, located at 9522 Mazant, 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 <u>Wooley</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Long</u> to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Long, Wooley, Webb, and Shyne. 4. Nays: Councilmen Lester, Walford, and Bowman. 3.

ORDINANCES: None.

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

The Clerk read the following:

RESOLUTION NO. 205 OF 2008

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE PAY PLAN SCHEDULE FOR MUNICIPAL POLICE CIVIL SERVICE PERSONNEL, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the current pay schedule for Municipal Police Civil Service personnel be adjusted to reflect a pay increase on September 1, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the proposed pay schedule attached hereto as Appendix "A" be and is hereby approved, effective September 1, 2008.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that the pay schedule attached thereto as Appendix "A" be and is hereby approved, effective on September 1, 2008.

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 <u>Webb</u>, seconded by Councilmen <u>Long</u> and <u>Walford</u>. *The Clerk read the following:*

Amendment No. 1 to Resolution No. 205 of 2008

1. Delete the first three paragraphs of the resolution and substitute the following: WHEREAS, the current pay schedule for Municipal Police Civil Service personnel should be adjusted to reflect a pay increase on January 1, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the proposed pay schedule attached hereto as Appendix "A" be and is hereby approved, effective January 1, 2009.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that the pay schedule attached thereto as Appendix "A" be and is hereby approved, effective on January 1, 2009.

2. Delete Appendix A as filed with this resolution and substitute the Appendix A which contains the effective date of January 1, 2009.

Motion by Councilman <u>Wooley</u>, second by Councilman <u>Webb</u> to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Resolution No. 205 of 2008.

Councilman Wooley: Today, I want to bring before this Council - - - just to reiterate that today lies a decision for a pay increase for the men and women of the Shreveport Police Department. This directly deals with the issue of a serious retention problem that we face as well as the funds that it takes for the City to pay for the retention problem. Over 100 + officers have left the force since mid 2006. Roughly between 30-40 each year. Now some say this is normal. I ask you, do we settle for normal? Especially when it cost the taxpayers of Shreveport. Let us strive for excellence and ask ourselves how can we improve. This pay increase has the ability to bring about the necessary change to the status quo. By this pay increase proposal, we will place the SPD above the southern regional average for the first time in Shreveport's history. So long, we've expected above average service, but with below average pay. Today we will lead this region instead of being a follower. There has been concern the other agencies will decide to up their salaries to keep up with ours. My comment today, is they are not my concern, they're not my responsibility, and my ultimate responsibility is to the citizens of the City of Shreveport. So let us lead the way and be the example. Let us demonstrate today to the men and women in Blue, just how valuable they are to us as city leaders, and how precious they are the sanctity and quality of life to the citizens of Shreveport. Each and everyday, these individuals risk their lives to insure the safety of ours. For that, I am grateful. On a daily basis they fight for us. Today, let us fight for them. In reference to the financials, if you will look at the City's accounting system, you will see that over the last eight years, personnel services for the Shreveport Police Department if over budgeted about a million dollars. This last month, I should say this last Council Meeting, but Ordinance No. 100, we had to re-appropriate \$1.8 (million) out of Police Personnel. Now granted \$800,000 of that was for the savings and retirement. But what about the other \$1,000,000. I know in the corporate world, you have to be a little closer with your budget numbers when it comes to budgeting. This pay plan will cost the City a total of \$1,998,100. And please keep in mind, \$675,000 of that is the recurring 2% longevity that the Administration and this Council grants the Police Department every year. As Mr. Dark stated last night, it's already in the 2009 proposed budget. Therefore the price tag remains at \$1,323,100. The funds that it will take to do this can easily come from the vacancy rate that we experience every year in the City of Shreveport, as well as some of the recruiting funds that we use to (inaudible) keep recruiting people as we lose them. We're seeing repeatedly that the lower and middle ranks, we lose these officers that I mentioned earlier, being that number of 100+ since mid 2006. It is a constant revolving door. But we have to keep in mind that every graduating class at the academy consistently and historically half of that class is gone in three years. So, the money we have used to fund these men and women, we're losing every three years, half of that class. Even the class that's currently going on, we started out with 18 people, and I think they're down to 16-15 now. But historically, only nine

of them will be left in about three years. So there was concern about all the ranks being able to participate in the raise, obviously with this amendment I've made revisions and we have addressed that. Because 2008 budget funded 540 sworn police officers and 83 other civil service employees. The 2009 proposed budget, there's 561 sworn police officers and 92 other civil service employees. On an average, we have about 33 vacancies a year. That puts us at \$1,089,000 that's left over every single year on average. This year right now, we have 31 vacancies, so at \$33,000 before this par raise, that'll put us at \$1,023,000 left over. So to find the money, it's already been found. It's in the Police Budget, it's in the Police Budget every single year. And instead of taking that police money and utilizing it and appropriating it to other agencies, or other departments within the City of Shreveport, I think it's in our best consideration and concern to keep that money right in the Police Department, because our No. 1 concern is public safety. We've all said that, and we've all expressed that, and now it's time to show it. Because we cannot allow this continuation. Now we have a responsibility as legislators to work with the budget. To be the most cost efficient we possibly can,. Well we know it's going to cost us way more to recruit than it does to retain. So, lets' be cost effective, and lets be smart about the money. And lets show the men and women who are there every single day, who put in their time and energy and their livelihoods, who have the knowledge, who have the experience on the street. Because you can't put a price tag on that. That's invaluable. And every time we start over, that's what we do, we start over with new people every single day. So they have to learn the street, learn the beat, learn the community. The community has to learn them. So it's very vital at this point, I think it's most cost effective at this point if we allow this pay raise to go through, and I do appreciate those on the Council that are going to be supporting this today. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 4. Nays: Lester, Walford, and Long. 3.

Councilman Wooley: Mr. Chairman, I just wanted to say thank you to my colleagues for the support, and thank you.

Councilman Shyne: Okay, can I get a motion on the amended?

Motion by Councilman <u>Wooley</u>, second by Councilmen <u>Webb and Bowman</u> o Resolution No. 205 of 2008 as amended.

Councilman Walford: Discussion. But I'll certainly yield to the maker of the motion.

Councilman Shyne: He just through discussing. We're going to leave it.

Councilman Walford: He was discussing the amendment, he's entitled to his debate on the resolution if he wants to.

Councilman Wooley: I'll yield to councilman Walford.

Councilman Shyne: You always yield to seniority Councilman Wooley. I learned that at a very early age.

Councilman Walford: Are you telling me that you want to speak now? I want to clarify something. There is nothing I would like to do more than give everybody on the city payroll a raise. That excluding the Council Members, but - - -the police certainly deserve a raise. I would like to provide them a raise. But I have to be, and let me make something clear that my colleague misunderstood a few minutes ago. I have to be fiscally responsible with the vote that I make. And I don't believe that committing us to something where the recurring funds to provide funding for the raise may very well not be there is fiscally

responsible on my part. When we have the funding and it's available, on a recurring basis, I will be right there for pay raise for police, fire and for all city workers. I cannot support this at this time. I'm very concerned that come July 1st, we're going to find ourselves, having to dig deep to find the additional contributions to go the State Retirement Fund for police. I don't know if any of you've noticed, but there's been a slight decline in the market, and that retirement fund has - - - Mayor, give me a nod. Is it 60% in equities?

Mayor Glover: By statute.

Councilman Walford: By statute. So certainly the value of the retirement fund has declined like my retirement fund and most other people's. We had a reduction down to 9 or 9 ½% I think it was back in July of this year, along with a letter warning that there would be a significant increase on July 1st of 2009. Councilman Lester and I were on this Council when the Fire Retirement Fund came up very short, and we had to come up with - - - Calvin help me. Around \$3,000,000?

Councilman Lester: I thought it was five.

Councilman Walford: Maybe it was five. But we had to come up with a lot of money and it happened to be in a year when we could. We can't do that this year. So, I'm voting 'NO' on this particular proposal. I certainly don't want anybody on the police department to think that I don't support a raise. I support a responsibly well funded raise. Thank you.

Councilman Shyne: Let me say this. And I hope his traffic tickets doesn't go up.

Councilman Walford: That's a risk I have to take Mr. Chairman.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, I'll yield to any other Council discussion, if not then the Administration does have some comments to make.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, we'll yield to you at this point. I mean, is that?

Councilwoman Bowman: Oh I'll yield to the Mayor.

Mayor Glover: No, no. Council comments please.

Councilwoman Bowman: I'll wait.

Mayor Glover: I would ask that before I offer my comments that Chief Whitehorn and any other members of his staff be welcomed to the mic.

Chief Whitehorn: Mr. Chairman, members of the Council, Mayor. As I came into these Chambers this afternoon very discouraged. Discouraged because I knew I had to do what I should do, and knowing that there would be some that work for me that may not have an understanding appreciate what I'm about to say. There may also be some of you that may not appreciate what I'm about to say. But I listened very tentatively. Attentive to what Mr. Wooley had to say. And I commend all of you for first of all, being willing to take on this issue, and Mr. Wooley for coming forward with a resolution to try to get a needed pay raise for our police officers. When we did the 2008 budget presentation last year, I talked to you about the need for increase pay for our police officers. I advised you then that I thought we needed to do a detailed study, to figure out exactly what was best for the brave men and women of the Shreveport Police Department. On March 11th of this year, I sent the Council a letter outlining what was detailed in that pay study. Sent you a copy of the pay study, and I think the last paragraph, I asked that when funding is available, that you would consider the pay grid that I attached to that proposal. That was on March 11th of this year. It was a starting salary of \$35,000 for our police officers. With the grid that outlined a career path for the men and women of the Shreveport Police Department. I began to feel pretty good as I sat here today. I didn't prepare a statement. I thought about it, coming in with a prepared statement and just tell you every thing about why this issue is so important. But I started jotting down some things as I sat there on this note pad. And as I was thinking, I was thinking about the pay grid versus the proposal that's before the Council today. Mr. Wooley

has said that his intention is to retain our officers. I don't think there's anybody in here more concerned with the retention of our officers as I am. In fact the pay grid is the best plan to do that. Because the officers in that mid range are the ones that's actually leaving our ranks. Those are the ones that will be impacted by this proposal before you today. Under the grid, these folks have something to look forward to. Mr. Wooley's pay plan starts at \$36,000 a year. Maybe a little change over that. The pay grid that I put before you started at \$35,000 a year. The problem is that for the first three year of the Wooley Plan, I shouldn't have called it that, maybe the proposal is that the officers will not get a pay increase. For three years, they are still at \$36,000. Under the pay grid, they get an increase every year. At the end of three years, they are \$36,414. But guess what? At year four, those same officers at \$37,142 under the pay grid, when they're only at \$37,720 under the proposal. The 2% longevity. Mr. Wooley said that that's included in the plan. He said it's only going to cost \$1.3 (million). We did the math. Under the plan, this pay proposal will cost the citizens of Shreveport \$1,989,941 and that does not include the longevity. The 2% longevity is built into the pay grid. You don't have to ever worry about the 2% any more. I heard you at this Council talk yesterday about maybe we ought to do away with the 2%. Under the pay grid I did that. The grid also ties the police salaries to the jailers. We've had some discussions before Council about not including our jailers in these pay raises. The grid ties that salary to the jailers. Everything that the police get increase, the jailers will also get an increase. You know when we only got - - - we got 31 vacancies, so lets use those vacancies and use that money to provide a pay raise. I also presented you with a manpower study that showed that this city is about 99 officers short of where they ought to be for police protection. Public Safety is the No. 1 priority. We have an aggressive recruitment campaign right now. We're getting ready to start another class. We're going to fill these vacancies ladies and gentlemen. That money won't be there, unless you tell me I've got to freeze hiring, or we got to put a freeze on public safety. You know this is the same strategy that has been used in the past when there's limited amounts of money that we want to give police a pay raise with, and then you try to spread it out through the ranks, but what that has done over the years is compress those ranks, and those salaries with the ranks, and it takes away the incentive from people that really want to be promoted. The grid solves that concern. The bottom line is there is only approximately \$46,000 difference in the proposal before you and the pay grid. \$46,000. And even Mr. Wooley has admitted to me right here in these Chambers that the pay grid is the best proposal.

Councilman Wooley: That's incorrect sir.

Chief Whitehorn: I talked to him right back there.

Councilman Wooley: That's incorrect sir.

Chief Whitehorn: Not an argument, he said it. We need to wait, we need to wait. We need to develop a source of funding and do what's best for the men and women of the Shreveport Police Department. The plan before you will cost you more in the long run, because Mr. Wooley has also said that what he wants to do is at some point come back and ask for more money so that we can do the grid.

Councilman Wooley: That's incorrect sir.

Chief Whitehorn: Thank you for your time.

Councilman Wooley: Mr. Chairman, I don't mind listening to arguments, and I don't mind making (inaudible). But what I do mind is people making incorrect statements, and Chief Whitehorn, I will respectfully and totally disagree. But that conversation we had right over there, where Attorney (inaudible) is sitting, and I did not tell you what you just said at that podium. Thank you. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Shyne: If there are no more comments.

Councilman Wooley: I think the Mayor wants to speak Mr. Chairman.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, I guess we've abandoned the tradition of listening to those who disagree with us.

Councilman Shyne: No, I don't - - -

Councilman Wooley: No, we just decided to have a discussion about it sir.

Councilman Shyne: I don't think Mr. Wooley was doing that.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, I sit here and I'm listening and I'm looking and I'm watching, and it reminds me a situations and circumstances that I have been in before as an elected official or you, end up with an issue, a cause, a need that has essentially been hijacked for some other purpose. There's not a person in here, I think it's already been stated that not to build the motivation, the need to want to offer increased pay for fire, police, water and sewerage, sanitation, SPAR, all the men and women throughout this city who are out every day working hard and serving the City of Shreveport. But none of us, none of us can ignore the realities that go on and exist around us. Now we may want to sit and nibble at the edges, talk about some of the other issues. Some of which from a financial standpoint are not all that significant, the symbolism of them allow us to sit here and play some of these little ole games that we are unfortunately, inclined to engage in. But they don't amount to the kinds of dollars that this Council is sitting here today talking about. This action goes unchecked. But you're talking about the possibility of an additional, at a minimum, 40-80, possibly upwards of 100 additional Shreveport employees being shown the door at the end of this year. Because what would be required, unless you engage in the kind of torture math that Mr. Wooley is engaging in, you'd have to go and make real cuts in real budgets that end up affecting real people. Because there's the idea that you somehow don't fully fund the numbers of police officers that we need, and strive to get there, just at the 541 number, or as the Chief has suggested, that this current budget proposal before you had been submitted and we're in the midst of deliberating right now, increases that number by 20. So that we can be in a position to be more effective. Or if you decide to say that certainly we don't need to recruit anymore. We just simply take all those dollars and we direct them, you still are talking about millions of dollars that have to be found in order to make what it is that you all are contemplating here today a reality. And so the truth of the matter is that you can't have it both ways. Certainly, you can vote both ways, but you can't ultimately have it both ways. You can't talk about belt tightening, budget cutting on the one hand, and spend dollars that you don't have on the other. When you recognize the fact that it is our obligation and responsibility to ensure that as we go through this budget process that we find a way to increase our budget reserve between now and the time of passage by at least in my estimation, an additional \$5,000,000. So that we can not only hope to not see a budget or a downgrade in our bond grading, but to hopefully maintain it, if not take a step to the positive. Those are dollars that we're going to have to figure out where we come up with them between now and the end of this year as we complete this budget process. And decide that today that we're going to commit the city to expending dollars that simply are not there under these circumstances. You may not like to have it referred to as irresponsible, but that's exactly what it amounts to. Especially when you do it based upon referring to retention problems that the Chief just and in previous instances referred to, that don't exist in the manner in which Mr. Wooley just laid them out to you. That's an area that the Chief chose not to refer to or to detail. But you had an impression in terms of retention problems represented by Mr. Wooley, I guess supported by Mr. Shyne, that don't exist in reality. The fact is you all have had presented to you before in previous council meetings, the retention for the Shreveport Police Department is actually better than

that for the rest of the nation. And so again, we come up with these issues, these straw man arguments that don't end up amounting to the kind of substance that we ought to be dealing with here. But now even in the midst of doing that, we still choose, or this Council chooses, or this Council chooses or Councilman Wooley chooses not even to sit and work with the information that was provided to this council as a result of the study, and the pay grid that was developed by Chief Whitehorn and his staff, back in the early part of this year, that actually lays out that if you're going to approach a pay raise for the Shreveport Police Department, here's how you do it, here's how you end up actually addressing the problem and allocating dollars in a fashion that allows you to be able to address those areas within the police department that we do face our greatest challenges when it comes to retention. This particular proposal doesn't do that. That's information that was provided to each and every one of you, provided to the Administration, provided to the media and the public in general. Not reflective in any way of what's being proposed here today. And so, I guess it leads one to conclude that there may be something else that's motivating this. The unfortunate thing is that it does not ultimately serve the interest that we're all here to represent. And that's the interest of the entirety of the City of Shreveport. Now, I'll add to that, there's been a long standing tradition within this city of connecting the pay of all of our first responders. Because we recognize that while one may carry a gun and the other may be possessed of a hose, they are all individuals as I related earlier to Mr. Robbins, who go running into situations when the rest of us go running out. I honor and respect and am committed to that tradition for the City of Shreveport that recognizes the men and women of the Shreveport Fire Department, along with the men and women of the Shreveport Police Department, both have jobs that are very dangerous. And that 99+% of us would not accept the responsibility, the challenge of doing either one. And what's here today does not honor that. I would ask that you all as a Council maintain that commitment, that you honor that tradition, that you recognize that there's never been a time or a situation or a circumstance where you've seen first responders, and you don't see to their credit the firefighters of this city here today speaking any ill will towards what's here. I think those individuals have too much respect and too much class to do that. But do know that they see what's being - - - they hear what's being said here, and they see what's being done. And I don't think it honors the great commitment that they've made to this city and their citizens over the years. So, I don't have any delusions that there are any votes in this room today that are going to shift and are going to change. I just hope that the promises and the commitments that have made, that have created that particular alliance are well worth it. So with that, I'll turn it over to Mr. Webb.

Councilman Shyne: Why would you want to send it over to Mr. Webb. Mr. Webb, you got some remarks?

Mayor Glover: I didn't see the Chairman. I thought you'd slipped from the room. I think we also - - -

Councilman Shyne: Now Mr. Mayor, you know I would never slip from the room when you're making your speeches. I might get where I can't hear it, but I can look at you.

Mayor Glover: Maybe not physically, but (inaudible). Mr. Chairman, I also have another member that would like to be able to make some comments today.

Councilman Shyne: Oh sure, we're about listening to everybody. You got somebody else? If you got somebody you want to call on the phone, call 'em and tell 'em to come on.

Sgt Kelly: My name is Collette Kelly, a sergeant with the Shreveport Police Department with almost 18 years. Okay? And I don't want my comments to be misconstrued because I want to look at each one of you Councilmen and Lady, and let you all know that we sincerely appreciate your efforts to come forward and do your part with trying to get us a

much deserved raise. We don't make that much and the way that we make it is with the extra jobs. So to increase our base pay and give us an increase is a wonderful thing. But I come here with mixed emotions. 1) That while I appreciate your efforts, I've looked at both the plans, the plan submitted by Councilman Wooley, and the Chief's pay grid. And to be honest with you, there are some concerns. The plan would only increase my rank at about what 8%, \$200 a month, a little over \$100 a paycheck, which with taxes and increases in insurance, I'm probably looking at \$50 or 60, and while I don't want to seem ungrateful, if there are some concerns with the money not being there, if there's some concerns, that next year, you're still going to have some problems with the funding. I'm saying why are we in a rush to do this, and why are we not looking at the budget to come up with something that's more sustaining. Something that we can all live with and be more appreciative of and proud of. I think I speak for a lot of the officers, because we've had a lot of discussions. We believe in our Chief, and we support him. And this is not something that he's not in agreement with, but we would encourage Councilman Wooley to work with our Chief and not in opposition with him, to try to come up with the funding to give a substantial raise for the officers. With that being said, I'm just going to ask you Mayor, with a 4-3 vote, I think you can exercise your right to veto that bill and come up with something that the officers can be appreciative for. Not that we don't appreciate their efforts, but there's a lot of problems with that plan that have already been discussed. 1) Funding that you're considering now may not even be there next year. We talked about the problems in the past with having to come up with monies when you did similar things like that. And I've worked in this department for almost 18 years, and for me, I want to see a substantial raise. I want to have the incentive to want to stay. You say there's a problem with retention, but if you're not going to give the people of higher rank a substantial raise, don't you think that's going to create more of a problem with retention? I just encourage you to work with our Chief. And I know that in the past a lot of officers have called the Councilmen and asked them to postpone and not consider this plan and work with our Chief and look at that grid, and we're still asking him to do that. And basically I'm just saying that if you're going to give us something, give us something that we can appreciate. Something that we'll realize and not this business that you're going to have to look for next year to sustain. And again I want to say that I don't want to seem unappreciative, but I do want you to reconsider what you're doing here for the police. And again Mayor, I'm going to put the (inaudible) upon you to really look at the situation and see if it's anyway you can help us come up with some additional funds. Look at your budgets. Do what you all have to do. If the money is not there now, don't force something that's going to create some problems for us in the long run, where we won't be able to realize raises in the future and things like that. We want to be more stable. We want to - - -

Councilman Shyne: I'm sorry, if you want to have a personal dialogue with the Mayor, we're going to let you do this after Council Meeting. This is a Council Meeting, and - - hold it, hold it. This is not a Mayor's meeting. And I don't mind you going by the Mayor's office and talking with him and advising him on what he needs to do when it comes to legislation when it comes across this Council. And any pay raise that might be enacted. If you feel like it's wrong, what I would tell you to do is go by the pay master or personnel or whoever it is and all those folks who are with you who don't want it, tell them to don't accept it. That's the best way out. But we do appreciate you coming down. And I don't call myself speaking for Councilman Wooley, but I don't think he's in - - - what is term you used? "Working with, or working against?" I don't think Councilman Wooley is working against the Chief or the Mayor, or anybody in here. This is his position. You know everybody has a position, and I don't think we're working in opposition of one another. And so I don't want

you leaving here, and I wouldn't want you giving people the impression that Councilman Wooley or Councilman Shyne, or Councilman Bowman, or Councilman Webb or any other Councilmen up here, might be working in opposition of anybody. Because that's your opinion. And your opinion doesn't have to be right. But we appreciate you coming. Now if you have anymore comments for the Council, if the Council Members are willing to accept to some more, turn this way and talk to us. But when you get ready to have a dialogue with the Mayor, I would advise you to go by his office and have it. But don't come to the Council Meeting and turn around from the Council to have a dialogue with the Mayor.

Sgt Kelly: Okay. I would like just a few more minutes. First of all, I would like to apologize to the Council. Because I certainly didn't mean to offend anyone. And I realize that there are differences in opinions, but it is a fact that the Chief is not in agreement with Wooley's plan. So I don't think that I misstated that. And while I cannot advise the Mayor, he's going to do what he wants to do., But I think that it's appropriate that I stand before you and say that while we appreciate the efforts, if there is something that can be done differently, I would encourage you all to consider that. And thank you.

Councilman Shyne: Well we appreciate that, and we appreciate you encouraging us to consider this. But again now I want you to understand that you stood, you turned your side, almost your back, and you started having a dialogue with the Mayor. What I'm saying is I don't mind you doing that. But this is a Council Meeting. If you want to come before the Council and discuss a piece of legislation, feel free at any time Ms. Collette. I think you're a fine officer, and of course I knew you when you were in school, and I don't know whether I ever had to run you to class or not, but you were always a good student. And at anytime, please come down. But I just didn't want you coming down disrespecting the Council whether you meant that or not. That probably and knowing you as well as I do, that was not your intention. But I could not afford to let you stand here, not only you, but anyone to come and stand here and disrespect the Council whether you intend to do it or whether it was just an act of love and compassion for the Council Members and your dear Mayor over there. Now if we have no more comments from anybody. Councilwoman Bowman. Mr. Mayor, I think we're going to hold up on you, because I think you took about 30 or 40 minutes. Is it alright if I come to Ms. Bowman right now?

Mayor Glover: If you want to come to me Mr. Chairman, because I think you've disrespected this police officer.

Councilman Shyne: Well if I disrespected the police officer, that's between me and the police officer. Now if you want to discuss this with me, me and you can discuss it after the Council Meeting. We don't have to sit here and take up time where we won't be taking care of business. Because you have made your comments toward this piece of legislation.

Mayor Glover: But we're in the midst of discussion on this issue Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Shyne: And now I'm going to Councilwoman Bowman. Councilwoman Bowman, I'm going to you?

Councilwoman Bowman: Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Shyne: Ah, Ms. Collette. Did you want her to stand there?

Councilwoman Bowman: Well she can stand there. The only thing - - - I wasn't really going to say much anymore, cause I said practically all I needed to say yesterday. But in light of everything else that's being said, I do want to make a suggestion to every police officer that's being affected by this raise. If you don't want the raise just turn it in and that'll just be a little more in the coffers. Thank you.

Councilman Shyne: Now Ms. Collette - - -did you want to talk to her?

Councilman Walford: No, no. I'm - - -

Councilman Shyne: You can just take your seat Ms. Collette.

Councilman Lester: Mr. Chairman?

Councilman Walford: Calvin needs to get his first debate before I say anything.

Councilman Lester: If allowed? Councilman Shyne: Sure, sure.

Councilman Lester: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I do want to say to Sgt Kelly, I was not offended by anything that you said. I think that you are probably are going to be more affected than anybody. And certainly because you wear a badge and a uniform, and a gun, does not mean that you have to check your citizenship at the door. So, there may have been others that were offended by you expressing your opinion. But the country that I live in and the city that I live in allows people to come to the public square and express their opinions, regardless of what uniform they wear. Regardless of race, creed, religion or anything of that nature. I did not take your comments as speaking on any official capacity or any leadership situation. You just spoke to what your particular situation was. And I thank you. There is a lot of emotion, and there are a lot of positions. Certainly on both sides of this issue. But the fact that you took the time to express your opinion to us. Just like I told the other citizens that came a few minutes before and said they apologize for bringing something before the Council. And I said you don't have to apologize, because that's what our job is. I don't apologize and I don't think you should apologize for making a statement, because you're going to be affected. I don't think you have to give up your rights. I just wanted to say cause I only speak for me. I appreciate what you said. My vote is what my vote is, but I applaud your courage to come down here and speak what's on your mind. And I would never begrudge you or any other city worker the ability or the authority just a simple common courtesy to come down here and tell us what's on your mind. That's what our representative form of democracy is all about, and I appreciate it. And certainly as it relates to making comments to the Mayor, and the comments of the meeting, there are a number of occasions where the Council directs comments toward the Mayor and the Administration before, during, after, and several parts of the meeting. So again, I don't think that you were out of term by saying Mr. Mayor, please exercise your right, because again, you don't check your citizenship because you carry a badge. So thank you for coming. And I can't speak for anybody else, but I certainly was not offended by you expressing your opinion.

Councilman Shyne: And Sgt, please remember he's speaking for himself. And anytime you or anybody else is welcome down, but we still believe when you come before the Council, you look at the Council, and when you want to speak to the Mayor to just stand there and do it. And I think you understand. I think Councilman Walford has something that he wants to say and then we're going to take the vote. We're going to take a vote on this.

Councilman Walford: Mine was not for Sgt Kelly, although I was not offended. But I do want to take a second and commend Councilman Wooley. Because I will tell you that he has been committed to this, he has put an inordinate amount of time. Bryan, I don't know how much you put, but he has been committed to what he's doing. But we each look at things. That five inch budget book in a little different way. And Mr. Chairman, I certainly want you to understand that I was talking about my vote, I would consider irresponsible. How you vote, is your conscious and I certainly support in whatever vote you make.

Councilman Shyne: I appreciate that, and I accept that.

Councilman Walford: We each (inaudible) and that was not aimed at you. But I commend Bryan, I commend all of you for the time you put into it, and we all are going to make a difficult vote. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Shyne: And Bryan, just one more time, I commend you for doing what you - - - the time and effort that you put into this. I might disagree with you, I might agree with you, but this is not personal. I have no animosity, and I'm not going to say anything derogatory. I had really not planned to say anything. But you have the right as a Council Member to come up with any ordinance or any resolution that you want to, and if somebody don't like it, the only thing they have to do is vote against it. They don't have to be angry with you. They don't have to show any kind of anger. And when people come before the podium, if it's something that they do not agree with, you can do it and you don't have to show any anger. All in favor of this piece of legislation as amended, vote yes, opposers, vote no.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 4. Nays: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long. 3.

Councilman Wooley: Mr. Chairman, I just wanted to tell my colleagues who supported this, thank you very much.

2. <u>Resolution No. 231 of 2008:</u> Stating the City of Shreveport's endorsement of LH Commercial Real Estate Services, Inc., to participate in the benefits of the Louisiana Restoration Tax Abatement Program, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman <u>Wooley</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Long</u> to postpone until October 28, 2008. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 232 OF 2008

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH CHASE EQUIPMENT LEASING INC. AND OTHER NECESSARY PARTIES FOR THE FINANCING OF VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport, sometimes referred to herein as "Lessee" is a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana (the "State") and is duly organized and existing pursuant to the constitution and laws of the State.

WHEREAS, pursuant to applicable law, the governing body of the Lessee ("Governing Body") is authorized to acquire, dispose of and encumber real and personal property, including, without limitation, rights and interests in property, leases and easements necessary to the functions or operations of the Lessee.

WHEREAS, the Governing Body hereby finds and determines that the execution of one or more lease-purchase agreements or Schedules to an existing Master Lease-Purchase Agreement ("Equipment Leases") in the principal amount not exceeding \$8,000,000 for the purpose of acquiring the property generally described below ("Property") and to be described more specifically in the Equipment Leases is appropriate and necessary to the functions and operations of the Lessee:

Brief Description of Property:

Fire truck and medic units, specialized trucks and tractors, sewer pumps, a digger derrick unit, vehicles, and recycling carts

WHEREAS, Chase Equipment Leasing Inc. ("Lessor") is expected to act as the Lessor under the Equipment Leases.

WHEREAS, in accordance with U.S. Treasury Department regulations, Section 1.150-2, the City of Shreveport adopted Resolution No. 16 of 2008, declaring its intent to reimburse itself for certain capital expenditures in connection with the Property prior to its receipt of proceeds of the Equipment Leases ("Lease Purchase Proceeds").

WHEREAS, in accordance with said resolution of intent, the Lessee has paid or will pay certain capital expenditures in connection with the Property prior to its receipt of proceeds of the Equipment Leases ("Lease Purchase Proceeds") for such expenditures and such expenditures have not exceeded or are not expected to exceed the Principal Amount. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that:

Section 1. Cedric B. Glover, Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and deliver one or more Equipment Leases in substantially the form filed and available for public inspection in the office of the Clerk of Council on October 14, 2008. The Mayor is further authorized to execute and deliver such other documents relating to the Equipment Lease (including, but not limited to, escrow agreements) as he deems necessary and appropriate. All other related contracts and agreements necessary and incidental to the Equipment Leases are hereby authorized.

Section 2. By a written instrument signed by the Mayor, the Mayor may designate specifically identified officers or employees of the City to execute and deliver agreements and documents relating to the Equipment Leases on behalf of the City.

Section 3. The aggregate original principal amount of the Equipment Leases shall not exceed the Principal Amount and shall bear interest as set forth in the Equipment Leases and the Equipment Leases shall contain such options to purchase by the Lessee as set forth therein. Section 4. The Lessee's obligations under the Equipment Leases shall be subject to annual appropriation or renewal by the Governing Body as set forth in each Equipment Lease and the Lessee's obligations under the Equipment Leases shall not constitute a general obligation of the Lessee or indebtedness under the Constitution or laws of the State.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 233 OF 2008

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SHERIFF FOR CADDO PARISH AND THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 39:1701 et seq. authorizes the City of Shreveport and any other subdivision of the state or public agency thereof to expend public funds for the cooperative use of supplies and services under the terms of a cooperative purchasing agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff for Caddo Parish and the City of Shreveport desire to enter into a cooperative purchasing agreement under the terms of a contract the Sheriff for Caddo Parish entered into on March 3, 2008 under the terms of the Bid for Law Enforcement Equipment (Exhibit A).

NOW, THEREFORE, 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 an agreement between the Sheriff for Caddo Parish and the City of Shreveport, substantially in accordance with the draft thereof filed in the Office of the Clerk of Council on September 16, 2008 and attached hereto as Exhibit B.

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

4. **Resolution No. 234 of 2008:** Declaring the City's interest in certain adjudicated properties as surplus and otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Lester, B/Walford, C/Long, D/Wooley, F/Shyne, and G/Bowman)

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman <u>Walford</u>, seconded by Councilmen <u>Long and Wooley</u> to remove Resolution No. 234 of 2008 from the agenda. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 235 OF 2008

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE TERMS AND CONDITIONS, AND EXECUTE ALL CONTRACTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE RESPECT THERETO BY:

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport (City), through its Department of Community Development, Bureau of Workforce Development, administers the Louisiana Job Employment and Training Program (LaJET) which is funded by Louisiana Department of Social Services (DSS); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the LaJET Program is to provide job readiness training, assessment and referral services to mandatory food stamp recipients of Caddo Parish that will increase their chances of obtaining regular employment thus reducing their need for public assistance; and

WHEREAS, the City will receive an award to continue to operate the LaJET Program from DSS in the amount of \$427,329.00 for federal fiscal year 2009 which begins October 1, 2008 and ends September 30, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the LaJET Program will serve a public purpose and provide a public benefit.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Mayor is authorized to negotiate terms and conditions that he may deem advisable, and execute all contracts between the City of Shreveport and the State of Louisiana, Department of Social Services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any provision or items 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 and 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 <u>Walford</u>, seconded by Councilman Long. *The Clerk read the following:*

Amendment No. 1 to Resolution No. 235 of 2008

Delete the NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED paragraph and substitute the following: **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Mayor is authorized to negotiate terms and conditions that he may deem advisable, and execute all contracts between the City of Shreveport and the State of Louisiana, Department of Social Services for the receipt of funds from DSS for the operation of the Louisiana Job Employment and Training Program (LaJET) for federal fiscal year 2009 which begins October 1, 2008 and ends September 30, 2009.

Motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt. Amendment No. 1 to Resolution No. 235 of 2008.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, before you vote, what's the amendment? Mr. Thompson: It clarifies that the agreement authorized if for the LaJet Program only.

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

Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Walford to adopt. Resolution No. 235 of 2008 as amended.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, I think that was brought to our attention on yesterday. Mr. Dark, didn't you bring that to our attention on yesterday?

Mayor Glover: I got lost in the midst of one of your 'Joe Willie' sermons.

Councilman Shyne: I thought you were going to call me 'Joe Six Pack.' That's what Sarah Palin calls me, 'Joe Six Pack.' I'll accept that.

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

Resolution No. 242 OF 2008

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY'S INTEREST IN CERTAIN ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES TO BE SURPLUS AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has a tax interest in the herein below described properties which have been adjudicated for the non-payment of City property taxes; and **WHEREAS**, the herein below described properties are not needed for public purposes and should be declared surplus properties; and

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Shreveport does hereby authorize the donation of its tax interest in the herein below described properties.

Property No. 1: Legal Description - Lot 82, Bowman Lane Subdivision, a subdivision in the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, as per plat thereof recorded in Book 38, Page 179 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon.

(GEO#171305-053-0082-00) Municipal Address - 342 East College Street

AMOUNT OFFERED: NONE APPRAISED VALUE: \$500.00 DISTRICT B

<u>Property No. 2:</u> Legal Description - Lot 12, Block 2, Lincoln Park, a subdivision in the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, as per plat thereof recorded in Book 150, Page 285 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon.

(GEO#171414-072-0012-00) Municipal Address - 1715 Clanton Street

AMOUNT OFFERED: NONE APPRAISED VALUE: \$1,700.00 DISTRICT B

Property No. 3: Legal Description - E. 70 Ft. of Lot 1 and E. 70 Ft. of N. 23.26 Ft. Of Lot 2, Horan Spring Tract, a subdivision in the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, as per plat thereof recorded in Book 26, Page 211 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon.

(GEO#181436-011-0049-00) Municipal Address - 1433 Ford St.

AMOUNT OFFERED: NONE APPRAISED VALUE: \$500.00 DISTRICT A

<u>Property No. 4:</u> Legal Description - Lot 18, Block B, Ingersoll Heights Subdivision, a subdivision in the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, as per plat thereof recorded in Book 33, Page 7 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon.

(GEO#181436-002-0018-00) Municipal Address - 1436 Ford St.

AMOUNT OFFERED: NONE APPRAISED VALUE: \$500.00 DISTRICT A

Property No. 5: Legal Description - Lot 24, Block D, Ingersoll Heights Subdivision, a subdivision in the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, as per plat thereof recorded in Book 33, Page 7 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon.

(GEO#181436-004-0033-00) Municipal Address - 1528 Ford St.

AMOUNT OFFERED: NONE APPRAISED VALUE: \$500.00 DISTRICT A

<u>Property No. 6</u> Legal Description - Lot 16, Block B, Ingersoll Heights Subdivision, and one-half adjacent abandoned alley, a subdivision in the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, as per plat thereof recorded in Book 33, Page 7 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon.

(GEO#181436-002-0016-00) Municipal Address - 1444 Ford Street

AMOUNT OFFERED: NONE APPRAISED VALUE: \$500.00 DISTRICT A

Property No. 7 Legal Description - Lot 23, Block 2, Currie Subdivision, a subdivision in the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, as per plat thereof recorded in Book 20, Page 413 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon.

(GEO#171402-022-0023-00) Municipal Address - 1826 Gary Street

AMOUNT OFFERED: NONE APPRAISED VALUE: \$1,500.00 DISTRICT A

Property No. 8: Legal Description - Lot 65 and E/2 of Lot 66, Gold Coin Subdivision, a subdivision in the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 250, Page 216 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon.

(GEO#171423-011-0065-00) Municipal Address - 612 West 64th St.

AMOUNT OFFERED: NONE APPRAISED VALUE: \$500.00 DISTRICT F

Property No. 9: Legal Description - Lots 326 and 327, Gold Coin Subdivision, a subdivision in the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 250, Page 216 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon.

(GEO#171423-013-0326-00) Municipal Address - 641 West 68th St.

AMOUNT OFFERED: NONE APPRAISED VALUE: \$500.00 DISTRICT F

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that because the above described properties have been declared surplus, Section 26-300 of the Code of Ordinances authorizes the Mayor to execute deeds for the donation of the City's interest in these properties.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 243 OF 2008

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY'S INTEREST IN CERTAIN ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES TO BE SURPLUS AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has a tax interest in the herein below described properties which have been adjudicated for the non-payment of City property taxes; and **WHEREAS**, the herein below described properties are not needed for public purposes and should be declared surplus properties; and

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

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

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

Property No. 1: Legal Description - E/2 of W/2 of Lot 154, Jones-Mabry Subdivision, Unit #2, a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, as per plat recorded in Book 300, Page 54 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon and having a municipal address of 1758 Aline Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71107

(Geo# 181421-018-0330-00)

AMOUNT OFFERED: \$600.00 APPRAISED VALUE: \$3,600.00 DISTRICT A

<u>Property No. 2:</u> Legal Description - Lot 73, less the North 26 feet of the West 26 feet thereof, Jones-Mabry Subdivision, Unit 2, a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, as per plat recorded in Book 300, Page 54, of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon and having a municipal address of 2707 Phelps Street, Shreveport, LA 71107. (Geo #181421-001-0331-00)

AMOUNT OFFERED: \$1,500.00 APPRAISED VALUE: \$1,600.00 DISTRICT A Property No. 3: Legal Description - The South 41.33 feet of Lots 46, 47, and 48, Block 1, OPO Subdivision, a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, as per plat recorded in Book 50, Page 397 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon and having a municipal address of 1423 Coty Street, Shreveport, LA 71104

(Geo #171306-018-0126-00)

AMOUNT OFFERED: \$300.00 APPRAISED VALUE: \$2,000.00 DISTRICT B

<u>Property No. 4:</u> Legal Description - Lot 23, Block 2, Holmesville Subdivision, a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, as per plat recorded in Book V, Page 733 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon and having a municipal address of 552 Egan Street, Shreveport, LA 71101 (Geo# 171306-048-0023-00)

AMOUNT OFFERED: \$435.00 APPRAISED VALUE: \$2,900.00 DISTRICT B

Property No. 5: Legal Description - Lot 408 and the North 20 feet of Lot 409, Pinehurst Resubdivision of Lots 379 to 410 inclusive, Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon and having a municipal address of 2624 Gilbert Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71104

(Geo #171306-148-042000)

AMOUNT OFFERED: \$495.00 APPRAISED VALUE: \$3,300.00 DISTRICT B

Property No. 6: Legal Description -Lot 23, Block 5, University Heights Subdivision, a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, as per plat recorded in Book 50, Page 91 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon and having

a municipal address of 282 Prospect Street, Shreveport, LA 71104 (Geo #171306-092-002300)

AMOUNT OFFERED: \$1,200.00 APPRAISED VALUE: \$8,000.00 DISTRICT B

<u>Property No. 7:</u> Legal Description - Lot 3, Block 2, Shady Oaks Subdivision, a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, as per plat recorded in Book 250, Page 328 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon and having a municipal address of 3550 Lakeshore Drive, Shreveport, LA 71109 (Geo# 171403-126-0003-00)

AMOUNT OFFERED: \$500.00 APPRAISED VALUE: \$2,000.00 DISTRICT G

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that because the above described properties have been declared surplus, Section 26-300 of the Code of Ordinances authorizes the Mayor to execute deeds for the sale of the City's interest in these properties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, 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 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 <u>Walford</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Wooley</u> to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 244 OF 2008

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY'S INTEREST IN CERTAIN ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES AS SURPLUS AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, there are numerous parcels of property which have been adjudicated to the City of Shreveport and Caddo Parish for non-payment of ad valorem taxes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has entered into an intergovernmental agreement with Caddo Parish under which Caddo Parish will undertake to sell or donate said properties as authorized in R.S. 33:4720.11 or R.S. 33:4720.25; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 26-300 of the Code of Ordinances, the city's interests in said properties can be sold or donated after the City Council declares them to be surplus; and **WHEREAS**, the purchasing agent has inquired of all city departments regarding the property described herein and has not received any indication that it is needed for city purposes.

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

- 1) Geographical #: 171403-009-0005-00, Legal Description: Lot 5, Block H, Pine Grove Subdivision Less R/W (drainage) Municipal Address: 50186 None, Council District "G"
- **2) Geographical** #: 171403-009-0006-00, Legal Description: Lot 6, Block H, Pine Grove Subdivision , Municipal Address: 50186 None, Council District "G"
- 3) Geographical #: 181437-012-0043-00, Legal Description: Part of Lot 32, Block 69, TAL 4 & 15, Block 3, TAL 5, Fronting 25 feet on Texas Avenue, Municipal Address: 830 Texas Avenue, Council District "B"
- **4) Geographical** #: 171430-000-0067-00, Legal Description: 0.50 M/L S. 47.5 feet of N. 960 feet of East 458.5 feet of West 1382.05 feet of NW/4, Section 30(17-14); Municipal Address: 5751 Buncombe Rd., Council District "E"
- **5) Geographical** #: 171424-000-0043-00, Legal Description: 2 Acres East 175.4 feet of West 556.2 feet of South 496.7 feet of North 1186.7 feet of NW/4 of Section 24 (17-14); Municipal Address: 1461 W. 59th St., Council District "F"
- **6) Geographical** #: 161403-000-0140-00, Legal Description: 4.319 acres located in the NW/4 of NW/4 of Sec. 3 (16-14); Municipal Address: 37833 None, Council District "E" **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or

applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items, or applications, and to this end the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith including but not limited to Resolution Number 122 of 2006 are hereby repealed.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 245 OF 2008

A RESOLUTION SUSPENDING THE EFFECTS OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 10 RELATIVE TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND CHAPTER 106 RELATIVE TO ZONING FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6601 YOUREE DRIVE FOR A CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY ON NOVEMBER 29, 2008 AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY: Councilman Michael Long

WHEREAS, Lockhart Jewelry located at 6601 Youree Drive intends to host a Customer Appreciation Day on November 29, 2008 between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.; and WHEREAS, the establishment desires to dispense, and allow the consumption of alcoholic beverages in the parking lot at 6601 Youree Drive, between the hours of 4:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Section 10-80(a) of the Code of Ordinances makes it unlawful for any person to sell, barter, exchange or otherwise dispose of alcoholic beverages except within those sections of the City wherein such sale is permitted by the applicable zoning ordinance; and WHEREAS, the adoption of this Resolution would allow the dispensing, and consumption of alcoholic beverages in the parking lot at 6601 Youree Drive, on November 29, 2008, between the hours of 4:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. for activities associated with a Customer Appreciation Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened Sections 106-130(6) and 10-80(a) of the Code of Ordinances are hereby suspended on November 29, 2008 from 4:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. for activities associated with Lockhart Jewelry's Customer Appreciation Day in the parking lot at 6601 Youree Drive.

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

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

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman <u>Long</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Wooley</u> to adopt.

Councilman Webb: I'll let - - - you were probably going to ask the same thing I was. Councilman Long: Well, I can respond to that. It's Lockhart Jewelers on Youree Drive. They're having this little appreciation thing, and they want to be able to serve some wine outside in their parking lot.

Councilman Shyne: Councilman Long, don't take this personally, I'll have to vote against it being a preacher's son. I've heard those tales all my life, the preacher's son sometimes are the worst kids in the world, but I'm trying to live to make that a false statement.

Councilwoman Bowman: Sometimes it's true isn't it?

Councilman Shyne: Joyce! So, I'll have to vote 'NO,' because of my upbringing.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 246 OF 2008

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES TO BE SURPLUS, WHICH WILL AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT TO SELL THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT'S TAX INTEREST IN THESE ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 33:4720.41 et. seq. authorizes a municipality to sell adjudicated property to an adjoining landowner if such landowner undertakes open, notorious, continuous, uninterrupted, peaceable, public, and unequivocal possession of and maintains the adjudicated vacant lot in accordance with all relevant state and local laws for a period of one year; and

WHEREAS, Code of Ordinances Section 26-300 provides that the sale price for such sales shall be one dollar and other good and valuable consideration; the real consideration for such sales is the purchaser's effort, labor and expenses in maintaining the property for a full year; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has received applications pursuant to the above cited laws from adjoining landowners to purchase its tax interest in each of the properties described in Attachment A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened that the properties described in Attachment A are hereby declared surplus:

See Attachment A

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Shreveport does hereby authorize the sale of its tax interest in each of the aforesaid properties for one

dollar and other good and valuable consideration; the real consideration for such sale is the purchaser's effort, labor and expenses in maintaining the property for a full year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 26-301 of the Code of Ordinances, this declaration that these properties are surplus satisfies the requirement of Section 26-301(1)(d), therefore the Mayor of the City of Shreveport is authorized by said Section 26-301 to do any and all things and to sign any and all documents, including Acts of Cash Sale, in a form acceptable to the City Attorney, necessary to effectuate the purposes set forth herein.

BE IT FURTHER 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 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 <u>Webb</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Bowman</u> to adopt.

Councilman Walford: Are these the \$1?

Councilman Webb: Yes.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, thank you very much, hear? And this should help us out. Where is Property Standards?

Mr. Dark: Jim had to leave sir.

Councilman Shyne: I'm hoping that we can save \$8 or 900,000 by this if we can encourage people to come down and buy these properties.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Shyne, since you mentioned my name, now you need to give credit to a little further to your right. Not to me, but to your right for the true origin of this program.

Councilman Shyne: I'm trying to figure out right and left.

Mayor Glover: This initiative actually started before this Council and before this Administration. So.

Councilman Shyne: Well I mean, trying to get adjudicated properties off the rolls started, I don't want to say it, but a long time ago. If you're referring to Councilman Lester, I think we kinda started this even before he got out of high school. I mean this goes back to Councilman Shyne and Councilman Huckaby, and Greg Tarver was here for just a minute and then he left going to Baton Rouge, and then Councilman Ferdinand came on. So trying to get adjudicated properties off the roll Mr. Mayor, we probably started this, I'm saying when Calvin was in high school. You might have been in grade school. You might have been in about 9th grade going across to - - -.

Mayor Glover: I don't want to be accused of giving a History lesson Mr. Shyne, I'll just leave it at that, and we can move on.

Councilman Shyne: There you go.

Councilwoman Bowman: I have a correction. That was Civics Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Councilwoman Bowman.

Councilman Shyne: Now Joyce, he'd be giving you a Civics lesson, now we're giving him a History lesson. Okay. Lets move on.

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

Mr. Thompson: The next is the add on. It's the resolution that I read earlier concerning the resolution declaring the city of Shreveport to proceed with the issuing of not to exceed \$11,000,000 and the \$5,000,000. Would you like me to read the entire resolution?

Councilman Shyne: No, we don't probably need for you to read it again Mr. Thompson, although we appreciate your reading it, and we know that you went to the Carnegie Workshop for fast readers.

Councilwoman Bowman: Honestly, I would prefer to hear it read. And I'll tell you why. Sometimes we go so fast through some of this stuff, it comes back to bite us, because we didn't have the opportunity to really look at it and, then we say, 'Oops, I didn't realize I voted on that.' And so I don't want to be in that position. Not too much anyway.

The Clerk read the following:

RESOLUTION NO. 248 OF 2008

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENTION OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT (THE "CITY") TO PROCEED WITH THE ISSUING OF NOT TO EXCEED ELEVEN MILLION AND NO/100 (\$11,000,000) DOLLARS LOUISIANA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REVENUE BONDS (SHREVEPORT AIRPORT CARGO FACILITY PROJECT) SERIES 2008C-AMT REVENUE BONDS AND FIVE MILLION AND NO/100 (\$5,000,000) DOLLARS LOUISIANA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BONDS (SHREVEPORT AIRPORT SYSTEM PROJECT) SERIES 2008D-TAXABLE REVENUE BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF (i) THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF A CARGO FREIGHT FACILITY OF APPROXIMATELY 57,000 SQUARE FEET AT SHREVEPORT REGIONAL AIRPORT, (ii) TERMINATING AN EXISTING SWAP AGREEMENT IF DETERMINED TO BE APPROPRIATE AND FEASIBLE, (iii) FUNDING A DEBT SERVICE RESERVE FUND, IF REQUIRED, AND (iv) PAYING THE COSTS OF ISSUANCE THEREOF AND FURTHER 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 in an amount not to exceed Eleven Million and No/100 (\$11,000,000) Dollars in a manner and structure to be determined by subsequent resolution, to finance the cost of the acquisition, construction and equipping of a cargo freight facility of approximately 57,000 square feet at Shreveport Regional Airport and further providing with respect thereto and Five Million and No/100 (\$5,000,000) Dollars in a manner and structure to be determined by subsequent resolution to finance the cost of the termination of an existing Swap Agreement with Morgan Keegan Financial Products, Inc. dated March 27, 2006 as supplemented and amended to date, if determined to be appropriate and feasible and further providing with respect thereto (collectively the "Project").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Shreveport (the "City"), in legal session convened, acting as the governing authority thereof (the "Governing Authority", that:

Section 1: <u>LCDA Approval</u>. The City is authorized to proceed with the financing through the Authority in an amount not to exceed Eleven Million and No/100 (\$11,000,000) Dollars (Shreveport Airport Cargo Facility Project) Series 2008C-AMT Revenue Bonds (the "Series C Bonds") and in an amount not to exceed Five Million and No/100 (\$5,000,000) Dollars (Shreveport Airport System Project) Series 2008D-Taxable Revenue Bonds (the "Series D Bonds"), represented by the issuance of the Authority's bonds on behalf of the City (collectively the Series C Bonds and the Series D Bonds are the "Bonds") to provide funds to finance the Project.

Section 2: Structure of Financing. The structure, terms and conditions of any such borrowing shall be determined by subsequent resolution of the City Council, provided however, that the term of the borrowing related to the Series C Bonds shall not exceed twenty-five (25) years from the date of issuance and will bear interest at a fixed rate not to exceed ten per centum (10.0%) per annum and the term of the borrowing related to the Series D Bonds shall not exceed thirteen (13) years from the date of issuance and will bear interest at a fixed rate not to exceed twelve per centum (12.0%) per annum.

Section 3: <u>State Bond Commission Application</u>. The Governing Authority hereby authorizes and directs that application be formally made to the State Bond Commission, Baton Rouge, Louisiana (the "SBC") 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: <u>SBC Swap Approval.</u> By virtue of applicant/issuer's application for, acceptance and utilization of the benefits of the Louisiana State Bond Commission's approval(s) resolved and set forth herein, it resolves that it understands and agrees that such approval(s) 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.", adopted by the Commission on July 20, 2006, as to the borrowing(s) and other matter(s) subject to the approval(s), including subsequent application and approval under said Policy of the implementation or use of any swap(s) or other product(s) or enhancement(s) covered thereby.

Section 5: Official Intent. This Resolution is an adoption of an official intent of the City acting by and through the Authority toward the issuance of its Bonds as contemplated herein in accordance with the laws of the State and the United States Treasury Regulations, Section 1.150-2(e). The Bonds are not expected to exceed an aggregate principal amount of \$16,000,000. Reimbursement of expenditures of the City from proceeds of the Bonds, if any, will be for reimbursement of expenditures from the City's general fund and the City's Airport Authority Reserve Fund.

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

BE IT 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 <u>Lester</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Long</u> to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 6. Nays: Councilman Walford. 1.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS: (Not to be adopted prior to October 28, 2008) **The Clerk read the following:**

1. **Resolution No. 247 of 2008**: A resolution authorizing the submissions of the 2009-2013 Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman <u>Lester</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Long</u> to introduce Resolution No. 247 of 2008 to lay over until October 28, 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 October 28, 2008) **The Clerk read the following:**

- 1. Ordinance No. 122 of 2008: An ordinance amending and re-enacting Section 10-85 (3) of the Code of Ordinances relative to Dual Service Alcoholic Beverages establishments and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
- 2. <u>Ordinance No. 123 of 2008</u>: An ordinance amending and replacing Section 74-54 of the Code of Ordinances relative to Landfill Disposal Fees, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
- 3. Ordinance No. 124 of 2008: An ordinance creating and establishing a No Parking Anytime Zone on the north side of Ardis Taylor Drive between Royalton Drive and a Point One-Hundred (100) feet east of Teche Way Drive, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (E/Webb)
- 4. <u>Ordinance No. 125 of 2008</u>: An ordinance amending the 2008 Convention Center Hotel Enterprise Fund Budget, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
- 5. Ordinance No. 126 of 2008: An ordinance amending the 2008 Golf Enterprise Fund Budget, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
- 6. Ordinance No. 127 of 2008: An ordinance amending the 2008 Water and Sewerage Enterprise Fund Budget, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
- 7. Ordinance No. 128 of 2008: An ordinance amending the 2008 Capital Improvements Budget, and otherwise provide with respect thereto.

- 8. Ordinance No. 147 of 2008: An ordinance making certain findings with respect to the issuance of the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority Revenue Refunding Bonds on behalf of the City of Shreveport of not to exceed Eleven Million and No/100 (\$11,000,000) Dollars Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority Revenue Bonds (Shreveport Airport Cargo Facility Project) Series 2008C-AMT Revenue Bonds and Five Million and No/100 (\$5,000,000) Dollars Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Bonds (Shreveport Airport System Project) Series 2008D-Taxable Revenue Bonds for the purpose of (i) The acquisition, construction and equipping of a cargo freight facility of approximately 57,000 square feet at Shreveport Regional Airport, (ii) Terminating an existing Swap Agreement if determined to be appropriate and feasible, (iii) Funding a Debt Service Reserve Fund, if required, and (iv) Paying the costs of issuance thereof, approving the forms of and authorizing the distribution, execution and delivery of the preliminary, if any, and final official statements; Approving the form of the trust indenture, authorizing the execution and delivery of the loan agreement, a Bond Purchase 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.
- 9. <u>Ordinance No. 148 of 2008</u>: An Ordinance amending the 2008 General Fund Budget and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman <u>Walford</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Long</u> to introduce Ordinance No(s). 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 147, and 148 of 2008 of 2008 to lay over until October 28, 2008 meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES: (To be adopted no later than December 15, 2008) **The Clerk read the following:**

- 1. Ordinance No. 129 of 2008: An ordinance adopting the 2009 Capital Improvements Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
- 2. Ordinance No. 130 of 2008: An ordinance adopting the 2009 Budget for the Riverfront Special Revenue and appropriating the funds authorized therein and otherwise provide with respect thereto.
- 3. Ordinance No. 131 of 2008: An ordinance adopting the 2009 General Fund Budget Appropriations, the funds authorized therein and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
- 4. **Ordinance No. 132 of 2008**: An ordinance adopting the 2009 Budget for the Airports Enterprise Fund, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

- 5. Ordinance No. 133 of 2008: An ordinance adopting the 2009 Budget for the Community Development Special Revenue Fund, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
- 6. Ordinance No. 134 of 2008: Ann ordinance adopting the 2009 Debt Service Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
- 7. Ordinance No. 135 of 2008: An ordinance adopting the 2009 Budget for the Downtown Entertainment Economic Development Special Revenue Fund, appropriating the funds therein and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
- 8. <u>Ordinance No. 136 of 2008</u>: An ordinance adopting the 2009 Budget for the Downtown Parking Enterprise Fund, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
- 9. <u>Ordinance No. 137 of 2008</u>: An ordinance adopting the 2009 Budget for the Golf Enterprise Fund, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
- 10. Ordinance No. 138 of 2008: An ordinance adopting the 2009 Budget for the Convention Center Hotel Enterprise Fund, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
- 11. Ordinance No. 139 of 2008: An ordinance adopting the 2009 Budget for the Information Technology Internal Service Fund, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
- 12. Ordinance No. 140 of 2008: An ordinance adopting the 2009 Budget for the Metropolitan Planning Commission's Special Revenue Fund, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
- 13. Ordinance No. 141 of 2008: An ordinance adopting the 2009 Budget for the Shreveport Redevelopment Agency Special Revenue Fund, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
- 14. Ordinance No. 142 of 2008: An ordinance adopting the 2009 Budget for the Public Safety Grants Special Revenue fund, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
- 15. Ordinance No. 143 of 2008: An ordinance adopting the 2009 Budget for the Retrained Risk Internal Service Fund, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
- 16. Ordinance No. 144 of 2008: An ordinance adopting the 2009 Budget funding contractual services provided to SPORTRAN by Metro Management Associates, Inc., and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

- 17. Ordinance No. 145 of 2008: An ordinance adopting the 2009 Budget for the Water and Sewerage Enterprise Fund, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
- 18. Ordinance No. 146 of 2008: An ordinance adopting the 2009 Budget for the Environmental Grants Special Revenue Fund, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman <u>Walford</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Wooley</u> to introduce and table Ordinance No(s). 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, and 146 of 2008 to lay over until October 28, 2008 meeting.

Mr. Thompson: There was some discussion. Ms. Bowman had indicated earlier that she might want to vote on an amendment to one of these earlier, but she's comfortable with the tabling.

Councilman Walford: And as I understand, tabling takes away the advertising requirement or saves us some from this money yesterday.

Councilman Shyne: Since we're in a budget crunch, it saves us some money. And you know how you are, you know how I am.

Councilman Wooley: Might be able to save some city jobs.

Councilman Shyne: Yeah!

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

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE (Numbers are assigned Ordinance Numbers) **The Clerk read the following:**

1. Ordinance No. 69 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. (*Postponed September 23, 2008*)

Having passed first reading on <u>June 242, 2008</u> was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman <u>Lester</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Long</u> to table. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

2. <u>Ordinance No. 97 of 2008</u>: An ordinance amending Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances relative to itinerate vendors and to otherwise providing with respect thereto. (E/Webb) (*Postponed September 9, 2008 until October 28, 2008*)

Having passed first reading on <u>August 12, 2008</u> was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman <u>Webb</u>, seconded by Councilmen <u>Bowman and Wooley</u> to table. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 6. Nays: Councilman Walford. 1.

3. Ordinance No. 115 of 2008: An ordinance requiring a permit for use of municipal property for business operations in the City of Shreveport; requiring the provision of certain information prior to issuance of such permit; and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (*Postponed September 23, 2008*)

Having passed first reading on <u>September 9, 2008</u> was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman <u>Lester</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Bowman</u> to table. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

4. <u>Ordinance No. 116 of 2008</u>: An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a license to use space in the Shreveport Convention Center to Dallas MTA, LP., doing business as VERIZON WIRELESS, and including SMG as a party to the agreement, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on <u>September 23, 2008</u> was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman <u>Walford</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Long</u> to adopt.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, I'm glad to see you doing this, cause my phone, every time I try to call somebody down there, it drops the call. So I know with this going on, and I have an expensive phone. A \$97 phone. That's expensive for me.

Councilman Walford: Mr. Chairman, listen Verizon has all those people parked in our parking garage.

Councilman Shyne: So we can make some money! That's why you're doing that.

Mayor Glover: He supposes that you have a Verizon phone Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Shyne: Wait a minute Mr. Mayor, you're going to make me spend some more money.

Councilman Webb: I'm just glad you learned how to put it on vibrate.

Councilman Shyne: Now here I am, I'm getting ready to join the Republican Party, and then I get - - -

Councilman Webb: I've got my cards in the garage.

Councilman Shyne: Well, wait until the next time. All in favor, vote yes.

Mayor Glover: We have admission.

Councilman Shyne: Now you know that's not funny. You'll have Calvin repeating that tomorrow.

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

5. Ordinance No. 117 of 2008: An ordinance creating three (3) yield intersections within the city limits of the City of Shreveport and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Lester)

Having passed first reading on <u>September 23, 2008</u> was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by

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

- 6. Ordinance No. 118 of 2008: An ordinance amending the 2008 Riverfront Special Revenue Fund Budget and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
- 7. Ordinance No. 119 of 2008: An ordinance amending the 2008 Budget for the Information Technology Internal Service Fund, and otherwise to providing with respect thereto.
- 8. <u>Ordinance No. 120 of 2008</u>: An ordinance amending the 2008 Budget for the Public Safety Grants Special Revenue Fund, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on <u>September 23, 2008</u> was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman <u>Bowman</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Wooley</u> to postpone Ordinance No(s) 118, 119, and 120 of 2008 until the next regular meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

9. Ordinance No. 108 of 2008: ZONING C-56-08: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the north side of Greenwood Road, 460 feet west of Marston, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-1D Urban One-Family Residence District, to B-2, Neighborhood Business District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Lester) (Postponed September 23, 2008)

Having passed first reading on <u>September 9, 2008</u> was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman <u>Lester</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Bowman</u> to table. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

10. Ordinance No. 121 of 2008: ZONING – C-57-08: Amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the northeast corner of Ockley and Southern Avenue, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana from B-2, Neighborhood Business District to B-2-E, Neighborhood Business/Extended Use District limited to Outside Scooter Sales as presented in writing and verbally at the Public Hearing only, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Walford)

Having passed first reading on <u>September 23, 2008</u> was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman <u>Walford</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Long</u> to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

ORDINANCE NO. 116 OF 2008

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A LICENSE TO USE SPACE IN THE SHREVEPORT CONVENTION CENTER TO DALLAS MTA, L.P., DOING BUSINESS AS VERIZON WIRELESS, AND INCLUDING SMG AS A PARTY TO THE AGREEMENT AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport ("City") is the owner of the Shreveport Convention Center, located at 400 Caddo St., Shreveport, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Dallas MTA, L.P., doing business as Verizon Wireless, wishes to place certain radio distribution equipment including, but not limited to, repeaters, amplifiers, base station equipment, antennae, cables, wiring, and associated network devices, for use with wireless service provided by Verizon Wireless, in the Shreveport Convention Center, for the purpose of improving cell telephone service to Verizon Wireless customers within the Shreveport Convention Center; and

WHEREAS, Verizon Wireless will pay all costs of equipment and installation for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the improvement of wireless service in the Shreveport Convention Center will be a benefit to visitors and users of the building; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement proposes an initial term of five years with automatic four automatic five year renewal terms; and

WHEREAS, LSA-R.S. 33:4712 requires that notice of this ordinance be published at least three (3) times within fifteen (15) days, one week apart.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that Cedric B. Glover, Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement to license the use of space in the Shreveport Convention Center located at 400 Caddo St, to Dallas MTA, L.P., doing business as Verizon Wireless, and if necessary, including SMG, (a Pennsylvania general partnership which manages the Shreveport Convention Center) as a party, substantially in accordance with the draft of the In-Building Agreement filed for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of Council on October 14, 2008.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 117 OF 2008

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THREE (3) YIELD INTERSECTIONS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY:

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in

legal and regular session convened that the following are hereby made and created yield intersections:

1. Abbie Street and Denver Street Yield to Abbie Street

- 2. Anna Street and Denver Street Yield to Anna Street
- 3. Denver Street and Logan Street Yield to Logan Street

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or

applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or

applications and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or resolutions or parts

thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

ORDINANCE NO. 121 OF 2008

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 106 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT ZONING ORDINANCE, BY REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF OCKLEY AND SOUTHERN AVENUE, SHREVEPORT, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, FROM B-2, NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT TO B-2-E NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS/EXTENDED USE DISTRICT, LIMITED TO "OUTSIDE SCOOTER SALES AS PRESENTED IN WRITING AND VERBALLY AT THE PUBLIC HEARING 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 on the northeast corner of Ockley and Southern Avenue, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, legally described as a portion of Lots 14 and 15, Block 6, Fairfield Heights Subdivision, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA, begin at the SW corner of Lot 15, Block 6, Fairfield Heights Subdivision, thence run north along the west line of Lots 14 and 15, 79.71 feet; thence east 77 feet along the south line of Lot 13, thence south 34.81 feet, thence east 22.13 feet, thence south 44.89 feet, thence west along the south line of Lot 15, 98.72 feet to the POB. Shreveport, Caddo, Louisiana, be and the same is hereby changed from B-2, Neighborhood Business District, to B-2-E, Neighborhood Business /Extended Use District limited to "outside scooter sales as presented in writing and verbally at the public hearing only"

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

1. Development of the property shall be in substantial accord with the revised 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:

Councilman Shyne: I'd like to bring - - - Mr. Thompson: Ordinance No. 40 of 2008?

Councilman Shyne: Yes. I'd like to bring that up.

- 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)
- **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*)
- **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. Ordinance No. 24 of 2008: 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. (*Tabled May 13, 2008*)

Councilman Walford: This is strictly to bring it up?
Councilman Shyne: Yeah, this is to bring it up. And Mr. Thompson do you need to read?

The Clerk read the following:

7. Ordinance No. 40 of 2008: Amending and reenacting Section 26-211 of the Code of Ordinances relative to City Contracts, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Walford) (*Tabled May 27, 2008*)

Motion by Councilman <u>Shyne</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Wooley</u> to move Ordinance No. 40 of 2008 from Unfinished Business to Ordinances on Second Reading and Final Passage.

Councilman Shyne: I've had a number of contractors who have contacted me about this, and I thought we had settled this, where if your dad or your mother-in-law, or whoever might owe the City some money, then that would disqualify you from getting a contract with the City. And I feel like that's wrong because it's not very many of us in here Mr. Mayor, if you haven't learned it yet, you will. Because I know you're kinda newlywed. And you can't control your mother-in-law. And I don't think it's fair. Joyce, that's right. 'Cause I know

Joyce has two sons, and when they get married, it's going to be hard for their wives to control Joyce.

Mayor Glover: Is that why you kept getting new ones Mr. Chairman?

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, I got something for you after this Council Meeting. Y'all get ready to call 911. And I think it's kinda - - - I think Councilman Walford and I might have different ideas on this one, but.

Councilman Walford: I don't know Mr. Shyne, I'll discuss mine, and you discuss yours.

Councilman Shyne: I'm through, I'm going to let you discuss yours.

Councilman Walford: Okay, so Mr. Shyne would like to get rid of this, so that anyone who owes the City for adjudicated, demolition liens, grass cutting liens, or other property standard liens, or owes the city money of any type, can get a city contract. This was passed because I found one of our - - - Mr. Lester, can I use the 'slum lord' word?

Councilman Lester: Go for it.

Councilman Walford: I won't call any specific names, but one of the slum lords that Mr. Lester and I are so fond of dealing with, was getting contracts from Community Development but owed the city a great deal of money. This simply says that if they - - - the individual, his immediate family, or an entity that he owns at least 25% of, owes the city money, they can't get city contracts. Now I know two of the people that have contacted Mr. Shyne. One of them has made a lot of noise about this, and actually went to Purchasing, refused to sign the certification. You know why? Because the book they gave all of us with those who have adjudicated property, had his name in there. I wouldn't sign it either. It would be fraud. So, If we don't keep this piece of legislation, we're saying 'You owe the City money, don't worry about it.' You know we've got people out there that owe us \$40, 50,000. We've got one of Councilman Lester's favorites owes us over \$250,000.

Councilman Shyne: I thought we amended it. Wait I'm sorry. Mr. Thompson, didn't we amend this piece of legislation where it left if the individual owes the city?

Ms. Glass: I believe and it's been a while since I've looked at this, but I believe the purpose of this ordinance was just to take out the prohibition on family members.

Councilman Shyne: Right.

Ms. Glass: It would retain the individual.

Councilman Walford: But it also keeps the companies that the individual owns, if I'm reading it correctly.

Ms. Glass: It keeps them from - - - they are with this, they would still be prohibited. Councilman Shyne: Right. But it takes out the family members. This is what we're trying to do is take out the family members.

Councilman Walford: Well you don't know about some of our slum lords. And if you're comfortable with it.

Councilman Shyne: I mean I don't think we need to punish an innocent person for something that somebody else is doing. This is not - - - this is America. This is not right. This is just not right.

Councilman Lester: Question Mr. Chairman. Ms. Glass, it's been a while since we dealt with this, but I do recall, we passed the ordinance that says if you owed the city money, you cannot contract with the city. I remember us passing that. And I remember that there was some question about signing the affidavit and the certification, that certain people had some questions with that. And as I recalled Mr. Walford offered this particular piece of legislation, and this particular piece of legislation says 'if you have a family member,' where originally the family members were disqualify a contractor, and there was some question

about contractors being able to certify their brother, cousin, or whatever. We agreed with Councilman Walford, that it was necessary, but it was overly broad as I recall. And this particular piece of legislation wants to narrow the definition of family, such that if it dealt with immediate persons, husband, wife and as I appreciate it, if a person owns 25% of a particular entity, then that entity would not be able to contract with the city because after 25% ownership threshold, that triggered the previous legislation saying that they were not able to do business. Is that correct? Would that be a fair reading of this what we have before us?

Ms. Glass: I think it's not correct regarding the family members. I think what this ordinance does is it takes out the family members all together. What it says is 'Neither the contractor nor any legal entity of which he owns more than 25% shall either own the adjudicated property or owe money to the city.' But I believe it's just for the contractor and a legal entity of which he owns more than 25%.

Councilman Lester: Okay. So, if the contractor's brother has a fine, then this - - - our ordinance would no longer affect them?

Ms. Glass: If this were adopted, then that would not be a problem.

Councilman Lester: Okay, if the proposed contractor's wife owned the company and obviously absent a set of separate property agreement, then Louisiana being a community property state, they would own at least 50%. And so, wouldn't this apply to husbands and wives?

Ms. Glass: It would apply in that case if their community property regime meant that he owned more than 25% of it.

Councilman Lester: Alright, I'm in favor of this. I cannot recall and maybe Councilman Walford will refresh my memory. I can't recall why we tabled this. I do recall the conversation from some contractors on more than one occasion coming to the Council, asking for us to offer this piece of legislation and I will support it, but for some reason, there was some legal reason we decided that we were going to come back to it, and I think we tabled it. But right now, that escapes me.

Ms. Glass: Me too.

Councilman Lester: Councilman Walford: Can you enlighten me?

Councilman Walford: As I remember we tabled it because we had made it a little too unrestrictive. We need to include - - - we need to somehow define immediate family. And you know the situations that I'm thinking of. And I would certainly support it, if we could get Ms. Glass to do that by next meeting, but I don't want somebody putting stuff in their wives name and so on, and still sit here at the trough. And I think we went too far off of what we had. What we have is probably too restrictive. And I would favor this if we include a definition of immediate family to include wife.

Councilman Lester: And maybe that's what the - - -

Councilman Shyne: I think that she has that in there already.

Councilman Walford: No she doesn't. That's why we tabled it.

Councilman Lester: And I think as you say now, that's why we tabled it, cause we came back to the point where there was not a definition of a family as it relates to wife, and it would require too much from the permits office to make someone adopt the whole deal about the community property regime, and making our Permits guys defacto lawyers or what have you, as I recall. Because I'm listening.

Ms. Glass: Mr. Chairman, I think what happened was the original ordinance, we did define immediate family. But we used the definition that came out of the State Ethics Code.

Councilman Walford: Right.

Ms. Glass: Which was very broad. So I think we need a - - - I think y'all are saying you need a narrower definition of immediate family. And as far as the Permits Officer or whoever is trying to figure out what the relationships are, that was the purpose of the affidavit. There's no way that they can really delve into that. That was - - - we were putting the burden on the contractor to not lie to us and to fill out the affidavit correctly.

Councilman Lester: Now I remember. Well what I would ask then would be for a postponement so that we can in fact offer that as an amendment, and then deal with it at the next Council Meeting.

Motion by Councilman <u>Lester</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Walford</u> to postpone until the next regular meeting.

Councilman Walford: And she'll have the amendment? Councilman Shyne: Yeah, she'll have the amendment. Councilman Walford: Now we're getting somewhere.

Ms. Glass: I'm sorry. I might be out of order, but so what the Council would want would be immediate family that would just include - - -

Councilman Shyne: Husband and wife.

Ms. Glass: Children, not their children? Just the husband or wife? Just the spouse?

Councilman Shyne: Is that what you're talking about Calvin?

Councilman Lester: That's what I would think. Yes.

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

- 8. Ordinance No. 58 of 2008: ZONING C-25-08: Amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the west side of N. Market, 3,322 feet north of Martin Luther King Drive, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-1D, Urban, One-Family Residence District to B-1, Buffer Business District and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Lester) (*Tabled July 8*, 2008)
- Ordinance No. 83 of 2008: ZONING: C-35-08 Amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the north side of Hilry Huckaby, 1800' south of North Lakeshore, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from B-3-E, Community Business/Extended District, to B-3-E, Community Business/Extended Use District Limited to "an office, equipment storage yard, with the addition of stockpile materials (wood chips/recyclable wood products" only, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Lester) (Tabled August 26, 2008)

11. PROPERTY STANDARDS APPEALS:

HBO0700145 – 426 Woodrow, Shreveport, LA (F/Shyne) Ms. Carolyn Miller, 424 Woodrow, Shreveport, LA 71105 (C/Long) (*Tabled 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 September 8*, 2008 until October 13, 2008)
- HBO0700137 1919 Walnut Street, Shreveport, LA (A/Lester); Mr. Warren Reddix, 4463 Lakeshore Dr., Shreveport, LA 71109 (G/Bowman) (Postponed August 25, 2008 until October 27, 2008)
- **PSD0700243** 129 Stoner Ave, Shreveport, LA (B/Walford); Ms. Maria Orellana, 909 Anthony, Bossier City, LA 71112)(Postponed August 11, 2008 until November 10, 2008)
- **PSD0700170** 610 Terrell Drive (D/Wooley); Mr. Bobby Player, 3110 Logan Street, Shreveport, LA 71103 (G/Bowman) (*Postponed September 22, 2008 until October 27, 2008*)
- **PSD0700347** 4129 Theo Street/4709 Norton (F/Shyne): Mr. Johnny Myles, 1041 Sheridan Street, Shreveport, La 71104 (B/Walford) (*Postponed May 12, 2008 until November 10, 2008*)
- **PSD0700058**: 557 Egan Street, Shreveport, LA (B/Walford) Mr. Daniel Markulus, 853 Place, Shreveport, LA (B/Walford) (*Postponed September 22, 2008 until October 27, 2008*)
- **PSD0700214**: 2732 Logan Street. Shreveport, LA (G/Bowman) Willie Roberson, 6915 Quilen Rd, Shreveport, LA (E/Webb) (*Postponed September 22, 2008 until October 27, 2008*)
- **PSD0700131**: 1530 Arlington, Good Samaritan Funeral Home, Inc., Shreveport, La (A/Lester) Mr. Winnifred Jackson, 2200 Laurel St, Shreveport, La (A/Lester) (*Tabled June 9, 2008*)
- **PSD0800194:** 2031 Ice Cream St., Shreveport, LA 71107 (A/Lester) Mr. Roosevelt Hicks, Jr., 1704 Bonnie Street, Shreveport, LA 71107 (A/Lester) (*Postponed August 11*, 2008 until October 27, 2008)
- **PSD0600413** 2330 Darien Street, Shreveport, LA 71103 (G/Bowman) Ms. Thressa Lovelace French, 2401 Darien Street, Shreveport, LA 71103 (G/Bowman) (Postponed September 22, 2008 until October 27, 2008)
- **PSD0600117** 7024 S. Lakeshore Drive, Shreveport, LA (G/Bowman) Ms. Tanya Luker, 7024 S. Lakeshore Drive, Shreveport, LA (G/Bowman) (*Postponed September 22*, 2008 until December 8, 2008)
- **PSD0700260** 2115 Lakeshore Drive, Shreveport, LA (G/Bowman) Tax Sales Properties, Inc., c/o Mr. Buddy Collins, 707 Benton Road, Suite 125, Bossier City, LA 71111 (Postponed September 22, 2008 until December 8, 2008)

Mr. Thompson: I'm not aware of any other matters on Unfinished Business that needs to be taken up at this time.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Thompson, I'm not either, and I overlooked someone early, and I'm sorry to do this. But a special guest, we have Mr. Willie Bradford here, who is a good friend of the city, and also a cousin to the Mayor. And Mr. Bradford, glad to see you come down here? Okay.

Mr. Chairman I believe we are now under New Business. And I believe under New Business, we can take up BAC-1166-08.

NEW BUSINESS

PSd0800043 – 7017 Janey Street, Shreveport, LA (F/Shyne) Mr. E. B. Robinson, M.D., 7941 Youree Drive, Shreveport, LA 71105 (D/Wooley)

BAC 116-08: Property located on the east side of Greenwood Boulevard, 350' north of Greenwood Road. (G/Bowman)

Motion by Councilman <u>Bowman</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Wooley</u> to uphold the decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals. 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.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES: None. **CLERK'S REPORT**: None.

THE COMMITTEE RISES AND REPORTS: (Reconvenes Regular Council Meeting) **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:17 p.m.

//s// Joe Shyne, Chairman	
//s// Arthur G	Thompson, Clerk of Council