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**Council Proceedings of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana**  
**October 28, 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 3:06 p.m., Tuesday, October 28, 2008, in the Government Chambers in Government Plaza (505 Travis Street).

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

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, you see what you started, huh?

Mayor Glover: What's that Mr. Chairman?

Councilman Shyne: Did you hear that, 'Under God?'

Mayor Glover: That's a tradition I believe that started long before her arrival to the City Council, if I'm not mistaken.

Councilwoman Bowman: That's right.

Councilman Shyne: Okay, I thought maybe, Councilwoman Bowman, I thought maybe the Mayor had something to do with that.

Councilwoman Bowman: Nah!

Councilman Shyne: Madam Clerk?

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

**Motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Walford to approve the minutes of the Administrative Conference, Monday, October 13, 2008, and Council Meeting, Tuesday, October 14, 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.**

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

Councilman Shyne: I'd like to take this opportunity to bring up a young man that I've been knowing for a long time, as a matter of fact, if he doesn't mind it, but I remember when he used to run around in Hollywood Heights barefoot Mr. Mayor. I don't know whether he didn't have any shoes, or if he just refused to wear any. You know how that is. A young man that I'm extremely proud of, and I wanted to let him know that he ran a very positive campaign, and I'm so glad that you won. I do want you to come forward Mr. Caldwell. I just want to say this that, you have made history. You, I believe maybe two ways. The first African-American City Marshal, and I believe the first City Marshal to have a College Degree.

Marshal Caldwell: And the youngest.

Councilman Shyne: Oh now wow!. Don't let me say that in front of Calvin Lester, because he always - - - him and the Mayor, they're always trying to point the finger at me, because I've got a frost. This isn't gray hair. You know I get it frosted up a little bit from time to time.

Mayor Glover: (Inaudible)

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, we'll talk about that in a few minutes. But I do want you to know that I don't look at you as being an African-American City Marshal. I look at you as being the City Marshal, and it doesn't matter whether you're African-American, or Caucasian, or whether you're male or female, you are the City Marshal for the City of Shreveport. And I'm going to turn it over to you.

Marshal Caldwell: Thank you very much Council. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Council, I really appreciate it. I really just came to check out the fireworks this afternoon in the Council. But I'm a Marshal for the people. That's what I'm here for. I don't look at color when I make my decisions, and running my office, or what have you. I look at people. I look at everybody as being equal. That's me. I only can speak for me, but I'm looking forward to working with the Council in these upcoming years. Looking forward for a long and thankfully relationship with the Council and hoping that we can negotiate some things over the years. I have a budget meeting that's coming up Monday, and it's going to be some interesting ordeals within the budget, but I'm sure that we'll come to some conclusions and things in time. So Ladies and Gentlemen, I want to thank you the members of the Council, Ladies and Gentlemen. Thank you Mr. Shyne.

Councilman Webb: Are you going to be at the meeting yourself?

Marshal Caldwell: I will be there personally, at every one of them. Yes sir.

Councilman Webb: That's a big improvement already.

Councilman Lester: Huge!

Marshal Caldwell: Yes sir, I'm definitely going to be in 'em. I believe if it involves the office, I believe that I should know what's being transpired through the office, and what's being said also. And it's kinda like school work, if you're not - - - I'm one of those 'hands on' learners. If I'm not in the classroom, and the teacher is explaining, then you know I'm dumbfounded. But you know if I'm in that class, and I can do that hands on, then I'll get a better understanding by being there. And that's my main ordeal. Ladies and gentlemen, you're going to see a totally different area of law enforcement coming from the Marshal's office this upcoming six years. I spoke with the Chief of Police and we're going to get together and tackle some issues that we have out here that's plaguing our communities, and things like that. And I've already worked with the Sheriff's office also on some of the warrant operations, and we're getting with Property Standards also in dealing with them. We do a great deal of work with them in executing their ordinance and their warrants. So it's my pleasure, and I'm willing to hit the ground running, just as I have. And I'm looking forward to really getting promising career with you guys.

Councilman Walford: Marshal, when I visited with you the other day, and we talked about you coming, I told you it was going to be a pleasant experience, and you used the word 'ordeal.' We look like an ordeal? Dealing with Mr. Dark, and getting your budget done, might be an ordeal, but we're not. You'll enjoy your visit with us.

Marshal Caldwell: It's going to be very good. It'll be great.

Councilman Walford: And we're really pleased that you're going to be there.

Marshal Caldwell: Well thank you gentlemen, and I will - - - it's going to be some of my other deputies that will be supporting me, that's going to be there. Possibly, they judges. We had like a pre-meeting yesterday, discussing budgets of the City Court, and budget of the Marshal office. And they want to also be present you know, some issues I guess they want to speak of at the same time. I think it'll be alright.

Councilman Shyne: Charlie, I appreciate you coming down, but now I will have to say this, and I don't know whether I'm by myself, but I always had a good working relationship with Jimmy Dove. I thought Jimmy was a fine Marshal and - - -

Marshal Caldwell: Well he appointment me, so

Councilman Shyne: Right, when he was in office, so and I've been knowing you for a long time.

Marshal Caldwell: Yes sir, since I was a kid, since I was about five years old, that's right.

Councilman Shyne: Now, don't say that in front of Cedric and Calvin. They'll have a field day. But we appreciate you coming down, and I know you and the Chief will be working very close together, and I don't have no apprehension, I know you will be working very close with me and the Council.

Marshal Caldwell: I'm planning on doing the City a good job. That's what I'm here for, and that's what the people elected me for, and I want to show myself approved to the citizens of Shreveport, that they did elect the right person.

Councilman Shyne: Charlie, again, congratulations.

Mayor Glover: I want to join the Council Marshal in congratulating you on your victory. Looking forward to working with you. I know that as you have mentioned look to work with the City, provide exemplary services as you already have, and our prayers go out to you as well as to your wife and your lovely daughter. Because we know that they also will pay a price for the many hours that you will spend out serving the people. So we appreciate you and we appreciate them, and we'll keep y'all lifted up, and again, looking forward to I know a first, since I've been Mayor, to see a Marshal who will actually come and appear before this group to present his budget and defend it. I don't know if having a gun gives you an advantage, but maybe that might be something that causes Councilman Walford and some of the others to have a little bit of pause - - -

Marshal: I'll just lay it on the counter.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Marshal.

Councilman Shyne: And Mr. Mayor, I'm glad you said that, because I noticed whenever Chief Whitehorn comes up, he always stands before us with his hands on his hip. So, I don't know whether he's trying to be close where he can snatch it up real quick or not.

Mayor Glover: Gun slingers are always ready Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Shyne: Now Chief, that goes to show you how we've been watching you.

Mayor Glover: You never know where the threat may come from.

Councilman Shyne: That's exactly right. I believe - - - any more comments from the Council Members? If not Mr. Mayor, we're going to move to you.

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

Mayor Glover: As I always state Mr. Chairman, anyone who chooses to grace these Chambers with their presence either for a Work Session or for a Council Meeting day, I consider to be a special guest, so we thank all of those who are in attendance, and because of the potential length of today's meeting, we're going to forego any additional communications at this point and time.

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

**Reports:** Property Standards Report

Councilman Shyne: Property Standards. I believe we have a Public Hearing from the Administration, and at this particular point, any questions for Jim Holt and Property Standards?

Mr. Holt: I believe I've addressed all the concerns from yesterday individually with the Councilmen that addressed them. I still need to talk to Ms. Bowman, I'll do that privately about one of her concerns. If there are any other issues that you have, I'd be glad to take them.

Councilman Lester: Mr. Chairman, I want to take an opportunity. We talked about it really briefly at the budget meeting yesterday, but I do want to take this moment with the public watching and commend both Jim Holt and Ross Montelbano. As you know Members, we went to, the three of us went to Little Rock on Tuesday and Wednesday to do some additional research on the Renters Code. And it was a very productive trip. I'm looking forward to giving the rest of the information that we were able to glean from Little Rock's practices, and use those as we move forward with our Renters Code. But I wanted to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Holt and Mr. Montelbano for working very diligently on this, and I think the citizens are going to be proud with the product that we come up with. Thank you Mr. Chairman, thank you Jim.

Councilman Shyne: And Jim, we appreciate it. And Mr. Mayor, I guess I should have said this earlier, and I think I said this on yesterday. I want to commend you again for the steps that you took in contacting a legal firm, in New Orleans in order to look into the leasing situation that we had out at the Airport. Again, I want to thank you and we kinda had a little disagreement on that, in the beginning. I don't know whether it was a disagreement, or we just weren't using the same kind of King's language, or not. But I want to commend you and the Administration for taking those steps. Because that's something that we need to look into, if it can be corrected. I think we need to, if it can be corrected, I think we need to, if it cannot be corrected, we just have to swallow it and move on.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Mr. Chairman. We were never in disagreement with regard to believing that it was a bad deal for the citizens of the City of Shreveport. I don't think that was ever a point of conflict. I guess I can't speak to what you perceived or concluded. I think as I remarked on yesterday, I was waiting, and since you told us that you had free legal counsel, that may be able to come in and clear the situation up for us very quickly. I tried to save the city a dollar or two by waiting on those folks to show up, and unfortunately, they never did arrive. And so we had to avail ourselves of other means and we're certainly hopeful.

Councilman Shyne: And I'm glad you did, cause they had a school bill that they had to pay off, and I didn't realize that.

Mayor Glover: We understand. But certainly, we obviously both came to the conclusion I think, as many others did, that the only property that should be valued at a dollar inside the city limits of the City of Shreveport should be these adjudicated lots that we're trying to put back into the hands of adjacent homeowners who want to reclaim them since they've been taking care of them already. But beyond that, there ought to be at least an opportunity for greater value. Now whether or not that ends up being the actual case or not, we'll find out once this process is over with. Like you and I think more than a few others, we felt that it was something that was worthy of further investigation to see what our options are.

Councilman Shyne: Thank you Mr. Mayor.

Councilman Walford: Mr. Chairman, just for the record. May I? I think it was a total waste of money. \$10,700 that could have been better spent. In fact, most of the FAA documents I have on my desk, they would have been (inaudible).

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, am I missing something?

Mayor Glover: Well I will respond. I guess if I'd been one of the folks who made that vote, and was a part of the Council that over saw that decision, I might be of a similar mind. But I think for those of us who are here now, who have to live with that decision, it is incumbent upon us to take a different look at it. And obviously, I disagree. I think obviously you disagree Mr. Chairman, and there are others who disagree as well. I think that's one of the ways in which this process works out. But to believe that a dollar an acre lease agreement and a 16% royalty, and more so than that, the actual contract itself, because the contract itself represents the exact type of deal throughout this Haynesville Shale situation that we have suggested to folks, they might want to try and avoid signing themselves, because it gives every advantage, every privilege, every option to the mineral leaser and not to the property owner. Even to the extent that if it came to the advantage of the lease holder to drill their best well right in the middle of our main runway out at the airport, and we said that that's something that we didn't want them to do, then we'd have to compensate them for the lost value of not being able to do that.

Councilman Shyne: That's correct.

Mayor Glover: So Mr. Walford, you're certainly have the right to have which ever particular opinion, and thoughts about the situation that you do. We just happen to have a disagreement on this as we do on other things as well.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, I'm glad to hear you say that, and I think I heard the word the other day, irresponsible. Did I hear that word the other day? Irresponsible? And I think it's a misstatement that he made and probably the vote he made to do that was very irresponsible. I don't think my, I don't think elementary kids would have voted to lease public property for \$1 an acre. It just doesn't make any sense to me, and I think it was very wise on your part, and I think you will find out that you do have the support of citizens of Shreveport to at least look into that. If we can correct that, I mean that's hundreds of thousands of dollars that we have lost because of - - - I almost used the word ignorance.

Councilman Walford: Tread lightly Mr. Shyne.

Councilman Shyne: Right, and I mean, and I didn't want to use that word, but - - -

Councilman Walford: How about we just stop your commentary before you put your foot in it anymore, because you're treading very close I think.

Councilman Shyne: No, I want to put my foot in it, because I want to make a point here. This is why we were saying earlier, this is why we told the Administration earlier, when you all went down to the Mineral Board. Get the top going price. It makes all of us look

foolish for leasing an acre of land for \$1. It makes us look better when we say, 'Hey look. Let's look at this. Lets see if we can re-do this.' Because I think the citizens of Shreveport deserve to have that. Since we always talking about being efficient, that was not very efficient at all. Mr. Mayor, again thank you. Marshal Caldwell. Marshal, I believe you have your top deputy here, you want to introduce him? You want him to stand and smile. I don't have my camera with me, but - - - you want to just introduce him and say who he is?

Marshal Caldwell: Ladies and Gentlemen of the Council, this is Deputy Joey Hester. Deputy Joey Hester is in charge of our new Community Program that we've gotten together in the Marshal's office. We're going to deal with different areas of the community including education.

Councilman Shyne: And I see you probably selected him because of he has the best smile.

Marshal Caldwell: He has a record of working with a lot of the youth also, so he's pretty much qualified.

Mayor Glover: And he's fresh back from Wimberley Stadium in London, England to stop here.

Marshal Caldwell: He from San Diego, I think .

Mayor Glover: Well, it was close.

Marshal Caldwell: It was close.

Councilman Shyne: Well just tell your son, we're extremely proud of him. But now Councilman Webb did bring one thing to my attention. Whenever the Chief comes up and stands before us, he comes up and puts his hands on his hip, so it will be by his guns. It's good having you down, and we'll be looking forward to seeing both of you back for the budget hearing. Thank you very much. Alright lets move into the Public Hearing.

**Public Hearing:** 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. *(Postponed October 14, 2008)*

Councilman Shyne: I'd like to declare this Public Hearing open. Do we have a report from the affirmative side?

Mr. Dark: Mr. Chair, if it's alright, I'll just give you the quick summary in case the public is wanting to see what we're having a public hearing about. This is relative to Resolution 231 of 2008: The resolution states the City's endorsement of LH Commercial Real Estate Services, Inc., to participate in the benefits of the Louisiana Restoration Tax Abatement Program. L.H. Commercial Real Estate is proposing to renovate a vacant building in the Riverfront area, and we would like to be able to participate in a program that abates the additional taxes that would occur from the renovation. I think there are some representatives of that firm here, who may not necessarily choose to speak, but if you have questions, certainly, they'd be happy to answer.

Councilman Shyne: Could we at least have them come up and tell us hello, and tell us who they are?

Mr. Dark: Looks like someone is.

Councilman Shyne: Yeah. And this is a part of the presentation from the Administration. Mr. Mayor, I'll have to give it to you and Mr. Dark. Y'all show know how to put a presentation together.

Ms. Camus: Hi, I'm Debbie Camus with Lea Hall Properties, and I'm here. My partner is Jenny (inaudible) and Rex Bryant. We are a small locally owned commercial real estate company, and we wanted to personally thank each of the Council Members and the Mayor for supporting us on this project. It is a 19,500 square foot building, right there at the edge of the Red River District. And we believe that moving our offices into this building, as well as offering a tax freeze for the possibility of another tenant coming in there, that we can help create a critical mass of people down there in that Red River District to instead of build it and hope they'll come, we think that we can get office space users, and people that will actually live and work right in that area, that helps support restaurant users, and dry cleaners, and everything else that we need in that Red River District beside night time life. So we just want to thank each of you for helping us with this project to come by and see our offices at 510 Commerce. They're beautiful, and we're excited about the project and thank you for helping us.

Councilman Shyne: Before you leave, we have some very inquisitive people on the Council, and I think that we might have a few questions, but I saw Rex back there, and I hadn't seen him in a long time. He looks like he's an LSU senior. Look like he ought to be (inaudible). You look good. Good to see ya.

Councilman Walford: Debbie, if you would, tell 'em what the building was when you started, and where it's going.

Ms. Camus: It was a vacant shell that had been on the market for 4 ½ years. It was built by a company out of Oklahoma, and they had some tenants lined up for the building, and they did not come to fruition. There was some economic problems that did not come to fruition, so it just sat there vacant. And we saw an opportunity to move our offices down there, create some type of Cinergy in that Red River District. So, we made the commitment to purchase the building. We've already spent about a million dollars. On it, and I think it's going to take at least two to three million dollars to finish out the balance of the interior. It's just dirt floors besides our beautiful officers, it's just dirt floors and a shell of a building. So it sat there really as an eyesore at the corner of the - - well it's really the entrance to the Red River District, right across from Nicky's if y'all are familiar with that area of Commerce St. So we've built these really nice offices and when people walk in now, they can see the possibility of what could happen there. We had some really interesting inquiries about office space, and some other civic type space that could be utilized in this building. Which we're hoping we can make the numbers work to do that. It's really expensive as you are aware, to build that new space or to build a new building, which we don't see much of in the downtown area. And we're just hoping to attract that type of tenant. With the help of this tax freeze, we're not saying that we're not paying taxes, because they're substantial taxes already associated with the building. But to attract a tenant to that particular building, I think we're going to have to have some type of incentive like that to make that commitment. Because the rental rates will be \$20+. And y'all are aware, we're still have an abundance of office space downtown.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, is that a part of the real estate that the guy from Nashville? I mean Memphis, Memphis, Memphis. That's part of that redevelopment landscape?

Mayor Glover: Yes it is Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Shyne: I'm just glad to see you all doing what you're doing. And Monty I'll fess up to mine. Mr. Mayor, I might have been one of those people who I think, it was

probably under the Hightower Administration, who probably voted to spend some money down there, and we thought we were going to get a big investment back from the entertainment district. Kinda like what they have in Memphis. So, to me, this is a big step, this is a good step, not only for you all, but for the City of Shreveport, and for the tax payers of the City of Shreveport. So - - -

Ms. Camus: We understand that it's going to be risky. We're in that business of developing real estate, and we understand the risk. But I think the City's been focused on trying to do entertainment in that district. We see with the oil and gas movement, and some other type of office support, that there is more need now for nice new office space.

Councilman Shyne: Yeah, we can just get some people down there. Get the traffic moving down there, then from there, things will grow. And of course, I can look at you all and tell that you all have been very successful, so this is not really taking a chance for you all. Cause y'all know what you're doing.

Ms. Camus: Well thank you so much, and we appreciate your support.

Councilman Shyne: Anymore comments from any of the Council Members? Mr. Mayor does the Administration have any?

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, I just want to express on behalf of the Administration, how much we are pleased to express our absolute support for the vision of Ms. Camus and Mr. Bryant, and all the folks at Lea Hall. I had the opportunity to obviously meet with them about this more than a few months ago, and I can tell you that I was absolutely ecstatic to know that they were interested in coming into the Red River District area. In fact, it's even one of those situation that represents a net gain for downtown Shreveport, because they were able to lease their existing headquarter space there on Spring Street to another company who established their regional headquarters there in downtown Shreveport. And so they left it fully occupied and fully staffed to a great company, adding more activity to downtown Shreveport, and took on this challenge and opportunity to come into an area that I know some of their colleagues probably in the industry looked at them slightly askance, but it also happens to represent exactly the type of direction that we are trying to steer the Red River District, downtown area toward. So their presence combined with the fact that the folks from El Dorado Casino will be shortly, if they haven't completed that process, moving their Human Resources Department into the Red River District area, as well as the fact that Chief Whitehorn and the folks with the Shreveport Police Department have now established Kiosk that we have in that area. The cameras that have gone up, and the other things that are being contemplated right now by Don Shea and the folks at the Downtown Development Authority. I'm very hopeful that the best days of what was once the Red River District, because part of the future of it in my opinion needs to either come with a re-branding of, because that's a name and a history, that we probably need to just step away from entirely, and come up with an entirely new concept, and obviously a new approach that this particular effort represents a step toward. So we thank you, we appreciate it, and we may even be at some point coming back to talk to these guys on the Council about the drinking hours down there as well, and see what that might have to do with ensuring that we continue down this road of success at this point. So, thank you Ms. Camus, we appreciate it.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, if you all have no more presentations - - -

Mayor Glover: Unless they've got Jamie Moreland in back some place to come in and give some closing remarks, tell my old classmates, he needs to come with you guys the next

time you come down. Unless they've got Jamie Moreland waiting to step up and make some closing remarks, I think that will conclude the Administrations presentation on that.

Councilman Shyne: Okay. Any closing remarks? Okay. Do we have any one - - - Councilman Walford, I'm going to get to it. Sometimes Mr. Mayor, they rush me through these meetings. But you know how I am, I'm speeding anyway. Do we have anyone who would like to speak in opposition to this project? Again, do we have anyone who would like to speak in opposition to this project, except Mr. Thompson? Public Hearing is closed.

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

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Thompson, I believe we have a couple of pieces of legislation to be added to the agenda?

Mr. Thompson: That's correct Mr. Shyne.

- 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. Veto of **Resolution 205 of 2008**: Amending the Pay Plan for Municipal Police Civil Service Personnel and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. Amendment No.1 Pay Chart (D/Wooley) (Vetoed Oct 24, 2008)

Mr. Thompson: The Charter says that an ordinance or resolution that has been disapproved shall be reconsidered by the Council at it's next regular meeting. It shall not take affect unless it is re-adopted by the Council by a two-thirds vote. That resolution can be added to the agenda and taken up at this point, or you can add it to the agenda, and take it up at a later point.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Thompson, to the Council, would it be alright if I would get a motion to add this at this particular time and vote on it?

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, before we add it, the State Law says that you must give the public - - -

Councilman Shyne: I'm going to do that, but I just wanted to know if when we get to that point, I could get a motion to add it, and we could vote on it at this particular time. Alright do we have anyone in the audience that would have any opposition to adding this piece of legislation to the agenda at this particular time?

Ms. Glass: Mr. Chairman, it's actually public comment whether in opposition or in favor of.

Councilman Shyne: Well, in opposition of or if you are in favor of, or if you just want to say something. I don't believe we do. So, if I could get a motion at this time.

**Motion by Councilman Wooley, seconded by Councilman Webb to add Resolution No. 205 of 2008 to the agenda. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.**

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, the motion would be to adopt the ordinance and it takes five votes to over ride the veto of the Mayor.

Councilman Walford: The 'Resolution.'

**Motion by Councilman Wooley, seconded by Councilman Webb to adopt Resolution 205 of 2008.**

Councilman Wooley: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a few comments real briefly. This time, I just wanted to say thank you to the colleagues who have been very supportive throughout this process. I appreciate the Mayor's comments on his veto, so obviously I'll have a better and clearer understanding of where he stood. I feel very confident that we've addressed those issues that he was concerned about regarding the money. We have found the money. It was difficult to find you know obviously within the Police Budget. Because they're over budgeted every year, at least a million dollars. I know there were concerns about the federal grants. When you look at the bigger scope of the federal grants, they're only good for three years, and at that point, we have to pick up the tab. So, I think overall, it'd still be more cost effective to work and retain what we have than the continual efforts. It gets very costly when it comes to recruiting. When it comes to the parity issue between Police and Fire, I know Chief Whitehorn himself did his own study earlier in the year, where he only compared himself to other police departments. I think it's vital that we compare police to police and fire to fire, and obviously I spoke to Chief Crawford and explained to him that at this point, I don't know if a retention problem among firefighters, and so that was the whole point. The main goal of this was to deal with the retention issue of officers. Because they are leaving at a great rate, which is very costly, and they're leaving for higher pay in other places. And then when it comes down to the concern or the questioning of chart versus chart, you know I guess it got dubbed the 'Wooley Plan' versus the 'Chief's Plan,' whoever coined that. But when you get down to it and you do the hard math, and you do the calculations, it is quite clear that the plan that we passed was more cost effective, actually had better consistency among the rates and I can easily do a power point and show you that. So, I'm still very confident. What we proposed and still stand by my vote today. Thank you.

Councilman Walford: I'll state very briefly again that this wasn't an easy vote. Mr. Mayor, this is one of those times, when you and I agree. You commented a while ago that we don't always agree. This is one time that I will commend you for a difficult decision. But I think it was a decision that had to be made. I certainly support pay raises for all of our first responders, and I don't speak for everyone up here, but I have a feeling that's probably the unanimous opinion, but only when there's adequate recurring funding to do it with. And when we're in that position, I certainly am going to be the first one to vote 'YES' to pay raises. I commend Councilman Wooley. I know how much he's put into this. I don't agree with the finding on money, but that's the difference that we have. I certainly respect what he's done. He's been committed to this and put hours into it. So, I will not be voting to overturn the veto, but I do with what I think is a responsible vote and what's best for the city. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Long: I too want to echo Councilman Walford's comments about this issue. This has been a very difficult issue. I will make this pledge though that as we go forth through the budget process, and in going into next year, I'm going to be looking very hard

and very carefully to try to find money that we can utilize to implement what I consider a better pay plan, which is the Chief Whitehorn's plan, and hopefully, we can do something about that in the near future. But right now with the way the sales tax revenues are potentially forecasted to go this holiday season, and with the additional cost that we've experienced city-wide with the high cost of gasoline and other fuels to operate the city, I just cannot in good conscious vote for this resolution right now. So I just wanted folks to know where I stand on that issue. Again, I will be looking very hard and moving forward to scrub this budget and see if there's some ways that we can raise the money and implement some sort of a pay raise. But right now, I just can't do it.

Councilwoman Bowman: Mr. Chairman, I just wanted to make a correction on something that Councilman Long just said. And that was Chief Whitehorn's plan. Chief Whitehorn did have a plan, but it needs to be stated that it was never legislation. It was never on this table before me to cast my vote on. And I believe that the police officers, I believe the firemen, they all need an increase because of what they do, not only for the city, but for our citizens that will represent. I'm not going to say too much on this, because everywhere I go, it seems like here lately, I have more people telling me that we're more entertaining, than watching some of the comedy shows. So I certainly don't want to portray that to them. But I think we all have different opinions here, and most of us don't mind expressing them. And of course, I certainly don't. But I do want to say that my vote will stay the same. Thank you.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, are there any other comments from the Council?

Councilman Shyne: I don't believe so Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Members, obviously if this is an issue that I think unfortunately has created more heat than light. And when that happens in politics, I don't think anybody ever wins. But we want to try and enlighten people to empower folks to arm them with good information, accurate information so that whether we agree or disagree, that we do so based upon just an honest disagreement. And so, I'm not quite sure if that's occurred, throughout the entirety of this process, but what I do know is that as you all prepare to take this vote, I just simply want to make sure that we put a couple of things out there from the Administration's perspective. And I'll start with the comment I just hear from Councilwoman Bowman about the Chief's plan never actually becoming legislation. Well, I'm not quite sure 1) As Chief is not a Council Member, and - - -

Councilwoman Bowman: It wasn't given to one of us, as legislation.

Mayor Glover: Well it would have been presented from the Administration as a recommendation for the Council to have taken up as legislation, and the reason as to why that never happened was because of the cost associated even with the Chief's plan. We're still talking about scenarios that would entail millions of dollars that would have to be found, in order to be able to make the Chief's plan. Not only did the Chief in March of this year come forward and present to me as the Mayor and to this Council a pay chart. He ended up preparing several pay charts. One I think that started with an increase to a base pay of \$35,000. Another that increased it to \$36,000, at my request. Also did charts that included \$37,000 and even my goal and objective as Mayor, a base of \$40,000, and all of the attended costs that would be associated with that. And he did those plans in a way that contrary to what this Council passed two weeks ago, that properly distributed those pay increases throughout the entirety of the ranks, so as to effectively address the inadequacies that were presented in all of the different manifestations of the pay plan that unfortunately Councilman Wooley presented. The first of which did not encompass all of the police officers or the jailers. And

the last of which still does not address those issues for those early and mid career officers. Those corporals, and sergeants and what have you, who end up having real challenges. And frankly, while there are those who might believe or choose to believe that the opposition that was expressed and articulated by so many of the police officers on this department, was somehow facilitated either by the Chief or by this Administration, nothing could be further from the truth. The positions, the statements, the concerns that you saw expressed by members of this police department with the plan that this Council passed came from those individuals who were able to look at it and compare them, and say that while obviously we all want additional pay. If we're going to receive additional pay, this is not the way in which it ought to be done. To my recollection from my conversations both with Chief Whitehorn, as well as with Chief Huddleston, at no point and time was there ever a time that Councilman Wooley asked to sit down to say here's what it is that I'm attempting to do, and you all are the individuals responsible for running and administering the police department on a day to day basis, let's make sure that in my efforts to accomplish this, I'm doing it in a way that's actually going to address what you all know to be the real challenges from a pay standpoint from beginning officers through the various grades, all the way throughout the organization. And so that was never done. And the reason as to why we never presented any of those pay plans Councilwoman Bowman, was because we understood that to come up with the dollars would be a challenge. Now, the basis upon which Councilman Wooley has stated that those dollars are available come from means and mechanisms that are difficult to stand on and justify, I think as it has been expressed by several members of this Council. 1) To take the dollars from the difference between the funding for the retirement system in terms of dollars that were budgeted and dollars that ultimately ended up being paid out does not constitute a recurring and reliable source of funding for a pay raise. Point in case – We budgeted, I believe at 12.5 or 13.5% contributions for this year. The actual contribution to the Municipal Police Employee Retirement System ended up being at 9.5%. That created an obvious gap of some reasonable significance that Councilman Wooley would lead you and the rest of the Council, and the rest of the city to believe that he discovered and all the rest of us were simply blind to. No, what it actually represents is what happens when you budget a certain number and the actual number ends up being something slightly less than that. Now, we're facing potentially the very opposite of that this coming year. And that is, we're going to budget a certain number, in terms of that police contribution. But due to the fact, that statutorily, the Municipal Police Employee Retirement System is required to have 60% of it's assets invested in the equities market, the stock market. And we all know what the stock market is right now, despite the fact that we've seen a 700+ point rally today, the last time I had a chance to check the market. We know that we're still 800, we're still trillions of dollars in terms of actual lost wealth for those folks who have investments in their various retirement programs in the stock market. And so the expectations should be that that number will probably be higher this year, than what we've even budgeted right now. Now, we only have to look back about three or four years to find very empirical evidence of the City of Shreveport having found itself in that position before. In that particular case, it was not with the police department, it was with the fire department. I was not the Mayor, but Councilman Walford and Councilman Lester were both here at the time. And they along with other cities across this state balked at the State of Louisiana was being very unfair to them when the State required that they find mid-year within their budget cycle, I think for the City of Shreveport, you guys can correct me if I'm wrong, it was probably an additional \$5,000,000 that had to be found to be provided by the

City of Shreveport into the Firefighters Retirement System. There were even legislators who attempted to file bills to alleviate local government of that obligation. I served on House Municipal Parochial and Cultural Affairs at that time, and unfortunately had to stand there and look those individuals in the eye, and tell them that the State was not about to accept that responsibility for Shreveport and for Bossier, and for Monroe, and for the rest of the State. We very well could find ourselves here under those same types of circumstances and situations. And probably possibly at a much bigger level because this particular market is much worse condition than the one was that precipitated that particular crisis several years ago. So that does not represent, in my estimation, a reliable source, a reliable place for us to go and look for those dollars. 2) Mr. Wooley has suggested that we take our recruiting dollars, and we make use of those as a source of funding this raise. And taking away from us the possibility of being able to go out and continue to recruit as any department needs to do. That to me is not a wise thing to do. We just had on last week almost 200 individuals who've taken the test to become a Shreveport Police Officer, based on the fact that this Chief and this Administration has placed an increased emphasis on recruiting on going out and doing what's necessary to be able to get new officers. In fact, we want to add more officers. We've also even asked the State Civil Service Board to cooperate with us in scheduling the state exam more often and more frequently so that we're in a position to test more frequently, have more academies and actually end up with more officers. Because one of the other recommendations that came along with that pay grid that was submitted back in March from the Chief, was a request that we also find funding for up to 99 additional police officers for the City of Shreveport. And so, we're trying to go out and accomplish that. We actually in fact have included in the budget that was submitted to you, funding for an additional 20 police officers. We won't get those if we do not provide ourselves with the needed dollars to go out and recruit and put ourselves in a position to tell people the good news about being a Shreveport Police Officer. So cannibalizing our recruiting budget would not be a wise thing to do. But now that takes us also to the point that's being made or attempted to have been made by Mr. Wooley with regard to the retention problem. And I have in front of me here an attrition chart that points to the actual rate of attrition for the Shreveport Police Department going back to 2000. I'm told and Chief Whitehorn, and Asst Chief Huddleston, you all can correct me if I'm quoting inappropriately, but I've been told that the actual rate of attrition for departments across the country is 10%. I have a nod from the Chief that tells me that that is in fact correct. Now I'll stand on that number. I see here based on this chart that the projected rate of average attrition from 2000 up until the current year for the City of Shreveport Police Department is 6.45%. Now if the national rate is 10%, and our average rate dating back to 2000 is 6.5%, then that tells me that we are almost 4% lower than the national average. We've lost in 2007 44 police officers through attrition. We've lost in 2006 31 police officers through attrition. We project to lose this year 41 police officers through attrition. That still puts us at rates, percentage points still below the national average. And so this thing, every time I've seen Fred from Channel 12; every time I've seen Jim from Channel 3; every time I've seen Chris from Channel 3; every time I've seen Adam from the newspaper, each of them have stood up and said the reason as to why the Council is doing this is because of the awful, deplorable, unconscionable, unaccepted, below par, attrition rate of the Shreveport Police Department. Again this Chief has stood before this Council, and before this media, and before this community, and said again, and again, and again what the numbers are. But yet nothing has actually ever been to my recollection, consistently, or accurately reported concerning these

actual numbers. Now, here's the other point that I find very (inaudible). If you would go back to 2000, Part I crimes total for the City of Shreveport in all of 2000, 7,505 - - - 17,505 (I'm sorry), 17,505. 2002 - 16,502, 2003 - 16,945, 2004 - 16,794, 2005 - 15,122, 15,000 from 2005, all of last year, 2007 - 14,425, At the rate that we're proceeding right now for 2008, we're estimated to end this year at 13,075. That's more than 4,500 fewer than just eight years ago. So not only do we not have the retention problem that has been expressed by Mr. Wooley, these men and women are actually going out and doing a very effective job in helping to decrease the level and rate of violent crime with in the City of Shreveport. Now just like each and every one of you, there is not enough money that you can pay me to be a Shreveport Police Officer when I know that they have to go and do that which does of us who sit on this Council would not want to do. What does that mean? They are individuals just like our firefighters. As I said with our new class of recruits on last Monday when I had a chance to go out and address them. They are individuals who go running into a situation when we go running out. They go running into burning houses when we are running out. They go running into a home that may have a burglar or some other felon inside who could do someone harm when the rest of us are trying to run out. And so there's not enough money that we can pay them for doing the job that they do. I'd just like all of you want to give them a pay raise. I'm committed to giving them a pay raise. I want to work with each and everyone of you to find out and figure out exactly how we go about doing that. And doing so responsibly. And not to mention just that, part of what accounts where I believe these quality numbers, these decreasing numbers with regard to Part I crime, violent crime in the City of Shreveport is that we have non fire and non police workers in this city who are doing an outstanding job of answering the calls to go out and clean up our streets and mow our weeded lots, and to help to make Shreveport a cleaner place. A place that looks better. A place that doesn't tolerate cars parked in yards anymore. A place that doesn't tolerate grass 6 foot tall, roaches, rats, snakes and vermin crawling from over the fence into your yard that you're trying to keep clean. All of that is contributing to helping to make this a better city. We owe those individuals as well. Better compensation for what they do, and the service that they provide. I'm asking simply that you all give us the opportunity to work together in unity and in harmony to try and achieve this goal. This isn't about one ups-man-ship, this isn't about trying to do one over the other. I'm not trying to do that. I don't believe the Council is either. I'd like to think that we have a good honest difference of opinion. But I'm asking that this Council not uphold, or not overturn this veto. That we go back and look at ways in which we can do this in a way that allows us to be able to do right by all those folks who are making Shreveport a better place. So for that reason, I'm asking each of you to forego your votes in favor of this resolution. Vote against it and allow us to go back and do the right thing. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

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

*The Clerk read the following:*

2. **Resolution No. 257 of 2008:** A Resolution to create a Geographic Information System (GIS) Development Committee, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Councilman Shyne: Murray, would you come and speak a word in favor, unless you want your good friend Attorney Mike Strong? I think you brought this up yesterday, and it just goes to show you how quick City government can respond to the request of a citizen.

Mr. Murray Lloyd: I'm amazed. Remind me not to play (inaudible) with you. Thank you Mr. Chairman. You should have the resolution in front of you. As was discussed last night, I think GIS is going to become more and more important in trying to deal with the intricacies of managing the important resources of our air quality and our water quality and the quality of the land that comprises Shreveport being 120 square miles and 75,000 acres is a lot to keep track of and this is technology has come along so quickly and so profoundly that this is something that I think we need to look into. It's also going to be very expensive, and very difficult to implement and implement well. So the idea of taking time to give everybody a chance to come up the street with what's out there and what's available, and what it could mean and also what the cost are going to be and if there are ways to deal with that from outside sources as well as matching funds for the city is something that I hope y'all will begin. And I'll answer any questions (inaudible) that I can.

Councilman Shyne: No questions? Mr. Mayor, I hope you and the Administration take this into consideration. I hope this is a good and progressive idea. And we're getting ready to add this resolution to the agenda.

Mr. Thompson: See if anybody else wants to speak.

Councilman Shyne: I would take for granted that nobody else, unless one of the news people would like to speak.

Councilman Walford: I'll give you a motion to add.

Councilman Long: Second.

Councilman Shyne: Is that alright Mr. Thompson?

Mr. Thompson: Yes Mr. Shyne. I assume that nobody else wants to speak. The state law says that anybody who'd like to speak can. Apparently nobody wants to speak Mr. Shyne.

Councilman Shyne: Sometimes Mr. Thompson, I don't know whether I told you, I can do a little mind reading. I can look out and tell that nobody else wanted to speak.

**Motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Long to add Resolution No. 257 of 2008 to the agenda. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.**

Mr. Thompson: There are no more items to be added to the agenda.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, just wanted to make note and it's in the record, obviously not looking to add it, but want to make sure that you all acknowledge the receipt of an appointment to the Shreveport Housing Authority. Do you have that?

Mr. Thompson: Herbert G. Murphy to the Housing Authority of the City of Shreveport. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting. The last time, it didn't make it.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, I see you're chuckled a little bit, but I do want you know that our staff is very competent.

Mayor Glover: Oh, I know. I still have my eyes on - - -

Councilman Shyne: Well I hope you'll be looking somewhere else, because Mr. Thompson, was with us when you were on the Council, so we can't afford to lose. Let me do this. Councilman Wooley, wanted to step out a minute, but he wanted to be back to deal with the other legislation. Let me take one Public Comment.

B. Public Comments (*Comments on items to be adopted*)

*Ms. April Harris: (4046 Powell)* I'm here today about my property, and what I want to know first of all is I was told by the Mayor when I was here once before, I think it was in July, that if I were to sell my house to the city that I would be able to keep my mineral rights. Will I be responsible also for the said property taxes? And if so, I'd like everything in writing.

Councilman Shyne: Do we have anybody from legal?

Mr. Dark: Terri's back there.

Ms. Scott: In the event that we follow through with an offer to purchase Ms. Harris' property, we will sit down and negotiate that with her as we do anything else. I think her specific question however was would she be entitled or would she be allowed to keep her mineral rights. There was discussion a couple of months ago, when we were in the midst of Haynesville Shale, that any property that the city conveys that we would reserve the mineral rights. There was never any discussion however about property being acquired. So again, that would be something that we would discuss with Ms. Harris, conjunction with the people in Property Management. Given the guise of the property, it very well may be something that we will consider with her. Now, with regard to the issue of property taxes, if there are any taxes that are owed on the property, then of course she would be responsible for payment of those, up till the day the taxes will be prorated. Which means if there are any delinquent taxes that are owed at the point we're read to file the deed or at the time of close, she would be responsible for the payment of those taxes.

Mr. Thompson: Not after that time?

Ms. Scott: No, the taxes would be prorated, and so she would be responsible for everything from January 1<sup>st</sup> up until the day until the property actually closes and if there are any taxes that are owed from preceding years, then she would be responsible for that. And what we will do is once we get to the point of proceeding or if we proceed further, with purchasing that property, we'll sit down and talk with Ms. Harris, and she's welcome to bring anyone that she wants with her to discuss it further so that we'll make sure that there's a meeting of the minds, and that she understands the terms under which we're purchasing the property.

Councilman Shyne: I think you have your sister with you back there Ms. Harris?

Ms. Harris: That's one of my sisters.

Councilman Shyne: Oh, it's more than one?

Ms. Harris: Well it's just one here today. It's some more of us. Also, I just wanted y'all to know I haven't been here for a while because on National Night Out, of all nights, somebody was shooting and my car was hit by a stray bullet. As well as my carport and my neighbor's house. And I'm just trying to figure out - - - I know the police are doing their jobs, but on that night no police responded. I didn't hear any policemen come out or anything. And that was National Night Out. And I'm just trying to figure out why. Probably nobody has an answer for that, but why?

Councilman Shyne: Alright, is there anybody - - - is there anyone with the Council, or is there anyone with the Administration who can answer that?

Mayor Glover: We'll ask the Chief to confer with Ms. Harris. We know the date of National Night Out, and I'm sure we'll be able to find the report and we'll find out exactly - - -

Ms. Harris: But I didn't discover until the 7<sup>th</sup> when I was outside doing some stuff, cleaning and I discovered my carport had been hit. And I discovered my car, and I made a report on it and everything to the police.

Mayor Glover: So, were the police called on - - -?

Ms. Harris: National Night Out?

Mayor Glover: Yes ma'am.

Ms. Harris: I didn't discover it until the 7<sup>th</sup>, but I know what night it happened. And my other question is why is it that we're always saying that there is no money, but you're always building up the south side and the east side of town? So where is the money coming from?

Mayor Glover: Can you be more specific?

Ms. Harris: Okay, like on the side where I live, things are going down, and instead of it getting better, it's getting worse. Streets, everywhere I go from over on Linwood, on Hollywood, the railroad tracks when you go across Hollywood and Mansfield Road, it's ridiculous. You almost have to come to a stop to go across that railroad track. And then you know you almost get hit. And everything is going down, but on the other side of town, they're steady building up, and the other side of town, they're steady going down. Why? And there's not supposed to be any money. So where is the money coming from?

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, before you say anything, let me answer the one about the railroad tracks, and I'm going to let you answer the hardest one.

Mayor Glover: No, I'm about to ask if she's actually had a chance to pass that one along to you or to me. And if not I know I got Mike Strong back there whose writing it down.

Councilman Shyne: Mike could you come forward please? Now Mike, I'm going to take the first one, and then I'm going to pass the why they're building up so on Youree Drive to Councilman Long and the Mayor. Mike, the railroad track that they finished on Jewella, that's beautiful. I mean, they did a beautiful job. Could you have your engineers to go out and check the one on Hollywood. I think it's just before you get to where the Rent-All's.

Councilman Webb: The Old Mansfield Road.

Councilman Shyne: Yeah, right. That's what it is. It's right across from the Old Mansfield Road. Could you have someone to check on that, and if you'll get me the information on how it's going to progress. I'll make sure that I get it to Ms. Harris, and that'll save you from trying to get it from Ms. Harris. I'll help you out Mike. If you'll get the information, I'll get it to Ms. Harris. And we'll make sure that we take care of the railroad tracks. Now Mr. Mayor, I'm going to turn the rest of it over to you, since you've got more influence and you've got more power.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Shyne, we're going to make a direct delivery. We're going to deliver that information to you and Ms. Harris. We're going to exercise administrative prerogative when it comes to that. We have no doubt that you will deliver it, but we want to make sure she knows exactly where it comes from as well.

Councilman Shyne: My old truck might break down, and you know if the City vehicle breaks down Ms. Harris, they can always get another one. I have to take mine to the shop and get it fixed. So you'll be getting some information from the Mayor and from me. Now I'm going to let him handle the other part of that question.

Mayor Glover: Ms. Harris, I understand exactly what you are expressing in terms of seeing other sides of Shreveport grow. I've said from both as a candidate and as Mayor, it is my objective to grow the entirety of Shreveport. And so that's why from a law enforcement

standpoint, that's why from a property standards standpoint, we are focusing on having the same level of expectation whether you live in Southern Trace, Southern Hills, Cooper Road, or Cherokee Park. With regard to what you may be seeing from an anecdotal standpoint with regard to certain projects that are going on, I can tell you that the only significant public improvement project that has been initiated at this point strictly by this administration, will have to do with a water improvement project that's taking place out in the southeast portion of Shreveport, and frankly that's being done because it happens to be the fastest growing area of this city. There's quite a bit of demand out there for water. The infrastructure that had been in place is not adequate to service it. It's much newer in terms of it's lifespan inside the city limits of this city. And if we want to continue to see growth out in that direction, then it's going to be imperative that we look to do what's necessary to meet that demand. And beyond that, if you're going to attribute what's happening out on Youree Drive to the City of Shreveport, then that's one that you can't attribute to this administration, you'd have to look back to some place else.

Ms. Harris: You know the east side of town, I mean I go through those places and I'm always driving around and looking. I may just be out and about shopping, or going somewhere, and I noticed like a lot of our streets are falling apart, and that's accident prone. Because I've know people, a young lady I know said she was just driving down the street, and she hit something and she didn't know it was in the street, and it caused her to have to get new tires. So you know the streets are accident prone. And can tear up the car. And I know because my car was fine, because you hit a hump, you don't know it's there, then the next thing you know, it's rattling, or you're having other problems with your car. So, why is it that the City is not going to and looking at these streets more getting some done about it.

Mayor Glover: It's not that we're not looking out to get something done about them, it's just at this particular point and time, from a concrete replacement standpoint, we have a limited budget, from an asphalt standpoint, we have a limited budget. One of the things that this Council and I and the city as a whole will be talking about in the new year is how we go about coming up with new dollars, new resources to come back and comprehensively address some of those repairs as well as some of the maintenance problems you've made reference to.

Ms. Harris: Cause I can name a lot of places I go and it's rattling.

Mayor Glover: I think I could name just as many as you could, each and every member of this Council, and probably everybody sitting in this audience as well.

Ms. Harris: I have a question about also the houses that are falling apart in areas. What are you all going to do about it? Cause to me, from what I know it costs more to keep them up than to tear them down. And they're big eyesores. So, what are y'all going to try to do about those?

Mayor Glover: Well, that's one you have to try and reach a happy medium on.

Ms. Harris: Meaning?

Mayor Glover: Well it's a happy medium you have to try and reach. I'll take Mr. Shyne's perspective. He may have a different one. But mine is that if you tear the house down, then that's a housing unit, that's a loss, so you don't have another family to be able to move in.

Ms. Harris: See (inaudible) anyway.

Mayor Glover: And of course if you leave 'em up, it creates an eyesore for the neighborhood.

Ms. Harris: But they're falling apart anyway, and no one's being put in 'em, so do something about 'em. Like I told you once before, there are a lot of people who are homeless and work. I think it would be better to try to fix the houses up if possible, and put somebody in 'em than let them fall apart, and then become an eyesore, and then (inaudible) or whatever.

Mayor Glover: I certainly appreciate your comments Ms. Harris.

Councilman Shyne: Could I help you out a little bit Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Glover: I don't think I need any help Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Shyne: Okay, when the Mayor get's through, I'll respond a little bit Ms. Harris.

Mayor Glover: I'm through. I know that there are lots of folks just like myself who drive around the City of Shreveport there are things that they're not happy with. There are things I'm not happy with. There are things that this Council is not happy with. But we've got a substantial amount of needs, and a finite amount of money to be able to address those needs, and so, we do what we can with the resources we have in front of us. And we certainly appreciate input and suggestions, and advice from folks like yourself, but a lot of what you point out is something that's obvious and apparent to those of us who drive on the streets of this city, as well as those who drive and (inaudible) neighborhood as well.

Ms. Harris: But I don't know if it's being reported, cause I know sometimes I'll call and ask questions, and they'll say, 'Well we didn't know about this, or we didn't know about that.'

Mayor Glover: Well there's a thing that's called anecdotal evidence which means it happens to be your particular experiences, and you take those experiences and assumes that it represents what's happening with everyone else. But it doesn't necessarily actually happen to be there. I mean, it could be just simply your experiences that are unique to you, but also know that the rest of us have them as well. I know that like myself, Mr. Shyne spends quite a bit of time driving this city. I spend quite a bit of time driving through this city, driving through his neighborhoods, looking and seeing and assessing the problems and challenges that we have. And I spend a lot of time sending those issues and problems back to folks like Mike Strong and Tom Dark, and other folks in here to say that this is something that we need to do something about, and we end up seeing that done. But your perspective is appreciated, because I know you have one, and just like one who lives in the City of Shreveport has one as well.

Ms. Harris: And I have one more question. You know we have different colleges that are not close. Are y'all going to try to get colleges that are closer because some people can't go further out.

Mayor Glover: We can get one just for you Ms. Harris.

Ms. Harris: No, not one just for me, I'm talking about for everybody. Because when I come, I don't come to speak just for me. I come to speak for everybody. It may seem like I'm coming to speak just for me, but I'm not. Because still the flood they had in May, nothing has been done to my house and a lot of other people homes that I know of. So, like I say, when I come, I'm not coming just for me.

Mayor Glover: So when you say you want a college that's close. What does that mean?

Ms. Harris: I mean, you know instead of having to go to Bossier, or up to Southern. I see a lot of property that's just there. You know maybe - - -

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, let me, let me. I'm sorry, I'm sorry, I'm sorry since I'm the Chairman now, I don't mean to have - - -

Mayor Glover: This is one I can help her with.

Councilman Shyne: No, no, I'm going to bring this to an end. First of all Ms. Harris, you asked some very good questions, but in order to build a college, it cost millions of dollars. And Ms. Harris, at this time, we just do not have the money. And I know you. Now I brought you up cause I knew you had a previous engagement that you needed to go to. But Mr. Mayor, I'm going to invite her down again, and we can take a little bit more time. Ms. Harris, thank you for coming down hear?

Mayor Glover: Mr. Shyne, you interrupted me just before I was getting to tell her about the new JSU.

Councilman Shyne: Well Ms. Harris, why don't you come back, and we're going to let him tell you about that the next time. Hear? That'll give you a reason to come back.

Mayor Glover: Joe Shyne University.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, I don't know what I'm going to do with you and Tom Dark. You all are something else. Okay. Mr. Thompson, since we have no appointments this time, Consent Agenda.

C. Confirmations and Appointments: None.

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

**RESOLUTIONS:** None.

**ORDINANCES:** None.

**TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

*The Clerk read the following:*

**RESOLUTION NO. 249 of 2008**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WESLEY THOMAS, INC LOCATED AT 658 SUMMERVILLE DR., TO CONNECT TO THE WATER & SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, Wesley Thomas, 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 Wesley Thomas, Inc. be authorized to connect the structure, located at 658 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 Wooley, seconded by Councilman Webb to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Long, Wooley, Webb, and Shyne. 4. Nays: Councilmen Walford, and Bowman. 2. Out of the Chamber: Councilman Lester. 1.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 250 of 2008**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JOSEPHINE PONCY LOSTON, LOCATED AT 10811 NORRIS FERRY RD., TO CONNECT TO THE WATER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, Josephine Pouncy Loston 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 Josephine Pouncy Loston, be authorized to connect the proposed building to be located at 10811 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 Wooley, seconded by Councilman Long 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. 251 of 2008**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CUSTOM DESIGNED HOMES, LOCATED AT 859 EAST ROCHEL, TO CONNECT TO THE WATER & SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, Custom Designed Homes 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 Custom Designed Homes, Inc. be authorized to connect the structure, located at 859 East 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 Wooley, seconded by Councilman Long 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. 231 of 2008**

**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**

**BY:WHEREAS**, the Restoration Tax Abatement has been created by the Electors of the State of Louisiana as an Act 445 of 1983, and amended in Act 783 of 1984, Article VII, Part II, Section 21(H) of the Louisiana Constitution and Louisiana R.S. 47:4311-4319, to authorize the Board of Commerce and Industry, with the approval of the Governor and the local governing authority and in accordance with procedures and conditions provided by law, to enter into a contract granting property owners who propose the expansion, restoration, improvement or development of an existing structure or structures in a downtown development district, historic district, or economic development district, established in accordance with law, the right to pay ad valorem taxes based upon the assessed valuation of the property prior to the commencement of the expansion, restoration, improvement or development; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Shreveport desires to promote economic activity, create and retain job opportunities, and improve the tax base throughout the City for the benefit of all citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the City Council to foster the continued growth and development (and redevelopment) of the City to the continued prosperity and welfare of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, this project is located in a Downtown Development District; and

**WHEREAS**, this project is a commercial property;

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

COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE SERVICES, INC. application 20080088 for participation in the Louisiana Restoration Tax Abatement Program.

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

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

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 247 OF 2008**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE 2009-2013 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND ANNUAL ACTION PLAN TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) AND OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**BY:**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to regulation of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the City of Shreveport is required to submit a Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Consolidated Plan serves as the consolidation of the planning and application aspects of the Community Planning and Development formula grant programs, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG); and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due regular and legal session convened, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to submit the 2009-2013 Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan to HUD substantially in accordance with the attached draft which if filed for public inspection with the original of this resolution in the Office of the Clerk of Council on October 08, 2008.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that that Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and submit any and all documents necessary for the submission of 2009-2013 Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan.

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

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

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

Councilman Webb: Would somebody explain that one a little bit.

Councilman Lester: Mr. Chairman, I can attempt to until Ms. Moore comes up. Mr. Chairman and Members, the Consolidated Plan is the plan by which Community Development Block Grant monies are distributed for a period of time. The Department of Community Development hosted a number of town hall and community meetings in different areas in town, where people came together and spoke to their needs and things that they wanted in the community, things that they wanted to see move forward, priorities and things of that nature. Bonnie staff worked with them, worked with the monitors that we have had over a period of time looking at the things that we want to do as a city, to move Community Development and use of those particular funds, and once you have reduced those goals and commitments to writing, the Consolidated Plan lays out over a period of time what we're going to do and how we're going to spend our money. It's almost like - - - it's one part, not so much budget, but in terms of a narrative, that says what our goals are. And they are measured performance standards, HUD looks to see how we're attaining those goals, and spending our funds. And when it comes down to Community Development Block Grant money, the City is judged on how it follows it's plan for the orderly development of communities. There are 16 targeted neighborhoods, there have been 16 targeted neighborhoods in the City of Shreveport. This particular plan expands that adding and additional four.

Ms. Moore: It's an additional four for the first year. And a potential at least up to eight over the next five years.

Councilman Lester: Right, so they've done an outstanding work.

Councilman Shyne: So that means that Cedar Grove will be a part of the plan and Councilman Long represents.

Councilman Lester: Well you know what? I think Cedar Grove is already there. But of interest to you Mr. Shyne, I believe Ingleside? What is?

Ms. Moore: Ingleside is a targeted neighborhood. The four additional ones we're proposing for 2009 will be Cherokee Park, Highland, Country Club and Sunset Acres.

Councilman Lester: Sunset Acres. That's it.

Councilman Shyne: I thought Sunset Acres was a middle class neighborhood  
Councilman Lester. I've been telling everybody I represented a middle class neighborhood.

Councilman Lester: Well I don't think it's

Councilman Shyne: Now you're telling me that I'm representing one of the targets.

Councilman Lester: No, no, no. It's - - - a targeted neighborhood and Ms. Moore can speak to this, it does not speak to a failing of social-economic status, it speaks to being able to use funds for things to help either stabilize neighborhoods, or bring them up or arrest decline, or you know if you have solid neighborhoods, that have homeownership rates at a certain percentage, and you would like to be able to spend moneys in order to make something that's going into a small decline, so that that decline is not exacerbated, in order to spend Community Development Block Grant money in that area, it has to be designated as one of the targeted areas. Otherwise, you're forced to use sales tax dollars as opposed to Community Development Block Grant dollars.

Ms. Moore: Let me re-clarify that.

Councilman Shyne: Councilman thank you, because sometimes perception can (inaudible).

Ms. Moore: Let me re-clarify that. The Consolidated Plan represents three areas: Community Development Block Grant; Home Investment Partnership; and Emergency Shelter Grant. For the purpose of the 16 targeted neighborhood, HUD has what they call low to

moderate census tracts. In order to be eligible for a targeted neighborhood, you have to fit within that low to moderate income census tract. According to the 2000 Census, there is probably about 24 areas now, unlike in the previous census eras, it was only about 16 for years. What that indicates is that we're growing our poverty areas in our community. Community Development Block Grants can be used as an area benefit for infrastructure capital and those kinds of things in those neighborhoods, but city-wide, it can benefit low to moderate income persons. Meaning that Community Development Block Grant monies are not restricted throughout the city, you're only restricted for area benefit when it comes to certain types of projects in the targeted neighborhoods.

Councilman Shyne: And wouldn't that also have an impact by using that money, and then we wouldn't have to use, let's say some money out of the General Budget sometimes for different projects?

Ms. Moore: What the regulations say, is we cannot supplant existing dollars. Those dollars to be used in those neighborhoods. Community Development Block Grant monies cannot be used for that.

Councilman Shyne: Lets say in a target neighborhood, if we had some street work to be done, couldn't we use that money to do street work? Lets say if we wanted to do some overlay work, or if we wanted to replace some concrete panels?

Ms. Moore: It's ineligible activity.

Councilman Shyne: Right. So, I'm saying if we could use that money, then we could get more done, because there is a certain amount of money that's put there out of the General Budget to do that kind of work.

Councilman Walford: It's a good thing Councilman Long is not in here. Mr. Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Dark: Must have some more dishes to wash.

Councilman Webb: Do we need to recess Mr. Chairman?

Councilman Shyne: I'm sorry, that was - - -

Councilman Lester: That was the folks in Sunset Acres.

Councilman Shyne: Yeah right. That was the folks in Sunset Acres. Thank you Calvin. Any more questions for Ms. Moore? Ms. Moore, we thank you. Very well explained.

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 252 OF 2008**

#### **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASING AGENT TO DISPOSE BY PUBLIC AUCTION OF CERTAIN SUPPLIES, MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT, AND VEHICLES AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO**

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent, after consultation with various department heads, has determined that certain supplies, materials, equipment, and vehicles as shown in Exhibits A, B & C (attached) hereto are surplus, obsolete, or unusable for present and future City needs; and WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 108 of 1980 authorizes the Purchasing Agent to dispose of certain supplies, materials, equipment, and vehicles determined to be surplus; and WHEREAS, the City Council desires to retain responsibility for the disposition of all surplus supplies, materials, equipment and vehicles having an acquisition value of \$10,000.00 or more; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to dispose of, by public auction, the supplies, materials, equipment, and vehicles described in Exhibits A, B & C attached hereto and made a part hereof, which have been determined to be surplus, obsolete or unusable for present and future City needs; and

WHEREAS, the City Council concurs in the finding that the supplies, materials, equipment and vehicles described in Exhibits A, B & C are surplus and no longer needed for public purposes and that the acquisition value of said properties are greater than \$10,000.00.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened, that the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to dispose of, by public auction, the surplus supplies, materials, equipment and vehicles described in Exhibits A, B & C attached.

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

4. **Resolution No. 253 of 2008**: Declaring the intention of the City of Shreveport (The "City") to proceed with the issuing of not to exceed Ninety Million and No/100 Dollars (\$90,000,000) Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority Revenue Refunding Bonds (Shreveport Utility System Project) Series 2008 for the purpose of refunding certain existing indebtedness previously issued for the Shreveport Utility System (The "Prior Bonds"), funding a Dept Service Reserve Fund, paying fees arising from the Termination of the existing integrated SWAP agreement related to the prior bonds and paying the costs of issuance of the bonds, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

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

Councilman Walford: Mr. Chairman, Section 6 of this says Costs of Issuance. The Governing Authority (which is us) acknowledges that it has received from bond counsel a report of the estimated costs of issuance of the Bonds required by La. R.S. 39:1405. I haven't received that. Have I missed it and others have received it or?

Councilman Shyne: You need - - -

Councilman Walford: I mean, I can't acknowledge receiving what I have not received.

Councilman Shyne: Ron, I didn't realize it until the weekend, you have a very accomplished dancer with you.

Mr. Weems: I missed that, but I think she was participating.

Councilman Shyne: And I really - - - the audience really enjoyed it. I mean, that was fabulous. Very creative. Thank you.

Mr. Weems: Councilman Walford, you should have received a copy of the preliminary package that was filed with the Bond Commission. If you did not, then it was an oversight.

Councilman Walford: Not on this one. We haven't. I don't know if my colleagues have, but I haven't.

Mr. Weems: It should have gone to the Clerk, and if it did not, then that was a slip up somewhere. Actually this particular application was filed by the Boles Law Firm in Monroe and out my office, but it should have gone to you.

Mr. Thompson: I can't say.

Mr. Weems: I can see that that happens this afternoon. But obviously if you haven't received it, you haven't received it.

Councilman Shyne: I received mine, I don't know whether you all bypassed Monty on purpose or not.

Mr. Weems: Matter of fact, I will step out of the Chamber, see if I can have one emailed to you if you'd like.

Councilman Wooley: Mr. Chairman, I think the concern for some of us is that we'd hate to vote on something that we don't know (inaudible).

Councilman Shyne: And that's a good point.

Mr. Weems: I mean, I assumed it had been sent to you. So, it was just an oversight.

Mr. Thompson: I can't say whether it was sent or not, I just don't recall.

Mr. Weems: Believe me I received so many emails on this, I can't - - - that email stream is so long is that I don't know whether you were copied or not. But I can go find out.

Councilman Lester: Mr. Chairman? Where time wise, because we were apprised by Council Member Bowman on yesterday about what the nitty and gritty of this is all about, and we had some conversations. From a time standpoint, where are we in terms of the need to actually declare the intention versus moving forward, because as I appreciate it, this is just the declaration of the intention.

Mr. Weems: The intention to apply to the Bond Commission. We are working on that application which has to be heard on the 20<sup>th</sup> of November, but we got an earlier deadline by which the application has to be completed. And normally what we've been doing is sending you a copy of that application, that's why I'm a little puzzled, but you did not receive it. Because we had to file the preliminary application about a week ago, and then we supplement that with additional information as the size of the issue is determined, and that sort of thing, several pages long. But I think I can probably have it emailed to the Clerk's office and have it brought to you.

Mr. Thompson: Who would it have come from?

Mr. Weems: Someone at the Boles Law Firm.

**Substitute motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Wooley to postpone until later in the meeting.**

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, before you make the vote, I'd like us to hear from the Bond Counsel just exactly what the implications of that may be, just so the Council will be aware of whether or not that's a problem or not.

Councilman Walford: Mr. Chairman, my thought was if necessary we could reconsider it later in the meeting.

Mr. Weems: If the Council could do that, we probably can have my office bring a copy of it and make copies and bring it to you this afternoon, if you want to consider it later today. Well excuse me, but couldn't Mr. Chairman, can I address this to Ms. Glass? Couldn't one of us on the prevailing side ask for reconsideration later in the meeting? Or if you just postpone it, you could bring it back up.

Councilman Shyne: Well wasn't that what the motion was?

Councilman Walford: Yeah, to postpone so we can hear it later.

Mayor Glover: And part of the clarification I was seeking was whether or not that postponement meant until the next meeting or postponed until later in this meeting?

Councilman Walford: Well if we have the answers later in the meeting, we could just bring it back up I think. Ms. Glass is nodding yes.

Mr. Weems: If it's two weeks from now, what would the date of that be?

Councilman Walford: The 11<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Weems: I probably would have to get special permission from the Bond Commission to keep it on the agenda for - - - no, that would be the 20<sup>th</sup>. I probably could make that deadline. In it's worst case, lets refer if you were considering a later date, assuming I can get you the information. And if we can't, we'll deal with that. You make a good point Councilman Walford. I apologize for you not having (inaudible)

Mr. Thompson: Ron, if it were sent, and you tell me who sent it and the date, I can see if I can find it.

Mr. Weems: I'm going to go get on the phone and find out.

Councilman Shyne: And Ron, I'm glad that you apologized to Monty, cause it's not very many people he can get to apologize to. So, you are one.

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 257 OF 2008**

**A RESOLUTION TO CREATE A GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**BY: COUNCILMAN SHYNE**

**WHEREAS**, a fully functioning Shreveport Geographic Information System (GIS) lets governments provide a new level of service to the public, use resources more wisely, collaborate on large-scale planning problems, solve complicated problems, and respond to emergencies more effectively; and

**WHEREAS**, Shreveport has started to create a GIS System, which is about 35 percent complete; and

**WHEREAS**, Shreveport needs to create a fully functioning GIS system.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due regular and legal session convened, that the Shreveport City Council hereby establishes the GIS Development Committee, to gather information regarding GIS technology and its potential application as a management tool by the city, and to make recommendations to the

city council, the mayor, and the community for its practical application, as well as available outside sources of funding.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that membership shall be composed of three council members appointed by the chairman of the council. The committee shall meet at least four times each year and may hold public hearings as needed. The Department of Operational Services shall provide technical assistance to the committee as requested.

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

**INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS:** *(Not to be adopted prior to November 11, 2008)*  
*The Clerk read the following:*

1. **Resolution No. 254 of 2008:** A resolution authorizing the Mayor's signature on an act of correction of cash and exchange deed between the City of Shreveport and the YMCA, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
2. **Resolution No. 255 of 2008:** A resolution authorizing the renewal of an agreement between the City of Shreveport and BKD, LLP for an external audit of the City of Shreveport for fiscal year January 1, 2008, through December 31, 2008, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
3. **Resolution No. 256 of 2008:** A resolution declaring the intention of the City of Shreveport (The "City") to hire professionals in connection with the issuing of not to exceed Ninety Million and No/100 (\$90,000,000) Dollars Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority Revenue Refunding Bonds (Shreveport Utility System Project) Series 2008 for the purpose of refunding certain existing indebtedness previously issued for the Shreveport Utility System (The "Prior Bonds"), funding a Debt Service Reserve Fund, paying fees arising from the termination of the existing Integrated SWAP agreement related to the prior bonds and paying the costs of issuance of the bonds, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Wooley, seconded by Councilman Walford to introduce Resolution No(s). 254, 255, and of 2008 to lay over until November 11, 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 November 11, 2008)*  
*The Clerk read the following:*

1. **Ordinance No. 149 of 2008**: An ordinance enacting Article X, Division 2 of Chapter 78 of the Code of Ordinances relative to setting the franchise fee for certain uses of City rights of way and property and requiring the payment of public educational, and governmental access programming support fees by cable or video service providers operating within the City's municipal limits under a state-issued certificate of franchise authority and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
2. **Ordinance No. 150 of 2008**: An ordinance amending and reenacting Chapter 14 of the Code of Ordinances relative to animals and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
3. **Ordinance No. 151 of 2008**: An ordinance amending Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances by adding Article IX relative to the travel policy, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
4. **Ordinance No. 153 of 2008**: An ordinance amending and replacing Section 66-141, relative to Health Benefits, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
5. **Ordinance No. 154 of 2008**: An ordinance declaring temporary construction servitudes on certain properties adjudicated to the City of Shreveport, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
6. **Ordinance No. 155 of 2008**: ZONING – C-32-08: An ordinance amending Section 1 of Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
7. **Ordinance No. 156 of 2008**: ZONING – C-53-08: An ordinance amending Section 28 of Chapter 82 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Subdivision Ordinance, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
8. **Ordinance No. 157 of 2008**: ZONING – C-73-08: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the SE side of Texas Avenue, 660' south of Levy Street, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from B-3, Community Business District, to I-1, Light Industry District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Lester)
9. **Ordinance No. 158 of 2008**: ZONING – C-74-08: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the east side of Samford at the intersections of St. Vincent, Jennings & Woodrow Streets, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from SPI-4 (R-2) Interstate corridor, overlay (Suburban, Multi-family Residence) District and SPI-4 (B-2) Interstate corridor overlay (Neighborhood Business) District to SPI-4-E, (B-3) Interstate Corridor Overlay (Community Business )/Extended Use District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Walford)

10. **Ordinance No. 159 of 2008**: ZONING – C-75-08: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the south side of Jordan between Highland and Magnolia, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana from SPI-1-E, Highland Urban Conversation/Extended Use District (Limited to Hospital Offices, Substance Abuse Treatment Counseling and Parking) to SPI-1-E, Highland Urban Conservation/Extended Use District with the addition of transitional housing to permit a homeless shelter for veterans, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Walford)
11. **Ordinance No. 160 of 2008**: ZONING – C-76-08: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the east side of Youree Drive, 400 feet south of King Place, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from I-1, Light Industry District to B-2, Neighborhood Business District and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Wooley)

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Wooley, seconded by Councilman Walford to introduce Ordinance No(s). 149, 150, 151, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, and 160 of 2008 to lay over until November 11, 2008 meeting.**

Councilman Lester: The Zoning item, 157? I believe that's actually in Councilman Walford's district.

Councilman Walford: I claimed it yesterday, you were out of the Chamber, but after you and I talked, I claimed that one.

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

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, yesterday the Chief asked that we remove 152 from the agenda.

1. **Ordinance No. 152 of 2008**: An ordinance amending Section 26-106 of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances relative to Finance and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Wooley to remove Ordinance No. 152 of 2008 from the agenda. 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. 40 of 2008**: An ordinance amending and reenacting Section 26-211 of the Code of Ordinances relative to City Contracts, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Walford)(*Postponed October 14, 2008*)

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

**Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 40 of 2008**

Amend Section 26-211(a)(2) to read as follows:

2) That neither the contractor, the contractor's spouse, nor any legal entity of which the contractor owns more than 25%, shall own any property which is adjudicated to the city or which has demolition liens, grass cutting liens, or any other property standards liens on it. and amend Section 26-211(b)(2) to read as follows:

2) Owns or is the spouse of any person who owns any property which is adjudicated to the city or which has demolition liens, grass cutting liens, or any other property standards liens on it, or

**Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Lester to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 40 of 2008.**

Councilman Walford: I was going to make you happy Mr. Chairman, and tell you this removes - - - of course, we never quite reached to the grandmother as you had said, but this removes distant relatives, takes away the state definition of immediate family, but the contractor himself, his spouse, or any business he owns can't owe us money. And I think that still will protect us from some of those that Calvin and I keep mentioning.

Councilman Shyne: Councilman Walford, I really appreciate that.

**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 Wooley to adopt Ordinance No. 40 of 2008 as amended.**

Councilman Lester: Mr. Chairman, I would at some point after this is passed, I would like to get a written response from the Administration. I don't know who would basically to find out the process by which we are going to enforce this. And this dealing with the contract, checking the adjudicated property against those folks who are awarded City contracts. I don't know just for the City Attorney's standpoint, if we move forward and adopt this, will we need to actually put some specific language in our contracts and RFP processes on all those things on the front end, so that people that would be bidding on jobs would know that that's a requirement. So that they can - - -

Mr. Thompson: I think purchasing did that on the original ordinance.

Councilman Walford: My understanding was they have a certification that has to be signed and this goes beyond adjudicated property. It's those who have liens, adjudicated property, and other kinds of taxes.

Councilman Shyne: Let me recognize my friend, Mr. Lynn Braggs. Mr. Braggs, it's good to have you down. Thank you sir.

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

2. **Ordinance No. 118 of 2008**: An ordinance amending the 2008 Riverfront Special Revenue Fund Budget and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (*Postponed October 14, 2008*)

**Having passed first reading on September 23, 2008 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Long. The Clerk read the following:**

**Amendment #1 to Ordinance No. 118 of 2008**

AMEND THE ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS:

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

Decrease Operating Reserves by \$2,031,000. Appropriate Transfer to Convention Center Hotel Fund at \$531,000. Increase Transfer to General Fund by \$1,500,000.

**Motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 118 of 2008. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, and Shyne. 6. Nays: Councilwoman Bowman. 1.**

**Motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt Ordinance No. 118 of 2008 as amended. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.**

3. **Ordinance No. 119 of 2008**: An ordinance amending the 2008 Budget for the Information Technology Internal Service Fund, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (*Postponed October 14, 2008*)

**Having passed first reading on September 23, 2008 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Long. The Clerk read the following:**

**Amendment #1 to Ordinance No. 119 of 2008**

Amend the Ordinance as follows:

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

Decrease Contractual Services by \$160,000 and increase Improvements and Equipment by \$160,000.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

**Motion by Councilman Long, seconded by Councilman Lester to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 119 of 2008. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes:**

**Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.**

**Motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt Ordinance No. 119 of 2008 as amended. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.**

4. **Ordinance No. 120 of 2008**: An ordinance amending the 2008 Budget for the Public Safety Grants Special Revenue Fund, and otherwise provide with respect thereto. (*Postponed October 14, 2008*)

**Having passed first reading on September 23, 2008 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Long. The Clerk read the following:**

**Amendment # 1 to Ordinance No. 120 of 2008**

An Ordinance Amending the 2008 Budget for the Police Grants Special Revenue Fund.

AMEND THE ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS:

In Section 1 (Estimated Receipts), under "Fiscal Year 2008 Revenues", appropriate Fire Prevention Grant 2007 at \$63,600. Funding sources are Federal Grant \$50,900 and General Fund \$12,700.

In Section 2 (Appropriations), under "Fiscal Year 2008 Revenues", under Fire Prevention Grant 2007, appropriate \$61,600 to Improvements and Equipment and \$2,000 to Personal Services.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

**Motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Lester to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 120 of 2008.**

Councilman Webb: Can somebody explain that one a little bit?

Chief Crawford: Mr. Chair, Council this grant is an 80-20 split, so for about \$12,000, we're going to get about \$68,000 worth of fire prevention material to use at our facility at the Sheriff's Safety Town, where all 2<sup>nd</sup> graders of the parish will be coming through on a yearly basis. It also provides us specific equipment, laptop computers, projectors to project the material on the Sparky and Pluggy remote toys that you've seen before, that the children are so interested in and love to play with and that we all kinda grew up with. It allows us to replace some of that material. It has some reading literature, hand out coloring books, those types of things. And they're kinda small things, but when they all add up, those are things that we don't have to take out of our operating budget this year, and that are going to help us facilitate and fill some of those holes that we have too.

Councilman Shyne: Chief in the meantime, I know we got Safety Town, and that's top notch. But I still would hope that you all would make some stops at the different elementary schools.

Chief Crawford: Absolutely, we plan on keeping all of our current endeavors in going into those communities. Especially those high risk communities that the task force is

targeting. We're going to keep all those programs going, along with adding this additional experience at Safety Town.

Councilman Shyne: Cause sometimes we get to be so modern, until we forget about those old tried and proven - - - I guess I sound conservative, huh?

Chief Crawford: I would never say that Mr. Shyne.

Councilman Shyne: Chief, I appreciate that, cause he's about to get me where I won't be able to get elected again.

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

**Motion by Councilman Webb, seconded by Councilman Walford to adopt Ordinance No. 120 of 2008 as amended. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.**

5. **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.

**Having passed first reading on October 14, 2008 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt.**

Councilman Walford: Just a real quick discussion. This is the one that the Chief talked to us about last meeting, where previously a dual operation had to become a lounge at 3:00 in the afternoon, which took it away as a family restaurant. So this will change from 3:00 in the afternoon, until 11:00 at night. And the Chief was supportive, and he is nodding yes again.

Councilman Shyne: Now Chief if I vote on this, this is not going to get me in trouble with my church will it? Okay.

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

6. **Ordinance No. 123 of 2008**: An ordinance amending and replacing Section 74-54 of the Code of Ordinances relative to Landfill Disposal Fees, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

**Having passed first reading on October 14, 2008 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Long, seconded by Councilman Walford to adopt.**

Councilwoman Bowman: I just wanted somebody to explain this as far as the \$33.50-35.00 per ton.

Mr. Dark: There is a provision in the contract we have with Allied Waste that allows them to increase every year at this time based on the CPI, and we pass that on when they do. That's the short version.

Councilman Shyne: Joyce, are you?

Councilwoman Bowman: Well he just, gave me a short version.

Mr. Dark: And Mike's going to give you the long version.

Mr. Strong: It's based on the CPI increase and what this does, this still does not affect a city resident that would be bringing waste from their house. They still get free that goes in there. This is just an increase from what their amount that they're charging the city, and this is the gate fee that we raised it up to.

Councilman Walford: Expanding on that, they are limited by contract and how much they can go up on us, is that correct?

Mr. Strong: By the CPI.

Councilman Walford: Are we limited in what we can charge?

Mr. Strong: No sir.

Councilman Walford: Is there - - - are we competitive? Where are we?

Mr. Strong: We are competitive with it, we're above the median where we are state-wide. The adjustment actually by Allied Waste, was a 3.44% increase, and we did raise ours up from the \$33.50 to the \$35.00 fee. Other landfills which is mainly down in the south is \$35.00. We have the Desoto Parish, \$37.62; around East Baton Rouge, it's \$35.00; Jefferson Parish is \$35.00 too, and there are some that are less than us, from Acadia Parish, from \$26.00 to Colonial, \$28.00. So we have other fees that's in it too.

Councilman Walford: So, the news to us is more than \$2 a ton higher than us?

Mr. Strong: Yes sir.

Councilman Walford: What is it, a yard or ton? A ton. Since you've already done your tap dance in front of us, we don't get another chance, how much revenue is raised by this, and should we consider any higher fee?

Mr. Strong: Well the answer is you can always consider a higher fee. As I said we're up at the upper amounts at where it is?

Councilman Walford: Lower than the nearest - - -?

Mr. Strong: Well you're lower than that one, but you've also got Sabine Parish. I do not have Sabine Parish's total, I was trying to get it. And then you start getting over into Monroe and then into Webster Parish, and I do not have all of those yet. I was trying to gather all of them across the state, and I do not have all of the fees yet.

Councilman Walford: And this is to be effective when?

Mr. Strong: This will go into effect December the 1<sup>st</sup>.

Councilman Shyne: Mike before December 1<sup>st</sup>, I know he is, see if you can get all that information.

Mr. Strong: And I'll get the information, and understand that this does not stop us from anytime during the year to escalate it too. So, we can look at that, and we can always escalate later if we needed to.

Councilman Shyne: And if you need to, you might need to hand deliver the information to make sure he gets it.

Councilman Walford: Or just email it to the Chairman, and he can forward it to us.

Mr. Strong: I'll email it to the Chairman.

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

7. **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)

**Having passed first reading on October 14, 2008 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Webb, seconded by Councilmen Bowman and Long to adopt.**

Councilman Webb: The only thing I'll say is this is going to help move the traffic flow out as school ends.

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

8. **Ordinance No. 125 of 2008**: An ordinance amending the 2008 Convention Center Hotel Enterprise Fund Budget, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

**Having passed first reading on October 14, 2008 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Long, seconded by Councilman Shyne to adopt.**

Councilwoman Bowman: Mr. Dark?

Mr. Dark: This is attempting again, as we do this time a year, a lot, trying to reconcile what we think is actually going to happen in the fund with what's in the budget. Actually, we're increasing the revenues from the hotel operations by almost \$200,000. The main thing we're having to do is as we noted in the Riverfront one, is the hotel bonds incurred more interest this year when the auction rate market collapsed and we ended up having to pay almost \$500,000 more than we had originally budgeted for. We're having to find that money. And the Council's already passed the Riverfront budget amendment that moved money from Riverfront into here. That's what this ordinance is largely doing, is recognizing that. We also had a little bit of revenue from the old hotel bonds that we were going to try to use to pay debt service, and the old hotel bonds are gone. So we can use those anymore. They've been refunded. So, we're taking that revenue source out.

Councilwoman Bowman: So, you took \$531,000 from the Riverfront?

Mr. Dark: Yes Ma'am. And basically your appropriated \$528,900 more for interest, so pretty much, that's where it's going.

Councilman Webb: Are we still looking at trying to sell the hotel? Or are we moving forward trying to do that?

Mayor Glover: There've been a couple of folks who've expressed interest. None who've shown up with checks. And there is still a question of whether or not the possibility exist that we might be able to 1) create an argument that says that if we were to sell it, that we wouldn't be required to pay back the \$12,000,000 capital outlay dollars that came back from

the state or whether or not we might be better advised in hoping that the governor and the legislature might be inclined to officially by statute relieve us of that, so that it is without question and that would give us a real definite idea of what number we'd have to hit. If we look at the possibility of having to pay back the state that \$12,000,000 in the event that we did sell it, then we talked about at the very minimum, a purchase price of somewhere upwards of \$52,000,000 to cover that \$12,000,000 plus the \$40 (million) that we floated to buy it. If we don't have to pay back that \$12,000,000 to the state, then that takes that number down considerably, and creates possibly profit margin for us that would be a little bit greater than we might consider, and also broadens the pool of folks that might be interested. But there are about three folks to come in and kinda kicked the tires on it, but none of whom have shown up with check book in hand and opened it up to say ready to go. But again, as I said to you, I wouldn't want to see us in the hotel business for one minute longer than we have to. Obviously we'd love for the private sector to come in and relieve us of it.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, I can tell you're an old used car salesman.

Mayor Glover: Actually, I was in the new side.

Councilman Shyne: Okay, that was me over there on the used side. I was trying to sell one to Monty. He kicked the tires, and (inaudible).

Mayor Glover: Ford, BMWs and Saabes.

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

9. **Ordinance No. 126 of 2008**: An ordinance amending the 2008 Golf Enterprise Fund Budget, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

**Having passed first reading on October 14, 2008 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Webb, seconded by Councilman Shyne to adopt.**

Councilwoman Bowman: Tom?

Mr. Dark: You just want me to explain what's in it?

Councilwoman Bowman: Yes sir. I mean we sit here and we keep - - - these things come up, and the general public has - - - they're clueless as to what we're actually doing. Sometimes we're clueless too.

Mr. Dark: Okay, well let me start by summarizing what's in the background information that you have and the public doesn't. This decreases the golf fund budget by \$300,000 based on revised estimates on revenues and expenditures. Do you know what that is?

Ms. Johnson: Somebody's cell phone.

Mr. Dark: Although expenditures are down from what was budgeted, so are revenues. We raised Golf fees, but we really didn't get the revenue increase that we had hoped for. So although we had cut expenses substantially. That's part of what this budget amendment does. Also, we could not cut them as much as we needed to. And so the General Fund subsidy is being increased from \$210 to 309,000.

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

10. **Ordinance No. 127 of 2008**: An ordinance amending the 2008 Water and Sewerage Enterprise Fund Budget, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

**Having passed first reading on October 14, 2008 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Webb, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt.**

Councilman Webb: Would you have Tom explain that one as well?

Councilman Shyne: Tom, we need another explanation on that one.

Mr. Dark: Yes sir Mr. Chairman. This reduces the water and sewer budget for 2008 by \$2,348,700 again, because the revenues we had hoped to get for this year, did not materialize. As we talked about a little bit yesterday during, I think during Mr. Strong's budget session last night. We've had a couple of periods of the year where we've had a good deal of water consumption, but we're also had - - - summer seemed to have ended earlier, and got wet in a hurry, during a time when we would normally be selling a good bit of water, we are reducing certain expenditures. We're also increasing some from chemicals, as I believe he also showed you last night, some of the chemical per ton cost that have gone up pretty substantially. But basically, what we're trying to do is bring the budget into balance for this year.

Councilman Shyne: Tom, I think one reason we had a lot of rain this year is because we had persons with some of his friends out in the Gulf playing around in a sailboat.

Mr. Dark: If he can bring rain, we need to send him other places in the country.

Councilman Shyne: Monty, you hear that huh?

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

11. **Ordinance No. 128 of 2008**: An ordinance amending the 2008 Capital Improvements Budget, and otherwise provide with respect thereto.

**Having passed first reading on October 14, 2008 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Long. *The Clerk read the following:***

**Amendment #1 to Ordinance No. 128 of 2008**

Amend the Ordinance as follows:

In Program A (Buildings and Improvements):

Increase the appropriation for **Municipal Auditorium Parking (06A003)** by \$200,000.

Funding source is 2003 GOB.

In Program C (Street Improvements):

Increase the appropriation for **Southern Loop Improvements (01C013)** by \$100,000.

Funding source is 2003 GOB.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly

**Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Wooley to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 128 of 2008.**

Mr. Dark: Okay, the amendment that you're being asked to vote on now, we're trying to complete the Southern Loop project between I-49 and Linwood, and the project manager has advised me that we need another \$100,000 to finish the change orders on that. But the other one was that Council's appropriated funds early on for the parking lot on the old Bill Hannah Ford property. This one is a casualty in large part of the increased price of asphalt, and the project engineer believes we need an extra \$200,000 to finish the project. So that's what's in the amendment. We have those funds available from projects that have recently closed out.

Councilman Webb: Question. Wouldn't we - - - maybe we'd be better off if we waited a while to do the parking lot, save some money, since the cost of asphalt and overlay is so extremely high right now, we can't even get our residential streets done.

Mr. Dark: We'd like to see what the bids come in at, but this may be the best time we've had in a pretty good while to bid that particular project.

Councilman Shyne: Now you know why Monty is saying hu huh? Cause it's in his district.

Councilman Webb: Well I know that's been a pet peeve.

Mr. Dark: Well this is bond money, you probably couldn't use for overlay so.

Councilman Webb: I'm just trying to think of maybe if we waited - - - I know we've waited a long time, but if we waited another six months, we might save \$100,000.

Mr. Dark: Or we might spend another \$100,000. Anybody knows what the price of oil or asphalt is going to do, they need to be predicting. You may know, but - - -

Councilman Long: I heard a forecast this morning, at \$45 a barrel.

Councilman Walford: Lets' not forget that, this is also going to increase and enhance the utilization of Municipal.

Councilman Shyne: And it'll bring in more revenue.

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

**Motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt Ordinance No. 128 of 2008 as amended. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, and Shyne. 5. Nays: Councilmen Webb, and Bowman. 2.**

12. **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 2008A-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.

**Having passed first reading on October 14, 2008 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Long. *The Clerk read the following:***

**Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 147 of 2008:** Amend the Ordinance as follows:  
Delete the Ordinance as introduced and substitute the attached Ordinance.

**Motion by Councilman Webb, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 147 of 2008. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Long, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 5. Nays: Walford, and Wooley. 2.**

**Motion by Councilman Webb, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt Ordinance No. 147 of 2008 as amended. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Long, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 5. Nays: Walford, and Wooley. 2.**

13. **Ordinance No. 148 of 2008:** An ordinance amending the 2008 General Fund Budget and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

**Having passed first reading on October 14, 2008 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Long. *The Clerk read the following:***

**Amendment # 1 to Ordinance No. 148 of 2008**

AMEND THE ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS:

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

In General Government, decrease Operating Reserves by \$12,700. In Fire, increase Transfer to Public Safety Grants Fund by \$12,700.

**Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Webb to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 148 of 2008. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.**

**Motion by Councilman Webb, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt Ordinance No. 148 of 2008 as amended. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.**

*The adopted ordinances and amendments follow:*

**ORDINANCE NO. 40 OF 2008**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT SECTION 26-211 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO CITY CONTRACTS AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal and regular session convened that Sections 26-211(a)(2), (b) and (d) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Sec. 26-211. Specifications and requirements on city contracts to include payment of taxes, licenses, fees and other amounts due city.

(a) On every contract to which the city is a party and for which written specifications are prepared, the specifications shall include the following requirements:

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2) That neither the contractor, nor any legal entity of which the contractor owns more than 25%, shall own any property which is adjudicated to the city or which has demolition liens, grass cutting liens, or any other property standards liens on it.

(b) No contract to which the city is a party shall be awarded to any person who:

1) Has not paid all taxes, licenses, fees and other charges which are outstanding and due the city, or

2) Owns any property which is adjudicated to the city or which has demolition liens, grass cutting liens, or any other property standards liens on it, or

3) Owns more than 25% of a legal entity that owns any property which is adjudicated to the city or which has demolition liens, grass cutting liens, or any other property standards liens on it.

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d) For purposes of this subsection, the term "Own" shall mean to be the last record owner of property prior to a tax sale or adjudication.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that subsection (b)(4) of Section 26-211 is hereby repealed.

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

**Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 40 of 2008**

Amend Section 26-211(a)(2) to read as follows:

2) That neither the contractor, the contractor's spouse, nor any legal entity of which the contractor owns more than 25%, shall own any property which is adjudicated to the city or which has demolition liens, grass cutting liens, or any other property standards liens on it.

and amend Section 26-211(b)(2) to read as follows:

2) Owns or is the spouse of any person who owns any property which is adjudicated to the city or which has demolition liens, grass cutting liens, or any other property standards liens on it, or

**ORDINANCE NO. 118 OF 2008**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2008 RIVERFRONT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND BUDGET AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**BY:**

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend the 2008 budget for the Riverfront Development Special Revenue Fund to transfer funds between expenditure categories and for other purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that Ordinance No. 163 of 2007, the 2008 budget for the Riverfront Special Revenue Fund, is hereby amended as follows:

In Section 1 (Estimated Receipts):

Increase Estimated Fund Balance as of 1/1/2008 by \$436,400.

Decrease Boomtown Casino by \$100,000.

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

Increase Transfer to General Fund \$200,000.

Increase Operating Reserves by \$136,400.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance No. 163 of 2007 shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

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

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

**Amendment #1 to Ordinance No. 118 of 2008,**

AMEND THE ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS:

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

Decrease Operating Reserves by \$2,031,000. Appropriate Transfer to Convention Center Hotel Fund at \$531,000. Increase Transfer to General Fund by \$1,500,000.

**ORDINANCE NO. 119 OF 2008**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2008 BUDGET FOR THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INTERNAL SERVICE FUND AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**BY:**

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend the 2007 budget for the Information Technology Internal Service Fund to transfer funds among expenditure categories and for other purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that Ordinance No. 167 of 2007, the 2008 budget for the Information Technology Internal Service Fund, is hereby amended as follows:

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

Increase Materials and Supplies by \$5,000.

Decrease Improvements and Equipment by \$5,000.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance No. 167 of 2007 shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

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

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

### **ORDINANCE NO. 120 OF 2008**

#### **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2008 BUDGET FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY GRANTS SPECIAL REVENUE FUND AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**BY:**

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it desirable to amend the 2008 budget for the Public Safety Grants Special Revenue Fund, to appropriate new revenues and for other purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that Ordinance No. 172 of 2007, the 2008 budget for the Public Safety Grants Special Revenue Fund, be amended and re-enacted as follows:

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

**FY 2008 Revenues:**

Appropriate Federal Justice Assistance Grant 2008 at \$84,300.

**In Section 2 (Appropriations):**

**From 2007 and Prior-Year Revenues:**

In Prior-Year Shreveport Enforcement Project, decrease Personal Services by \$39,400.

Increase Materials and Supplies by \$2,500 and Improvements and Equipment by \$36,900.

**From FY 2008 Revenues:**

From Federal Justice Assistance Grant 2008, appropriate Personal Services at \$42,100 and Other Charges at \$42,200.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance No. 172 of 2007, as amended, shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

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

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

**Amendment # 1 to Ordinance No. 120 of 2008**

An Ordinance Amending the 2008 Budget for the Police Grants Special Revenue Fund.

AMEND THE ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS:

In Section 1 (Estimated Receipts), under "Fiscal Year 2008 Revenues", appropriate Fire Prevention Grant 2007 at \$63,600. Funding sources are Federal Grant \$50,900 and General Fund \$12,700.

**ORDINANCE NO. 122 OF 2008**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT SECTION 10-85 (3) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO DUAL SERVICE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ESTABLISHMENTS AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**BY: Councilman Walford**

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal, and regular session convened, that Section 10-85(3) of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances is hereby amended and re-enacted to now read as follows:

**Sec. 10-85.** Dual service restaurant/bar.

Any establishment located in the riverfront area, as defined herein, wishing to operate with the dual purpose of exclusively as a bar/lounge during certain designed hours and exclusively as a restaurant during certain designated hours shall be allowed to do so under the following conditions:

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(3) The establishment shall operate exclusively as a restaurant between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 123 OF 2008**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REPLACING SECTION 74-54 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO LANDFILL DISPOSAL FEES, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**BY:**

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal and regular session convened that Section 74-54 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport is hereby amended and replaced to read as follows:

**Sec. 74-54.** Disposal of fees for city-owned facilities.

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(a) (3) The fee per ton shall be \$35.00, with any partial fee being prorated on the basis of that basic fee exclusive of the minimum fee requirement.

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(b) (3) Except as provided in this section, disposal fees for special waste shall be \$22.00 per cubic yard, with a \$22.00 minimum fee.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 124 OF 2008**

**AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE AND ESTABLISH 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.**

**BY:**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in regular and legal session convened that it shall hereafter be unlawful for anyone to park any vehicle at any time of the day or night on the north side of Ardis Taylor Drive between Royalton Drive and a point one-hundred (100) feet east of Teche Way Drive.

**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, 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. 125 OF 2008**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2008 CONVENTION CENTER HOTEL ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**BY:**

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend the 2008 budget for the Convention Center Hotel Enterprise Fund to adjust revenues, to transfer funds among expenditure categories and for other purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that Ordinance No. 174 of 2007, the 2008 budget for the Convention Center Hotel Enterprise Fund, is hereby amended as follows:

In Section 1 (Estimated Receipts):

Increase Revenues From Hotel Operations by \$194,600. Appropriate Transfer from Riverfront Fund at \$531,000. Decrease 2005 Hotel Bond Proceeds by \$125,000 and Interest Earnings by \$528,900.

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

Increase Contractual Services by \$68,700 and Other Charges by \$3,000.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance No. 174 of 2007 shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

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

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

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 126 OF 2008**

#### **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2008 GOLF ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

##### **BY:**

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend the 2008 budget for the Golf Enterprise Fund to adjust revenue and expenditure estimates and for other purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that Ordinance No. 166 of 2007, the 2008 budget for the Golf Enterprise Fund, is hereby amended as follows:

In Section 1 (Estimated Receipts):

Decrease Estimated Available Fund Balance 1/1/2008 by \$110,500. Decrease External Service Charges and Fees by \$288,500. Increase Transfer from General Fund by \$99,000.

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

Decrease Personal Services by \$170,000, Materials and Supplies by \$19,600, Contractual Services by \$20,000 and Operating Reserves by \$90,400.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance No. 166 of 2007 shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

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

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

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 127 OF 2008**

#### **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2008 WATER AND SEWERAGE ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

##### **BY:**

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend the 2008 budget for the Water and Sewerage Enterprise Fund to reduce the budget, to transfer funds among expenditure categories and for other purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that Ordinance No. 164 of 2007, the 2008 budget for the Water and Sewerage Enterprise Fund, is hereby amended as follows:

In Section 1 (Estimated Receipts):

Increase Estimated Available Fund Balance 1/1/2008 by \$151,300. Decrease Water Sales by \$1,300,000. Decrease Sewer Charges by \$1,000,000. Decrease Interest Earnings by \$200,000.

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

Increase Personal Services by \$300,000 and Materials and Supplies by \$1,035,000. Decrease Contractual Services by \$200,000, Operating Reserves by \$1,158,700, Improvements and Equipment by \$1,125,000 and Notes Payable by \$1,200,000.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance No. 164 of 2007 shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

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

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

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 128 OF 2008**

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

By:

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

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

#### **In Program E (Water Improvements):**

Increase the appropriation for **City-Wide Water Main Renewal/Replacement (05-E008)** by \$525,000. Funding source is 2005 URB.

#### **In Program F (Sewer Improvements):**

Increase the appropriation for **City-Wide Sewer Main Renewal/Replacement (05F020)** by \$600,000. Funding source is 2005 URB.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

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

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

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

#### **Amendment #1 to Ordinance No. 128 of 2008**

Amend the Ordinance as follows:

In Program A (Buildings and Improvements):

Increase the appropriation for **Municipal Auditorium Parking (06A003)** by \$200,000.  
Funding source is 2003 GOB.

In Program C (Street Improvements):

Increase the appropriation for **Southern Loop Improvements (01C013)** by \$100,000.  
Funding source is 2003 GOB.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly

**Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 147 of 2008:** Amend the Ordinance as follows:  
Delete the Ordinance as introduced and substitute the attached Ordinance.

**ORDINANCE NO. 147 OF 2008**

Offered by Councilman Walford and seconded by Councilman Long :

**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.**

**WHEREAS**, the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority (the "Authority") is a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana established for public purposes including the issuance of bonds and refunding bonds pursuant to Chapter 10-D of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 33:4548.1 through 4548.16) (the "Act"); and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana, a municipality and political subdivision organized and validly existing under the laws of the State of Louisiana (the "City" or "Governing Authority") is a participating political subdivision and member of the Authority; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has requested that the Authority issue its revenue bonds (i) finance the costs of the acquisition, construction and equipping of a cargo freight facility to be located at the Shreveport Regional Airport, (ii) fund 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, (iii) fund a debt service reserve fund, if required, and (iv) pay the costs of issuance of the Bonds (all of which shall collectively called the "Project") ; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is authorized to borrow money repayable from income and revenues as well as other lawfully available funds derived by the City from the operation of the Airport System to finance the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bonds will be issued in accordance with the Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bonds will be issued pursuant to a Trust Indenture dated as of October 31, 2008 (the "Indenture") by and between the Authority and Regions Bank, as Trustee (the "Trustee"); and

**WHEREAS**, the proceeds of the Bonds will be loaned by the Authority to the City pursuant to a Loan Agreement dated as of October 31, 2008 (the "Loan Agreement") by and between the Authority and the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority has or will adopt a resolution on authorizing the issuance of its Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority Revenue Refunding Bonds in two series ("the Bonds"), to wit, (i) its not to exceed Eleven Million (\$11,000,000) Dollars (Shreveport Airport Cargo Facility Project) Series 2008C-AMT Subject, and (ii) its not to exceed Five Million, (\$5,000,000) Dollars (Shreveport Airport System Project) Series 2008D-Taxable (the "Bonds) pursuant to the Act for the purpose of financing the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Bond Commission (the "Commission") granted its approval of the issuance of the Bonds and authorized the Authority to proceed with the financing of the Project for the City through the issuance of the Bonds and approved the execution of the Loan Agreement by the City; and

**WHEREAS**, in consideration of the loan by the Authority pursuant to the Loan Agreement, the City will agree to make payments of principal and interest which will be sufficient to pay or reimburse payment of the costs of issuance of the Bonds and principal of, interest and other charges relative to the Bonds; and

**WHEREAS**, all consents and approvals required to be given by public bodies in connection with the authorization, issuance and sale of the Bonds as authorized by the Indenture and as required by the Act, have been or will be secured prior to delivery of the Bonds; and

**WHEREAS**, the City now desires by the adoption of this ordinance (this "Ordinance") to acknowledge and approve the issuance of the Bonds by the Authority and the execution and delivery of (i) the Indenture, (ii) the Loan Agreement, and (iii) all other documents, certificates and contracts ancillary thereto and required in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby, to authorize the sale and delivery of the Bonds to Morgan Keegan & Company, Inc. and Loop Capital Markets, L.L.C. (collectively, the "Underwriters") in accordance with a Bond Purchase Agreement (the "Bond Purchase Agreement") among the Authority, the City and Underwriters, to authorize the use and distribution of any preliminary, if any and final official statements, along with any supplements and/or amendments thereto, together (the "Official Statement") with respect to the Bonds, and to provide for the execution of all instruments, documents and certificates in connection therewith.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana (the "City), acting as the governing authority (the "Governing Authority") of the City, that:

## **ARTICLE I**

### **Definitions, Findings and Interpretation**

**SECTION 1. Authorization of Bonds.** For the purposes of financing the Project, the Governing Authority hereby approves and acknowledges the issuance by the Authority on behalf of the City of not to exceed (i) \$11,000,000 of the Authority's Revenue Bonds (Shreveport Airport Cargo Facility Project) Series 2008C-AMT Subject, and (ii) \$5,000,000 of the Authority's Revenue Bonds (Shreveport Airport System Project) Series 2008D-Taxable,. In connection therewith, the Governing Authority hereby authorizes the Authority to distribute the Official Statement, subject to such changes as may be approved by bond counsel to the City and Authority. The details of the Bonds and the other provisions of their issuance, security and payment shall be set forth in the Indenture, said Indenture to be substantially in the form submitted at this meeting and filed with the official minutes of the City, with such additions, omissions and changes as may be approved by bond counsel to the Authority and the City. The form of Indenture is hereby approved. The Bonds will be issued only as fully registered bonds in the denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple of \$5,000 in excess thereof. 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 2. Indenture/Loan Agreement.** The forms and terms of the Indenture and the Loan Agreement are hereby approved substantially as submitted to the City and filed with the official minutes of the City, all of the provisions of which are hereby made a part of this Ordinance, with such additions, omissions and the changes as may be approved by bond counsel to the Authority and the City. The City authorizes the pledge of (i) Net Revenues (as defined in the Loan Agreement), and (ii) Lawfully Available Funds (as defined in the Loan Agreement). The City further authorized the execution of any documentation required to evidence such pledge and security interest.

**SECTION 3. Bond Purchase Agreement.** The Bonds shall be sold and purchased pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Bond Purchase Agreement. The Mayor and the Clerk of the City or any other officer of the City authorized to act by the Mayor, are hereby individually and/or collectively authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the City, to execute the Bond Purchase Agreement reflecting the City's approval and acceptance of the terms thereof and of the sale to the Underwriters of the Bonds. The use, execution and distribution of the final Official Statement are hereby approved in such form as may be approved by bond counsel to the City and the Authority.

**SECTION 4. Additional Authority.** The Mayor or the Mayor's certified representative and the Clerk of the City, individually and/or collectively are hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the Authority, to do all things necessary, on the advice of bond counsel to the City and the Authority, to effectuate the sale and delivery of the Bonds and to implement this Ordinance, including the publication hereof as required by the Act, the execution of agreements, documents or certificates necessary to issue and deliver the Bonds, including but not limited to agreements (i) providing for amending, modifying, reintegrating and/or

terminating the existing swap agreement, (ii) providing for a debt service reserve, (iii) providing for the purchase of bond insurance or other credit enhancement products, if determined to be appropriate and feasible, and (iv) evidencing the security interest granted by such Loan Agreement. Said officials are hereby further authorized and directed to approve for and on behalf of and the in the name of the City, any changes, additions or deletions in any of the documents, instruments or certificates referred to in this Ordinance, provided that all such changes, additions or deletions, if any shall be approved by bond counsel to the City and the Authority and consistent and within the authority provided in the Act.

**SECTION 5. Trustee.** The Governing Authority hereby approves Regions Bank, Baton Rouge, Louisiana to serve as Trustee under the Indenture.

**SECTION 6. Municipal Bond Insurance.** If determined to be appropriate and feasible; a) At the closing, the bond insurer shall issue its bond insurance policy with respect to the payments due for principal of and interest on the Bonds (the "Bond Insurance Policy") to the Paying Agent or Trustee, as the case may be. Upon issuance, the Bond Insurance Policy will be on file and available for inspection at the principal office of the Paying Agent. The summary of the form of policy relating to the Bond Insurance Policy is hereby authorized to appear on the Bonds. Under the terms of the Bond Insurance Policy, the Insurer will pay to the bond insurer's fiscal agent bank, or any successor thereto, regularly scheduled payments of the principal of and interest on the Bonds which are due but unpaid by reason of nonpayment by the Authority (as such terms are defined in the Bond Insurance Policy).

**SECTION 7. Miscellaneous.**

(a) **Publication of Ordinance.** A copy of this Ordinance shall be published in the minutes in accordance with Section 4.16 of the City Charter.

(b) **Ordinance to Constitute Contract.** In consideration of the purchase and the acceptance of the Bonds by those who shall hold the same from time to time, the provisions of this Ordinance shall be a part of the contract of the City with the holders of the Bonds and shall be deemed to be and shall constitute a contract between the City, the Authority, the Trustee and the holders from time to time of the Bonds. The provisions, covenants and agreements herein set forth to be performed by and on behalf of the City shall be for the benefit, protection and security of the holders of any and all of the Bonds.

(c) **Filing of Ordinance.** Upon the issuance of the bonds, a certified copy of this Ordinance shall be filed and recorded as soon as possible in the Mortgage Records in the Parish of Caddo, Louisiana.

(d) **Severability.** In case any one or more the provisions of this Ordinance shall, for any reason, be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this Ordinance and this Ordinance shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provisions had not been contained herein or therein.

(e) **Governing Law.** This Ordinance is a contract made under, and the rights and obligations of the parties hereunder shall be governed by and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Louisiana applicable to contracts made and to be performed entirely within such State.

**SECTION 8. SBC Swap Approval.** 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 9. Ordinance Supersedes Prior Resolutions and Ordinances.** The General Bond Resolution (Resolution No. 211 of 1997), Amendment No. 1 thereto (adopted December 9, 1997), and all subsequent resolutions and ordinances with respect thereto, are amended and superceded to the extent inconsistent with the terms and conditions of this Ordinance. The Indenture and Loan Agreement, in the form delivered to this Governing Authority, together with such changes thereto as Bond Counsel deems desirable, shall govern the terms and conditions of the Bonds and the General Bond Resolution and all amendments previously adopted are hereby repealed to the extent they are inconsistent with this Ordinance and henceforth all subsequent bonds utilizing airport revenues as security shall be in accordance with the Indenture.

**ORDINANCE NO. 148 OF 2008**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2008 GENERAL FUND BUDGET AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**BY:**

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend the 2008 budget for the General Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that Ordinance No. 162 of 2007, the 2008 General Fund budget, is hereby amended as follows:

In Section 1 (Estimated Receipts):

Increase Transfer from Riverfront Fund by \$1,70,000 and Miscellaneous by \$200,000.

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

In Public Assembly and Recreation, increase Personal Services by \$20,000 and Materials and Supplies by \$5,000.

In General Government, increase Operating Reserves by \$1,7000,000.

In Police, increase Personal Services by \$65,000.

In Fire, increase Personal Services by \$35,000 and Materials and Supplies by \$10,000.

In Operational Services, increase Personal Services by \$55,000 and Materials and Supplies by \$10,000.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance No. 162 of 2007 shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

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

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

**Amendment # 1 to Ordinance No. 148 of 2008**

AMEND THE ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS:

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

In General Government, decrease Operating Reserves by \$12,700. In Fire, increase Transfer to Public Safety Grants Fund by \$12,700.

Councilman Shyne: Are we ready to bring the other legislation off the table now, or you all still need to do some looking?

Councilman Walford: Well we haven't had a chance to look at it yet.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, by way of explanation, that was sent to me, and I did not open that document because I guess I've been running so much, and I did not get it to you, but it was sent.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Thompson, we accept - - - I understand that when you pass 50 you have those times in your life.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Shyne, I didn't say it was due to age.

Councilman Walford: Mr. Chairman, I think he's more of a target for you today than me.

Councilman Shyne: I see that, I see that. He's sharp. Okay lets' go into Unfinished business. I think we took care of all that on yesterday.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Shyne, I'm not aware of any items that need to be discussed today, except Ms. Bowman might have one.

Councilwoman Bowman: I do Mr. Thompson. Mr. Chairman?

Councilman Shyne: Yes Ma'am.

Councilwoman Bowman: In keeping with Mayor Glover's attempts to give citizens a clearer understanding of the city's budget process, and budgets, I have authored Amendment No. 1 to the 2009 General Fund Budget Ordinance.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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

6. **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*)
7. **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*)
8. **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*)
9. **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. (*Tabled October 14, 2008*)
10. **Ordinance No. 97 of 2008**: 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*) (*Tabled October 14, 2008*)
11. **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*) (*Tabled October 14, 2008*)
12. **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*) (*Tabled October 14, 2008*)
13. **2009 Budget Appropriation Ordinances** (*Introduced and Tabled on October 14, 2008*) (*To be adopted by December 15, 2008*)

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.

Councilwoman Bowman: In the proposed General Fund Budget, the appropriations for the offices of the Mayor, CAO, City Attorney and Personnel, are included under the heading "Office of the Mayor." This amendment removes the offices of the City Attorney and Personnel from the Office of the Mayor, and list those appropriations separately. That is my motion Mr. Chairman.

**Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 131 of 2008**

**Amend the Ordinance as follows:**

In the 2009 General Fund Budget, in Section "2. Appropriations", in the Office of the Mayor, remove the appropriations for Personnel and City Attorney, and create separate budget appropriations for "Personnel" and "City Attorney", said amended section to the 2009 Proposed Budget read as follows:

**Office of the Mayor**

Personal Services \$ 996,900  
 Materials and Supplies 22,700  
 Contractual Services 71,200  
 Other Charges 1,100  
 Improvements and Equipment 2,500  
 Subtotal \$1,094,400

**Personnel**

Personal Services \$ 460,400  
 Materials and Supplies 7,600  
 Contractual Services 12,600  
 Other Charges 1,000  
 Improvements and Equipment 12,000  
 Subtotal \$ 493,600

**City Attorney**

Personal Services \$1,004,900  
 Materials and Supplies 17,900  
 Contractual Services 70,200  
 Other Charges 2,700  
 Improvements and Equipment 2,500  
 Transfers 500  
 Subtotal \$1,098,700

**Motion by Councilman Bowman, seconded by Councilman Wooley to remove Ordinance No. 1 from the table.**

Councilman Lester: I'm trying to follow you Council Member Bowman. What number is this?

Councilwoman Bowman: 131.

Mr. Dark: The 2009 General Fund Budget.

Councilwoman Bowman: 2009.

Councilman Lester: And that is 139?

Councilman Walford: 131.

Councilman Lester: Okay, I see it. I see.

Councilwoman Bowman: Mr. Chairman, my deal was to remove it from the table.

Councilman Shyne: Okay, the motion was to remove this - - -

Councilman Long: And for what purpose?

Councilwoman Bowman: The purpose of this amendment is to give citizens a clearer understanding of the funds appropriated for the offices of the Mayor and the CAO. And for each of the offices of the City Attorney and Personnel. This amendment also gives greater audit control and assurances that funds intended for each of those offices are used for the offices and the purposes intended.

Councilman Shyne: Now Councilman Long, do you have any?

Councilman Long: I'm very clear, thank you.

Councilman Lester: My question is I understand and appreciate - - -

Councilman Shyne: Wait just a minute, Councilwoman Bowman - - - you need to - - - okay.

Councilwoman Bowman: Go ahead Councilman.

Councilman Lester: Thank you. I guess my question is to procedurally to Mr. Thompson, as I appreciate it, we tabled all of the budget amendments for consideration at a later date. By taking this off, is Council Member Bowman asking us would we pass her amendment so that the funds or the budgets would be broken out separately, and then turn around and table it? Okay, I'm with you now. Okay.

Mayor Glover: We're at discussion Mr. Chairman?

Councilman Shyne: Yes, Mr. Mayor, if you would like to have some discussion on this.

Mayor Glover: I have a question. Obviously someone wrote out or Councilwoman Bowman wrote out kinda of a statement that she included with that? Councilwoman Bowman, there was a statement that you read in conjunction with that?

Councilwoman Bowman: I did.

Mayor Glover: Could you read that again please?

Councilwoman Bowman: Be glad to Mr. Mayor. The purpose - - - you want the purpose of the amendment?

Mayor Glover: Whatever it is that you read from as you went to - - -

Councilwoman Bowman: Yes, I'd be glad to do that. The purpose of this amendment gives the citizens clearer understanding of the funds appropriated for the offices of the Mayor and CAO, and for each of the offices of the City Attorney and Personnel. This amendment also gives greater audit control and assurances that funds intended for each of those offices are

used for the offices and for the purposes intended. And Mr. Mayor, this is in keeping with your attempts to give citizens a clearer understanding of the city's budget process and budgets.

Mayor Glover: That was the part I was trying to make clear that you mentioned. That this is line with my attempts to give the citizens greater access?

Councilwoman Bowman: A clearer understanding. Another thing that I also would like to do, and I'm not going to do today, but I wanted to find out if there were some way we could put these - - - all of our amendments, put the agenda on the web page where people could just go directly to it. And any amendments or whatever that's on there, you know give the citizens also the opportunity to click on and look at those as well.

Mayor Glover: Okay. The is what you are doing in line with my suggestion that we make the budget process more transparent?

Councilwoman Bowman: That and a couple of other reasons Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Glover: But this is in effort to make the process more transparent?

Councilwoman Bowman: To make the process more - - - yes, more transparent, more clear for our citizens Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Glover: So what this means is you rejected my suggestion that we hold the budget hearings in this room? And that we televise it, and that we afford individuals the opportunity to be able to see them and observe them, just as yesterday, we met here for Work Session, and then returned to go upstairs, to a much smaller, much more cramped room, that doesn't afford access to it, but this represents I guess what else - - - what else are we doing in conjunction with that?

Councilwoman Bowman: I think Mr. Mayor, a few other Council Members have some things that they are also doing as far as this is concerned. But as far as I am concerned Mr. Chairman, and Council Members, it seems like it's always 6s and 7s here. And that's not the intent. I mean, that's not the intent at all. My intent as far as this is - - - I beg your pardon?

Councilman Walford: I just think we're debating something we're already voting on.

Councilwoman Bowman: I know, but he - - -

Councilman Lester: We haven't voted on. We voted to pull it off the table.

Councilman Walford: (Inaudible) motion or anything on the table at this time.

Councilman Lester: Well I think she's trying to explain where we're going.

Councilwoman Bowman: The Mayor asked a question, I'm just - - -

Councilman Lester: He asked a question, and certainly I would imagine if she asked us to pull it off the table, and that's the next thing she's going to ask us for a motion on it, so I don't see a problem.

Councilwoman Bowman: And that's going to be next after explaining whatever the Mayor is coming after me again about.

Mayor Glover: No, the reason I asked is that your stated premise was based upon my request that we facilitate a more transparent - - -.

Councilwoman Bowman: Yes sir, that's one of the reasons, and I certainly - - -

Mayor Glover: So I was trying to determine from you is what else is it that the Council has done to facilitate that besides what you are just stating right now.

Councilwoman Bowman: Well Mr. Mayor, in my opinion, I can't speak for the other Council Members, but in my humble opinion, I know that the Charter requires us to have our - - everything we do is public, so we have our meetings, on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> floor. Anybody can come. They're all welcomed to come. And I think Sharon brought chairs or whatever to accommodate people. To be quite honest with you, I haven't had any complaints.

Councilman Shyne: I think Mr. Mayor, what her point is, they might not want to do any eating here in the Chamber.

Mayor Glover: No, no, no, Mr. Chairman? I guess you might be the only one willing to actually confess that Mr. Chairman. I guess I look at yesterday. I don't mind you doing whatever it is that you're doing. What I may object to is you applying a standard to this Administration that's not been applied to any other. But then that's another discussion for another date. What I heard you say is that the basis upon which you were offering this - - -

Councilwoman Bowman: One of them.

Mayor Glover: Was, was - - - well everything that you said, was based upon the Mayor's desire to give us a more open, transparent process, and I'm paraphrasing, is I'm offering this, that, and the following.

Councilwoman Bowman: Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Glover: And my question to you is what else in conjunction with this budgetary process are you or the rest of the Council doing to facilitate that, in light of the fact that we were in this room on yesterday for a Council Work Session, and we adjourned that meeting, left the room with seats for all kinds of people as well as all of the means and mechanisms that we need to be able to broadcast these meetings both - - - (inaudible) and the internet.

Councilman Walford: I call for a Point of Order, cause we're in clear violation of Roberts' Rules.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, I'm sorry.

Mayor Glover: To go upstairs to a room that is extremely - - -

Councilman Shyne: One of the Council Members called a Point of Order.

Mayor Glover: Small, does not lend itself to open access.

Councilman Walford: Mr. Chairman, will you rule on my Point of Order.

Mayor Glover: So I guess what I'm trying to say is if you want to do that, don't do it based upon a standard or a request that I made of this Council.

Councilman Walford: (Inaudible)

Councilman Shyne: It sure does.

Mayor Glover: In terms of budget process Mr. Chairman. That's the only thing I'm saying. And if that's done, then do expect that as Mayor, I'm going to (inaudible)

Councilman Walford: Mr. Chairman, (inaudible) Point of Order and ask the Mayor to respect our Council Rules of Procedure and Robert's Rules of Order, and ask you to rule on my Point of Order.

Councilman Shyne: Councilman Walford, you're exactly right. I - - -

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, I think I've made my point, and I yield the floor.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, thank you. Okay.

Councilwoman Bowman: My motion is to adopt Amendment No. 1.

Councilman Wooley: Second.

**Motion to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 131 of 2008 approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.**

**Motion by Councilman Bowman, seconded by Councilman Wooley to table Ordinance No. 1 of 2008 as amended. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.**

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**: An 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. **Ordinance No. 136 of 2008**: An ordinance adopting the 2009 Budget for the Downtown Parking Enterprise Fund, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
9. **Ordinance No. 137 of 2008**: 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 2008 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.

**14. 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 October 13,, 2008 until November 10, 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*)

**PSD0800043** – 7017 Janey Street, Shreveport, LA (F/Shyne) Mr. E. B. Robinson, M.D., 7941 Youree Drive, Shreveport, LA 71105 (D/Wooley) (*Postponed October 14, 2008 until December 8, 2008*)

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **ABO APPEALS:**

Mr. Mohammad Khan, 911 W. 70<sup>th</sup> Street, Shreveport, LA 71106 (D/Wooley) *PS Express, 911 W. 70<sup>th</sup>, Shreveport, LA 71106 (D/Wooley)*

Mr. Brandon Hartman, P.O. Box 8218, Bossier City, LA 71113 – *Buffalo Wild Wings, 7441 Youree Drive, Shreveport, LA (D/Wooley)*

Councilman Shyne: Bea, did you and Mr. Thompson get that?

Ms. Johnson: Yes sir.

Councilman Shyne: Alright, Mr. Thompson, is there anything else that we need to - -

Mr. Thompson: I'm not aware of anything else under Old Business or New Business that we need to take up at this time.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Thompson, I'm not either, so evidently, you and I are on the same page.

Mr. Thompson: We still haven't done 256.

Councilman Shyne: Are we ready to bring that off the table?

Councilman Lester: So moved to bring it off the table.

Councilman Walford: We didn't table it, we just postponed it.

Councilman Lester: To reconsider.

Councilman Walford: We don't even have to reconsider, we just bring it up.

Councilman Shyne: To bring it up?

Councilman Lester: I move to adopt, how about that.

Councilman Long: Second.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 253 OF 2008**

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENTION OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT (THE "CITY") TO PROCEED WITH THE ISSUING OF NOT TO EXCEED NINETY MILLION AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$90,000,000) LOUISIANA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS (SHREVEPORT UTILITY SYSTEM PROJECT) SERIES 2008 FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING CERTAIN EXISTING INDEBTEDNESS PREVIOUSLY ISSUED FOR THE SHREVEPORT UTILITY SYSTEM (THE "PRIOR BONDS"), FUNDING A DEBT SERVICE RESERVE FUND, PAYING FEES ARISING FROM THE TERMINATION OF THE EXISTING INTEGRATED SWAP AGREEMENT RELATED TO THE PRIOR BONDS AND PAYING THE COSTS OF ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, by prior resolution, the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana (the "City") became a participating political subdivision and member of the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority (the "Authority"); and **WHEREAS**, the Authority has previously issued its \$75,000,000 Revenue Bonds (Shreveport Utility System Project) Series 2005 (the "Prior Bonds"). The Prior Bonds were used for the acquisition and construction of improvements, enlargements and upgrades to the City's water and sewer system (the "Utility System"); and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to proceed with a financing through the Authority by the issuance of its revenue refunding bonds (Shreveport Utility System Project) Series 2008 in an amount not to exceed Ninety Million and No/100 Dollars (\$90,000,000) (the "Bonds") in a manner and structure to be determined by a related ordinance, for the purpose of (i) currently refunding the outstanding Prior Bonds; (ii) funding a debt service reserve fund; (iii) funding termination payments (the "Termination Payments") arising pursuant to the termination of an existing integrated swap agreement related to the Prior Bonds, and (iv) paying the costs of issuance of the Bonds, all of which shall collectively be known as (the "Project") or (the "Refunding").

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

**Section 1: LCDA Approval.** The City is authorized to proceed with the Refunding through the Authority with the issuance of the Authority's Revenue Refunding Bonds (Shreveport Utility System Project) Series 2008 in an amount not to exceed Ninety Million and No/100 Dollars (\$90,000,000), to provide funds for the purpose of (i) currently refunding the

outstanding Prior Bonds; (ii) funding a debt service reserve fund; (iii) funding termination payments (the "Termination Payments") arising pursuant to the termination of an existing integrated swap agreement related to the Prior Bonds, and (iv) paying the costs of issuance of the Bonds.

**Section 2: Structure of Financing.** The structure, terms and conditions of any such borrowing by the City shall be determined by subsequent ordinance of the City Council, provided, however, that the term of said borrowing shall not exceed twenty-five (25) years from their date of issuance and will bear interest at a fixed rate not to exceed seven and fifty hundredths per centum (7.50%) per annum.

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

**Section 4: SWAP Approval.** By virtue of 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: Existing Swap.** It is the intention of the Governing Authority that the existing integrated swap be terminated and the Governing Authority authorizes the authorized officers of the City and the Authority to terminate such swap.

**Section 6: Costs of Issuance.** The Governing Authority acknowledges that it has received from bond counsel a report of the estimated costs of issuance of the Bonds required by La. R.S. 39:1405.4(A).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Authority hereby authorizes and directs its Mayor, Chief Administrative Officer, Director of Finance, and/or Clerk 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 IF FURTHER RESOLVED**, that if any provision or item of these resolutions or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared to be severable.

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

**Motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt Resolution No. 253 of 2008.**

Councilman Walford: I've got questions. I've got lots of questions. Ron, I think I found part of my answers. Tell me what this cost? Which is what we're acknowledging that we understand.

Mr. Weems: Right. If you'll turn to the one that had a yellow sticky on it?

Councilman Walford: Yeah.

Mr. Weems: If you look at the page immediately following that, your total cost of issuance for professionals is about \$450,000. I'm sorry, that's on the first page. The underwriting discount is about \$450,000. Go to the yellow sticky page, and it lays out all of the fees proposed to be paid by - - - on this bond issue to bond counsel, and underwriter counsel and so forth. And those all are in accordance with the rules and regulations to the State Bond Commission. At the bottom of that page under B6, under not to exceed on the underwriters discount, which is 4 ½% or 450 per bond. Again, these are not to exceed amounts on that. We also at the second page of that under credit enhancement, paragraph 1 - - - are you with me Councilman?

Councilman Walford: The page after - - -

Mr. Weems: The yellow sticky.

Councilman Walford: Okay, after the yellow sticky looks like this.

Mr. Weems: Should be a second - - - turn one more page, I don't know how that got in there.

Councilman Walford: The next one is just a table of contents.

Mr. Weems: Well, I don't know how that happened, but it's a page that starts like the one that you have with the sticky there? In my package, it's immediately - - -

Councilman Walford: What page number is it?

Mr. Weems: Page 10, at the top right hand corner of what I'm looking at, but that - - -

Councilman Walford: The sticky was in the wrong place.

Mr. Weems: It's page 10. So we're looking at pages 9 and 10. The first page lays out the legal fees incurred for various lawyers that are involved from Bond Counsel, Underwriter Counsel, Trustee Counsel, Issuer Counsel, which would be the LCDA, Trustee Council would be for the trustee for the bond holders, and then down at the bottom of that page, the underwriter fee is spelled out as 'not to exceed of \$4 ½ per bond, which is 4 ½ %. At the top of the next page, page 10, the experience we found on the last Airport Refunding, the \$25,000,000 that we issued, is that in order to sell the bond, we also not only had to have the pledge of revenue from the Airport, the lawfully available funds pledge which basically credit enhancement of the general fund of the city. We also had to buy bond insurance in order to sell the bonds in this crazy market that's out there. So, we have proposed - - -we're also evaluating that possibility as well, if that makes economic sense. That's not a true cost of issuance, because it would have to have a present value economic benefit to the city for that to be approved, or to be utilized. Then if you look down under other cost of issuance, there are a number of things - - - the rating with S&P, Moody's, State Bond Commission fees, and various other financial advisor fees, LCDA fees and things like that for a total of the cost of \$335,380.

Councilman Walford: So, we're paying 1,2,3,4,5,6 different law firms?

Mr. Weems: Which you have done for as far as I know, at least as or not just this administration, but the prior administration as well. And probably for the last 30 or 40 years. It's nothing unusual.

Councilman Shyne: (Inaudible) that's a little bit beyond my time and the Mayor's.

Councilman Walford: This precedent was set by the Chairman back in the old days when you were here?

Mr. Weems: But these are customary fees.

Mayor Glover: It was standard upon during your first (inaudible).

Councilman Walford: So, how are these fees established? I see several of them. \$29,350. \$23,680.

Mr. Weems: Basically, the - - -

Councilman Walford: Co-Bond Counsel and the Co-Underwriter Counsel.

Mr. Weems: Basically the Bond Counsel fees are set by the State Bond Commission. And so the total amount of Bond Counsel fees would be on line 2, Bond Counsel plus Co-Bond Counsel 10, those two numbers together total the total amount that are allowed by the State Bond Commission. They're regulated by the State Bond Commission.

Councilman Walford: Okay.

Mr. Weems: And the underwriter fees, as a general rule of thumb, the Bond Commission also regulates those and if they will approve a certain level of underwriter fees as a percentage of Bond Counsel Fees are. So those are in accordance with the State Bond Commission, or they would not be approved.

Councilman Walford: Okay, can we jump to page - - - well it says Page 1 on it. Sources and uses? I want you to explain something one more time. It's after Page 12.

Mr. Weems: Yes.

Councilman Walford: One more time, explain debt service reserve fund. That \$9,000,000. We're having to borrow, but we're not really spending?

Mr. Weems: Well, you're putting it into a trust account as security for the payment of the bonds that is actually utilized as the last year's payment on the bonds. So, it's money restricted funds basically that are set aside and it's generally about 10% of the total issue, that's going to be issued.

Ms. Fields: The interest is also used for a portion of debt service.

Councilman Walford: We're paying interest on it, are we drawing interest on it?

Mr. Weems: You draw interest on it to.

Councilman Walford: So, is it a wash? Or is it close?

Mr. Weems: No, if you look, what is projected, if you look on Page 16 at the top right, if you look at the year 26, the debt service reserve has grown to \$9,270,000.

Councilman Walford: Okay.

Mr. Weems: So, if you noticed that's in a bracketed column, so that is actually applied to the debt service.

Councilman Walford: Just like a last payment?

Mr. Weems: Just like a last payment. But you have to do that on fixed rate bonds, and what we're doing is converting from variable bonds with bond insurance or letters of credit, where there is no debt service reserve fund, to a fixed rate where you have to establish a debt service reserve fund. That's the difference between a variable rate issue with bond insurance with credit enhancement.

Councilman Walford: What I'm trying to do is get from \$75,174,000 to \$90,000,000.

Mr. Weems: Well, it's \$9,000,000 of debt service reserve, and it's the SWAP termination payment, plus the cost of issuance. Those are the three areas. And if you do Bond Insurance, and Bond Insurance cost \$800,000 that would be another significant reason (inaudible) there. I will tell you that depending upon what happens in the market over the next two weeks, we may come back and say, 'Hey well this has got to be \$92,000,000 or some other number,' because that SWAP termination fee as I mentioned yesterday, is extremely volatile. It's just moving all over the place. At one time, it was up to \$6,000,000. We have

performed at \$4,000,000. But depending upon what happens in the market, because it's tied to a short term (inaudible) rate that are just jumping all over the charts at this point. And we may be back at the final approval of this and say this has got to be \$93,000,000.

Councilman Walford: At least now we know what it cost, and I feel more comfortable. (Inaudible) know what it cost.

Mr. Weems: I'm glad you asked for it, but each time that I've been involved with this, we've always provided this application we file with the Bond Commission when it's filed.

And - - -

Councilman Walford: Well you've given it to us after it's been filed.

Mr. Weems: I've given it to the Clerk each time it has been filed on the day of, and that's what happened this time, on October 21<sup>st</sup>, and the resolutions that were before you actually were sent to the Clerk's office on the 24<sup>th</sup>. And I must say Art acknowledged earlier that it was sent to him, and it was sent as I thought it should have been. But I will not withdraw my apology to you. You earned that one, I'll leave it out there.

Councilman Walford: Thank you very much.

Councilman Shyne: And that's the second apology that he has received.

Mr. Weems: No, no. I gave him the first one, I just didn't take it away.

Councilman Walford: What you have to understand Mr. Chairman, we used to have our boats next to each other. I moved into the neighborhood, and he moved out. I don't know what that was about.

Mr. Weems: We're still sailing buddies, I just don't go offshore with him.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, tell Monty we understand that don't we? Moving in and out of neighborhoods

Mayor Glover: Well I'm starting to sense what might have prompted Ron to seek calmer waters.

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

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Thompson, where are we?

Mr. Thompson: Reports from Officers, Boards and Committees.

## **REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES**

Councilman Lester: Mr. Chairman, Just from the Property Standards Committee, I have copies of the legislation that we retrieved from our visit to Little Rock, if any Council Members that has not received that wants a packet, I have some for them. Thank you.

## **CLERK'S REPORT**

Letters of Appeal:

BAC-118-08: Racetrac Petroleum, Inc., 3701 Hearne Avenue (G/Bowman) To be considered November 11, 2008.

Councilman Shyne: Okay, that's Mr. Walford's district. Mr. Walford, you have any comments now or you want to wait until November 11<sup>th</sup>?

Councilman Walford: Mr. Chairman, I believe y'all will hear from quite a few folks between now and the 11<sup>th</sup> of November.

**THE COMMITTEE RISES AND REPORTS: (Reconvenes Regular Council Meeting)**  
**ADJOURNMENT:** There being nor further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:35 p.m.

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*//s// Joe Shyne, Chairman*

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