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Council Proceedings of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana
January 27, 2009

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana was called to order by Chairman Ron Webb at 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 27, 2009, in the Government Chambers in Government Plaza (505 Travis Street).

Invocation was given by Councilwoman Bowman.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Walford.

On Roll Call, the following members were Present: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley (Arrived at 3:03 p.m.), Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Absent: None.

Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Long to approve the minutes of the Administrative Conference, Monday, January 12, 2009 and Council Meeting, Tuesday, Tuesday, January 13, 2009. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 6. Nays: None. Out of the Chamber: Councilman Wooley. 1.

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

Councilman Webb: I guess we'll go to the Mayor first.

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Councilman Webb: Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Glover: We do have one individual. I'm honored. Today, Mr. Chairman, members of this Council to have the opportunity to be able to recognize one of our own. Josephine Pouncey Loston, would you join me up front please?

Councilman Shyne: Ah, that's Ms. Jo.

Mayor Glover: Josephine Pouncey Loston, Mr. Chairman and members of the Council unfortunately is retiring after 33 years with the City of Shreveport. Too young, much too young. She graduated from Grambling State University in 1974. She began here career with the City of Shreveport as a CETA worker. For those of you who are too young to remember, CETA is the acronym for an initiative started by President Johnson, I believe Mr. Shyne?

Councilman Shyne: That's correct.

Mayor Glover: And after two months began working for the Department of Water & Sewerage (Department of Public Utilities as a Lab Tech I) as we know it today as

Department of Operational Service. She began officially on April 1, 1975. So in recognition of her 33 years of faithful outstanding excellent service to the City of Shreveport, I am proud, Mr. Chairman and Members of the Council to proclaim today as Josephine Pouncey Loston Day in the City of Shreveport, and I'm going to very quickly read her proclamation. *The Mayor read the following:*

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, after graduating from Grambling State University in 1974, Josephine Pouncey Loston began her career with the City of Shreveport as a CETA worker and after two months began working for the Department of Water & Sewerage (Department of Public Utilities) as a Laboratory Technician I on April 1, 1975; and

WHEREAS, Josephine Pouncey Loston quickly rose through the ranks of the Department of Water & Sewerage to become the Superintendent of Water & Sewerage Systems in April of 1987. During her tenure with the City she has encountered several name changes for the Water & Sewerage Department. Also, during her tenure with the Department of Operational Services, Office of Water & Sewerage, she served under seven Mayors and five Directors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport congratulates Josephine Pouncey Loston on a well-earned retirement after 33 years with the Shreveport Water & Sewerage Department; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport will dearly miss Ms. Loston, but would like to take time to honor and thank her for her many years of dedicated service as a public servant; and

WHEREAS, we are reminded that ethics and integrity have played a large part toward Ms. Loston's immeasurable contributions to this city. Her accomplishments should serve as an example to those who succeed her; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to recognize Ms. Loston, a truly fine individual, for 33 years of tireless giving and immeasurable loyalty to the City of Shreveport, Department of Operational Services, Office of Water & Sewerage;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that **I, CEDRIC B. GLOVER, MAYOR** of the City of Shreveport, do hereby proclaim **FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2009**, as:

“JOSEPHINE PONCEY LOSTON DAY”

in the City of Shreveport, and urge all citizens to extend best wishes for a long, happy and enjoyable retirement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Shreveport to be affixed.

Mayor Glover:: Would you share a word with the Members of the Council?

Ms. Loston: Honorable Mayor Glover, Councilmen, Mr. Strong, I owe it all to God. For he has kept me 33 years. He has blessed me by putting good people around me. My boss, Mike Strong, my employees, I want to thank you all for allowing me to serve the City of Shreveport for 33 years, and 20 of those years as Superintendent. Thank you for believing in my abilities. Thank you for trusting me when the decisions were hard. Thank you for supporting me when I doubted. But through it all, we survived. And I thank you all and God bless you.

Councilman Webb: Is that the only one you have Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Glover: I'm going to make the rest of my comments from up here.

Councilman Webb: Okay.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman and Members of the Council, I want to make a request of you.. It has to do with the current package that being negotiated up in Washington at this particular point. The measure that's been introduced on the House side and supported by the Obama administration. It calls for significant allocations of dollars in several areas. We are obviously closely monitoring the progress of this effort in anticipation of it, as you all may remember - - - the members of my administration and how a list of potential stimulus projects for the City of Shreveport, and some which extended to the surrounding areas which totaled some \$2.3 (billion). I believe we had a chance to forward that to you all, and hope you had a chance to take a look at it. In which we've been able to ascertain at this point, as we have studied the legislation that links \$30,000,000,000 of the \$825,000,000,000 that's contained within the initial proposal that's intended to be directed towards a federal highway funding bill called the Surface Transportation Program. That Surface Transportation Program would result in approximately \$480,000,000 coming to the state of Louisiana. As you all will recall in the meeting that we had the Governor on the Friday after Thanksgiving, we've asked for at least \$182,000,000 of that, approximately \$480,000,000 be directed towards (inaudible) for I-49, which would leave roughly \$106,000,000 to be funded from the state surplus for this upcoming legislative session. Now, the other thing that's significant about the way in which this significant legislation has been packaged, is that we as Mayors and those of us in local government have been very adamant that there needs to be (inaudible) that sends a significant portion of dollars to the local level, and as the legislature currently stands, there would be at least \$15,000,000 that would make it's way to what is known as the Metropolitan Planning Organizations for this area, or MPO, or in our case would be the North Louisiana Council of Government. That pool of money would be available to us to fund a range of efforts and projects here locally. A good number of which we think should focus on the panel replacement program for our roads. You only have to drive along Linwood, or Hearne, Jewella, or Hollywood, or Aline, Audrey, or Russell.

Councilman Shyne: And that's in (inaudible) area.

Mayor Glover: And know that we've got a substantial amount of work that needs to be done in that regard. We had a chance to meet earlier today between the Administration and Ted Rodgers from over at NLCOG, as we are monitoring the status of this Bill as it moves forward. And so at this time, we think it's appropriate, and hopeful anticipation of receiving these dollars that you all schedule sometime with Mike Strong to begin to talk about priorities for your respective districts. Because these would be dollars that would be over and above the \$4,000,000 that's generally received every year for this region to the Surface Transportation Program, and would put us in a position to hopefully make a significant dent in the backlog of maintenance projects that we have for roads all throughout the Shreveport area. And so in the coming days, we're going to ask you to take a look at that. We're also in the process right now that you take a look at that, and also take some time to meet with Mike Strong so he can begin to get a sense of what your and where your priorities are. In addition to that, we're also breaking down the other categories of funding for this proposed stimulus program that would include for example on the House side, what we hope to be some \$8,000,000,000 that would go through the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) program. Those dollars would be distributed nationwide based upon a funding formula that's currently in place. We'll be meeting before too long with Bonnie Moore, to be able to extrapolate in terms of what that means in actual dollars for a city of Shreveport's size and demographic make up, we begin to have a dialogue in that regard. There are lots of other

areas that are anticipated to be funded as well with this stimulus package, and we're very excited and very hopeful about what's (inaudible) one area in particular has to do with the public transportation system. So, we have submitted a request that would give us the opportunity to replace our existing diesel powered buses, and trash compactors. But since the focus is on transportation, it would have to be with our city buses with those that are powered by compressed natural gas that may be able to take some significance there. There is also some significant dollars that would be available for the greening of our public buildings that will allow us to be able to take a building like this one where it is right now, and be able to do some substantial renovations that would allow us to be able to focus on how we can be more energy efficient, how we may make use of some alternative forms of energy, be it solar or wind, or others to achieve a more energy efficient building, here as well as the other public buildings that we have within our current inventory. But obviously the place that we feel is appropriate to start, because one of the things I know as Council Members, I as Mayor we hear the most about the roads that we drive on. And so, as I said in addition to hoping that we're going to be able to see a hundred plus million dollars figure to come for I-49 North, we're hoping that we'll end up seeing some \$15,000,000 that will make it's way to the local coffers, that will put us in a position to be able to begin to rebuild and resurface a good number of our streets, and we want to be in a position to have you all have the opportunity to comment on that. I want to also wrap up our Public Comments at this point by briefly saying that it was a pleasure to have the opportunity to be in Washington, D.C., on last week to participate in the Mayor's conference, where we spent a great deal of time, talking and deliberating and discussing this very matter, this particular piece of legislation. I heard from folks like Valerie Jarrett, from the current administration, Bill Clinton, folks like T Boone Pickens, and Michael Bloomberg and George (inaudible). We had a chance to sit and meet and discuss the COPs Program, (Community Oriented Policing Program), the individual who is the Chief of Staff in that office, and share with them many of the things that we are hoping to aspire to do here in the Shreveport, Northwestern Louisiana area. I think that we've managed to put ourselves in a position to let them know that we've got a group of folks here who are trying to be a part of helping to move, not just Shreveport forward, but the country forward. We look forward to joining the new president, the new administration in doing just that. Also want to take a moment to dispel the rumor that I shared I think with at least a couple of you all on the Council, there was a local daily, and a couple of local scribes who indicated - - - I think maybe some of you all may have gotten questions in this regard, that the cost of some of my accommodations for that effort approached somewhere in the neighborhood of I think \$1,400 per night. I want to assure you all that we have in fact submitted our travel for that, and you're more than welcome to peruse it, and what you will discover is that the accommodations for each of the nights that we were there was the conference rate of \$299 per night. The conference itself did carry on over well into Monday, and even on Wednesday morning, had a chance to spend some additional time with some incoming members of the Obama administration as well as fellow mayors to talk even further about many of the issues that I just discussed. And we look forward to having the opportunity to carry on that discussion with many other folks between (inaudible) and the Parish Commission, who will be going up with me and others for the annual Washington Mardi Gras on tomorrow. The last thing I want to add in that regard is that we did have the opportunity to have tickets to two of the balls. And one of which is the Southern Regional Ball, which is one of the ten official Presidential Inaugural Committee Balls, as well as a ball

that was sponsored by the President of Senegal. The cost of those efforts were borne entirely by yours truly, did not attribute any of that expense in anyway whatsoever to the City of Shreveport. I will say this, just as a matter of reflection. If you ever get to be elected President of the United States of America, the one thing that you will probably live to regret is having to dance to the same song a dozen times, all in one night. So, that was about the highlight in my estimation of what the ball represented. Everyone sat around and wrapped attention waiting for that one moment, and then after that, it was not much else except to struggle to figure out how to be able to traverse your way back to your hotel. So, thank you Mr. Chairman, thank you Members of Council, and certainly to the priorities for the improvement of the replacement panels program within your districts. We look forward to having the chance to dialogue with you very soon.

Councilman Webb: Any questions to the Mayor on his communications?

Councilman Lester: Yeah Mr. Chairman, thank you. Mr. Mayor, I do have a question, and I shared some information with Brady L. Blade on your Economic Development Staff. I got a call from some folks at KCS, and they were interested, and I'm sure your are too as am I, in trying to work to see if we can do something relative to the expansion of those two overpasses that run contiguous to Huckaby on either side of the yard. One of the things that they are obviously in the midst of is doing a tremendous expansion of the KCS rail yard and as you know coming from that area, coming back and forth from that overpass, and we use overpass there in it's most constrictive sense of the word, because it's so narrow. One car at a time. And not very high. And the one thing that they're looking to do is expand that, that will help them obviously putting additional rails on that which helps bring more traffic into the rail yard, and obviously get more commerce in and out of there, and they were interested in trying to submit that with our program. I know that they intimated that they were sending something from Kansas City from their folks to have some conversation with that, and I passed that along to your staff. So, I just wanted to know what our process were, and moving through the process that's one of the things that I would like for you to have your folks take a look at possibly, and if not for our sources, maybe it might fall under the guise of transportation in terms of rails. And it might not be something that counts against our allotment, but it might be something that if there's an endorsement from the city, they might be able to get that with something else. So, I just wanted to put that in, as that business requested it.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Councilman. If I can respond. This is an example of where I'm already a step or two ahead of maybe even of staff, at least with regard to Brady. The two railroad overpasses which I'm very familiar with are right now a part of the list of stimulus projects that we've already submitted to the Obama administration that will be shared with the nine members of our State Congressional delegation. And we also added up to try and secure the funding for this. We've also submitted those as Capital Outlay requests to the State of Louisiana, which right now which projected that the cost of that replacement would be between \$5-8,000,000 for overpass, and we've also submitted a request, not just for the overpasses, but to also, and Mike you'll have to correct me if I start to use some incorrect or imprecise language, but we've also requested some funding to rebuild the levy as you see the tract, as it passes that southern overpass and begins to parallel around the lake, that levy that's immediately adjacent to the lake has been one that's been in need of significant repair, upgrades, rebuilding. So, we've also included within that, the stimulus request, the dollars to be able to replace both of those overpasses as well as to rebuild and to stabilize the railroad

levy as it makes it way back towards the gates, the spillway as you head towards Lakeside Acres. And so definitely appreciate it. We recognize that as being one of the things that's crucial towards helping to stabilize the presence of Kansas City Southern here in the Shreveport area. One of the things that the folks at KCS said to me more than a few years ago, is one of the things that we need to understand about the Deramus yard, is that the Deramus yard is to Shreveport is to KCS, as far as the Deramus yard is concerned, what the Hartsfield Jackson Airport is to Belcher. And in that it represents it's major, major representation within the U.S. as far as it's royal strapping is concerned. It's even more important and depending upon whether you're for NAFTA, or against NAFTA, or for CAFTA or against CAFTA, it's a reality as it exist right now. And so when you think about those markers opening up in Central and South America, and the rail traffic being a very important crucial part of that, then the DeRamus yard becomes even more important in that regard. Since our visit with the folks at KCS up in Kansas City on last year, we've actually been here back in the State of Louisiana working both with the State Department of Economic Development, as well as with the folks at the Northwest Louisiana Economic Development Foundation on kind of a comprehensive package that talks about the replacement and renovation of those bridges, the levy itself, as well as the expansion of the DeRamus yard.

Councilman Lester: Good.

Mayor Glover: So, glad to give the positive feedback. And since you also mentioned rail, one thing that I wanted to add is one of the other things that's coming down as a part of the stimulus package, you know we also have submitted as a part of our package of request is something else that we've worked in particular with you on, and that is that we have some \$90,000,000 if I'm not mistaken, and I stand corrected on the number, some \$90,000,000 has been submitted that would fund a rail connection, Amtrak between Marshall and Shreveport to be able to give us for the first time the ability to run Amtrak trains directly into Shreveport. And I know that right now, the East Texas Rail Commission, has a half million dollars that they were awarded last year to begin to do the (inaudible) study for that. So, we went ahead and requested based on the information that we had of that \$90,000,000 figure being what would be necessary to upgrade and improve the rail lines between here, Marshall, and maybe even some between Marshall and Longview, to put us in a position to be able to make that connection. And with the hope being that that would open up the opportunity for rail traffic on Eastward to Jackson, Meridian, and so forth and so on.

Councilman Lester: Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Webb: Mr. Mayor, this brings to mind a conversation we had a couple of weeks ago reference to Shreve Industrial Park and the railroad crossings there. Are we possibly in included in the stimulus package plan if we have to come through with overhead or underpass for that. I know that you mentioned to me that the railroad would be responsible for 50% and it might be cheaper for them to just let us come across it. So, maybe this will put some pressure on 'em. So, I didn't know if that was part of the plan or what?

Mayor Glover: Well, actually I had a chance on just, I believe it was January 9th, if I'm not mistaken, when I was in Baton Rouge for the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry Annual Meeting. I had the opportunity to meet with Drew (inaudible) who is the State Representative for Union Pacific Railroad, the area manager, and we had a very productive discussion. That process was moving forward. I think that they are right now very close to getting to a point where they're going to give us a bit of slack and leave way

that won't necessarily hopefully incur the need to be able to go over. And so, I think we're going to be able to see that hopefully come to some resolution for a lot less expense than what we might anticipate in terms of having to do some construction. We had a very positive conversation that was encouraging about it, was that Drew made a point to find me after the Governor's presentation during that particular meeting to say I'd like to speak with you for a few minutes. Had a very constructive dialogue that started with Dale Sibley and Tom Dark, and others within the administration, in the middle of the latter part of last year. And if we look to pick that up here within the (inaudible) go ahead and get that situation addressed so that we can continue to grow and develop out there in that particular business property.

Councilman Webb: Does any Council Member have any distinguished guests that you'd like to recognize?

Councilwoman Bowman: Is that Brother Baruti over there on the end?

Councilman Shyne: It sure is.

Councilwoman Bowman: Okay, and I can't remember the other gentleman's name and the young lady, welcome to the Council Meeting. I know that the majority of you are always involved in community affairs. Those things that important to the community. So, welcome. That's it - - - Marvin Mohammed.

Mayor Glover: The two individuals in the middle, as Councilman Shyne did reference, and Councilman Shyne did in fact teach the young man sitting there next to Minister Mohammed. But they are the parents of (inaudible), a young lady who unfortunately met with a tragic end last year up in MLK section. So, we honor their presence and certainly look forward to hearing what they have to say. Before I relinquish this time, I would like to be able to take a quick moment to ask Charles Kirkland to come up and give you all a very brief update of the Master Plan process.

Mr. Kirkland: When the Mayor says to be brief, you know I'm going to follow that recommendation. So, I bring you good news about the status and the update on our Master Plan work. We are moving, we being MPC, aggressively getting contracts signed and that work underway. We know that you're ready for it to happen, we certainly are, the Mayor's office, Parish Commission are, and it's about to happen. We did have a glitch about a week ago. Nelessen and Associates, the firm that we have selected, No. 1 submitted a scope of work and an estimated price. Both of which were way out of sight, both of which were non-responsive to not only the amount of money we have available, but the actual scope of work and whose going to do that work. We've committed that other firms locally and state are going to have a piece of that work, it's not all to be done by one firm. We haven't missed a beat. The Board did decide last Wednesday to terminate discussion with Nelessen, we're not going to waste any time trying to renegotiate something they should have gotten before they sent anything in. But the bottom line is Goody Clancy, one of the outstanding firms in the U.S. stepped right up to the plate. We had a meeting with them today, we will have another meeting with them next week. We don't anticipate missing a beat at all. And in fact, we're moving forward in February to have a meeting, one of these Joint Meetings of City Council, Parish Commission, and the School Board to have the consultant group come in and do a briefing, not only a briefing to you of proposed actions to take place in the very, very near future, but also let you ask questions and let you make comments about what you think is important as elected officials. So, I'm happy to tell you that that will be moving on in a very aggressive and positive manner and I hope that you're comfortable with the fact that we're absolutely ready to make this thing happen. And I'm so excited. I know last Thursday

evening, Mr. Mayor, I think we were out in neighborhood meeting out in Cedar Grove and - - - well you see the attitude of our citizens is just absolutely inspiring. Because even in the face of a really tough situation nationally, and even to some degree locally, (inaudible) cutting back, closing the doors and what not, but our citizens are ready for us to move forward. I know you've seen it and hear it, and we're going to meet them there, and we're going to meet them well on how we make this happen. So, any questions or comments?

Councilman Webb: What's the name of that company again?

Mr. Kirkland: It's Goody Clancy, and Associates. And they are - - - in fact we had a very positive meeting today. One of their principles was in, Mr. David Spillane, and he was just giving us some essential information. It was already obvious that to me this is a good choice, and I think we're going to be real happy.

Councilman Webb: Where are they from?

Mr. Kirkland: They're out of Boston primarily. But they operate throughout the U.S., and internationally. In fact I think New Orleans and Tyler are two of the closest cities that they're doing work with.

Councilman Webb: They've got satellite offices?

Mr. Kirkland: Absolutely. I think 200 and some associates. Anyway, I think you will be pleased and I know you won't believe that until you meet with them, but we're going to make that opportunity happen in February.

Councilman Webb: Okay. Any questions? Thank you Charles.

Mr. Kirkland: Thank you Mayor, thank you Council.

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

Reports: Property Standards Report

Mr. Holt: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I've already talked to Ms. Bowman about the Jackson Street problem.

Councilwoman Bowman: I'm going to make you tell the whole Council what was said.

Councilman Webb: I hope his wife is not watching.

Councilwoman Bowman: Well we didn't (inaudible) yesterday's meeting.

Mr. Holt: Well, I'll do it to the extent I can.

Councilwoman Bowman: Right. Don't use that word.

Mr. Holt: The bottom line is the complainant was the man's wife who very clearly told us she did not want the husband to know that she was calling. I'll just leave it at that. She wanted her yard back.

Councilwoman Bowman: That's right. Cause the wife in our discussion on yesterday called Code Enforcement on her husband cause he was junking up her yard. Thank you Jim.

Mr. Holt: If you have any items of concern, I'd be glad to take them.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, we're not going to get sued today (inaudible).

Councilman Webb: I hope not.

Councilwoman Bowman: They sue us for everything else.

Councilman Webb: He went on and on and on about it.

Councilwoman Bowman: He did, telling us how bad everything was with our department coming there doing all this stuff, and then when you get down to the bottom of it, it came from his own household.

Mayor Glover: Was that from - - -?

Councilman Webb: That's the one.

Councilwoman Bowman: Yes. Thank you Jim.

The Chairman read the following:

Public Hearing: Resolution No. 279 of 2008: Stating the City of Shreveport's endorsement of James H. Lester and Juanita H. Lester to participate in the benefits of the Louisiana Restoration Tax Abatement Program, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (*Public Hearing will be held January 27, 2008*) (*Postponed January 13, 2009*)

Councilman Webb: The public hearing is now open. Is there a presentation from the Administration?

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, Members of the Council, we obviously support the efforts being put forth by the Lesters. I'm assuming that Councilman Walford has had an opportunity to be able to go by and view the grandeur of this effort itself, and this is I guess to put it succinctly and bluntly, what we want much more of for Shreveport in general, and Downtown in particular. So we wholeheartedly support this effort and hope that the Council will pass it unanimously.

Councilman Webb: Thank you Mayor: Is there anyone in the Chamber that would like to speak in favor of the restoration tax abatement application? Come forward Mr. Lester.

Mr. James Lester: (219 Fannin Street) This project is something that's been an ongoing project. We finished it I guess in the last few months. And it is something that I think enhances the downtown area. I just wanted to thank all the people that were involved in it. If there are any questions about it, I'd be happy to answer any questions. Right now, we run a construction company at that location, and a real estate brokerage company, and we reside in the upstairs area.

Councilman Webb: Okay, any questions?

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Lester, I'm just glad to see you as a minority business person be successful, and I know that the administration will and I hope that the administration and the Council will work with you to make sure that you keep on keeping on. You're a professional, we need that. That's how we can grow our middle class in Shreveport. That's how we can help to grow our minority business people. So, I take my hat off to you, and keep on doing what you're doing. Give out, but don't give up.

Councilman Walford: I don't have a question. I was just going to ask Mr. Lester to very quickly tell them what you started with and what you (inaudible).

Mr. Lester: Okay, what I started with here, we had a 12,000 square foot building. I looked over at it, and saw a potential to have a residence and office all in one location. And anybody that had not enjoyed it, it is really pleasurable, cause my wife and I, and I apologize because she's not here, but we gutted the building, and we started with the downstairs with my office. We have 2,000 square feet of office space in the downstairs area, and we have 4,000 square feet of parking which all of us know what that is to have 4,000 square feet of

parking in my house. It's remarkable. We ended up with 6,000 square feet of residential area upstairs, which is an option to be able to convert 2,000 square feet of that or 1,500 square feet of that into a second condo. We've put most of the infrastructure in there to be able to more easily convert it if we ever come to that. We have garage access coming off of the back alley, and prior to my acquisition of this property, this building had not been occupied since 1978, so you can imagine how it looked coming in there. There was water and the roof and everything tearing down, and I had to even sign a waiver to be able to - - - for the real estate broker to show me the building. I had to show him my Worker's Comp certificate, before they would even allow me to look at it. And though it was in bad shape, in fact my banker fell when he came to look at it, he fell in a hole. So, it has come a long way. I never expected it to - - - I really was trying to make something of it a lot more rough than what it ended being. And then my wife became involved, and it became a lot more eloquent than what I saw. So, it has come out wonderful. And I believe there might be some pictures on the DDA website of it, and if not, if any of the Council Members would care to visit and look at it, you're welcome to come by and look at what we've done. We put a balcony out over the sidewalk, we created a courtyard on the front, and like I say, we ended up basically gutting the whole building. I thought that we were going to be able to restore and reuse a lot of stuff that was in there, and it just didn't come out that way. You're always over time, and over budget. So, it really came out better than what I expected. That's the only thing I can say. It's real fun to be able to sit out and have coffee and look down at the *'Next Great City of the South'* and it's really exciting that we are able to look down at the Convention Center, and the hotel and a lot of other stuff that's happening down there. And now also you know - - - I don't know about a lot of you guys, but when I get company and relatives in that are not from Shreveport, one of the top five things that they want to do is go to the boats. Well now, I don't have to go down there with them and lose part of my money, I can just stand out on the balcony and say, 'There it is right there.' Here's the code to get back in the house when you come back. So, it's been really nice to have the access and the parking and the closeness to all the downtown restaurants in the downtown events. All the kids enjoy coming out and enjoying us, Sci-Port and a few other things that are downtown. So, it's nice. I invite anybody that was thinking about or hears my voice to look at it. It's different, but it's very pleasurable. And I thank you all for our time and your consideration and your vote. Thank you.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Lester, before you leave, I just want to thank you for sharing those extra comments, that I think truly for those folks who are here and members of this Council, and people who are listening, an added insight and appreciation for exactly what it is that you and your wife have accomplished down there. So, on behalf of the Mayor's office and all of us here in Government Plaza, I want to thank you for what you've added to downtown, and like the Councilman said, we just simply hope and pray for more of it. And I want to also make a request to you and your fellow citizens of downtown, as well as the staff of the DDA, that I hope that this coming Spring that you all will once again do us the pleasure and the honor of having the tour of homes for Downtown Shreveport again, like you all did last year.

Mr. Lester: Yeah, I certainly will include my property on that tour. It was a wonderful tour, it was exciting. Those people that did not get a chance to participate in the tour, it was overwhelming. I did not expect that many people to come. I think we ended up with about 4 or 500 people. So, I look forward to next year participating, and I'll be a little

more prepared as far as - - - I was kind of in the process of moving in then. So, I should be fully in by this next tour, and hopefully more people participate even more so than last time.

Mayor Glover: Well we're going to send that message to Don Shea and his staff, and Board over at the DDA. I want to also say last year, as I participated on that Sunday on the tour, I started over on the West End, and because as you mentioned there were so many people and the homes were so dazzling, I didn't get a chance to get to the East Side. So, I'm looking forward to having a chance to be able to do more than just peer from the street at what it is that you've got down at your place. And the others that are down there, and certainly want to encourage members of the Council, I know Councilman Walford that you got a chance to participate and Councilman Lester and others. But it was something that was just simply spectacular, and people don't realize just what's happening right now here within downtown Shreveport already, the kind of commitment and investment that you and your fellow downtown residents have already made within the urban core of the city. So, thank you and please keep up the great work, and again, I think this Council for what it is I believe they are about to do.

Councilman Walford: And let me just say to Mr. Lester is an understatement about what it looks like inside. It's almost unbelievable what he's done in there. It is beautiful.

Councilman Webb: Is there anyone here that would like to speak in opposition to the restoration tax abatement application? If not then I'll declare this public hearing is now closed without hitting the gavel.

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

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]*): None.

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

Pastor Lamar Holden: (1835 Simpkins Dr) My concern this afternoon is that we've had an ongoing problem with the dump. And it has been proposed by the owner and others that they want to see more garbage dumped on the Russell Road. That's why I'm here. And I want to plead with the Council this afternoon that not only is it bad for the Martin Luther King area, it's bad for the City. Some have said, well why don't you actually put it in another part of town. But I just returned from Washington, and I stood up seven and a half hours with nationalities from all over the world. Seven and a half hours out in the cold. And the day has come now that we need to put the issue of ethnicity aside and do what's right for the community. Shreveport is one community and I don't want to see it no further garbage dumped on the Russell Road and nor do I want to see in any other segment of the city. I think it's a citizens and you Councilmen, that you ought to join together and say enough is enough. This landfill does not have a permanent license to operate. It's been operating for the last 11 ½ years and on a temporary. I've been in and out of Baton Rouge about three times. Met with the DEQ about this situation. This landfill has violated every law on the books. And they have not rectified it, and yet he continues to apply for other applications. He wanted a water application. I have photos here, I don't want to give them out this afternoon. You have a presentation from Tulane Law Firm before you, and Mr. G. Fred Lee has a Ph. D, and if you'll look over there when he introduces himself, he has the qualifications to speak out on landfills, and he addressed the DEQ, and when he sent this down, they have not taken the

time to even read it, and I had to present them with my copies. The secretary didn't even know it exist. And this man had done extensive study on landfills. It's not good for our neighborhood, it's not good for the city. We have a bona fide landfill out on Woolworth Road. The one out on Woolworth, I've visited on several occasions, and to me, that's the only one in the area that would qualify for to bring in this kind of recycling. But not in a neighborhood. This is a very condensed neighborhood, and you want to bring more stuff in. And you can smell - - - it's already smelly now in the Summer months. And you want to bring some more garbage in for jobs. I know, I know - - - I believe that we need jobs, but not at the expense and health of those that live in the Martin Luther King area. Yes, 2-300 jobs, we need them, but not at the expense of the citizens of Shreveport, and it just happens to be in the Martin Luther King area. Because if we don't stop it, it could be in other sections of the city later on. So, I'm not just speaking for the Martin Luther King area, as a citizen, I'm speaking for the City of Shreveport. Let's clean it up. Let's don't allow them to bring garbage in this community. We don't need it, we don't want it. And that's all I have to say today, but I will be back. I will be going back to Baton Rouge to argue with DEQ about this. And my final words is this. Why is there such a disparity? When you break the law, then you must suffer the consequences under the laws that on the book, he has not paid, not one fine, been ordered to close at least one time. None of that has taken place. Thank you.

Councilman Webb: Thank you. Any questions for Mr. Lamar? Okay moving on.

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. 5 of 2009

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HUDCO CONSTRUCTION, L.L.C., LOCATED AT 9517 ROCHEL DR., TO CONNECT TO THE WATER & SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that Hudco Construction, L.L.C. be authorized to connect the structure, located at 9517 Rochel 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 Shyne to adopt.

Councilman Lester: Question Mr. Chairman. Just out of curiosity, and maybe Councilman Wooley, (inaudible), is this one particular address, or are we talking about a subdivision (inaudible), or what? Could we get some - - -?

Councilman Wooley: Sure. This is an extension of Twelve Oaks Subdivision.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 6 OF 2009

A RESOLUTION REJECTING BIDS RECEIVED FOR IFB#09-003 FOR ANNUAL SUPPLY OF SODIUM HYDROXIDE (25% CAUSTIC SODA) AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY:

WHEREAS, two (2) bids were received as a result of solicitations for Annual Supply of Sodium Hydroxide (25% Caustic Soda), IFB #09-003; and;

WHEREAS, the City has rejected these bids in accordance with La R.S. 38:2214 B, because of specification changes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that the bids received on IFB #09-003 be rejected;

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

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

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

Councilman Long: Where do we use that?

Councilman Webb: Who wants to answer that?

Councilman Long: Water? Okay.

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

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. 279 of 2008

**RESOLUTION STATING THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT'S ENDORSEMENT OF
JAMES H. LESTER AND JUANITA H. LESTER 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 JAMES H. LESTER AND JUANITA H. LESTER application no. 2008-0774 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 Shyne, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 6. Nays: None. Abstained: Councilman Lester. 1.

Councilman Webb: That passes with a 6-0 vote, Councilman Lester, not voting.

Councilman Lester: Right. I'm not going to be in the Inquisitor behind that.

Councilman Shyne: And I tell you what. Mr. Chairman, make sure that that was cleared up. The motion was made by me. I didn't want to (inaudible).

Councilman Webb: Right. Would you like to for the record state why you're not voting?

Councilman Lester: Oh yeah, sure. James Lester is my dad's brother's son. And though it is not an ethical conflict under the ire of our laws, but I don't want even the appearance of any impropriety to say that I twisted anybody's arm, so I excused myself while the vote went on.

Councilman Shyne: And Mr. Chairman again - - - Bea, would you clear that up?

Ms. Johnson: Yes sir, I have Motion by Mr. Shyne and Seconded by Mr. Long.

Councilman Lester: And I appreciate you looking out for me Joe, you always do.

Councilman Shyne: Right, cause I know how they'll get after you.

2. **Resolution No. 2 of 2009:** A resolution clarifying the legislative intent relative to "Reconsideration" in Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (F/Shyne) (*Postponed January 13, 2009*)

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, I got a request from State Representative Patrick Williams. He'd like for us to postpone this for the next Council Meeting. He's still in litigation. Somebody was supposed to come from the Governor's office was supposed to come up and they had a conflict in schedules.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Wooley to postpone until the next regular meeting.

Councilman Walford: Question. Could Mr. Shyne enlighten us on, since we're the only ones with legislative intent of the MPC and the Council exactly how the Governor's office and Rep. Williams fit into that. I'm just a little bit confused.

Councilman Shyne: I don't have an explanation for you. If you'd like to - - - I know Representative Williams will be glad to explain it to you. I'm just giving to you that he'd like for us to postpone it. If you want to vote for it, I appreciate it. If you don't, you're a big boy, so you do what you do.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3 2009

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SHREVEPORT AIRPORT AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE A PERMANENT RIGHT OF WAY AND EASEMENT WITH AT&T AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY:

WHEREAS, the Shreveport Airport Authority (“Authority”) has been requested to grant a permanent right of way and easement to AT & T in order to provide telecommunication service to the new air cargo facility at Shreveport Regional Airport; and

WHEREAS, the location of the proposed right of way is shown on the drawing marked “Exhibit A”, attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, Section 18-33 of the Code of Ordinances authorizes the Authority to alienate immovable property only when specifically authorized to do so by the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Shreveport City Council in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Shreveport Airport Authority is hereby authorized to execute a permanent right of way and easement with AT & T over and through a part of the property shown on the attached Exhibit “A”.

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

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4 OF 2009

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND THE PORT OF SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY:

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport (“City”) has entered into a number of cooperative endeavor agreements over the years with the Port of Shreveport-Bossier (the “Port”) to provide water and sewerage and other services to the facility; and

WHEREAS, the City produces a consistent supply of “gray water” at its Lucas Waste Water Treatment Plant (“the Plant”); and

WHEREAS, the Port, its users and other entities intend to make use of the gray water produced at the Plant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Shreveport City Council in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Mayor is authorized to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Port of Shreveport-Bossier substantially and in accordance with the draft thereof which was filed with the original copy of this resolution for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of Council on January 13, 2009.

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

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

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Shyne 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 February 10, 2009)*
The Clerk read the following:

1. **Resolution No. 7 of 2009:** A resolution amending Resolution Number 274 of 2008. A Resolution authorizing the receipt of a grant from the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency; Authorizing the execution of contracts, documents, and instruments on behalf of the City of Shreveport relative to receipt and disbursal of the funds; Authorizing disbursal of the proceeds of the funds to or on behalf of qualifying first time homebuyers, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
2. **Resolution No. 8 of 2009:** A resolution authorizing the Director or Interim Director of Finance to advertise a Request for Proposals for a banking services agreement, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Long to introduce Resolution No(s). 7 and 8 of 2009 to lay over until the next regular 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 February 10, 2009)*
The Clerk read the following:

1. **Ordinance No. 4 of 2009** - ZONING C-92-08: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the west side of Sand Beach Blvd, 950 feet south of East 70th Street, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from B-1, Buffer Business District to B-3, Community Business District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Wooley)

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Wooley, seconded by Councilman Long to introduce Ordinance No(s). 4 of 2009 to lay over until the next regular meeting. 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. 166 of 2008:** An ordinance amending and reenacting Chapter 98 of the Code of Ordinances relative to vegetation, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. *(Postponed January 13, 2009)*

Having passed first reading on November 25, 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 Bowman to table. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

2. Ordinance No. 1 of 2009: An ordinance amending Section 72-2 of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances relative to Sexually Oriented Business, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on January 13, 2009 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 Webb to adopt.

Councilman Walford: I have some discussion. Someone asked me today, what Councilwoman Bowman and Councilman Webb did to the Chief? Because the word was already out. Chief, I tried to protect you when they asked. I'm dead serious, but they asked.

Councilman Webb: It was hard to notice, but he turned red.

Councilwoman Bowman: He did.

Councilman Shyne: Chief, I believe they got you confused with the Fire Chief that time, didn't they.

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

3. Ordinance No. 2 of 2009: An ordinance amending the 2009 General Fund Budget, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on January 13, 2009 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 Lester to adopt.

Councilwoman Bowman: What did we say this was for Mr. Sibley?

Mr. Sibley: The Marshals, City Marshal Office.

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

4. Ordinance No. 3 of 2009 - ZONING APPEAL: C-82-08 Amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the NW corner of East 70th Street and Fern, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from B-1, Buffer Business District to B-1-E, Buffer Business/Extended Use District LIMITED TO "A RESTAURANT WITH OUTSIDE DINING" only, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on January 13, 2009 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 Bowman to postpone until the next regular meeting.

Councilman Shyne: Question.

Councilman Webb: We'll let Councilman Long go first, if you don't mind, being the maker of the motion. I might not have to have a question after that.

Councilman Shyne: Well, I'm so used to riding on the back of the bus, until - - - you know. You all being first all the time, and I'll - - -

Councilman Long: It's my hope that these parties can - - - we're going to have to call a meeting, and try to get this issue resolved, so that we can kinda hopefully come up with a good compromise in the situation with all the parties involved, and we need a little bit more time to do that. Thank you.

Councilman Webb: Are y'all making headway?

Councilman Long: Yeah, I think we can get it resolved by February.

Councilman Shyne: My question was to Mike on this usage of words. I mean, do you want the Council to start using deferred instead of postponed?

Councilman Long: Whatever the proper nomenclature is. We're just going to put it off until the next meeting.

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

Councilman Webb: Okay, that is deferred or postponed until the February 10th meeting with a 7-0 vote.

Councilman Long: Charles? Mr. Kirkland, can you help us organize a meeting with the parties on this?

Mr. Kirkland: Yeah, we're setting up for that next Tuesday.

Councilman Long: That'd be fine.

Mr. Kirkland: We're optimistic like you said. Everybody's put a good amount of work into this.

The adopted ordinances and amendments follow:

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 BY:

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport is the owner of the following property in the Allendale area of the City: (1) a tract of land in Kelly Estate of TAL 3, Allendale, said tract being described as the 100 foot wide T & P Railroad right-of-way between Milam Street and Abbie Street; and (2) a tract of land in the W. C. Perrin Subdivision, said tract being described as the 100 foot wide T & P Railroad right-of-way between Abbie Street and Anna Street (See Exhibit A); and

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has received a request from Urban Housing of America, Inc., Louisiana to donate said properties to the organization, as it proposes to undertake, promote, develop and carry on low income housing development, management, ownership and charitable work; and

WHEREAS, the proposed development will serve a public purpose by: (1) addressing one of the community-identified needs for affordable housing stated in the City's Consolidated Plan; and (2) providing affordable, safe and quality housing in the Allendale area of the City; and

WHEREAS, the proposed development is consistent with the City's redevelopment efforts in the Allendale area; and

WHEREAS, the said property is not needed by the City for a public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the city's purpose in donating said property is to promote affordable housing development, and if such development is not commenced within sixty months the property should revert to city ownership; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport desires to give, grant, convey, donate, assign, set over and deliver unto Urban Housing of America, Inc., Louisiana the following tracts of land, all of which are more particularly described in the Act of Donate attached hereto as Exhibit B:

(1) a tract of land in Kelly Estate of TAL 3, Allendale, said tract being described as the 100 foot wide T & P Railroad right-of-way between Milam Street and Abbie Street; and (2) a tract of land in the W. C. Perrin Subdivision, said tract being described as the 100 foot wide T & P Railroad right-of-way between Abbie Street and Anna Street (See Exhibit A); and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal and regular session convened, that a tract of land in Kelly Estate of TAL 3, Allendale, said tract being described as the 100 foot wide T & P Railroad right-of-way between Milam Street and Abbie Street and a tract of land in the W. C. Perrin Subdivision, said tract being described as the 100 foot wide T & P Railroad right-of-way between Abbie Street and Anna Street (See Exhibit A), which are City-owned properties located in Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, more particularly identified in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof, are not needed by the City of Shreveport for a public purpose and the City of Shreveport is hereby authorized to donate the said properties to Urban Housing of America, Inc., Louisiana to construct and develop affordable, safe and quality housing on the property.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Cedric B. Glover, Mayor, be and is hereby authorized to execute an Act of Donation from the City of Shreveport to Urban Housing of America, Inc., Louisiana substantially in accordance with the document filed along with the original copy of this ordinance in the Office of the Clerk of Council on June 24, 2008, attached hereto as Exhibit B. Said Act of Donation shall include a provision that the donation is conditioned upon Urban Housing of America, Inc., Louisiana constructing affordable, safe and quality housing on the property, and a provision that if construction is not started on said property within sixty months of the execution of the Act of Donation, the Act of Donation shall be null and void and ownership of the property shall revert to the City of Shreveport. Said Act of Donation shall further include a provision that if said property is sold to any person (excluding the sale, after the property has been subdivided, of a single lot with a house on it to a person purchasing in order to reside there), or purchased or expropriated for right of way

purposes any funds received by the Donee or any successor in title to the Donee, as compensation for the land shall be paid to the city immediately after it is received. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and, to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1 OF 2008

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 72-2 OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESSES AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE 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 72-2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport is hereby amended to remove the terms “massage center” and “massagist” and now reads as follows:

Licensee shall mean a person in whose name a license to operate a sexually oriented business has been issued, as well as the individual or individuals listed as an applicant on the application for a sexually oriented business license. In case of an employee, it shall mean the person in whose name the sexually oriented business employee card has been issued.

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Nudity or a state of nudity means the showing of the human male or female genitals, pubic area, vulva, or anus with less than a fully opaque covering, or the showing of the female breast with less than a fully opaque covering of any part of the nipple and areola.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2 OF 2009

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2009 GENERAL FUND BUDGET AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY:

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend the 2009 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. 131 of 2008, the 2009 General Fund budget is hereby amended as follows:

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

In Marshals, decrease Personal Services by \$43,000 and increase Contractual Services by \$43,000.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance No. 131 of 2008 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.

Councilman Webb: Mr. Thompson, under Unfinished Business, do we have anything?

Councilman Lester: Yes Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Webb: What do we have.

Councilman Lester: Yes, I'd like to move to bring No. 9 off the table.

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)

Motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Walford to remove Ordinance No. 69 of 2008 from Unfinished Business for consideration.

Councilman Webb: You want him to explain before you ask the question, or do you want to ask the question first? Councilman Lester, you want to explain what you're doing?

Councilman Lester: Yes. This is n ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute an act of donation of property to Urban Housing of America, consistent with a project, a development project in Allendale.

Councilwoman Bowman: Is the amendment on here?

Councilman Lester: It is in the agreement It has been written in the agreement.

Councilman Webb: And what amendment is that?

Councilman Lester: If you would like to - - -

Councilwoman Bowman: I beg your pardon?

Councilman Lester: I was going to say if you wanted to take a moment to take a look at that, but it has been incorporated into the agreement.

Councilman Webb: May I ask what the agreement is?

Councilman Lester: Sure. There was some question Mr. Chairman as to if the project was not viable, and if the project did not go forward, what would happen to the land? Would the land stay with the developer or would it go back to the city, or if for some reason, there were some mineral rights associated with that or any of those types of things, and that development didn't happen, would that inure to benefit of the developer or the City? And it has been written into the agreement that, that property if that development doesn't happen, that lands goes back and reverts to the City and not to the developer.

Councilman Webb: Is that the piece of property that you and I walked?

Councilman Lester: That's correct.

Councilwoman Bowman: Okay Mr. Chairman, and I do want to make one statement. And I did tell Councilman Lester that I will vote with him on this, and mainly because he did go in and make those changes. But I do want to add one other statement, and that is for the

citizens of District G, and the fact that this piece of property is not in our district, but anytime somebody comes in District G, and starts tinkering with things, then I have to go with A,B,C,D,E, and F. You know what I mean. Thank you.

Councilman Long: I have a question, and I'm reading the agreement Councilman Lester. Is there some new language in the agreement that's not been there before, that's posted on the website here?

Councilman Lester: It should be.

Councilman Long: I'm trying to figure out what that is. I'm looking under No. 3 Conditions and - - -

Councilman Lester: That's No. 3.

Councilman Webb: They don't retain the mineral rights do they?

Councilman Lester: No.

Councilman Long: I see it now. I stand clear. Thank you.

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. 69 of 2008. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 6. Nays: Councilman Walford. 1.

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*)

PROPERTY STANDARDS APPEALS:

HBO0700145 – 426 Woodrow, Shreveport, LA (F/Shyne) Ms. Carolyn Miller, 424 Woodrow, Shreveport, LA 71105 (C/Long) (*Tabled August 25, 2008*)

PSD0700243 - 129 Stoner Ave, Shreveport, LA (B/Walford); Ms. Maria Orellana, 909 Anthony, Bossier City, LA 71112)(*Postponed November 10, 2008 until February 9, 2009*)

PSD0700058: 557 Egan Street, Shreveport, LA (B/Walford) Mr. Daniel Markulus, 853 Place, Shreveport, LA (B/Walford) (*Postponed January 12, 2009 until April 27, 2009*)

PSD0700214: 2732 Logan Street. Shreveport, LA (G/Bowman) Willie Roberson, 6915 Quilen Rd, Shreveport, LA (E/Webb) (*Postponed January 26, 2009 until February 23, 2009*)

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*)

PSD0600413 – 2330 Darien Street, Shreveport, LA 71103 (G/Bowman) Ms. Thressa Lovelace French, 2401 Darien Street, Shreveport, LA 71103 (G/Bowman) (*Postponed January 26, 2009 until February 23, 2009*)

PSD0600117 – 7024 S. Lakeshore Drive, Shreveport, LA (G/Bowman) Ms. Tanya Luker, 7024 S. Lakeshore Drive, Shreveport, LA (G/Bowman) (*Postponed December 8, 2008 until March 9, 2009*)

NEW BUSINESS:

ABO APPEAL:

Mr. Saleh Rahman, 6007 Cardinal Lane, Bossier City, LA; *Rightway Liquor, 1750 Martin Luther King Dr., Shreveport, LA.* (A/Lester) **DECISION RENDERED JANUARY 26, 2009**

Ms. Angel Westley, 6000 W. 70th Street, Shreveport, LA 71129 (F/Shyne) *Super 1 Foods, 2640 Waggoner Street, Shreveport, LA 71108* (F/Shyne) **DECISION RENDERED JANUARY 26, 2009**

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:

BAC-135-08: 6900 Block of Fern Avenue, Frank Harris (Applicant), Special Exception Use, and Variance in hours of Operation in a B-1-E District. (*To be considered Tuesday, January 27, 2009*)

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

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, for the record, we'll use 'Postponed' if that's alright with y'all.

Councilman Webb: Postponed is the correct word.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, that's why I raised that observation a few minutes ago. But you know I like Mike so well, until whatever he says, I'll go along with it.

Councilman Webb: Mike's been reading a lot lately, haven't you Mike?

Councilman Long: Reading my email.

Councilman Shyne: And he took a trip to China last year.

**REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES
CLERK'S REPORT**

Letter of Appeal:

CASE NO. SC-1-09: NW side of Spring Lake Drive, approximately 100 feet NE of Gilbert Drive. (D/Wooley)

THE COMMITTEE RISES AND REPORTS: (Reconvenes Regular Council Meeting)
ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at approximately 5:32 p.m.

*****CLERK'S NOTE:**

Resolution No. 279 of 2008 was introduced and advertised at **Ordinance No. 182 of 2008**. It was adopted as Resolution No. 279 of 2008. The title and body of the resolution that was adopted is the same title and body that was introduced and advertised.

//s// Ron Webb, Chairman

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