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The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana was called to order by Chairman Ron Webb at p.m., Tuesday, March 10, 2009, in the Government Chambers in Government Plaza (505 Travis Street).

Invocation was given by Councilman Bowman.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Joe Shyne.

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

Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Long to approve the minutes of the Administrative Conference, Monday, February 23, 2009, Council Meeting, Tuesday, February 24, 2009,, and Amendment No. 2 to Council Proceedings – December 23, 2008.

Amendment No. 2 to the December 23, 2008 Council Proceedings as published on December 30, 2008 in the Official Journal.

Amend the December 23, 2008 Council Proceedings relative to Ordinance No. 166 of 2008, as follows:

On Page 10B, Column 6, strike Ordinance No. 166 of 2008 and the advertisement thereof

Explanation of amendment:

“Ordinance No. 166 of 2008” was postponed at the December 23, 2008 meeting and inadvertently advertised as an adopted ordinance under the subtitle “The adopted ordinances and amendments follow:” This amendment to the December 23, 2008 minutes corrects the error.

Councilman Webb: Any changes or discussion? If not, lets vote on it.

Councilman Walford: Are we doing two votes on this, or one?

Councilman Webb: We can do it in one.

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

Councilman Shyne: We want to make sure Mr. Thompson, that we follow the letter of the law.

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

Councilman Webb: Mr. Mayor, I'll go ahead and start off with you today.

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

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, members of the Council, it's my great privilege today to start off today's communication by presenting a gentleman who has been a good friend of mine for almost 20 years. He was a veteran member of the legislature when I arrived there back in 1996, was a part of a group that was referred to as the 'Young Perks,' a group of energetic visionary Louisiana legislators who were attempting to turn our state to a more positive direction. He helped to set my legislative career on a positive path, and as I said to some folks earlier, took me under his wing, so you can imagine how difficult of a task that was for someone of his stature in comparison to yours truly. But he was committed, and I am eternally grateful. Earlier today, we announced something that hopefully you all will learn more about. Shreveport's first Cultural District that will encompass an area primarily downtown, extending down Texas Avenue, but in addition to that, I want to have the Lieutenant Governor to come up today and also share with you all just some of the other things that are going on with his office and around the state, and some of the activities that he's involved in. So, it's my great privilege to ask you all to give a warm Shreveport welcome to Mitchell Landrieu, the Lieutenant Governor.

Lt. Gov. Landrieu: Mr. Mayor, members of the Council, thank you so much. It is true, I did take him under my wing. I have a big wing. He has taken care of me for a very long time, and it's been a wonderful relationship. Mr. Chairman, it's nice to see you again. We were in Washington some time ago, as you know when all of the difficulties starting happening with General Motors. I made some tracks to Washington, and I found your Mayor and your Chairman there working very hard to see what we could do to make sure that GM stayed as healthy as possible. As a Lt. Gov., as you know, I have the privilege of serving as your ambassador, both nationally and internationally and spent a tremendous amount of time in Washington over the past six months, trying to make sure that Washington continues to connect not only with the state, but with all local governments to make sure that Louisiana citizens get their fair share of what this country has to offer. I don't need to tell all of you here that we are in potential difficult times. I know you all are well aware of that. I think you saw the first shot across the bow with the Big 3 having trouble financing themselves. And I believe that there was an indication there of how interconnected the State of Louisiana truly is with the national economy. And when the national economy is not doing well. Even though we may happen to be doing better at this moment and time, that what happens in Detroit what happens in Chicago, what happens in Iowa is eventually going to have an impact on us, and it's important to try to keep that in mind. And I know that all of us have been working very hard since the stimulus package has been passed to make sure that everybody in Louisiana is well aware of what those benefits could potentially be for us, and to make sure that we take advantage. Just Pilgrims Pride just the other day gave us another reminder of how interconnected we are and how important it is for us to stay connected to what's happening all around the country and we'll

continue to do that. Having said that, I'm always amazed at how well the northern portion of the state is doing. The Shreveport/Bossier/Minden area is an area that I brag about a lot. Especially when I get back to the southern part of the state, and let them understand all of the anchors that are in place in order for the City of Shreveport, for Bossier and Minden actually to go to the next level, whether you're talking about tourism, whether you're talking about the military, whether you're talking about the film industry, whether you're talking about manufacturing, whatever it is, this part of the state has seemed to really pull itself together in a way that is unlike many other areas in the state. You continue to think regionally, so that you can compete globally. That message has been accepted and received, and you continue to work with your surrounding parishes. You continue to enrich what it is that you have here, so that you can be a stronger partner, and the State of Louisiana always looks forward to continue to partner with you in those endeavors. As the national economy continues to do what it's doing, I would encourage you to continue to do what you've been doing Mr. Mayor, under your guidance. I had a chance to see Chief Whitehorn just a second ago, who I knew very well when he was running the State Police. I understand that the crime statistics in the Shreveport area actually are very good. And that is counter to national trend, so that's something to be very proud of. Because if the streets are not safe, if people don't feel free, economic activity and quality of life actually goes down. And it's important to get to the kids early as we have tried to do with juvenile justice reform in the State of Louisiana which you guys have been a partner in as well. The film industry, I know that you already have gotten as many pats on the backs as you need, but we did 80 feature films in the State of Louisiana last year. Second only to New York, and maybe to one other state in the nation, but otherwise the State of Louisiana, primarily because of the work that you do here is one of the international competitors in the film industry. And as you know we have worked very hard to make sure that the tax incentives stay in place. We're going to encourage the legislature to replace all of them to make sure that you still have the (inaudible) centers to create the public/private partnerships that actually create high paying clean jobs that you can benefit from, but actually lead the nation. Shreveport's on the top of the list to cities where people want to film. And that has as much to do with your ingenuity as it does with the tax credit program, because you didn't just rely on that, you actually built pre and post production facilities. You actually continued to work on worker training, so that you have the crew base to do what was necessary to incent the industry. So, I come to you to tell you first of all thank you for being great partners, and secondly, to congratulate you for really leading the rest of the state in the areas that you're doing, and thirdly, to tell you that we continually look forward in these difficult times that are coming, and there will be, and the budget crisis in Baton Rouge will be difficult, but I have no doubt that we will make it through, and that we're going to come out stronger than we were before. So, thank you all. God bless you, and Mr. Mayor, thank you for your hospitality.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Mitchell. Appreciate your time and your commitment, and your service. Council Members, I'm going to do something today here that represents one of the first for this Administration. I'm going to ask that Mr. Tyrone Burton, the Principal of Cherokee Park Elementary School come up and join me along with another young lady that he has with him, who I know rather well also.

Councilman Shyne: Is that the one that used to spank you when you got out of line?

Mayor Glover: I'm proud to say Mr. Shyne that she's the only person in the room whose ever whipped me. As Mama told me when I came down here, almost 20 years ago, she said,

“Now you may lose some votes, but I don’t want you to lose any fights.” So, you’re looking at the one person in the room who (inaudible). Exactly. I’m probably 0-100 over my 43 years. She’s short, but she’s mean.

Councilman Shyne: Yeah. That’s that Bradford.

Mayor Glover: Got that (inaudible) strength as they say. Is that Bradford in her?

Councilman Shyne: Yeah, the Glovers are nice and sweet.

Mayor Glover: For those of you all who don’t know, this is Mr. Tyrone Burton who is the principal of the Cherokee Park Elementary School, and my sister, Rosalind Glover Bryant who has spent over 30 years teaching and counseling in the Caddo Parish School District. She has now taken on a new position as a counselor serving special needs and homeless students within the Caddo Parish student population. And in addition to my grand nephew, Jermichael Bryant. He’s not here? Okay, he’s not here yet. She has three other young men with her, one of whom is Ja’Sean Davis, and Ja’Sean Davis today is going to be designated as an official Deputy Mayor for the balance of Mayoral Communications. So, I need you all to have Ja’Sean to come up and join me up front. How do you do Ja’Sean?

Master Davis: Fine.

Mayor Glover: Pleasure to meet you. I’m going to pin you as Official Deputy Mayor. Now I need you to go - - - see that young man right there? I need him to put you in that seat two seats over from him, and you’re going to sit there for the balance of Mayoral Communications today, while Mrs. Bryant and Mr. Burton tell us a little bit about why you’re such an outstanding student. I do know for one, he was the 2nd place winner for the recent Social Studies Class - - - did a special project that received some outstanding recognition. Seeing himself there on television for the first time. And had a rather interesting subject for his Black History Project. And so I asked in recognition, not only of his outstanding work, but also because of some of the unique circumstances that Ja’Sean has had to endure over the last year, if he’d come down today and spend a little time with us and have Mr. Burton and Roz tell you a little bit about him.

Ms. Bryant: Good afternoon. It’s great to be here this afternoon. I’m working with homeless education, and I’m now housed at Cherokee Park, and I really am grateful to Mr. Burton for allowing me to be housed there. I serve 25 schools. And working with the students, Ja’Sean is the student whose sister was in the fire a few years ago. And I have worked with him, and he has really, really made a “U” turn around and he’s doing exceptionally well. And he decided he wanted to do a Black History Report, and he did it on Mayor Cedric Glover. And he did an exceptional job. I put it on tape for him. He lives with his Great-Grandmother along with two other children, and he learned it, and he was able to recite it and did exceptionally well for class. So, thank you so much for the recognition today.

Mr. Burton: I just want thank the Mayor and the Council for this opportunity. Ja’Sean is one of many great students at Cherokee Park, and we’re just happy to have Ms. Bryant with us in our staff. And I was walking down the hall one day, and Ja’Sean stopped me as I was walking down the hall. And he said, “Mr. Burton, I have something to tell you.” And he gave me the whole speech, and it really floored me. I’m almost - - - I’m 2 lbs lighter than Cedric, so there was a whole lot to floor. But he did an excellent job, and we’re proud of him and we’re thankful for this opportunity, and we’re just glad to be here. Thank you very much.

Mayor Glover: I look forward to actually seeing that presentation in person.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman? Mr. Mayor, I believe you forgot to let us know that Ms. Rosalind did accomplish one thing that you did not accomplish. She was Ms. Linear.

Mayor Glover: The first Miss Green Oaks.

Councilman Shyne: Yeah, the first Miss Green Oaks, and we're extremely proud of that.

Mayor Glover: We won't give that year. Don't want to be 0-101. But she was the first Miss Green Oaks. Exactly. You want to introduce the other two young gentlemen who are with you all today and have them stand up? Jaylen Bryant and Jeremy Bryant, two additional students from Cherokee Park. Glad to have you here also today. Now, we are down to these lovely young ladies that you see here sitting on the front row. As you all know that the month of March is Women's History Month, and as Mayor of the City of Shreveport, I am honored and privileged to have the opportunity to be able to designate by proclamation March as National Women's History Month in the City of Shreveport. And in doing so, I want to ask that the members of the Shreveport Mayor's Women's Commission to please come and join with me. I know we have a full list of the names, so I'm going to call them off and as you hear your name, please step up and join me here at the podium. Cleopatra Allen, Ms. Tannie Lewis Bradley, Emily Chafin, Nicolette Doughty, Clarire France, Romney Guy, our own Chloe Haygood, Belinda Jones, Lola Kendrick, Letitia Miles, LaKasha Mosely, Mary Nash-Robinson, Sylvia Newman, Rosalind Patterson-Nelson, Gisele Proby-Bryant, Dianna Roark, Kay Russell, Trudy Saldana, Leslie Scott, Diana Simek, Krelia Stewart, Deborah Tilmon, Earnestine Tyler, Harriet Williams, Ketina Williams, Wanda Wright, Vivian Andrews, Arcenia Allen Anthony, Gretchen Bell, President Ann Stokes, Rosalind Flukers, Paula Hickman, Brandy McNeill, Petrolia Mims, Bessie Smith, Dana Smelser, Janice B. Sneed, for a total of 36 members. Thank you ladies for joining me here today, and now as you turn and face the Council as we read the following proclamation.

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, March is designated as National Women's History Month to ensure that the history of American women will be recognized and celebrated in schools, workplaces, and communities throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, stories of women's historic achievements present an expanded view of the complexity and contradiction of living a full and purposeful life; and

WHEREAS, the 2009 National Women's History Month theme is "Women's Art: Women's Vision." The observance calls our attention to honor the originality, beauty, imagination, and multiple dimensions of women's lives and provides a special opportunity to discover and celebrate women's visual arts in a variety of forms and mediums that help expand women's perceptions of themselves;

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

"WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH"

in the City of Shreveport, and urge all public officials, educators, librarians and all citizens of Northwest Louisiana to observe this month with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs that raise awareness and appreciation of Women's History.

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

CEDRIC B. GLOVER

MAYOR

Ms. Ann Stokes: It's quite an honor and a privilege to serve on the Shreveport Mayor's Commission, and as Chair, I and my other friends have worked hard to try to make things happen that you all can be proud of, and that would stand out for the city. Now, I have something I want to invite you all to. I want to invite you all to the HERA Awards. HERA stands for Helpful, Effective Responsive Advocates. And we and the Mayor of the City of Shreveport, Mayor Cedric B. Glover and the Shreveport Mayor's Women's Commission cordially invite you to attend the 2nd Annual HERA Awards Ceremony in recognition and celebration of Women's History Month. The Awards will be presented to honor local "unsung heroes" in the areas of Advocacy, Education, and Quality of Life, and we just had the opportunity a week ago to read the names, and we had really a lot of very nice wonderful people recognized and offered to us, but unsung is what we're looking for. We were looking for people who hadn't already gotten awards, and we found some great candidates, and we're very proud, and we hope that you all will be able to come to our ceremony. The education and quality of life are being presented to recognize the Honorees' unselfish and dedicated commitment to utilizing their visions and voices to improve the lives of the women and youth in the Greater Shreveport community. Our ceremony will be Thursday, March 19, 2009, and the event is going to be at ArtSpace. And so the sponsors are the Shreveport Mayor's Women's Commission and SRAC, Shreveport Regional Arts Council, from , 6:30 PM – 7:30 and we hope that each one of you will be able to come. Thank you very much.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Mrs. Stokes, thank you ladies, thank you all so much. Members of Council, thank you all, and Mr. Chairman, I turn it back over into your hands.

Councilman Walford: Mr. Mayor, could I impose on you just a minute and repeat what was said upstairs, and explain about the new Cultural District?

Mayor Glover: I would certainly be honored. As mentioned just prior to the Lt. Gov. Coming to the mic, today at 2:00, we announced for the first time, Shreveport's participation in an initiative that was started by the Louisiana legislature in 2007, the creation of Art cultural districts within the State of Louisiana. Districts that have to be crafted and approved by members of the local City Council that will afford some rather special privileges to those particular geographic regions. We have had staff working in conjunction with the artistic community as well as members of the Council here, for about the last year, on carving out Shreveport's initial submittal for the Cultural District that has been approved by the State of Louisiana, the initial geographic area that we are focusing on here in Shreveport starts with our Riverfront, Downtown, Texas Avenue corridor, that geographical region will be afforded some special considerations for folks who are engaged in the creation of original arts and crafts. Those renderings will be free of both State and Local sales taxes. If they are sold within those particular geographic boundaries, also, buildings, structures that are located within that geographical district will be eligible for special tax exemptions and considerations, rebates and what have you. And it has the potential to help set ablaze a wave of activity within the district that we hope will build upon the efforts of the Arts community that has already been started within the City of Shreveport over the last couple of decades, and so we're very happy that Shreveport is stepping up for the first time to be a part of this. The great thing about it is that we are not limited to just simply having one of these, but we had to start one place, and Downtown and Texas Avenue represented in our estimation, the most logical place upon which

to start, but there are other corridors, that have some potential that we look to work with you all and the citizens of this area to help to develop in the years to come. And so we're very excited. It accounts for one of the reasons as to why the Lt. Gov is here today, was to join in that initial announcement, and we believe that it (inaudible) some great possibilities for the Arts Cultural community here in Shreveport. And thank you for the opportunity to expound upon that Councilman Walford. We appreciate it.

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

Councilman Webb: Any Council Member have any distinguished guests or awards you want to hand out?

Councilman Lester: I have a special guest Mr. Chairman. I have with us the Program and Station Manager at one of the great Radio Stations in the city and this area. Ms. Rhonda Sanders. If she could come up. She has an invitation that she would like to extend to members of the Council regarding Amistad Radio Group.

Ms. Rhonda Phillips Sanders: (1526 Corporate Drive) First of all, I'd like to thank Mayor Glover as well as the City Council for allowing us this opportunity. We definitely would like to give an invitation to our great Mayor as well as the City Council to come out on Friday, March 20, because we are going into our new facility. The address is 2807 Hilary Huckaby, III. And I'd like to read the invitation to you. Greenwood Acres Full Gospel Baptist Church and the Amistad Radio Staff invites you to the grand opening of our new radio edifice to celebrate with us with us on Friday, March 20, 2009, 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. Our new location at 2807 Hilary Huckaby, III Shreveport, LA (318) 222-2744. I do have a personal invitation for the Mayor as well as the City Council. Bishop Caldwell really expects to see everyone there at this celebration, and we are really excited about it. Thank you.

Councilman Lester: Thank you Mr. Chairman, and just to let you guys know, if nay of you have had an opportunity to drive anywhere up and around the north Shreveport area, you will have seen some construction going on right there behind the Texaco. It's a great facility, it's moving from in the area (inaudible) drive, they're actually going from being renters to the builders owners. As I appreciate it, this is one phase in the overall development of a much larger vision that Bishop Caldwell has for the development of that particular piece of property, and in that area. He has great plans to do some outstanding things from an economic development standpoint, and this is the first such opportunity, and I certainly would be there, and I would urge the other Council Members, if you have an opportunity to come by.

Ms. Sanders: May I say one other thing? As you know, Hilry Huckaby, Judge Hilry Huckaby, Shreveport/Blanchard Highway was named after him. We did our history on this, and March 20, 1839, legislation was in place for Shreveport the town to be Shreveport because of that legislation. And Bishop Caldwell was actually born 107 years later on March 20th. And we're going in on March 20th. So as far as we're concerned, it's a historical landmark, and we really would invite you to come, because this is something that has never been done before. As you know, we've been 1300 KSYB for the last eight years. We have leased, we have rented, we have done a lot of different things. But this is the first time that something of this magnitude has been done, and we're really excited about it, and we really invite you all to come and celebrate with us, because it's truly a celebration. There will be a tour, where you'll be able to

go in and actually see the facilities. God has done some great things, and we are truly thankful. Thank you.

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

Councilman Webb: Mr. Mayor, do you have any communications relative to the city business, or maybe your Deputy Mayor may have some?

Mayor Glover: Yes, Mr. Chairman we do. In fact at this particular point and time, we would like to and this is one of the ones that's required by law, and so seldom do we have those, but we would ask in fact - - - you want to say this one for me Ja'Sean? Can you say, "Sam, would you come up?"

Deputy Mayor Ja'Sean Davis: Yes. Sam, would you come up?

Mayor Glover: There you go. Sam Voisin has a report to make regarding the Shreveport Convention Center.

Mr. Voisin: Thank you for having me. The last time I was here, you so graciously appointed me to the Downtown Development Board, which is a wonderful board lead by a great person. So, thank you for that. Also the time before that, that I was here, was exactly 13 months ago. And 13 months ago, I was fresh out of the I-95 corridor, Metro Washington, D.C. area, looking to come back home to Louisiana. And I'm going to recap for you the past 12 months, and I'm going to outlook for you the next 12 months, 2009. So, I have some good news for you. A few highlights of 2008, February 13th, I believe it was, we had new leadership, and a new culture at the Convention Center. SMG, the company that I work for that manages the Convention Center realized that a change was about, and brought me on from 13 years in the business. We did some reorganization, we cut expenses, and we streamlined operations. We controlled expenses as much as - - - if anyone remembers 2008, the utility expenses were going haywire. It went from 5 cents per kilowatt hour all the way up to sometimes 16 cents per kilowatt hour, and it was very difficult to budget in any facility for something like that. Through those past 12 months, we've increased revenue, we did a sales blitz with our partners at the Tourism Board, Stacy Brown's crew, and of course Mary Ann Tice. We all teamed up. We had 1500 sales calls in a sales blitz. So people that may not have heard about Shreveport now did. Utilization of the facility was at an all time high, and we'll talk about that in a little bit. Customer satisfaction at an all time high, we'll talk about that also. We exceeded our Fair Share goals by historical high. Once again, we'll discuss it, and employee motivation and efficiency, is once again at an all time high in 2008. More highlights. We were budgeted in 2008 to host 228 events, but we actually hosted 243 events. Event days which one event could be one to two, to even three days, we budgeted at 315, and we achieved 425 event days. The building was utilized a lot to say the least. 110 more event days than we projected. More highlights, conventions as well as other events held at the SCC levied what we believed to be a \$30,000,000 impact. These are conservative numbers, and we can go into those numbers with national benchmark numbers and spending, and Stacy Brown and her organization at the CTB, is actually working on economic impact numbers as we speak. Bassmasters, you heard a little bit about that. We'll go over that in a little bit also. This is it. This is our year end finances for 2008 for the convention center. Basically SMG beat budget, and our team at the Convention Center by \$138,000. We had a banner year. You can see that the deficit or the net income loss

was substantially decreased. So the burden has been decreased. Great news. Here's a comparison, since it was opened in 2006 until budget in 2009, you can see a trend here. You look at that net income loss, it's trending down. Expected to decrease the total operating deficit by \$175,000 in 2009. Now, it's going to be a challenge because of some of the things that I'm going to tell you later in the presentation. But look at the revenue numbers, the revenue numbers jump from 1.18 to 2.2. Huge increases, and that's due to event activity and utilization. Here's just a graphical reference to that financial comparison. Fair Share Program, first quarter through fourth quarter, this is all 2008 total. You can see in 2008, we hit 48% Fair Share purchases out of all eligible purchases, but look at the trend. In 2006, 25% which is the minimal requirement, but look at 2007, trending upwards and then 2008, we really hit a homerun with that. What is the reason for that? Well, the reason is we decided to - - - earlier in the presentation I told you that I streamlined the operations at the Convention Center. Well, the housekeeping department was eliminated, and we went with contract services. In the contract services along with all our other Fair Share purchases from food onto durable goods, and etcetera were Fair Share eligible vendors. That's another graphical reference here, you can see baseline is in yellow, and then red is where we are. This really tells the tale. This is the 2006-2008 facility utilization. What does that mean? That means that if an event was in the building, we counted it. Event day, we counted it. In this industry, 70% equals 100%. That may not seem quite right, but let me tell you why. Turnovers, cleaning, and getting ready for the next event, is actually 70% where you start turning away business. In a hotel, it might be different. It's 100%. Takes a couple of hours to clean a room and you're done. You can see that trend for the meetings, and ballrooms, this is pretty consistent with the industry what's going on with the exhibit halls and meeting rooms, but look, we went from 40% to 64%. That's a huge utilization. Exhibit halls, pretty flat which is expected especially in this economy for 2008. So we didn't really lose ground. This is just another graphical representation. You see baseline in green there, and then of course, we're trending upwards towards that baseline. Once you hit 70%, you start turning away business, that's when facilities, and municipalities start looking at expanding. But we won't talk about that today, (inaudible). Customer Satisfaction – this is a very big representation of how we're doing with our customers per se. How are our employees interacting with our customers, and how are they receiving that? Out of a total five score, which is exceptional, one being poor. Our ranking is 4.5. That is higher than the industry standard. Because there is always something that's going to happen whether it's rain, or things beyond our control. The industry standards usually right around a (inaudible), so 4.5 is very, very good. And you can see, I broke this down into our customer surveys that everyone gets, I broke this into different departments. And you can see the trends here. 2006 – 4, 2007 - 4.3, 2008 – 4.46 which rounds up to a 5, that is growth, and it's growth in satisfaction for the facility manager. Once again, just another graphical representation of this. Company Outlook – The Convention Center in 2009 is reaching it's maturity. It will start to stabilize. What does that mean? The honeymoon is over. We will have to work harder in trying economic times to make sure that success is met. We have an integrated and pinpoint marketing sales blitz, with the Tourism Board, the Hilton partner, and of course regional sports authority partner. We have produced and economic stimulus package for the Convention Center, and I'll go over that in a little bit. But things are starting to pop in that area. We have an aggressive outreach to local community groups. This facility is for the community as well as national, regional, statewide conventions. So, we're doing a lot more of that. We have projected an increase in revenue, and as we

monitor the economy, we will aggressively decrease our expenses as needed. More challenges – SMG has done some research internationally. Of course nationally, event cancellations are at an all time industry high. Right now, in certain areas of the country especially in the Midwest, northeast, and the west coast, they're seeing certain facilities from utilizations of 60% going down to 30%. Here we've stabilized. So, we're doing very well with that. We witnessed some event cancellations. But those are events that are small in nature, so it doesn't hurt as much. Meeting planners are now requesting, and I put in parenthesis (demanding) lower lodging and meeting expenses. The new game is, "I want it for free." And I'm going to give you the economic impact for that. Well, that's what we're competing against with the Morial Center, which never used to be our competitor. We are competing with the Dallas Convention Center now, which never used to be our competitor. And the good news is most corporations do not want to go to those cities, because it is perceived as absorbed spending when you go to cities like that. So Shreveport is sitting in a real good position. It's the value that Shreveport brings is why they're coming. We have every thing that a major city has, but at a lesser price. I would venture to say a lot more hospitality. Here's some major bookings that I just want to tell you about. 2009 Bumper to Bumper Auto Parts Convention was a huge success. They actually increased their attendance from what they thought. Bassmasters Tournament, of course we talked about that for quite a long time, for about a year now, we've been planning. And it finally happened. We have a couple of pictures to show you that are a little astonishing. The First Jurisdiction of Christ opens this weekend, went very well. HGW, and on and on. For 2009, we have a total of 22 conventions. That's unprecedented. We had 19 last year, and you saw utilization up there. So, we're looking at a good year. But we want to be careful is the erosion of some of the attended events, so we want to really keep our eye on that, and of course utilities. This was the lobby Saturday at the Bassmaster Classic. Now forgive my photo, but coming down the escalator, you know that's the safest I could get with the photo. You all heard the numbers, and those turnstiles to the right under that number 1, you can see - - - actually I'm standing right there. We monitored those turnstiles, and flow ingress and egress out of the facility all weekend was in the 120,000 range. It's just incredible. For any of you that attended, you can probably attest that it was well received. A very successful event, and yes, we want it back. This was inside the tradeshow. All of your major manufacturers were there, Triton, Skeeter, Mercury, Yamaha, the presidents of these companies visited Shreveport. This was a great showcase. For economic development, people visiting Bassmaster, they may want to live here. I talked to many people, in fact a couple from Jersey stopped me and said what a wonderful facility this is, and they're coming back in the fall to fish, on a fishing vacation. Now that sounds real good. This marketing initiative will make you aware Convention South Magazine, Oil and Gas Journal, well the price of oil and gas has dipped quite a bit, but the industry is still on watch right now, or on the meeting. So, we have quite a few meetings lined up in oil and gas sector. Medical – that's pretty much insulated from any of the economic down turn as well as Continuing Education, and things of that nature. SMG is continuing to coop all the advertising for Tradeshow Week, these national publications that we get. These are industry standards, and Shreveport is in very prominent placement there. Just to explain a little bit about what we're doing with our partners, the CTB and the Hilton, we go to the Louisiana Society of Association Executives. Of course ASA Convention, I believe a few months ago, we announced that we won that, and we were up against Colorado and Memphis. We go to Little Rock Association Executives. We're doing another sales blitz, 1500 sales calls, and we're

coordinating the efforts, so it will take less money to do more. These are our target local initiatives. I said earlier that the convention center is not just a national state-wide or even regional building, it is for the people here locally here also. And some of those uses would be Mardi Gras Krewes, local religious organization, local corporate, and of course not for profit organizations. And we do have some of that already. But of course, I always want more. The convention center stimulus package I mentioned earlier, let's talk about that. The meeting planners and I believe the Mayor's office can attest to this, cause sometimes they get these phone calls that say, "I want to bring a 5,000 person meeting, but I don't want to pay for it." Well, there are expenses associated with having a meeting anywhere that you go in the world, but what the stimulus package does is SMG has marketing funds that have allocated for Shreveport, and the CTB here, Stacy Brown's crew, what we do is we partner up with a 50-50 deal. This (inaudible) package, we actually write them a check out. This is just the National Association of XYZ as an example, and to get that 5,000 person meeting and that may draw the \$20,000,000 economic impact in spending in restaurants and casinos and rental cars, and airlines and you name it, we're going to buy down some of the expenses to help them get here so that the city realizes the true revenue. So, that is a great example of that. And it's working. That was just a little brief update. You have any questions, I want to open it up right now, but that's our new night shot we have and some of our marketing pieces that we put together.

Councilman Long: Sam, I just want to compliment you on the job that you're doing. Your management style is a welcome addition to the facility, and I acknowledge that you've worked very hard to do what you've done, and I'm proud for you. So, please keep it up.

Mr. Voisin: Thank you for your support.

Councilman Webb: Sam, how do our rates compare to Baton Rouge, or Dallas?

Mr. Voisin: Well our rates as far as rack rates are concerned are competitive. Its when people like Dallas start coming off their rates that no one wins. You know the Dallas Convention Center is an example may give away their facility, when I say give it away, it'd be zero rent. In order to get the economic impact of the spending for these meetings that would come into Dallas. Some budgets can afford that, some budgets can't afford that. And that's the way due to the economy, that's what the competition's starting to do. It's no different than a business having a blow out sale, and the business next door suffering.

Councilman Webb: I was looking at that percentage you showed there, the 64%, you said 70% you start turning away people. And yet we're still losing, what is it, 1.7 mil, so when we get up to the 70%, what do you project our losses would be? Are we ever going to start showing a profit I guess is what I'm - - -

Mr. Voisin: Well convention centers around the country generally do not show a profit for the (inaudible) of the facility. What they do is show profit and economic impact for everyone else. And it's a difficult thing to kinda understand because as a business, you would say, "Wait a minute, this is a 1.7, and are you doing well?" Yes, because this is a unique business. It basically prints money for everyone else but the facility. You know a lot of jobs are created because - - -

Councilman Webb: Okay, are there anymore questions for Sam? Councilman Wooley?

Councilman Wooley: Just wanted to echo Councilman Long, appreciate all your hard work, and you definitely have proven yourself to be a worthy addition for your company, and for our city. And we just thank you for what you're doing.

Mr. Voisin: I appreciate your support.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, Sam? I want to thank you for coming out and making an outstanding presentation and sharing what I believe to be very good news, and to echo what was stated by Councilman Wooley, and Councilman Long, don't want to cast any dispersions on any of your predecessors, but the reality of it is, is that you have created a cultural change, a culture change rather there at the convention center. And the feedback that I have gotten is almost like night and day. In fact, I'm kinda of shocked at the difference in terms of customer satisfaction is only 4.2 to 4.5. I would have thought it would have been 1.2 to 4.5 based on feedback that I have gotten both prior to and since you've been there. And Members of the Council, I want to thank you all for giving us the opportunity to be able to do this, but unfortunately there may be some points in time when we have to come and make this presentation when the news is not quite so good. But the thing is that we have also realized and reading the ordinances as established by the prior council is that these are reports that we are obligated to present to you all not just in writing, but to actually come with an open council to present this information open, and up front and directly to the council as well as to the citizens of the City of Shreveport. Now, not everybody operates as on top of the table as we do in Shreveport, but that's what we're about and obligated to do. And so Sam, we thank you for an outstanding presentation. At the next meeting in this month, we will have Bob Gansfuss from the Shreveport Hilton who will be here to give his report as required by ordinance as well, and we have our fingers crossed that the news will be as good there as well. So Sam, please tell all of your charges to please continue to keep up the great work and we look forward to many, many happy returns.

Mr. Voisin: Thank you very much. I wanted to introduce also before I forget. Mr. Thomas Meehan is our Director of Operations, and directly responsible for most of the successes that happen on a day to day basis. Thank you Council.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Mr. Mayor and Council, and that concludes Mayoral communications at this time.

Councilman Webb: What about the Deputy Mayor, does he have anything?

Mayor Glover: He's a little occupied right now.

Councilman Webb: Alright we'll move on then.

The Chairman read the following:

Public Hearing: Tag No. 07-01 - Ordinance No. 10 of 2009: Enlarging the limits and boundaries of the City of Shreveport – a 9.31 acre tract of land, being the Bluffs Subdivision, located on Ellerbe Road, between Golf Ridge Drive, and Flournoy Lucas Road in Section 08, (T16N-R14W), Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Wooley)

Councilman Webb: This hearing is now open, is there a presentation from the Administration?

Mr. Sibley: We're fine Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Webb: Do we have anyone here to speak in favor of the proposed annexation ordinances? Does anyone wish to speak in opposition of the proposed annexation ordinance? If not then this public hearing is now closed.

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]*)

The Clerk read the following:

1. **Resolution No. 56 of 2009**: A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to suspend certain provisions of certain chapters of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances to grant temporary approval for uses and operations related to the filming or production of movies within the City of Shreveport, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Councilman Webb: Is there anybody that would like to speak in favor or in opposition to adding this to the agenda?

Motion by Councilman Long, seconded by Councilman Walford to add Resolution No. 56 of 2009 to the agenda. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 6. Nays: None. Out of the Chamber: Councilman Lester. 1.

Councilman Webb: Do we take any action on that right as we speak?

Mr. Thompson: No, we'll come back to that Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Lester: Mr. Chairman, I think we had Property Standards Report that we - -

Councilman Webb: We did, I apologize. Thank you. I passed right over it. Mr. Holt, you want to come up, I don't want to forget you.

Reports: Property Standards Report

Mr. Holt: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Long you'll have interest in these 2002 Lovers Lane, which you have not particularly complained about, which has been a problem in your area for some time, and the 100 block of East McCormick. Citations on both those properties were issued this morning for court date on March 31st. Mr. Chairman, if you have any other concerns, you'll be glad to take them.

Councilman Lester: Two things. They are both in the same neighborhood as I appreciate it. I got some emails Mr. Holt about some tires on (inaudible) Street. If you could kind of get with Mike Strong's folks.

Mr. Holt: Was that Board?

Councilman Lester: Bullen. Mike is saying - - - they're done? Okay. Bullen Street. I'll forward you the email. Someone was (inaudible) some tires out. And I think there was some coordination between your department and Mr. Strong's department in terms of making sure those tires were picked up, so I just wanted to touch basis on that. I got a call from Mr. Hicks relative to an issue that he had, and I asked the two to get together in the back prior to the meeting. Could you kind of bring us up to speed as to where that is.

Mr. Holt: We have. Mr. Hicks' inoperable vehicle got caught up in the first sweep that we had this year in the MLK area. His truck was tagged on January 14th. Mr. Hicks signed the

certified mail card for that inop vehicle on January 24th, and we towed the car this morning. Four days shy of two months since it's been tagged. He did not call the inspector on the sticker where the number was given. He did not call the appeal, but he as the right file which was mentioned in the certified letter he received. The vehicle is now at the tow company. Mr. Hicks has been told if he can go to the tow company, start the vehicle, drive it off the lot without working on it on site, then it would be declared an operable vehicle, and the city would absorb the cost of the tow. He has not chosen to do that. He said instead, he would rather have the fees waived, and I do not have the authority to waive those fees, because as I can see it, we've done everything legal.

Councilman Lester: Mr. Hicks, could you come forward please sir, and state your name and address for the record.

Mr. Roosevelt Hicks: (1704 Bonnie Street) Okay, I did get notice my car in my yard was tagged. I had two cars in the back and a bunch of stuff. I own and operate a home remodeling service. I had a lot of stuff. I done got it cleaned up, I don't moved all the vehicles out the back, and I got this one truck that I'm working on. I just spent \$250 on it this weekend, getting it fixed. I don't put a fuel pump in it, and the tank in on the ground, but it cranks. And I was at work this morning, and I got a call that they had pulled one of my trucks out and putting that one on the wrecker. You know I put a lot of money in this truck, and that's part of my livelihood, my trucks, my business, my vehicles to operate my business, and this truck will crank. You know even though (inaudible) I didn't pay attention to calling and letting someone know, I just cranked it up this weekend. I (inaudible), but all my other stuff is moved out. My yard is up to date. And I understand what's going on here. My yard do look a lot better with all the stuff gone off it, and I had two vehicles in the back that were just sitting there. I mean I done tore my yard up, and had to spread new dirt. It cost me a lot of money. And now my truck is gone, and I'd like to have my truck back, and I don't what I need to do to get it back, but.

Councilman Lester: But as I appreciate it Mr. Hicks, and Jim come up, as I appreciate it, what Mr. Holt is saying is if you have the option to go to the actual towing yard and can crank the vehicle, he will declare that the truck is operable, then he can drive off and - - - is that correct?

Mr. Holt: (Inaudible) \$170 in admin and towing charges (inaudible).

Mr. Hicks: Could I speak?

Councilman Lester: Sure.

Mr. Hicks: Because the truck has an automatic fuel pump. I had to drop the gas tank to put the fuel pump in. The fuel pump is in the truck, the gas tank hasn't been bolted back up. I just did it this weekend. Then I went out there this morning to show them that it will crank up, because I spoke to a Ms. Glover I think it was, and she told me that, and my key (inaudible), just crunk it up last night. I've been leaving the keys in the switch, because I've been working on it.

Councilman Lester: Let me ask you this Mr. Hicks. If you were to go to the wrecking yard right now and put the key in the truck, will the truck crank up?

Mr. Hicks: Yes sir.

Councilman Lester: Well, you don't have a problem then. Mr. Holt just said,

Mr. Hicks: I would have to go up under it to mount the gas tank back up in order for me to drive it off, and it's not tagged and all that stuff is not on it.

Councilman Lester: Okay, thank you. Let me ask this question to Julie, Mr. Glass. Are we splitting hairs as it relates to the definition of operable? He says that he can put the key in

the truck and crank it. And Mr. Holt says if he put the key in the truck and crank it, with out repairing it's operable. Mr. Hicks says he can put the key in the truck and crank it, but in order to drive it off, he would have to do some repairs, so - - -.

Ms. Glass: Well, to me, if you can't drive it, it's not operable. I mean, that's an off the top of my head interpretation.

Mr. Holt: The ordinance says it has to move under it's own power. (Inaudible)

Mr. Hicks: It will move, but it would be dragging the gas tank.

Councilman Lester: Well this is what I'm going to suggest to you Mr. Hicks, if you can crank the vehicle and drive it off the lot, I would suggest that you drive it off the lot. At that point, it's operable. If you cannot drive it off the lot. If it's not operable, and then as I appreciate it, you still are within the timeframe to work with the towing company to retrieve the property, is there some process for that?

Mr. Holt: Ten days from the tow date, which is today. He pay \$170 in charges and they will release the vehicle. And he has to make his own arrangements to pay the tow (inaudible).

Councilman Lester: Well Mr. Hicks, I would suggest that that's the best that we can do for you. Thank you Mr. Holt, and thank you Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Lewis Wells: (406 Woodrow) I'm here this afternoon to speak in reference to 1610 Hollywood Avenue, in reference to this individual's appeal of the decision of the Metropolitan Planning Commission. A little bit of background. I live about a block from where this property is located. I'm a homeowner, and I've been there for 20 years, and I drive by that location everyday. And there is not saving grace in approving this appeal for a number of reasons. The property has been owned or used or leased to individuals over the last two years, and they've done nothing with that property but really brought down the standards in the neighborhood. The residents want to preserve some kind of standard to suggest that we're moving in a positive direction and not a negative direction. It's zoned B-2, and B-2 zoning, I stopped by Metropolitan Planning this morning, got a copy of B-2, those things that are allowed in B-3 also. There are some, as a sidebar, there are a lot of good businesses that we could engage in under B-2 that would be in the best interest of the community. What he would like to do is to have a used car lot. And I suggest to you, if you would drive by there right now, there are 13 cars on that property. One truck, and all of those vehicles are in a state of disrepair. Some (inaudible) dismantled, which is even prohibited under B-3. Even if he was under B-3 right now, he is not allowed to dismantle the vehicles as I read it. And I have it before right now. So, we have someone who is outside of the zoning for B-2. He is not adhering to those guidelines right now. And so why would we expect him to live up to the guidelines under B-3. That simply is not going to happen. The property is not owned by the individual. I got a copy of the letter that he sent to the Metropolitan Planning Commission. He lives in Bossier City, though he says he has an interest in Shreveport, then I suggest that he find a place in Bossier City, close to his house, and choose that as the place for the use car lot. He has no interest in Shreveport. As I read the information this morning he owns the superette, Hollywood Superette down the street, it's a liquor store. We could do without that business. It does not enhance what we're trying to do in the Hollywood area. We have other liquor stores that we'd like to get rid of too. Thrifty Liquor is two blocks down the street, and going south on Linwood, there's another

liquor store. So we don't need that business. We can do without that also. So, he has no interest in improving the conditions in our area. And so, in speaking for the citizens that live there and homeowners, taxpayers, we don't want that change to B-3. We don't want a used car lot there. Because there's no saving grace in having it there. He's not doing what he's supposed to do right now. And so, our recommendation is the appeal be denied by the board this afternoon.

Councilman Shyne: Officer Wells, would you say that I believe you're a member of Paradise Baptist Church?

Mr. Wells: Yes, that's correct.

Councilman Shyne: Would you say that you all are in the process of maybe spending thousands of dollars to try to improve that area in there?

Mr. Wells: Yeah, we are really expanding. As a matter of fact, we own all the property almost up to that location on Hollywood Avenue, going east on Hollywood Avenue. So, we own it from the church. Almost adjacent to the property that he's asking to be zoned to B-3. That is correct.

Councilwoman Bowman: I noticed a lot of things that Paradise is in the process of doing there and I think Paradise is 1706 Hollywood, and that's in the following block. And I applaud Rev. Hudson and the membership. I take special interest in Paradise and all that Paradise does in that area because I was six years old and was baptized there.

Councilman Shyne: Oh?

Councilwoman Bowman: Hush Joe.

Councilman Shyne: Bless your heart.

Councilwoman Bowman: And my grandmother who is 95 years old is still a member there. So, I've grown up over in that area, I've seen it change over the years, and so I'm glad to see that you all are trying to do something there.

Ms. Linda Scott: (446 Woodrow Street) Good afternoon, to the Mayor, Chairman Webb, and Members of the Council. I attend Paradise Baptist Church. I'm also the President of the Neighborhood Association that starts right there at Hollywood from Hollywood to 70th, from Mansfield Road to I-49. For the past five years, our neighborhood association along with the residents have been trying to improve the quality of life in Hollywood. Now I retired from Caddo Heights, which is in Councilman Walford's district. I also am a member of NICHE where that property sits in District B, but I reside in F, and so I take an interest in both of those districts.

Councilman Shyne: And tell 'em whose District F is.

Ms. Scott: F is Councilman Shyne's district.

Councilman Walford: Excuse me Mr. Chairman, who claims you? Come on.

Ms. Scott: Councilmen. Two City Councilmen. Both. I belong to both. Okay, I'm here in opposition to this zone change.

Mayor Glover: And who is your Mayor?

Ms. Scott: Cedric Glover is my mayor, and I want to tell you. I want to say this. I spoke at the MPC on this same thing a few weeks ago. So I want to say they have (inaudible) me and anyone else that comes before the Council or any governing body, we don't want to be intimidated. When we walked out, we had a little incident to happen out there, out of this building leaving MPC. So I want to speak in opposition to this change.

Councilman Shyne: You were intimidated?

Ms. Scott: Yes, and the other people that were with me. So, I just want you to know that we in Hollywood as well as Caddo Heights, I church in Caddo Heights, I retired in Caddo Heights. I just want you to know that we support the T-Bone initiative, Taking Back Our Neighborhood Everyday, and so that's what we're here for today. To let you know that we don't want that zone changes. As Mr. Wells said, we have enough liquor stores. You all know what's all around there in our neighborhood. And so we're asking you to vote against it. Because we're trying to improve the quality of life. We're trying to strengthen our relationship with Super One, all those businesses in there, they partner with us. Conoco and those businesses, so we want you all to hear our voice. We live in Hollywood, we work in Hollywood, we vote in Hollywood. Precinct 38? Concerned Citizens Coalition, Precinct 38. The Mayor always says Precinct 38. That's where I vote, that's our neighborhood association's name, so hear what we have to say. We don't want it, we don't want anymore of your businesses that are zoned in our area, that are not conducive to our boys and girls in that neighborhood walking the street. Paradise has revival, Paradise has vacation bible school. Those children pass there. We know what's going on in our neighborhood. We partner with SPD, and so we know we had the town hall meeting just the other month. We know what's going on, so hear our voice. We don't want it. MPC turned it down, and we're asking you to do the same thing, cause we know what's going on. Thank you.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman? Ms. Scott, just before you leave, Mr. Mayor I think you stated earlier that you had a record of maybe 101, that you had only lost one. And I want you to make sure that whenever any of these wonderful citizens from my district come down, that you would make sure that they would not be intimidated at all. Even if you and I need to stand out front, and carry a big stick. Can I count on you on that?

Mayor Glover: Mr. Shyne without question, in fact I would ask that Rick Seaton take a moment to speak with Ms. Scott as she leaves the podium to have an opportunity to hear more specifically and directly from her exactly what her experiences were, so that we can find out what we may need to do in order to insure that we don't have those type of incidents in the future. One thing that we will not tolerate, are efforts on the part of anyone to try and bully or intimidate or otherwise discourage folks from coming down and participating and engaging in the civic process. So, that's not how we do business here in Shreveport, that's nothing that we're going to tolerate, and anyone who is guilty of that will have me and you, and I know the rest of this Council to contend with.

Councilman Walford: Mr. Chairman? Ms. Scott, you and I have known each other for a little over six years, right? Didn't you say they attempted to intimidate you, because I know you too well to think that somebody intimidated you. I bet when it was over they were sorry.

Ms. Scott: Well I don't know. There were two other persons that spoke on this same thing, and when we got halfway down the steps, they were ahead of me, the two gentlemen. And one of them did say, "Well, if he does something - - -," he said, "There are cameras out here." You know to the person. The person started across the parking lot, and came back in the middle of that street, right out the building, and I was going down the steps. The three of us had spoken against the ordinance. We had spoken against it. And the other person came back across the street towards us. And so the person said, let him - - - if you're going to do it, said alright. So he told me don't fear anything, because there's cameras. He said, we're in our right.

Councilman Walford: Sure, and I don't think - - -

Ms. Scott: But I don't think it should be when people speak for or against, or whatever, we're not hating the people or anything. We just have the right. The people that apply, they don't live in this zip code. They don't live in that neighborhood. And so, I think we all have a right. They have a right to request it, we have a right to oppose it.

Councilman Walford: Absolutely. And I know that you're not easily intimidated. Because I've known you too long.

Mr. Mike Gazawaneh: (1610 Hollywood) First of all, I don't know if they're opposing a liquor store or a used car lot, all they've been talking about is a liquor store. And at the last meeting we got declined and they were talking about how we had horrible cars, dysfunctional cars or whatever. We cleaned that place up, and the cars that are there right now, will not be sold. That belongs to customers that need repairing. And I've been working in the Hollywood area. We have the Hollywood Superette that the gentleman stated, and I've been there over 15 years, and we have not had any problems. When I filed for the appeal, I wrote a letter, and I think I provided over 75 signatures of residents of the Hollywood Linwood area that are all for the used car lot. So it's always been a car place, a mechanic shop, I mean, I don't know what else it could be used for. I mean I don't see what the problem of having used cars there, just any mechanic shop or used for parts, used tires or I don't see what the problem is of having it.

Councilman Shyne: Mike, I guess probably telling my age Mr. Chairman, but I've been Councilmen out in that are off and on over the last 30 years. And in case you didn't understand what they were talking about when they were talking about liquor stores, what they mean is that we have tried to get all of the liquor stores out of our neighborhood, because they really don't do anything but tear our neighborhood down. And what they were talking about was the potential business will let into that area. They live there. All that they own is there. They are not there talking about making some money. Perception a lot of times gets to be reality. And what we're talking about is cleaning up our neighborhood, and we're talking about putting business in the neighborhood where the neighbors would feel comfortable with. It just so happens that the businesses that you want to put in that neighborhood, they're not comfortable with it. What I would suggest for you to do is to take another look at my plan and see if you own - - - do you own the property or are you renting it?

Mr. Gazawaneh: I'm renting it.

Councilman Shyne: Oh, you're renting it. Okay, well if you want to rent the property, what I would suggest to you to do is to get with those people and find out what kind of business that they think would go into that neighborhood that would improve the quality of life in that neighborhood. But I understand what they mean, and what they're talking about because those people have worked with me, and I think Ms. Scott, I think Monty say you've been knowing him for six year, I'm not going to tell folks how long me and you been knowing one another. And Officer Wells, I'm not going to tell them how long - - - well I can tell them how long Officer Wells and I've been knowing one another and been working together for the past 30 years, and we've all been working to try to improve the quality of life in that neighborhood. Nothing personal against you. Nothing personal against your business. You have to understand, they live there. And evidently you don't. So, I understand their cries. I understand how they feel. Because I live right down the streets from there, and I live in a similar neighborhood like they live in. And I don't want things coming into my neighborhood that's going to take the value of it down. I don't want things that's coming into my neighborhood that I don't like or the people that live in that neighborhood like, so this is nothing personal towards you, and I

hope that you understand that. It's about they don't want that kind of business in their neighborhood. So, if you're a businessman, and if you still want to put a business there, I'd get with them and see what it is that I could do. Cause even if you own what's there, I mean it's really in Monty's district, but it's right across from mine, I would suggest that you improve what's there. Cause Officer Wells, and some of the other deacons at the church, we've been talking about that. If you own that, I would suggest that, because if not, I was going to ask Code Enforcement to come up and take another look at it. Because we want businesses. I'm pro business, but we want you to do your best to keep it up. Thank you very much.

Mr. Dick Bremer: (400 Edwards) I'm here today to speak on behalf of Ordinance D9, and we would respectfully request the Council to approve this ordinance. This ordinance would provide a double benefit to our community. The ordinance that would call for the closing of two railroad crossings, one at Wyngate, and the other at Malcolm Street. And these are railroad crossings, the railroad is the Union Pacific Railroad. With the closure of the Wyngate crossing, it would help significant company that plans a large addition in that area, which would involve several jobs, and the specific details of that re going to be shared with this community in a formal announcement later this month. But the company did authorize their engineer to share a comment that if all goes well with the railroad crossing at Wyngate, then all of the jobs would be located at that location. If that does not work out well, then unfortunately about 150 of the jobs would be lost to Marshall, Texas. Secondly, by the closing of these two crossings, the Union Pacific has indicated to the City Staff that they would allow them the opening of an upgrade crossing at Shreve Park. Shreve Park is a 500 acre industrial park in Shreveport. Currently the investment in that park exceeds \$65,000,000. And representatives from some of the companies that are currently located in the park will be sharing some comments with you this afternoon. We have about 400 acres yet to develop in the park, and having a second entrance and exit will be a huge benefit in developing those 400 additional acres. It will benefit certainly the companies that are already there. But it will be a huge benefit and allow us to market this park even more aggressively to bring in additional companies and associated jobs. I will share with you that we have plans for a closing on April 15th, where another company will be acquiring land. If that all goes well, on April 15th, 125 additional jobs will be added to the park. So the upgrade crossing at Shreve Park, a huge benefit helping the company and their major operation and expansion at Wyngate, another very nice benefit to our community, and we would urge the Council to pass Ordinance D9, authorizing the closing of those two crossings. I also want to share with the staff, with the Council, we greatly appreciate the help of Mike Strong, Ron Norwood, other staff members on this issue. Our dealings with this very road have been going on for over three years. It's very, very difficult dealing with the Union Pacific, we have our absolute best chance right now to reach success and the cooperation and help of the staff has been very helpful. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, before Mr. Smith starts his comments, Dick, could I get you to come back to the podium please? I don't know if we want to save this until the 20th as well, but are you at liberty to share the salary range for those jobs that we're talking about?

Mr. Bremer: It's my understanding that with benefits, we're looking at \$90,000 a year.

Mayor Glover: Just wanted to get that on the record.

Mr. Bremer: These are very good jobs, very good paying jobs, and hopefully - - - well, I know for a fact that you will be very pleased with company executive together with the Mayor

and others have the formal announcement later this year. But they type of jobs we want more of in our community.

Councilman Shyne: Dick, just before you go. Mr. Chairman?

Councilman Webb: Go ahead.

Councilman Shyne: Now, I would like to recommend our chairman who works at General Motors now. For a \$90,000 a year job, I mean, that's a good job in the City of Shreveport.

Councilman Webb: Come on up Mr. Smith.

Councilman Shyne: You see I'm looking out for you.

Councilman Webb: I appreciate that Joe.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Shyne, Mr. Chairman, you don't want to start a trend. We may have some other City of Shreveport employees that may end up impeding over that way as well. So, we don't want to lose too many of our key folks.

Councilman Webb: Go ahead Mr. Smith.

Mr. Ivan Smith (401 Sherwood) Mr. Chairman and members of the Council, Mr. Mayor. Thank you for hearing me. In other forms of business you folks have been listening to, one of the things that's been said was quality of life, and what we want for Shreveport. We do have a business out there. We employ 150 folks out there. We do have a lot of trucks, and we would appreciate the additional ingress and egress. However, I don't think I could ask my Council Members just to vote selfishly for Ivan Smith Furniture. What I think needs to be considered, and what I think is very solid evidence is why you should vote, and why the Mayor should support an additional ingress and egress is really about the quality of life, and that's brought about by good jobs. And it is a very fine park. It's a very fine business park. And the jobs that Mr. Bremer was speaking of are jobs that are not located in our area now, and they do have a large, large tract of land out there. And as I appreciate it, it's the Chamber of Commerce's business to bring jobs to Shreveport. And with jobs, those folks spend money. I won't talk down to anyone, but they're going to be buying goods and services, and not just furniture, but they're going to be paying sales tax. And sales tax helps out. The Fire Department, our teachers, our Police Department, our City Government, all of these things, and I think more importantly though, if people are working, there's going to be a higher standard of living for everyone, there's going to be less crime, and it has a multiplier effect in a very positive way for our city as a whole, so I think that even though it affects that geographical part affects maybe three Council Members, I see it broader than that. It affects everyone in our area. And the way I look at it, if I was out there selfishly looking at it, I would look at it as an opportunity to bring these additional jobs to Shreveport, because it is such a fine park. And Dick sold me the property, and he didn't charge me a \$1 an acre, or \$1,000 an acre, he charged me more than that, but it was a fair price Mr. Mayor. And I would suggest that the Chamber of Commerce, because they're not a for profit, they're for building jobs in Shreveport, that they can negotiate with these outside companies, to out bid Marshall, Texas, or Arkansas, or South Louisiana. We want the jobs here in Shreveport, where everyone can win, and that's why I think we can all vote for this in a positive way, and feel very good about our vote. Thank you.

Councilman Webb: You know Mr. Smith, when General Motors came to Shreveport, the land was donated to them, and look what's it's done for this community. And not that I'm saying I want to give the land away, but I certainly welcome the jobs that come with it.

Councilman Walford: He's already paid Dick and them for it.

Mr. Smith: Yeah, Dick's already gotten my money, and what I didn't say fellow Council Members is that - - - well I don't guess that's probably appropriate. I guess I'm nervous in front of you guys. But what I didn't say is that we have bought property adjacent to the property we have now, and if things go well down the road, we have a warehouse in East Texas that we're renting, and it's very possible that my family, my kids may build additional buildings out there, but I at least go in East Texas and try to do more in Shreveport. So, thank you for your consideration.

Mr. Gary Kennedy: (P.O. Box 7316) Mr. Chairman and City Council Members, I come to you today to ask you to vote in favor of proposition D9. I come to you as a business owner, and the employer of 150 employees and their families. Prior to 20,000 customers including the Frymaster Corporation with offices on Line Avenue, and in the Industrial Park, and as a distributor of gases, welding, industrial, especially medical gases from Fayetteville to Fort Smith, to Fort Polk, from Marshall to Minden, and someone who is interested in the future of the community here. So, as a citizen, a voter, a businessman, we appreciate the City Council's favorable consideration of this ordinance. We thank this city for its cooperation, the work it's done there, all the entities that have helped in the development of that park, it would greatly enhance the future development of the park. It would help transportation into and out of the park as it currently exist, and essential with economic development of our community. They have outlined for you, the City Council to favor this resolution. Thank you very much.

Councilman Walford: Let me just say that Gary has put a great deal into this. He exchanged a lot of emails, he discussed playing hard ball if he had to, but he has been tireless in trying to get this done.

Councilman Webb: I know he even had the Public Service Commission trying to get involved in this one.

Mr. Kennedy: Ralph Thomas who will speak soon, actually done most of the work for us, but I appreciate your thoughts and it's something we're interested in.

Mr. Jesse Ford: (9903 Chase Island) We've been in Shreveport since 1935. This is our fourth location out in the Shreve Park. We have two current locations, and about 600 employees. About 150 of those are out there now, and we own 50 acres out there, and we have about 150,000 square foot in our facility. But we have plans that that could grow up to 550,000 square feet. And it was nice when we grew back in the '90s to add that facility, and we just had in the food service president, and a number of the staff members of our new corporation, Manitowoc and they were here yesterday. And being the subtle guy that I am, I asked for more work to come here from some of our other facilities. And they're in the process obviously we know what's going on with the recession around the country. We're one of their top companies. We have been for a long time, and hopefully, we made the right contacts yesterday to take a look at relocating some of the product out of some of the plants. They obviously unfortunately like most companies now, with this acquisition, they have redundant operations. I'm not from Shreveport, but I've been here 20 years, and it's my home now. So, I have a very vested interest in those jobs coming here instead of our jobs going somewhere else. I think we have a good shot at bringing some additional jobs in here. We do need this additional entrance and exit to the park. We have for a long time. And so, I would appreciate your vote for that. (Inaudible) a lot of work done by the city, you and everyone else, and we appreciate that. It has been a long time coming. They're not easy people to deal with it when you deal with the railroad. So, I thank you for your time.

Mr. Ralph Thomas: (440 Linden) It really is intimidating up here. I wish I could be as eloquent as (inaudible) was previously, but I've been working on this project for about a year, and we got started when maybe Jesse and Gary had lunch, and talked about the need for new entrance. Just want to thank Mr. Mayor and the Council Members who came out to the campus and kinda looked at the situation there. And we really do appreciate your time. I would also thank Dick Bremer. We did a lot of talking and paper shuffling, but things really started happening when Mr. Bremer got involved with the project, so we're really proud, so thank y'all for your interest.

Dr. Scott Forrest: (8028 Shreve Park Drive) I represent the technology transfer center for Louisiana Tech University, and I've got two major reasons why we desire greater access to the Shreve Park area. No. 1, our charter at the Tech Transfer Center is to facilitate the transfer of technologies out of the laboratories and the research centers at La. Tech and into the market place. Specifically to foster business development and to foster it in the Shreveport area and the Shreveport region. We envision high tech start up companies, and business incubators one day to locate there in the park, creating good high paying, high tech jobs. Our vision is to one day build a technology research park centered around the Tech Transfer Center as it's nucleus, and I believe that when we do that it will provide growth and development and even more jobs for Shreveport, and for the region. We're presently planning some technology opportunity forums and other conferences to be held there at the center, so that's another reason greater access would be desirable. No. 2, we host a number of educational outreaches there at the center, we have two Masters programs. One is a Master degree in engineering and technology management, and we also have an executive MBA program as well. In addition to these classes, we have other outreaches, we have teacher certification classes, we have education classes, continuing education classes, and we're getting ready to start a major workforce development program there at the center. So, for these reasons and a host of others, I join with the other tenants of the park in asking you to grant this greater access. I believe it would be in the best interest of Shreveport, and in the region, and it will provide opportunities for economic growth, technology, and commercial business development, and I think it will have a lasting impact on the city and on the region. Thank you.

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:

1. **Resolution No. 24 of 2009:** A resolution authorizing Arzeria R. Wilkerson, located at 5407 South Lakeshore Drive, to connect to the Water & Sewer System of the City of Shreveport, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. A/Lester) (Postponed Feb 24, 2009)

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Lester, 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 47 of 2009

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MARK ALLAN HEIMBIGNER & LYNN MARIE MEANS, LOCATED AT 8039 AEGEAN LN., TO CONNECT TO THE WATER & SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, Mark Allan Heimbigner & Lynn Marie Means have agreed to secure all permits and inspections required by the Shreveport Comprehensive Building Code. Said party having submitted a petition for annexation to the City of Shreveport, and having agreed to fully comply with the regulations of the City of Shreveport in connection with said property, all as set forth in Section 94-1, et. Seq., of the Shreveport City Code. Said request and petition are attached hereto.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that Mark Allan Heimbigner & Lynn Marie Means be authorized to connect the structure, located at 8039 Aegean Ln., 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. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Long, Wooley, Webb, and Shyne. 4. Nays: Councilmen Lester, Walford, and Bowman. 3.

RESOLUTION NO. 48 of 2009

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ALLEN P. JONES & PATSY A. JONES, LOCATED AT 9531 MAZANT LN., TO CONNECT TO THE WATER & SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that Allen P. Jones & Patsy A. Jones, be authorized to connect the structure, located at 9531 Mazant Ln., 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. 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:

1. **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) (*Vetoed on March 6, 2009 and returned to agenda via Section 4.21 of the Charter*)

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

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, if you don’t mind, I’d like to move around in front and let you all intimidate me a little bit, and see if I can get a little sensitivity.

Councilman Webb: What is the motion?

Mr. Thompson: The motion is to adopt, and it takes two-thirds vote to override the Mayor’s veto.

Councilman Shyne: Let me say this. First of all, I’m asking my fellow Council Members to overturn the Mayor’s veto. And this is not about Mr. Harrelson, this is not about the landfill. And we all talk about being objective. I’ve heard Monty from time to time talk about lets be objective, let’s follow the letter of the law, and Michael, I’ll have to give you credit, you are a sticker for being objective, for following the letter of the law. Sharon, would you put on the screen, and I’m not going to do a lot of reading of this, because I hope that you would read it, and you would see it through your own eyes, but I think I asked the City Attorney what was the reason why Harrelson could not submit another application for zoning. And I think this is what she said. “Until there is a final decision on the appeal that has been filed in Caddo District Court, on the request that has been denied, they cannot re-file again on the same matter until there is a final decision on what is pending now.” That was her legal opinion, and you have to understand that legal opinion is not the law. It’s just what it says. It is a legal opinion. My position is that we need to follow the letter of the law. Sharon would you pull the ordinance up, 106-37. Okay. I hope you have a chance to look at it. I want you to read it with your own eyes, I don’t want to slip any words in there. Okay, Lynette, would you please show Section 106-37. Okay, it says reconsideration. No land for which an application for rezoning has been denied by the Planning Commission or the City Council shall be considered again for at least one year from the last date such application was denied. It doesn’t say anything about

whether it's in court. This resolution doesn't have anything to do with trying to amend this law. What this resolution is saying to the Council and to the Administration, please follow the letter of the law. Now whether you are against the case or not, give them due process. I'm not asking you to be in favor or against the rezoning issue. The only thing I'm asking you to do is please follow the letter of the law. Because you wouldn't want the same thing to happen to you. You wouldn't want an opinion that does not say what the law says to rule against you. Sharon, would you please put the other one up. I'm sorry, let's go to No. 2 of 2009. Okay, in the paragraph titled 'Reconsideration' the phrase shall not be considered again for at least one year from the last date such application was denied, means one calendar year from date of denial by the MPC. That's 12 months. If the denial was not appealed to the City Council, the phrase means one calendar year from the date of the denial by the City Council, any appeal to or proceeded in the District Court shall not interrupt the one year period. That should not interrupt the one year period. The law says one calendar year. 12 months. Would you go to the other one. Alright now this is what the City Attorney's interpretation is. No land for which an application for rezoning has been denied by the Planning Commission or the City Council, shall be considered again for at least one year from the last date such as application was denied. If the denial is appealed to a court or competent jurisdiction, the application shall not be considered again until the matter is finally decided in court. I want you to notice now, those words - - - you did not see those words in the letter of the law. I almost said, 'Did you Councilman Long?' But I won't. You don't see those words. That's what you call a legal opinion. And a legal opinion is not what? Is not law. I'm only asking you, I'm only asking you, I almost said begging. To please - - - and this is what the citizens of Shreveport want to do. Abide by the letter of the law. This is what we talked about on another zoning case. I wouldn't want the Chief arresting me, Councilman Webb and reading into the law what his opinion is. I would want him to abide by the letter of the law. So, this is what I'm asking my fellow Council Members, I'm not asking you to vote one way or another when it comes to this zoning issue. If you don't like it, when it comes back up, vote it down. If you like it, vote for it. I'm only asking you to please, and this is what the citizens of Shreveport want you to do, to please follow the letter of the law. God bless you, and I want to thank you all for being so kind to me. Mr. Chairman thank you.

Councilman Walford: Well, I'm just sitting here reading this section, but what didn't get put into the handout is finishing what the appeals procedure is. "Any person aggrieved by the decision of the City Council, shall have the right to appeal the decision to a court of appropriate jurisdiction, provided however such petition is filed in 30 days of such decision by the Council. So, there clearly is the court action included in the ordinances. But this to me is not about the letter of the law. The letter of the law is very clear. This is an attempt to change an interpretation of the law by this Council to benefit one particular business. It started out as - - - you know this came on the agenda, then we were asked to postpone it by request from Representative Williams because it was about jobs. And then we were asked to postpone it again because Representative Williams was talking to the Attorneys General about it, and there was a comment made about the Governor being interested. And now we've switched it to being about the letter of the law. The letter of the law is very clear. It's written in the ordinance that the court proceedings are part of the appeal procedure. So, to try and take those out of it now would be wrong by this Council. It has worked well in our zoning laws for a number of years what everyone who files expects. It's not what the citizens want because the

neighborhood associations to me would be slighted very seriously if we do this. So, I am not going to vote to overturn the veto.

Councilman Wooley: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I'll be agreeing. I voted once for this, and I'll be agreeing again with Councilman Shyne and the other colleagues I guess who will be voting to overturn the veto. In reference to Councilman Walford's statement, I think that what it seems to be somewhat of a disagreement or confusion is the appeal procedure versus the application procedure. Yes, they do have the right to appeal, and yes there is an appeal procedure to make that appeal if you disagree with our judgement. But it says nothing about the application procedure. And so, I think it's quite clear that - - - and I know you asked me that earlier today in reference specifically to Thrifty Liquor, when we dealt with that case, in which they have sued, and they won one section, and the lost in the other section. And you asked me, would I let them come back, or what would I think about that. And I say they have the right to come back within one year, even though I may disagree with what they're trying to accomplish at that particular site. I may disagree with them, but I'm not going to stop them or try to stop them or disagree with the fact that they have the right to come back every year. If they want to do that for 20 years from now, keep doing that, they have the legal right to do it. So, it has nothing to do with what the appeal procedure. It has to do with their application procedure, and they have the right to come back and apply every single year, and it is plain in black and white on this ordinance. So, I'll be supporting again. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Shyne: Councilman Wooley, thank you, and we've been concerned about money. We've wasted over \$700,000 of taxpayer dollars, and I know the taxpayers in the City of Shreveport wouldn't want to see. Because of this one activity. If you don't want them to have the zoning, don't do something illegal by not letting them reapply, and the law says 12 months. When it comes back up again, vote 'em down. And Councilman Wooley, I appreciate your position on that. I have taken the same position on cases before. I've been on this body a whole lot longer than Councilman Walford. I've seen a whole lot of things come before this body. But I have never seen us deny somebody of the opportunity of due process because of a legal opinion. A legal opinion is not law. That's only an opinion. We've spent \$700,000 on bad opinions. Getting ready to spend some more on bad opinions. I think it's time for us to put this to rest. It does not look good. And this is not about one particular individual, this is about the process. Sure you have the right, the law says to go to court. But nowhere does it say in there that when you go to court, then you cannot reapply. It does not say that. It does not say that at all. And I will close the discussion by saying, I hope that you all will understand that this is about due process. This is about following the letter of the law. This is not about giving somebody a zoning. I've voted down a lot of zonings that I gave people an opportunity to come up and talk about. We just got through letting a gentleman come up and talk about a zoning. And Charles knows over these years, we've been down here, we've had some sticky zoning cases. Where people have gotten angry. But hey, that's what I'm here for. To give you an opportunity to bring your case before the Council. Now I don't have to agree with your zoning. But I at least need to let you - - - give you due process. And this is all we're asking in this particular case. Is to follow the letter of the law. And that a legal opinion is just that. It's just opinion. I was told once opinions are like heads, we all got 'em. Chief, you were out just a few minutes ago, but I said that I wouldn't want you to arrest me on your legal opinion. Now if you arrest me, I want it to be because I broke the law. Not because of what you thought I did. Cause we all have different opinions, and this is all I'm asking. Lets abide by the law. Lets

take out, lets don't be subjective. Lets be objective, and I thought that our Council was very objective, and we had a lot of integrity, and when you come before this Council, you know that you would be treated right, and you would be treated fairly. It doesn't say that I'm going to agree with you, but I will at least give you due process. And this is the only thing that we're asking for in this resolution, if for due process. Mr. Chairman, I bring it to an end, and I'll ask for a vote.

Councilman Webb: Mr. Thompson, would you explain the 'YES' vote and 'NO' vote.

Mr. Thompson: The motion was to adopt the resolution or to re-adopt the resolution after the veto. And it requires a two-thirds vote for the resolution to be re-adopted. If there is less than a two-thirds vote, then the Mayor's veto stands. If there is a two-thirds vote, then the Mayor's veto is over-ridden.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, there may be a need to clarify some aspect with regard to the numbers that were shown out or given by Councilman Shyne regarding the amount that's been paid out for judgments and what have you. Terri, can you come up and give some clarification to that please?

Ms. Scott: Mr. Chairman and Members of the Council. Yesterday there were some numbers provided, and we wanted to make sure that you have the correct information with regards to legal fees, expenses, costs in settlements that have been paid to date with regard to the Harrelson matter in particular. Today legal fees and cost total \$265,242.51. Those numbers are amounts that we have paid to as of February 19, 2009. The two zoning matters, there has not been any payment made with regard to settlement of the two matters that are pending in District Court with regard to the zoning cases. These matters that were settled out of federal court based on two lawsuits there.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, I'm looking at a newspaper here where it says the Harrelson companies have been paid \$300,000 toward settling two suits. Is that - - -?

Ms. Scott: There were two matters Mr. Shyne that were settled in 2008, March of 2008 we paid \$275,000 in settlement to one, and \$45,000 in settlement to the other.

Councilman Shyne: And we did use taxpayers dollars?

Ms. Scott: Yes sir, we did.

Councilman Shyne: Okay, and when you add \$300,000 to the \$265,242, what do you come out with?

Ms. Scott: I'm sorry, give me the numbers again.

Councilman Shyne: When you add \$300,000 for the two suits that were paid out, and legal fees of \$265,242 and I think we gave Harrelson a credit - - - am I reading this right? Or did somebody write some wrong numbers? A credit of \$100 and I'm told that this information came from City Attorney, Terri Scott. \$112,500.

Ms. Scott: Yes sir, that is correct.

Councilman Shyne: Okay, I'm not the best mathematician, but I think when you add that up, it comes to right at about \$700,000? But lest say even if it was \$300,000, that's too much of taxpayers money, when Councilman Wooley is sitting over there with a fire station in his district that he cannot open, and who knows next week somebody's house could burn down, or somebody could burn up because we don't have the money. So, if it's \$300,000 that's \$300,000 that we really don't need to be spending Ms. Scott. Thank you Mr. Chairman. I'll call for the vote. I'll call for the vote again.

Mayor Glover: I think we and Ms. Scott, don't leave the mic. I need you to clarify the portion of that that's related to zoning, and the portion that's not related to zoning, and if you need to, state what the other portion is related to, so there is a clear understanding here on the Council in terms of what's zoning related with regards to those numbers, and what has to do with the other lawsuits that were filed by Harrelson by the previous administration, and what have you.

Ms. Scott: And again, I'm sorry, if I did not make that very clear. The zoning matters have not been settled. There has not been any settlement made with regard to those three matters that are pending in District Court right now. The \$300,000 represent settlement that was made in two federal cases that was settled. Not the zoning matters. Right now, we are incurring attorneys fees for settlement, I mean attorneys fees for the zoning matter, but there has not been a settlement. Again, the city is the defendant in those zoning matters. The plaintiff or the Harrelson in this instance filed the appeals based on the decisions from the previous City Council on the rezoning application. In that regard, again, we are obligated and duty bound to defend those lawsuits against the city. And we have done that. And that's where those additional fees come from for defense of those matters on the city's behalf.

Councilman Shyne: Ms. Scott, again, I come back to whether it's for zoning or whether it's for hauling mud. It's still taxpayer dollars. Whether it's for baptizing somebody, it's still - - we're still looking at taxpayer dollars. Now that's just like you telling me, "Well Joe, you hit me on the right side." And I say, "Well, this is my good side." But you still hit me. So, what I'm saying is Ms. Scott, I have no disagreement on what it was paid for. My point is we've spent too much money.

Ms. Scott: Yes sir, but again, the point I'm trying to make is that if we are named and when we are named as defendants in a lawsuits, when a matter is filed against the City of Shreveport, we are obligated to defend it. The defense of those matters causes us to incur costs and fees to defend the matter. And these lawsuits are still going on, and while they are still continuing, we are still obligated to continue to pay the money. It is always the plaintiff's right, a party who brings a lawsuit's right at anytime to ask that their lawsuits be dismissed. But until that happens, until the matter is either dismissed, settled or there is a judgement. We are obligated to defend it.

Councilman Shyne: I agree with you, but if we follow the letter of the law, then the judgments will go in our favor and they will not go against us.

Ms. Scott: Mr. Shyne, that's not a correct analogy. If we follow the letter of the law, there is an assumption made by your statement that the judgments will in fact go in our favor. Again we try every matter that ultimately ends up being tried, but those where we decide that it is to our best interest to settle those matters, we attempt to do that. But again to make an inference that if we follow the letter of the law, then there will be judgments in our favor, I'm sorry, I just can't agree with you on that.

Councilman Shyne: Well, am I hearing - - - am I hearing you say that if I follow the letter of the law and I'm right, the judge won't necessarily rule in my favor?

Ms. Scott: What you're hearing me say Mr. Shyne is that at not time have we not followed the letter of the law, and it is always our intent to follow the letter of the law in every occasion. At the end of the day, however to borrow one of Mr. Lester's expressions, the final arbiter of what the law is rest with a judge.

Councilman Shyne: And Ms. Scott, that's the very point that making to you. Most judges that I know are fair. Most judges that I know make their ruling based on law, and not on legal opinion. They usually make their judgment on the law. Whatever they make their judgments on, we have spent too much money. We have wasted too many taxpayer dollars whether they base their judgment on some cookbook, or a dream that they had. Anytime that the city has spent this much money, Ms. Scott, I'm sorry, but something is wrong. Now, I'm through with it, and you can restate what you said again, and I understand what you said. And if you want to, you can restate that again, and I'm going to be quiet and we're going to go head on and vote. But I want you to know that we're spending too much money. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Webb: Are you calling for the question?

Councilman Shyne: I'm calling for the question.

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

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2 of 2009 failed by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 4. Nays: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, 3.

RESOLUTION NO. 38 OF 2009

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENTION OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT (THE "CITY") TO HIRE PROFESSIONALS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FINANCING OF NOT TO EXCEED ELEVEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$11,000,000) UTILITY REVENUE BONDS (SHREVEPORT WATER METER PROJECT), SERIES 2009A THROUGH THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HOSPITALS OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR FUNDING UNDER THE DRINKING WATER REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF UPGRADES TO THE CITY'S WATER SYSTEM AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 271 Of 2008, A Resolution Authorizing The Mayor To Execute A Contract Between The City Of Shreveport And Triton Water Technologies, And Otherwise Provide With Respect Thereto, the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana (the "City") has authorized needed improvements to its drinking water system (the "System"); and **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution No. ___ of 2009, the City has filed an application for a loan with the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals Office of Public Health ("DHH") under the Drinking Water Revolving Loan Program whereby the City would issue its Bonds in an amount not to exceed Eleven Million and No/100 (\$11,000,000) (Shreveport Water Meter Project) Series 2009A (the "Bonds") and place such Bonds with the DHH; and **WHEREAS**, the City desires to engage professionals in order to seek approval by the Louisiana State Bond Commission for the issuance of the Bonds.

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: Employment of Bond Counsel. The City hereby finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of special bond counsel in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, and accordingly Weems, Schimpf, Gilsoul, Haines, Landry & Carmouche, (APLC) and Washington and Wells, Attorneys at Law, both of Shreveport, Louisiana (together, “Bond Counsel”), are hereby appointed and employed to do and perform comprehensive legal and coordinate professional work with respect to the issuance of the Bonds. Said Bond Counsel shall prepare and submit to such officials of the City for adoption all proceedings incidental to, and shall counsel and advise the Governing Authority on the issuance of the Bonds. The fees of Bond Counsel shall be contingent upon the issuance of the Bonds. The fees to be paid to Bond Counsel shall be an amount less than the Attorney General's then current Bond Counsel Fee Schedule as negotiated and other guidelines for comprehensive, legal and coordinate professional work in the issuance of bonds applied to the actual aggregate principal amount of the Bonds at the time the Bonds are issued, together with reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred and advanced in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, said fee to be payable out of Bond proceeds.

Section 2. Special Issuer Counsel. The Boles Law Firm (APC) of Monroe, Louisiana is hereby appointed and employed as special issuer counsel ("Special Issuer Counsel") in connection with the Bonds, any compensation to be subsequently approved by the City and to be paid from the proceeds of the Bonds. The fees to be paid for such services, together with reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred and advanced are contingent upon issuance of the Bonds and the Special Issuer Counsel is authorized and directed to prepare necessary documents appertaining thereto and to present them for further action by this Governing Authority.

Section 3. Financial Advisor. Grigsby & Associates, Inc., of San Francisco, California is hereby appointed and employed as financial adviser in connection with the Bonds, any compensation to be subsequently approved by the City and to be paid from the proceeds of the Bonds. The fees to be paid for such services, together with reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred and advanced are contingent upon issuance of the Bonds.

Section 4. Other Professionals. Should it be necessary to engage other professionals, the Authorized Officers (as defined below) shall be entitled to engage such professionals provided the contracts employing such professionals shall be promptly submitted to this Council.

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

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

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

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Webb to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 4. Nays: Councilmen Walford, Long, and Wooley. 3.

RESOLUTION NO. 39 OF 2009

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENTION OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT (THE "CITY") TO HIRE PROFESSIONALS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FINANCING OF NOT TO EXCEED FORTY-FIVE MILLION DOLLARS (\$45,000,000) REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS (SEWER REFUNDING PROJECT), SERIES 2009A THROUGH THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY FOR FUNDING UNDER THE MUNICIPAL FACILITIES REVOLVING LOAN FUND PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING CERTAIN EXISTING INDEBTEDNESS PREVIOUSLY ISSUED FOR THE SHREVEPORT UTILITY SYSTEM (THE "PRIOR BONDS") AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. ____ Of 2009, the City has filed an application for a loan from the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality ("DEQ") under the Municipal Facilities Revolving Loan Fund Program by the issuance of an amount not to exceed Forty-Five Million and No/100 (\$45,000,000) Revenue Refunding Bonds (Sewer Refunding Project) Series 2009A (the "Bonds")

WHEREAS, the City desires to engage professionals in order to seek approval by the Louisiana State Bond Commission of said Loan.

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: Employment of Bond Counsel. The City hereby finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of special bond counsel in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, and accordingly Weems, Schimpf, Gilsoul, Haines, Landry & Carmouche, (APLC) and Washington & Wells, Attorneys at Law, both of Shreveport, Louisiana (together, "Bond Counsel"), are hereby appointed and employed to do and perform comprehensive legal and coordinate professional work with respect to the issuance of the Bonds. Said Bond Counsel shall prepare and submit to such officials of the City for adoption all proceedings incidental to, and shall counsel and advise the Mayor and City Council on the issuance of the Bonds. The fees of Bond Counsel shall be contingent upon the issuance of the Bonds. The fees to be paid to Bond Counsel shall be an amount less than the Attorney General's then current Bond Counsel Fee Schedule as negotiated and other guidelines for comprehensive, legal and coordinate professional work in the issuance of bonds applied to the actual aggregate principal amount of the Bonds at the time the Bonds are issued, together with reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred and advanced in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, said fee to be payable out of Bond proceeds.

Section 2. Special Issuer Counsel. The Boles Law Firm (APC) of Monroe, Louisiana is hereby appointed and employed as special issuer counsel ("Special Issuer Counsel") in connection with the Bonds, any compensation to be subsequently approved by the City and to be paid from the proceeds of the Bonds. The fees to be paid for such services, together with reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred and advanced are contingent upon issuance of the Bonds and the Special Issuer Counsel is authorized and directed to prepare necessary documents appertaining thereto and to present them for further action by this Council.

Section 3. Financial Advisor. Grigsby & Associates, Inc., of San Francisco, California is hereby appointed and employed as financial adviser in connection with the Bonds, any

compensation to be subsequently approved by the City and to be paid from the proceeds of the Bonds. The fees to be paid for such services, together with reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred and advanced are contingent upon issuance of the Bonds.

Section 4. Other Professionals. Should it be necessary to engage other professionals, the Authorized Officers (as defined below) shall be entitled to engage such professionals provided the contracts employing such professionals shall be promptly submitted to this Council.

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

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

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 40 OF 2009

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENTION OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT (THE "CITY") TO HIRE PROFESSIONALS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FINANCING OF NOT TO EXCEED FORTY-FIVE MILLION DOLLARS (\$45,000,000) REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS (WATER REFUNDING PROJECT), SERIES 2009B THROUGH THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HOSPITALS OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR FUNDING UNDER THE DRINKING WATER REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING CERTAIN EXISTING INDEBTEDNESS PREVIOUSLY ISSUED FOR THE SHREVEPORT UTILITY SYSTEM (THE "PRIOR BONDS") AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City has filed an application for a loan from the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals Office of Public Health ("DHH") under the Drinking Water Revolving Loan Program by the issuance of an amount not to exceed Forty-Five Million and No/100 (\$45,000,000) Revenue Refunding Bonds (Water Refunding Project) Series 2009B (the "Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, the City desires to engage professionals in order to seek approval by the Louisiana State Bond Commission of said Loan.

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: Employment of Bond Counsel. The City hereby finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of special bond counsel in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, and accordingly Weems, Schimpf, Gilsoul, Haines, Landry & Carmouche, (APLC)

and Jacqueline Scott, Attorney at Law, both of Shreveport, Louisiana (together, “Bond Counsel”), are hereby appointed and employed to do and perform comprehensive legal and coordinate professional work with respect to the issuance of the Bonds. Said Bond Counsel shall prepare and submit to such officials of the City for adoption all proceedings incidental to, and shall counsel and advise the Mayor and City Council on the issuance of the Bonds. The fees of Bond Counsel shall be contingent upon the issuance of the Bonds. The fees to be paid to Bond Counsel shall be an amount less than the Attorney General's then current Bond Counsel Fee Schedule as negotiated and other guidelines for comprehensive, legal and coordinate professional work in the issuance of bonds applied to the actual aggregate principal amount of the Bonds at the time the Bonds are issued, together with reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred and advanced in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, said fee to be payable out of Bond proceeds.

Section 2. Special Issuer Counsel. The Boles Law Firm (APC) of Monroe, Louisiana is hereby appointed and employed as special issuer counsel ("Special Issuer Counsel") in connection with the Bonds, any compensation to be subsequently approved by the City and to be paid from the proceeds of the Bonds. The fees to be paid for such services, together with reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred and advanced are contingent upon issuance of the Bonds and the Special Issuer Counsel is authorized and directed to prepare necessary documents appertaining thereto and to present them for further action by this Council.

Section 3. Financial Advisor. Grigsby & Associates, Inc., of San Francisco, California is hereby appointed and employed as financial adviser in connection with the Bonds, any compensation to be subsequently approved by the City and to be paid from the proceeds of the Bonds. The fees to be paid for such services, together with reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred and advanced are contingent upon issuance of the Bonds.

Section 4. Other Professionals. Should it be necessary to engage other professionals, the Authorized Officers (as defined below) shall be entitled to engage such professionals provided the contracts employing such professionals shall be promptly submitted to this Council.

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

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

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 41 OF 2009

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENTION OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT (THE “CITY”) TO HIRE PROFESSIONALS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE

FINANCING OF NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY MILLION DOLLARS (\$50,000,000) UTILITY REVENUE BONDS (WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT), SERIES 2009B THROUGH THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HOSPITALS OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR FUNDING UNDER THE DRINKING WATER REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF UPGRADES TO THE CITY'S WATER SYSTEM AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. ___ Of 2009, the City has filed an application for a loan with the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals Office of Public Health ("DHH") under the Drinking Water Revolving Loan Program whereby the City would issue its bonds in an amount not to exceed Fifty Million and No/100 (\$50,000,000) (Water Improvement Project) Series 2009B (the "Bonds") and place such Bonds with DHH; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to engage professionals in order to seek approval by the Louisiana State Bond Commission for the issuance of the Bonds.

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: Employment of Bond Counsel. The City hereby finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of special bond counsel in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, and accordingly Weems, Schimpf, Gilsoul, Haines, Landry & Carmouche, (APLC) and Jacqueline Scott, Attorney at Law, both of Shreveport, Louisiana (together, "Bond Counsel"), are hereby appointed and employed to do and perform comprehensive legal and coordinate professional work with respect to the issuance of the Bonds. Said Bond Counsel shall prepare and submit to such officials of the City for adoption all proceedings incidental to, and shall counsel and advise the Governing Body on the issuance of the Bonds. The fees of Bond Counsel shall be contingent upon the issuance of the Bonds. The fees to be paid to Bond Counsel shall be an amount less than the Attorney General's then current Bond Counsel Fee Schedule as negotiated and other guidelines for comprehensive, legal and coordinate professional work in the issuance of bonds applied to the actual aggregate principal amount of the Bonds at the time the Bonds are issued, together with reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred and advanced in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, said fee to be payable out of Bond proceeds.

Section 2. Special Issuer Counsel. The Boles Law Firm (APC) of Monroe, Louisiana is hereby appointed and employed as special issuer counsel ("Special Issuer Counsel") in connection with the Bonds, any compensation to be subsequently approved by the City and to be paid from the proceeds of the Bonds. The fees to be paid for such services, together with reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred and advanced are contingent upon issuance of the Bonds and the Special Issuer Counsel is authorized and directed to prepare necessary documents appertaining thereto and to present them for further action by this Governing Authority.

Section 3. Financial Advisor. Grigsby & Associates, Inc., of San Francisco, California is hereby appointed and employed as financial adviser in connection with the Bonds, any compensation to be subsequently approved by the City and to be paid from the proceeds of the Bonds. The fees to be paid for such services, together with reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred and advanced are contingent upon issuance of the Bonds.

Section 4. Other Professionals. Should it be necessary to engage other professionals, the Authorized Officers (as defined below) shall be entitled to engage such professionals provided the contracts employing such professionals shall be promptly submitted to this Council.

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

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

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

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Long, seconded by Councilman Walford to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, and Bowman. 6. Nays: None. Out of the Chamber: Councilman Shyne. 1

RESOLUTION NO. 42 OF 2009

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENTION OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT (THE “CITY”) TO HIRE PROFESSIONALS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FINANCING OF NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY MILLION DOLLARS (\$50,000,000) UTILITY REVENUE BONDS (SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT), SERIES 2009C THROUGH THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY FOR FUNDING UNDER THE MUNICIPAL FACILITIES REVOLVING LOAN FUND PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF UPGRADES TO THE CITY’S SEWER SYSTEM AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. ___ Of 2009, the City has filed an application for a loan with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (“DEQ”) under the Municipal Facilities Revolving Loan Fund program whereby the City would issue its bonds in an amount not to exceed Fifty Million and No/100 (\$50,000,000) (Sewer Improvement Project) Series 2009C (the “Bonds”) and place such Bonds with DEQ; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to engage professionals in order to seek approval by the Louisiana State Bond Commission for the issuance of the Bonds.

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: Employment of Bond Counsel. The City hereby finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of special bond counsel in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, and accordingly Weems, Schimpf, Gilsoul, Haines, Landry & Carmouche, (APLC) and Washington & Wells, Attorneys at Law, both of Shreveport, Louisiana (together, “Bond Counsel”), are hereby appointed and employed to do and perform comprehensive legal and coordinate professional work with respect to the issuance of the Bonds. Said Bond Counsel shall prepare and submit to such officials of the City for adoption all proceedings incidental to, and

shall counsel and advise the Governing Authority on the issuance of the Bonds. The fees of Bond Counsel shall be contingent upon the issuance of the Bonds. The fees to be paid to Bond Counsel shall be an amount less than the Attorney General's then current Bond Counsel Fee Schedule as negotiated and other guidelines for comprehensive, legal and coordinate professional work in the issuance of bonds applied to the actual aggregate principal amount of the Bonds at the time the Bonds are issued, together with reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred and advanced in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, said fee to be payable out of Bond proceeds.

Section 2. Special Issuer Counsel. The Boles Law Firm (APC) of Monroe, Louisiana is hereby appointed and employed as special issuer counsel ("Special Issuer Counsel") in connection with the Bonds, any compensation to be subsequently approved by the City and to be paid from the proceeds of the Bonds. The fees to be paid for such services, together with reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred and advanced are contingent upon issuance of the Bonds and the Special Issuer Counsel are authorized and directed to prepare necessary documents appertaining thereto and to present them for further action by this Governing Authority.

Section 3. Financial Advisor. Grigsby & Associates, Inc., of San Francisco, California is hereby appointed and employed as financial adviser in connection with the Bonds, any compensation to be subsequently approved by the City and to be paid from the proceeds of the Bonds. The fees to be paid for such services, together with reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred and advanced are contingent upon issuance of the Bonds.

Section 4. Other Professionals. Should it be necessary to engage other professionals, the Authorized Officers (as defined below) shall be entitled to engage such professionals provided the contracts employing such professionals shall be promptly submitted to this Council.

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

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

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

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Long, seconded by Councilman Walford to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, and Bowman. 6. Nays: None. Out of the Chamber: Councilman Shyne. 1.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 43 OF 2009

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A DONATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND SHREVEPORT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, HERINAFTER CALLED "OWNER" AND ACTING HEREIN THROUGH DONNIE JUNEAU, MANAGER, FOR THE PRIVATE WATER AND SEWER MAIN EXTENSIONS AND RELATED FACILITIES TO SERVE

TWELVE OAKS SUBDIVISION PHASE I AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

BY:

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened, that Cedric B. Glover, Mayor, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Shreveport a Donation Agreement with Shreveport Development Corporation, represented by Donnie Juneau, Manager, substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in the draft of said agreement which was filed for public inspection with the original draft of the resolution in the office of the City Council on March 10, 2009.

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

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

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 44 OF 2009

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A DONATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND ROSENWALD I & II, A LOUISIANA PARTNERSHIP IN COMMENDAM. HEREINAFTER CALLED "OWNER" AND ACTING HEREIN THROUGH MARK TURRENTINE, MANAGER, FOR THE PRIVATE WATER AND SEWER MAIN EXTENSIONS AND RELATED FACILITIES TO SERVE ROSENWALD SUBDIVISION UNITS I & II AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

BY:

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened, that Cedric B. Glover, Mayor, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Shreveport a Donation Agreement with Rosenwald I & II, L.L.C., represented by Mark Turrentine, Manager, substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in the draft of said agreement which was filed for public inspection with the original draft of the resolution in the office of the City Council on March 10, 2009.

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

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

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Walford to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None. Out of the Chamber: Councilman Shyne. 1.

RESOLUTION NO. 45 OF 2009

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF ALL PERMIT AND INSPECTION FEES ASSOCIATED WITH A PROPERTY STANDARDS OR OTHER CITY OF SHREVEPORT DEMOLITION CONTRACT AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport Department of Property Standards is dedicated to the elimination of substandard housing, deteriorating conditions of residential, non-residential, and other premises which are detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of the general public; and WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport, through its Department of Property Standards, typically contracts with outside contractors for the demolition and removal of these structures upon a determination that they are in violation of Chapter 38 of the Code of Ordinances; and WHEREAS, from time to time, the City also issues other contracts for demolition related to other City projects; and

WHEREAS, contractors for Property Standards and other City demolition projects are required by ordinance to obtain demolition permits to perform the work; and

WHEREAS, the cost for the permit(s) is reflected in the contractor's fee for services and is ultimately paid by the City of Shreveport.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal and regular session convened, that all permit and inspection fees associated with a Property Standards or other City of Shreveport demolition contract is hereby waived. All other requirements of any ordinance, regulation or procedure applicable to the performance such contracts for the City of Shreveport shall remain in full force and effect.

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

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

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Lester to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, and Bowman. 6. Nays: None. Out of the Chamber: Councilman Shyne. 1.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 46 OF 2009

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A DONATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND SOUTHERN HOME BUILDERS, INC., HEREINAFTER CALLED "OWNER" AND ACTING HEREIN THROUGH EDWARD W. GAIENNIE, MANAGER, FOR THE PRIVATE WATER AND SEWER MAIN EXTENSIONS AND RELATED FACILITIES TO SERVE KINGS

POINTE SUBDIVISION PHASES 2 THROUGH 8 AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

BY:

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened, that Cedric B. Glover, Mayor, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Shreveport a Donation Agreement with Southern Home Builders, Inc., represented by Edward W. Gaiennie, Manager, substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in the draft of said agreement which was filed for public inspection with the original draft of the resolution in the office of the City Council on March 10, 2009.

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

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 49 OF 2009

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE SYSTEM SURVEY AND COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE REQUIRED BY THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITORS OFFICE OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA AND OTHERWISE TO PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport received a questionnaire from the State Legislative Auditor which is to be completed as a required part of the audit for which we have engaged certified public accountants, BKD LLP; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of the questionnaire it must be presented to and adopted by the governing body of the City of Shreveport by means of a formal resolution at an open meeting; and

WHEREAS, the completed questionnaire must then be given to the auditor engaged by the municipality who will, during the course of his regular audit, test the accuracy of the answers to the questionnaire and submit to the municipality and the Legislative Auditor a report containing his opinion as to the validity of the answers.

NOW, THEREFORE, **BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened, that the attached Systems Survey and Compliance Questionnaire for the City of Shreveport be and the same is hereby adopted.

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 ordinances or resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 50 OF 2009

A RESOLUTION SUSPENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 10 RELATIVE TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON MARCH 27, 2009 RELATIVE TO DISPENSING, SALE AND/OR CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT 320 TEXAS STREET FOR THE IBERIABANK CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY: Councilman Monty Walford

WHEREAS, Iberiabank located at 320 Texas Street will host a Customer Appreciation Day on March 27, 2009 between the hours of 11:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, Iberiabank desires to dispense and allow the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages at 320 Texas Street during the event; and

WHEREAS, Section 10-80(a) makes it unlawful for any person to dispense alcoholic beverages except within those sections of the city wherein such sale is permitted by the applicable zoning ordinance, Section 10-190(a) prohibits consumption of alcoholic beverages on the parking lot of a business or on other property of a business where said property is open to the public, Section 106-130(6) provides that unless otherwise excepted, all uses shall be operated entirely within a completely enclosed structure, and Section 10-81 provides that Section 10-41 (requiring a retail dealer's permit) shall not apply to a bona fide nonprofit event meeting the requirements of this section, only when it is held within the confines of an enclosed building; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of this resolution would allow the dispensing, sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages on the parking lot of Iberiabank, 320 Texas Street, on March 27, 2009 for a Customer Appreciation Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that the suspension of Sections 10-80(a), 10-81, 10-190(a) and 106-130(6) on March 27, 2009 for a Customer Appreciation Day, between the hours of 11:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Iberiabank located at 320 Texas Street.

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

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

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 56 OF 2009

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUSPEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF CERTAIN CHAPTERS OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT CODE OF ORDINANCES TO GRANT TEMPORARY APPROVAL FOR USES AND OPERATIONS RELATED TO THE FILMING OR PRODUCTION OF MOVIES WITHIN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY:

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport continues to experience growth in its movie industry; and
WHEREAS, from time to time, a production company may request approval to engage in temporary activities or operations related to a production that are prohibited by the Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, in other instances, production schedules driven by budget constraints do not afford sufficient time to obtain City Council approval to suspend the particular ordinance provision; and

WHEREAS, granting limited authority to the Mayor of the City of Shreveport to temporarily suspend the effect of certain provisions of certain chapters of the Code of Ordinances would expedite approval of the request from the production company.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that the Mayor of the City of Shreveport is authorized to temporarily suspend the effect of certain provisions of certain chapters of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances for a period not to exceed thirty (30) calendar days per request, for uses and operations related to the filming or production of movies within the City of Shreveport.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall expire at 12:00 midnight, on December 31, 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 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 Wooley 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 March 24, 2009)*

1. **Resolution No. 51 of 2009**: A resolution authorizing the Mayor execute a donation agreement between the City of Shreveport and Design Center Partners, L.L.C. hereinafter called "owner" and acting herein through Rand H. Falbaum, Manger, for the private water and sewer main extensions and related facilities to serve Brookmeade Commercial Subdivision and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (C/Long)
2. **Resolution No. 52 of 2009**: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a donation agreement between the City of Shreveport Development corporation herinafter called

"owner" and acting herein through Donnie Juneau, Manger, for the private water and sewer main extensions to serve Middleton Place Subdivision Unit 2 in Twelve Oaks and otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Wooley)

3. **Resolution No. 53 of 2009**: A resolution authorizing the Mayor execute a donation agreement between the City of Shreveport and RNB Enterprises, L.L.C. hereinafter called "owner" and acting herein through Ben Tullos, Manager, for the private water and sewer main extensions and related facilities to serve Reunion Subdivision Unit 1 and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Wooley)
4. **Resolution No. 54 of 2009**: A resolution declaring the official intent of the City of Shreveport to reimburse certain capital expenditures from proceeds of lease-purchase agreements, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
5. **Resolution No. 55 of 2009**: Authorizing the Mayor to execute an act of transfer and acceptance between the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, and the City of Shreveport to transfer all rights, title, and interest to State Route LA 3231 (Jefferson Paige Road) from the easternmost ramp intersection of the interchange with I-220 proceeding east and south to the intersection of Hwy 80 (Greenwood Road) and a portion of the Monkhouse Drive intersection approach located at the LA 3231/US 80 intersection widened to add turn lanes for proper intersection operation (Monkhouse Drive intersection), and a portion of the old alignment of LA3231 from its intersection with Ratcliff east to a dead end installation, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (A/Lester)

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Long to introduce Resolution No(s). 51, 52, 53, 54, and 55 of 2009 to lay over until the next regular meeting.

Councilman Webb: So is that correct 3231?

Mr. Thompson: I thought it was 3132, but on the agenda it's a 3231.

Councilman Webb: That's a typo.

Mayor Glover: The highway is 3132?

Councilman Webb: It is supposed to be 3132. It's not? Okay. Just wanted to make sure.

Mr. Strong: You're getting mixed up with the loop 3132. This is Jefferson Paige, 3231.

Councilman Webb: So it is correct? Okay. Thank you.

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES: *(Not to be adopted prior to March 24, 2009)*

1. **Ordinance No. 15 of 2009**: An ordinance authorizing the purchasing agent to dispose of surplus real property, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

2. **Ordinance No. 16 of 2009**: An ordinance amending and re-enacting a portion of Section 22-1, Schedule of Permit and Inspection fees, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Long to introduce Ordinance No(s). 15, and 16 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.

1. **Ordinance No. 17 of 2009**: An ordinance amending and re-enacting Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinances relative to Alcoholic Beverages, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Wooley, seconded by Councilman Long to withdraw this matter 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)*

1. **Ordinance No. 7 of 2009**: An ordinance declaring the City's intention to acquire full ownership of certain adjudicated properties, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (A/Lester)

Having passed first reading on February 24, 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 Lester, seconded by Councilman Bowman to postpone. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

2. **Ordinance No. 8 of 2009**: An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 130 of 2008, An Ordinance adopting the 2009 Riverfront Special Revenue Fund Budget, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (B/Walford)

Having passed first reading on February 24, 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 Long to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

3. **Ordinance No. 9 of 2009**: An ordinance authorizing the City to close the at-grade railroad crossings of the UPRR (Union Pacific Railroad) at Wyngate Boulevard located between Valleyview Drive, and Woodmont Street and Malcolm Street located between

Corbitt, Midway Avenue, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
(B/Walford/D/Wooley/E/Webb/F/Shyne)

Having passed first reading on February 24, 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 Long.

Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 9 of 2009

In the NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED paragraph, at the end of the paragraph, add the following:

Provided, that the authority granted herein shall not become effective unless the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) and the City of Shreveport have entered into a written agreement for a railroad crossing over Union Pacific tracks for the Southern Roadway Extension, leading into the ShrevePark Industrial Park, by June 15, 2009.

Motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 9 of 2009.

Councilman Walford: Very briefly, I discussed yesterday putting a timeline for approval of the Shreve Park crossings since we're taking the action that the railroad wants, I wanted some guarantee, so initially I'd suggested 60 days, but apparently when Ms. Glass was doing the amendment and talked to DOS, there was some question that that might be a little quick. We thought about 90 days, but not knowing exactly when the ordinance would be signed, I put June 15th, 2009. Which is roughly 90 days. They have to give us the agreement to open the crossing for us to get them the closures. And I was assured by the Mayor yesterday that the Administration will make sure that we get what we want.

Councilman Webb: Not that they would pull a fast one on us.

Councilman Walford: I'm not suggesting that at all Mr. Chairman. But I think the amendment might be a good safety feature.

Councilman Webb: I couldn't agree more. I'll support that.

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

Motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilmen Long to adopt Ordinance No. 9 of 2009 as amended.

Councilman Walford: In the way of discussion Mr. Chairman, this crossing is long past due, that the amendment will provide for.

Councilman Webb: Amen. I couldn't agree more. Certainly overdue.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, I'll comment after the vote.

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

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman and Members of the Council, I want to thank you for your leadership and your efforts in helping to get this passed. I think as I mentioned to you all once before when I came into office, and when this Council came on board, one of the things that we did was the inventory on what were the remaining challenges, things that have yet to be resolved and to be addressed, that were coming over from the previous Council or previous Administration. Well one of the things that was at the top of the list from the local economic development community was the resolution of this problem. We had a stack of letters that had not been responded to from the UP folks, and there were no lines of communication that were open, but because of the collective efforts of not only this Council and this Administration, but the folks who were here earlier in the Chamber, Smith and other folks who were involved here in the local business community, we managed to come up with a multi-pronged strategy that gathered some movement. That movement translated into inertia, that inertia has resulted in ultimate resolution of a long standing problem. And I also am heartened by our efforts and plans, as soon as this particular crossing is completed, is that the Chamber has committed to a new marketing initiative. I'm not sure if Dick mentioned that in his earlier comments. But one of the things that will be done, will be an effort to go out and I think as he mentioned spread the news about exactly what now available, now that we've gotten this particular situation resolved. But not only (inaudible) well for potential development that comes as a result of the existing business park, but the Parish as the Chairman of the - - - or the former Chairman of the Parish Commission will tell you, David Cox. The Parish has some property, and Mr. Webb, you're familiar with that I'm sure as well. Just on the other side of this railroad track that is ripe for development as well, is not in the business park proper, but it certainly represents an opportunity to be able to see some added value, some higher use, and some ultimate greater benefit coming to this area if we're able to provide better access to it. So, you all's willingness to stay focused and committed to the resolution of this has resulted in what's going to be some great benefits all the way around. So, kudos and thank you again.

Councilman Webb: That could open up the door for Southern Hills to make a comeback to what it used to be back in the '80s.

Mayor Glover: Well, three or four \$90,000 a year jobs, I think that'll bring back a whole lot of folks. And as I said, I just hope we don't lose too many Council Members or Mayor staffers as folks who may be dusting off their resumes.

Councilman Shyne: I know one who said - - -

Councilman Webb: Joyce and I are going together.

Councilman Shyne: Yeah, yeah. You don't mind, cause you don't make no money on the Council.

4. **Ordinance No. 10 of 2009**: ANNEXATION – Tag No. 07-01: An ordinance enlarging the limits and boundaries of the City of Shreveport – a 9.31 acre tract of land, being the Bluffs Subdivision, located on Ellerbe Road, between Golf Ridge Drive, and Flournoy Lucas Road in Section 08, (T16N-R14W), Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Wooley)

Having passed first reading on February 24, 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 Wooley, seconded by Councilman Shyne to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, and Shyne. 5. Nays: Councilmen Lester, and Bowman. 2.

5. **Ordinance No. 11 of 2009**: ZONING C-0-6-09: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning of the 383.60 feet of subject property located on the north side of Greenwood Road, 400 feet east of Marston Avenue, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-1D, Urban, One-Family Residence District, to B-3, Community Business District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Lester)

Having passed first reading on February 24, 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 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.

6. **Ordinance No. 12 of 2009**: ZONING C-7-09: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the NW side of Anderson, 175 feet west of Zeke Drive, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from B-3, Commercial Business District to B-3-E, Commercial Business/Extended Use District limited to “A Rental Business with outside Storage” only, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Walford)

Having passed first reading on February 24, 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 Long to adopt.

Councilman Walford: Just very briefly, this is going to be a nice addition to the area just north of the former Glover campaign headquarters, which I think previously had been the Seaton campaign headquarters.

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

Mayor Glover: And may well be the Glover campaign headquarters yet again.

7. **Ordinance No. 13 of 2009**: ZONING APPEAL – C-8-09: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the NW corner of Hollywood and Linwood Avenue, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from B-2, Neighborhood Business District to B-3, Community Business District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Walford)

Having passed first reading on February 24, 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 Shyne to adopt.

Councilman Walford: It's not to adopt, they denied.

Councilman Webb: They denied?

Councilman Walford: So what is my - - -?

Mr. Thompson: Normally our procedure is to ask for a motion to adopt, and you ask the Council Members to vote against it if you're not for it.

Councilman Walford: The motion is to adopt and I assume the second still goes, and I'll ask for a 'NO' vote. Okay? In the way of discussion, I'm going to say Mr. Shyne said it very, very well while several of the speakers were up talking on this one. But what we've got in that area, and Mr. Shyne definitely shares it because his district is right across the street. But we've got people that are working very hard to improve their neighborhood. We've got neighbors involved in Caddo Heights, or NICHE as Ms. Scott referred to. And we've got the Concerned Citizens of Precinct 38 across the street, across Hollywood in Mr. Shyne's district, and these are active groups that are really trying to make a difference. When we had the problems on Clanton Street in the previous Council. It was NICHE that got together, came down there and did a cleanup, provided lunch, all the folks from NICHE put on their gloves and worked to clean up and I'm saying that because this is right in the area where this is located. Paradise Baptist Church has made significant improvements in the area. And you heard them with their (inaudible). The problem is this location has got a really bad history. It looks bad, there's been bad activity, and I'm going to have to side with the people, and say that they want business, but they want the right kind of business to go in there, and they don't feel like this. And you've already heard that yeah, there are cars in various states of repair all over it, but they're customer cars. That to me doesn't make me feel better, and I don't think it makes the residents feel better. So, it's the wrong use, there's no way in good conscious that I could vote to put this there, and do this to a neighborhood that's trying to improve itself.

Councilman Webb: So, a 'NO' vote upholds the denial?

Councilman Walford: Right, so I would ask for a 'NO' vote please.

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

8. **Ordinance No. 14 of 2009**: ZONING – C-9-09: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the SW corner of West 70th Street and Janey, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from B-3, Commercial Business District to B-3-E, Community Business/Extended Use District limited to "A Body Shop and Wrecker Service with a maximum of 6 inoperative vehicles allowed in the fenced outside storage area" only, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (F/Shyne)

Having passed first reading on February 24, 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 Shyne, seconded by Councilman Walford to adopt.

Councilman Shyne: Charles, lets just make sure they put the fence up. Alright.
Councilman Long: So a yes vote is needed on this one?
Councilman Shyne: Yes.

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. 8 OF 2009

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 130 OF 2008, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2009 RIVERFRONT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND BUDGET, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY: Councilman Walford

WHEREAS, the City Council has appropriated funds for contractual services to be provided by SMG for the management of the Convention Center; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to ensure that said funds are expended only for such convention center management and not for other contractual services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that Ordinance No. 130 of 2008, An Ordinance Adopting the 2009 Budget for the Riverfront Special Revenue Fund, is hereby amended as follows:

Delete Section 5 and substitute the following:

5. Administration.

a) The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute all contracts, deeds, grant documents and other legal instruments necessary to expend or receive funds herein authorized.

b) However, no funds shall be provided to the Independence Bowl for 2009 until such time as the Bowl has provided to the Mayor and City Council a signed contract with its title sponsor for 2009.

c) \$1,790,000 of the appropriation for Contractual Services, budget for paying the city's contractual obligation to SMG for the management of the convention center, shall be encumbered within ten days after this ordinance becomes effective.

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

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

ORDINANCE NUMBER 9 OF 2009

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO CLOSE THE AT-GRADE RAILROAD CROSSINGS OF THE UPRR (UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD) AT WYNGATE BOULEVARD LOCATED BETWEEN VALLEYVIEW DRIVE AND WOODMONT STREET AND MALCOLM STREET LOCATED BETWEEN CORBITT

STREET AND MIDWAY AVENUE, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY:

WHEREAS, the Department of Operational Services is requesting to close the at-grade railroad crossings of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) at Wyngate Boulevard and Malcolm Street, and **WHEREAS**, the closure of the at-grade crossings will enhance the public and vehicular safety of the citizens of Shreveport, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, regular and legal session convened that the City is authorized to remove the at-grade crossings of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) at Wyngate Boulevard and at Malcolm Street.

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

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

Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 9 of 2009

In the NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED paragraph, at the end of the paragraph, add the following:

Provided, that the authority granted herein shall not become effective unless the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) and the City of Shreveport have entered into a written agreement for a railroad crossing over Union Pacific tracks for the Southern Roadway Extension, leading into the ShrevePark Industrial Park, by June 15, 2009.

ORDINANCE NO. 10 OF 2009

AN ORDINANCE TO ENLARGE THE LIMITS AND BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT – A 9.31-ACRE TRACT OF LAND, BEING THE BLUFFS SUBDIVISION, LOCATED ON ELLERBE ROAD, BETWEEN GOLF RIDGE DRIVE AND FLOURNOY LUCAS ROAD IN SECTION 08, (T16N-R13W), CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

TAG NO. 07-01

BY: COUNCILMAN

WHEREAS, Section 172 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 provides for annexation by petition; and

WHEREAS, petitions signed by more than the required percentage in number of registered voters and in number of resident property owners and by more than the required percentage in property value of resident owners of the area described below have been filed with the City Council to annex and bring within the corporate limits of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, the following described property, to wit:

A 9.31 acre tract of land located in the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section 8, Township 16 North, Range 13 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and more fully described as follows:

Beginning at the Southwesterly most corner of Lot 3, of The Bluffs Subdivision, as per map filed and recorded in Book 5050, Pages 102 & 103, of the Conveyance Records of Caddo

Parish, Louisiana, and said point also being a point on the present City Limits Line of the City of Shreveport as established by Annexation Ordinance No. 173 of 1987; run thence North 00° 20' 00" East along the West line of The Bluffs Subdivision and the existing City Limits Line a distance of 299.60 feet to the Northwest corner of Lot 6 of said subdivision; run thence North 89° 50' 52" East along the North line of said Lot 6 a distance of 117.24 feet; run thence North 01° 26' 00" West a distance of 179.65 feet to the Northwest corner of Lot 7 of said subdivision; run thence North 89° 59' 16" East along the North line of said subdivision a distance of 976.60 feet to the Northeasterly corner thereof; run thence South 36° 12' 00" West a distance of 257.70 feet; run thence North 53° 48' 00" West a distance of 200.00 feet to the Northwest corner of Lot 23 of the Forbing Heights Subdivision, as per map filed and recorded in Book 450, Page 587, of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana; run thence South 36° 12' 00" West a distance of 350.00 feet; run thence South 53° 48' 00" East a distance of 50.00 feet to the Northeasterly corner of Lot 19 of the said The Bluffs Subdivision; run thence South 36° 12' 00" West a distance of 395.10 feet to the Southeasterly corner of Lot 24 of the said The Bluffs Subdivision and a point on the northeasterly right-of-way line of Ellerbe Road and said point also being a point on the present City Limits Line of the City of Shreveport as established by Annexation Ordinance No. 173 of 1987; run thence Northwesterly along the said right-of-way line on a curve to the left (said curve having a radius of 2904.79 feet, a chord bearing of N 57° 25' 31" W, and a chord length of 448.01 feet) a distance of 448.46 feet to the Point of Beginning. The said legal description contains an enclosed area of 9.31 acres, more or less, and as shown on the attached plat.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal, and regular session convened, that the limits and boundaries of the City of Shreveport are hereby changed to include within the limits and boundaries of said City the above-described property.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the annexed area contained herein be and is hereby assigned to Council District "D".

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Clerk of Council be and is hereby authorized to file, within ten (10) days of the final passage of this ordinance, with the Clerk of the District Court for Caddo Parish a description of the entire boundary of the municipality as changed by this ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Clerk of Council be and is hereby authorized to record a certified copy of this ordinance in the official records of the District Court for Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

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. 11 OF 2008

BY:

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

383.60 FEET OF SUBJECT PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF GREENWOOD ROAD, 400 FEET EAST OF MARSTON AVENUE, SHREVEPORT, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, FROM R-1D, URBAN, ONE-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT, TO B-3, COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

SECTION I: BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, in due, legal and regular session convened, that the zoning classification of the 383.60 feet of subject property located on the north side of Greenwood Road, 400 feet east of Marston Avenue, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, legally described below, be and the same is hereby changed from R-1D, Urban, One-Family Residence District to B-3, Community Business District and legally describe as:

A tract of land in the S/2 of the SE/4 of Sect. 8, T17N, R14W, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA, described as: From the NE corner of the SE/4 of the SE/4 of Sect. 8, run south 602 feet; thence west 1350 feet to a point on the south line of Bullen Street, said point being the POB. Thence run S89°41'W along said south line of Bullen Street 100 feet; thence run south 384 feet to the north line of Greenwood Road; thence run east along said north line of Greenwood Road 100 feet; thence run north 382 feet, M/L, to the POB.

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

1. Development of the property shall be in substantial accord with a revised site plan showing a building site reduced to the size approved at the hearing February 4, 2009 hearing and all required landscaping and fencing per ordinance standards. This plan shall be submitted to and approved by the Planning Director. Any significant changes or additions shall require further review and approval by the Planning Commission. No permits shall be issued until the revised site plan and/or replatting of lots has been approved by the MPC Director or the Planning Commission.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 12 OF 2009

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 106 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT ZONING ORDINANCE, BY REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NW SIDE OF ANDERSON, 175 FEET WEST OF ZEKE DRIVE, SHREVEPORT, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, FROM B-3, COMMERCIAL BUSINESS DISTRICT TO B-3-E, COMMERCIAL BUSINESS/EXTENDED USE DISTRICT LIMITED TO “ A RENTAL BUSINESS WITH OUTSIDE STORAGE” ONLY AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

SECTION I: BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, in due, legal and regular session convened, that the zoning classification of property located on the northwest side of Anderson, 175 feet west of Zeke Drive, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, legally described as Lot 2, Anderson Island Center, Unit #2, Shreveport,

Caddo Parish, LA., be and the same is hereby changed from B-3, Commercial Business District to B-3-E, Commercial Business/Extended Use District limited to “a rental business with outside storage” only:

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

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

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 14 OF 2009

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 106 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT ZONING ORDINANCE, BY REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE SW CORNER OF WEST 70TH STREET AND JANEY, SHREVEPORT, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, FROM B-3, COMMERCIAL BUSINESS DISTRICT TO B-3-E, COMMUNITY BUSINESS/EXTENDED USE DISTRICT LIMITED TO “A BODY SHOP AND WRECKER SERVICE WITH A MAXIMUM OF 6 INOPERATIVE VEHICLES ALLOWED IN THE FENCED OUTSIDE STORAGE AREA” ONLY, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

SECTION I: BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, in due, legal and regular session convened, that the zoning classification of property located on the SW corner of West 70th Street and Janey, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, legally described as Lot 2, Barnwell Subdivision, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA, be and the same is hereby changed from B-3, Commercial Business District to B-3-E, Commercial Business/Extended Use District limited to “a body shop and wrecker service with a maximum of 6 operative vehicles allowed in the fenced outside storage area” only:

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

1. Development of the property shall be in substantial accord with a revised site plan showing landscaping and the location for the storage of a maximum of 6 inoperative vehicles allowed in the fenced outside storage area. This plan shall be submitted to and approved by the Zoning Administrator. Any significant changes or additions shall require further review and approval by the Planning Commission. No permits shall be issued until the revised site plan and/or replatting of lots has been approved by the Zoning Administrator or the Planning Commission.

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

Mr. Thompson: Well, Mr. Chairman, I'm not sure whether Mr. Lester still wants to keep No. 10 on. I don't know whether the vote that was taken earlier makes that moot at this point.

Councilman Lester: Mr. Chairman, I would think that it would make it moot.

Councilman Webb: Yeah, I would think so also.

Councilman Lester: What do we need to - - -?

Mr. Thompson: Remove it from the agenda.

Councilman Shyne: I'll second that.

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. (*Introduced March 27, 2007 --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) (*Introduced August 22, 2006 - 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. (*Introduced – March 25, 2008 - 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. (*Introduced March 11, 2008 - 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) (*Introduced May 27, 2008 - 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) (*Introduced July 22, 2008 - Tabled August 26, 2008*)
9. **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) (*Introduced August 26, 2008 - Tabled October 14, 2008*)
10. **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) (*Introduced August 6, 2008 - Tabled October 14, 2008*)

Motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Shyne to remove Item No. 10 (Ordinance No. 108 of 2008) from the agenda. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

11. **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. (*Introduced September 9, 2008 - Tabled October 14, 2008*)
12. **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. (*Introduced November 25, 2008 - Tabled January 27, 2009*)
13. **PROPERTY STANDARDS APPEALS:**
 - HBO0700145** – 426 Woodrow, Shreveport, LA (F/Shyne) *Ms. Carolyn Miller*, 424 Woodrow, Shreveport, LA 71105 (C/Long) (*Tabled August 25, 2008*)
 - 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 February 24, 2009 until March 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 February 24, 2009 until March 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)*

CAB0700310, CAB0700309, CAB070023: 8600 N. Emerald Loop, Shreveport LA 71106
(D/Wooley) *Ms. Ollie D. Harper, 8600 N. Emerald Loop, Shreveport, LA 71106 (D/Wooley)) (Postponed February 24, 2009 until April 27, 2009)*

HBO0800039: 7221 Bethany Street, Shreveport, LA (C/Long) *Mr. Ellis Pope, 11085 Sandwood Drive, Keithville, LA 71047) (Postponed February 24, 2009 until March 23, 2009)*

HBO0900005: 241 Wichita Street, Shreveport, LA 71101 (B/Walford) *Ms. Deborah McCauley, 241 Wichita Street, Shreveport, LA 71101 (B/Walford) (Postponed February 24, 2009 until March 23, 2009)*

NEW BUSINESS:

ABO APPEAL:

Ms. Miriam Breitling, 10321 McElroy Drive, Keithville, LA *Southern Soul Lounge, 1605 Marshall Street, Shreveport, LA (B/Walford) DECISION RENDERED MARCH 9, 2009*

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES:

Councilwoman Bowman: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Just a reminder, Public Safety Meeting has been called for Friday, March 20, 2009, 1:30 p.m. And it's scheduled in the Mayor's Conference Room located on the 2nd Floor.

Councilman Webb: I have a feeling we're going to move that down here.

Councilwoman Bowman: And I was about to also say it depends on the number of people that show up. I think provisions have been made (inaudible) to move it here in the Chamber, if that happens.

Councilman Walford: I had meant to talk to Ms. Bowman this morning, so will you jump in here with me if we need to, but we both attended the new sub-committee of the MPC, and I left with a really positive feeling that things are really on a roll, and about to get going.

Councilman Webb: Well Jimmy's left already.

Councilman Walford: I know, I was sorry to see that. But I think we have a very good, a very active group that are all interested. We had two from the, we actually had more than two people from the Commission, but the two members, the two of us, Don Shea, the Administration had representatives, and we had a very lively discussion, I will say that about

how to get things going, but I think it's very much on track, they're moving forward with their contracts, and I think we're going to see things rolling very soon. So, I have a very good feeling about this master plan now.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Councilman Webb: Mr. Thompson, does the Clerk have a report?

Mr. Thompson: I want to remind the Council that there is a special meeting immediately after this meeting.

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 5:30 p.m.

//s// Ron Webb, Chairman

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