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Council Proceedings of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana
March 24, 2009 - City Council Meeting

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana was called to order by Chairman Ron Webb at 3:03 p.m., Tuesday, March 24, 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 Wooley.

On Roll Call, the following members were Present: Councilmen Lester (Arrived at 3:13 p.m.), Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Absent: None.

Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Wooley to approve the minutes of the Administrative Conference, Monday, March 9, 2009, Council Meeting, Tuesday, March 10, 2009, Special Meeting, Tuesday, March 10, 2009, and Amendment No. 1 to Council Proceedings – Tuesday, December 9, 2008.

Amendment No. 1 to Council Proceedings of the City of Shreveport, December 9, 2008.

Amend the Minutes of the December 9, 2008, City Council meeting as published in the Official Journal (*The Times*) on December 16, 2008, as follows: On page 9B, column 5, delete Ordinance No. 174 of 2008; An Ordinance to amend Section 22 of Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance and substitute the attached Ordinance No. 174 of 2008, in its entirety.

And, make the same amendment in the December 9, 2008, Minutes in the official "Council Book, 2008", and in the City Council Meeting Minutes as published on the City of Shreveport/City Council Web Page.

Explanation of amendment

The second page of this ordinance was inadvertently omitted in the published minutes of the Official Journal. This amendment corrects that error.

[See "Ordinance No. 174 of 2008, adopted December 9, 2008," immediately following the Ordinances adopted today.

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.

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

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

Councilman Webb: Mr. Mayor, do you have any distinguished guests or - - -?

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman and Members of the Council, without question, anybody who has managed to venture out to the Council Meeting today with the threatening clouds overhead, has got to be considered a special guest. And so we thank them all for being here, and we look forward to the input that we know we will get from at least some of them. Mr. Chairman, Members of the Council, as I mentioned to you, one of the things that we intend to do by the means that the actual ordinance calls for is to have a report given to the Council with regard to both the Convention Center, and it's performance as well as the Hilton Hotel and it's performance. We have known in the past that that's just simply been a piece of paper, or several sheets of paper that's been given to the Council, but we think that the ordinance in order to be able to fulfill both the letter and the spirit of it, calls for that to be done in open Council an before this Body. And so, last Council Meeting we were joined by Sam Voisin, our General Manager of the Shreveport Convention Center, and so as to not overload our agenda, we've scheduled for today Mr. Bob Gansfuss who is the General Manager of the Shreveport Hilton. And so, if it will please the Council, at this point I would ask for Mr. Gansfuss to come and join us and give us his report.

Councilman Webb: And lives in my district.

Mayor Glover: And he lives in your district. Is he a member of the Southern Hills Homeowners Association?

Councilman Webb: He better be.

Mr. Gansfuss: Chasewood Homeowners Association.

Mayor Glover: Chasewood, there you go!

Mr. Gansfuss: Good afternoon. Mr. Chairman, Councilmen, it's a pleasure to be here. I think I know everyone, but for the record, I'm Bob Gansfuss, General Manager of the Hilton Shreveport, and you've got a handout being distributed to give you an overview of our performance, our first full year of performance in 2008, and what we have to look forward to in 2009. Now, I did not include any comparisons to '07 because we opened in June of '07. Opened a little late as everyone is aware, so for half of your comparison, I did not make any notes in regard to 2007. The hotel in 2008 generated just over \$11,000,000 in revenue. That was a \$191,000 increase over the 2008 budget. Considering the budget was done in 2007 after two months of opening with very little history, I'm very proud of the numbers that we achieved at the hotel. And it's a very strong revenue number. Our occupancy was 70.6%.

Mayor Glover: Bob, can I stop you for one second? Is it possible Sharon, is it possible for us to be able to take one of these and put it on the overhead so that both the audience as well as the folks at home get a chance to follow the presentation?

Mr. Gansfuss: I apologize, I could have put it on a flash drive and - - -

Mayor Glover: Bob with the outstanding leadership of this Council, and in particular Mr. Arthur Thompson, the folks under Dan Thomas' direction, you've got some of the finest technology anywhere in the free world in this Chamber today.

Councilman Shyne: Art, I think he's trying to lure you over to the Administration, but we're not going to let that happen. No, no. Dale, you see him?

Mr. Gansfuss: Does that mean he's going to solve my cell phone service in the hotel?

Mayor Glover: We may need to send Dan and the guys over there, and let them work on that a little bit. If you can direct Sharon, she can follow along with you, and have whichever sheet you're on highlighted while you go along.

Mr. Gansfuss: We keep an occupancy of 70.6% compared to a budget of 64.9%. That's a 5.6% increase. Total occupied rooms, 80,863 occupied rooms. Our average guest stays an average of 1.4 days. We achieved a gross operating profit of \$2,484,000 or 22.5%. Net operating income of \$1,868,914. That net operating income is available, is broken up for FF&E, and debt service. And the current contract called for 2 ½% of revenue to go to an FF&E reserve. And 28.9% of the total hotel occupancy or almost 17,000 rooms help supports the Shreveport Convention Center and Hotel meeting space. Those rooms were in the hotel because of the Convention Center, and the Hotel meeting space. Now, I've got a further breakdown on the revenue. A little more than 86% of the revenue comes from hotel rooms. 10 ½ % from food and beverage. 1 ½ % from parking fees. 1.4% miscellaneous revenue, and .4% telephone revenue. Comparison of our occupancy of 70.6%, the Shreveport Metropolitan Statistical area ran into 68.1% occupancy, and Louisiana North, which encompasses more Caddo and Bossier Parish, 65.1%. Those figures come from Smith Travel from their year end report for the market. So the hotel performed extremely well compared to the marketplace. Our business mix, we've got some or use some acronyms in our industry, but 36% of our business comes from a group business base. 63% of our business is transient, and I'll go through each of those categories with you. Almost 24% of our business is SMERF. Now that's an acronym for Social, Military, Educational, Recreational, and Fraternal. And that is quite a big group. Everything from the Omegas, the Deltas, to military groups, other fraternal and religious groups are in that. Movie production business accounted for just under 6900 room nights, just for the Hilton. The movie industry provided for over 31,000 room nights for Shreveport/Bossier in 2008. Other Hotel/Casino contracts account for almost 20% of our business. That's contracts that we have with casino properties, to help manage their overflow business and overbooking business, which is a big part of our business, at almost 20%. And then you see Convention and Association, self explanatory, and company meetings and incentives at 16.2%. So, just a little more than a third of our total business at the hotel is group business. And the biggest portion of our business is transient. Both comprised of local and national negotiated contracts. And what I mean by national contracts, Hilton has a number of national contracts with various companies such as Coca Cola, IBM, Weyerhaeuser, I mean it just goes on and on, and then we have a lot of local contracts that we sign up ourselves specifically for our business, such as AEP Swepco, Calcumet, Christus Schumpert, Willis Knighton, Chesapeake Energy, Acadian Land Service, St. Mary's Land Service, you get the idea, so it's more locally based. Then we have a government segment, and that's state and national government. Hilton Corporate Marketing Programs, everything from Bed and Breakfast, Bounce Back, Romance Packages, everything that Hilton Corporate Marketing does that we pay our marketing fees for to help support the hotel. And then consortium, these are your big mega travel agencies, your MX Travels, your Carlson Wagonlit,

your Hogue Robinson, these are your big mega multi office travel agencies all across the country. And then we have another category called BAR. Now that's not the bar where we serve liquor, but that's an acronym for Best Available Rate. That's the rate that most people book at the hotel when they go on the website on www.hilton.com and if you're not a AAA member of an AARP member, or member of some other organization, you get BAR, Best Available Rate, and that's what we sell most of the time. And then the next graph shows just a little pie graph of the business breakdown. Now where does all that business come from? Not too many surprises here. Our top feeder cities, Dallas, Houston, Baton Rouge, New Orleans, Ft. Worth/Arlington market, Lafayette and Little Rock. A big part of our business is weekend business, leisure business, a lot of that driven by Dallas, Ft. Worth, and Arlington markets. So where does that bring us now for 2009? Right now on the books which are tentative in prospect, we've got 29,600 group rooms on the books. And if you recall, it's probably what we did for 2008 for our group room production. Now not all of this is going to convert, but we still have a good nine months in the year to book rooms. So, I see substantial growth on the group market side, with revenue representing over \$3,000,000. What we're trying to target for our market segments, medical and pharmaceutical - - - they're a little more recession proof along with the oil and gas industry, government, sports, corporate market and regional associations and leisure, medical-pharmacy, looking at some of the bigger players (inaudible) and an oil and gas, Petrohawk, and certainly Schlumberger. Some of the leisure components we're looking at. We're still trying to bring the (inaudible) Alliance in for a five year commitment here in Shreveport/Bossier, Louisiana State FFA, African Methodist Episcopal Church, Parish Life Conference for 2011, and the Living Stream Ministry International Religious Conference for 2011. How are we going to get there? Well obviously, with aggressive marketing program. I think you heard from Sam last week, he's put together a good stimulus package along with the hotel to help promote both the hotel and the convention center. We do extensive marketing through Hilton, or Hilton Book and Save promotions, and we offer various incentives with Hilton Triple Honors Points and Miles. You know I talk about Hilton Honors Points and Miles, 40% of our room nights come Hilton Honors members, and that's our frequent guest program. That's a tremendous amount, not to be taken lightly for the fact that these are the people that travel week in and week out. And they pay premium room rates, and spend those extra dollars in the restaurant and the bar. But Hilton Honors is a big, big portion of our hotel business. Trade shows, National Business Travel Association, MPI, LSAE, Sprint Advertising, Medical Meetings, Convention South, Sports Destination Management, Oil and Gas, and then you see a list of direct mail. Basically what we're looking at areas that are a little more recession proof, like oil and gas, the sports market, especially for the kids, you know parents are still traveling to see their kids compete and sports markets and volleyball competitions, baseball, softball, that whole gamut. And the medical meetings, I think are certainly a little more recession proof. And there's just an example of how we piggyback with Hilton for incentive, for various incentives based on number of room nights booked. We also have an aggressive trade show planned. My director of sales, Mary Ann Nelson will be going to Los Angeles next month for the association of film commissioners. Hilton Hotels is sponsoring a booth and only invited three hotels out of 288 in the Americas to join them. I'm proud to say one was the Shreveport Hilton, one from

New Orleans, and one from Boston, so we have representation there at the Association of Film Commissioners. And we're at their convention last year as well. Society of Government Meeting Planners, Hilton Dallas Showcase, MPI, and National Business Travelers Association. Our (inaudible) advertising will follow pretty much that saying going with oil and gas, medical, and regional conventions, and then there's a picture of just one of the ads we placed with the Shreveport Convention Center, and the Sports Authority in a prominent sports magazine, and I think that shows very well the hotel, the convention center, and the activities that we can host here in Shreveport. Another area that I'm very proud to report on - - - Hilton has a tracking system that they use for all their hotels, to track guest satisfaction, and loyalty, and the acronym is SALT which is Satisfaction and Loyalty Tracking, and the Hilton Shreveport consistently outperforms the Hilton benchmarks for the averages of all the Hilton Americas, Hilton Hotels. And I'm talking just full service Hilton hotels now, which does not include Embassy Suites, or Hampton Inns, or Homewood Suites, just Hilton Hotels. And there are 288 Hilton Hotels in the Americas, which include Canada, Mexico, and the Caribbean. So we're talking everything from the Waldorf Astoria, to the Beverly Hilton, to the Palmer House in Chicago, to the Hilton in Oklahoma City, and everything in between. There's a whole gamut of Hilton Hotels, and we consistently outperform the Hilton average in a lot of key tracking areas, and I've got some of those listed for you. Now Hilton uses email addresses, and they track this via email, so this is not something that can be manipulated or controlled by the hotel property. So, it's very accurate and it gives a good representation of how the hotel is performing. And we are in the top 25% percentile, actually ranked 49th of 288 for property loyalty for our Hilton guests. This is all of our guests across the board. You know if you have a loyal guest, they're going to come back, and they're going to tell other people about their stay. So, loyalty is a key tracking index that we follow very closely. Because it's very important to our business. You know you give someone a good stay, they'll come back. And once they become loyal guests, hopefully, we've got a guest for life. Just to look at some of the averages, and I know this is hard to read on the screen, that zero point is the Hilton benchmark. And those aren't scores, but that's the median. That's the benchmark, that's the Hilton average, and you can see all of our scores regarding overall satisfaction, accommodations, value for the price, hospitality of the staff, are all well above the Hilton average, and all in the green zone, most in the double digits. And on the following page, you can see a little more detailed summary of our guests scores. That purple column you see over to the right hand column, those are our actual scores, and then the benchmark you see at the Hilton, and the difference. So for instance property loyalty, and this is measured as a percentage of 9s and 10s when a guest gets a customer survey, they're ranking you from 1-10. And we only count 9s and 10s. And 8 is not good enough, certainly anything below - - - 8 or below is not acceptable. So this is a percentage of 9s and 10s. So these are very strong, strong scores. When related to the industry average. Employment statistics. We have 137 employees, sometimes it goes up a few, goes down a few, annual payroll, \$2.8 (million), 84% of our staff is minority. 55% of the management is African-American, 90% of the non salaried supervisors are minority, and 98% are local residents. I've got a few people that commute from one of the Red River Parish and Coshatta. I think there's a couple down there in Coshatta that drive up here because their spouses work up here as well. But everyone else is Shreveport/Bossier. So, very,

very strong employment base. And the Fair Share Program, we've done fairly well with it. I'm not totally satisfied with the progress we made. Although we did hit our goal, we still have some opportunities with some of the proprietary items that we have to purchase through Hilton and the Hilton brand makes it a little more difficult to hit those goals, but those are some of the vendors that we do use for the eligible expenditures in computing the Fair Share Program. That's a quick overview. Open to questions.

Councilman Long: Did you see the film segment that was down so far this year?

Mr. Gansfuss: It's down significantly this year. We've seen very little. Last year we were fortunate because of Sony with Year One which was a major production, they provided a great stimulus for us in that first quarter. We don't see that this year, and we don't see very much on the horizon.

Councilman Webb: Thank you Bob, and we appreciate it.

Mr. Gansfuss: Thank you very much, and we welcome you all to come over and see us if you haven't been over in a while.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Bob, we appreciate it. Thank you Members of the Council, we will wrap up our Mayoral Communications at this point. We do have some information that we'd like to begin to share with the Council with regards to the Administration's effort regarding the stimulus package. The American Reinvestment and Recovery Act. But in the interest of time, we would probably suggest that if we get a chance to just maybe meet with you all, individually, or as a group. Because I know with the weather and everything else, we both are concerned about making sure that we don't stay too long today, but I'll just summarize briefly with this. You all know that the first part of the effort that we're moving forward with, \$12.4 (million) which would give us the opportunity to be able to hire 100 additional Police Officers. We'll be submitting that competitive grant as a part of the COPS Program, a billion dollars that's out there available for cities like Shreveport to compete for, and we hope to be able to get the full \$12.4 (million). The one block that we know we've got into the boat, because it's broken down by formula. It is \$4.7 (million) that we'll be making use of regarding, and we've just held a press conference for it a little earlier today, and a significant number of you were able to attend. The weather almost caught us, but we will be making the City of Shreveport Soiree into compressed natural gas powered vehicles. We will be buying our first five CNB powered busses. We will also be installing the City's first fast field, natural gas filling station, that will service those. We will also be adding some other amenities to our busses. You all may have heard me mention since I've been Mayor, interest in (inaudible) bicycle racks placed on the front end of our buses that would give folks who are a part of the biking community the ability to be able to combine both a bicycle ride and a bus ride with their commute. That will be a part of what we'll cover under that funding as well. But we think that this is obviously a great opportunity to be able to push Shreveport into one that we think is 1) ultimately going to be a more economical direction; 2) obviously make us a greener city, and; 3) serve as the biggest step so far to help us become what we hope will be a world wide center of excellence for the practical use as well as the research and development of natural gas. Obviously driven by the opportunity to present it to us by the Haynesville Shale. And so, we appreciate you all's time and attention, and we look forward to sharing more in the future.

Councilman Webb: I have one question about that. I know like the stimulus money that Gov. Jindal, and everybody knows about him not accepting the money, because of the higher unemployment taxes down the road. Are there any - - - I'm not going to say hidden charges, but are there any charges that are going to hit us in the face down the road after we accept this?

Mayor Glover: Not if the Governor is giving us money he's turning down. Mr. Chairman, I'm sorry. But to answer your question, well - - - give you an example. And this is the same set of circumstances that we face when I an Councilman Shyne were on the Council back in the 1990s, during the Clinton Administration, when we had the first advent of the COPS program. The grant that we're seeking will cover the first full three years of salaries for police officers. Under the initial manifestation of the program, it covered 75% the first year, 50% the second, and 25% the third year. Under this particular effort, it covers, and correct me if I'm wrong Chief, the first three years. Correct? And so we will have these 100 officers covered by this grant for the first three years if we add them 25 per year, over the next four years. Now after those three years, it becomes the City of Shreveport's responsibility to pick up the cost of having those officers on the books. If they accepted that opportunity in the 1990s because of what it represented in terms of added resources, like I spoke with Chief Prater, Sheriff Prator, sorry about that Chief, earlier today at lunch, and the number I believe we ended up adding, knowing his tenure was 27, net new offices during this time. And so, we will have to figure out as a city how we cover the expense of having an overall larger police department, hopefully when it's all said and done. The objective is to have a net 100 officers increase in terms of our funded staffing for the City of Shreveport. Now from my perspective, that's the kind of problem that I want us to have, and I think the three years that we would have to begin to see the impact and the benefit of those additional officers will also give us the time to begin to plan how we figure out what means and mechanisms we use to cover those additional expenses.

Councilman Webb: The reason why I asked that, I got to thinking about what the Chief said yesterday, and he was saying there was no way he could train more than 25 officers in one year, and this was basically going to be replacing the ones through attrition. So, how are we going to increase if we lose 25 officers in the year, and we can't train but 25 officers a year, I don't see where we're going to have 100 plus officers.

Mayor Glover: I think the Chief can clarify that, I don't think he meant just 25 a year, because we've got 36 in the academy right now.

Councilman Webb: Well, that's what I was just saying. But he made that statement yesterday, and I got to thinking about that after the meeting yesterday.

Chief Whitehorn: Yes, and I apologize for not being clear. What I said was is that 25 additional officers above our (inaudible) attrition rate. Which will be closer to 70 total officers per year.

Councilman Webb: Okay, that makes more sense. I was going to get with you before the meeting, but you weren't in here before the meeting started.

Chief Whitehorn: About 60 officers.

Councilman Webb: Good. That makes a little more sense. I appreciate it.

Mayor Glover: And I think - - - Chief, how many academy classes can we go through in a year?

Chief Whitehorn: Two.

Mayor Glover: And the maximum we can do per class is 50. And that's assuming that all 50 of those are Shreveport Police. Because as we started off just several weeks ago with a full 50, 42 of those were ours, 8 of which were Bossier Parish and some of the others.

Chief Whitehorn: Correct, we are a regional training academy.

Mayor Glover: So we would add these officers whose salaries would be covered by this grant but we would continue to go about recruiting, staffing, and training those that would already be funded for under our current budgeting numbers that we have in place right now. So, these would be in addition to, not in place of. Now Chief, and Mr. Chairman and Members of the Council, this is one thing that we ought to see as a (inaudible) as well because there are other cities across the country, for instance Columbus, Ohio and many others, because the thing that people have to understand about the stimulus package is both in terms of helping to create new jobs, but also to hold onto some jobs. There are some cities that unfortunately are in such fiscal dire straits, that they are using these dollars to just simply hold on to their existing police force, so they don't have to end up with fewer police officers than they currently have. Or as the case that you had with one of my fellow mayors, who had an academy class of police officers, in fact, you may have seen the press conference that President Obama had when he stood in front of that phalanx of fresh new police officers in their nice fresh new shirts, those were officers that would not have been able to actually been hired and to go to work for that particular city were it not for the ability to access.

Councilman Webb: Well, the mayor in Washington that has that problem with one of the General Motor or Ford Plant closing down, and there was no money to pay the police force.

Mayor Glover: Well we're looking to add to ours, others are looking in some instances, just to hold on to the staffing levels that they've had already. So, we feel blessed and lucky all the way around. I want to make sure that I answer that. The other aspect of that in relation to CNG is that this represents our start. We're putting in the infrastructure of the CNG project. The (inaudible) filling station up to \$1.5 (million) investment. It's going to have to be the need to retrain and (inaudible) some of the system that are out there. The mechanics are going to have to be able to go from just simply being diesel and diesel (inaudible) containers to also being diesel hybrid, and CNG mechanics as well. So, there are some cost, some expenses that go along with making that type of transition and so, but we think it's all worth what it represents in terms of the future, because to talk about the larger picture, as some of you and I have discussed, we don't want to see this just stopping at SPORTRAN, or one of the other next logical places to go, would be to our (inaudible) trucks for our sanitation. They would be another place where we would be able to get a tremendous amount of savings and benefit both in terms of reduced cost, and reduced emissions if we can begin to see a significant conversion to CNG as well. Then there is also the commercial end of it, the possibility of the City of Shreveport being partner with other private sector groups that make significant use of fleet build, who just may want to convert some of their fleet vehicles to CNG, they can afford the vehicles, but they can't afford maybe the investment in the fast fill station. And so we may be able to help facilitate that transition by serving as a place for those folks to come and get their natural gas tanks filled up, or either go out and do their route running and what have you around the city. And then also may have some

possible idea of those folks who have private cars, their own individual vehicles that may be able to come in and make use of some of the infrastructure we're looking to put in place.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman? Mr. Mayor, I'm glad to see that. During the budget hearing, if you all remembered, I thought I was having a tough time trying to get through to Gene Eddy, but I guess I didn't. You and I had talked about T. Boone Pickens. I don't know if that's a good friend of Michael Long's or not, but we had talked about this that most of our equipment when it comes to transportation, can look at going into this kind of technology that would save us money, and natural gas is a product that America has plenty of, especially in this area. I mean, it will really help us in this area, because we have plenty of natural gas. And I would hope Councilman Walford, I don't know whether you and the Superintendent of Schools are pretty close or not, but I would hope that the School Board would be looking at going into this with a lot of their buses. And this would help the economy in this area. So, thank you.

Councilman Webb: I see the City Marshal, Mr. Caldwell hiding in the back again. Good to see you. I think Councilman Lester has some distinguished guests here he'd probably like to introduce don't you?

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

Councilman Lester: Yes Mr. Chairman, thank you very much. I'd ask Mr. Willie Hinchon and Henri Wesley to please come up sirs. Mr. Chairman and Members, we have with us Willie Hinchon, who is the District Representative for the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. The Ninth District represents the states of Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas and Oklahoma. We are having a convention here very shortly. The District Marshal is Mr. Henri Wesley who is Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation for Caddo Parish. And they have a welcoming message and a small presentation that they would like to do, and so, we thank Mr. Hinchon for making the drive and I'll turn it over to him.

Mr. Hinchon: Thank you, and what a drive it was. It rained all the way. But I bring you greetings from Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, and this distinguished Council, Chairman Webb, Mayor Glover. I also want to bring honors to members of Omega, Brothers Lester and Sibley who are here. This is not our first time being here in Shreveport. In 1999, we had the pleasure of coming down and had a wonderful time. I'm aware of the time limit, and being an old coach, when they put you in the game, you just have to go in and play. So, I won't be long. We'll be here from April 7 through the 12th which is actually Easter weekend. We stopped by the Convention Bureau and got some quick numbers for you. We're estimating that we'll spend approximately \$220,000 just in hotel rooms, meals and shopping. However it will probably be vastly more than that. It was great to here the presentation from the Hilton. We've been in the city in 2004 getting ready for this meeting. We were here in June during the 'Let the Good Times Roll Festival,' for our council meeting. Came back in January for our pre-con meeting, enjoyed that. The Hilton is an excellent property. We have sold that property out as well as Best Western, as well as we're working on Holiday Inn, which are our two overflows. So, we're excited about bringing approximately 1,000 registered members, their wives and families, and

then that other family and friends group Brother Sibley, about another 1,000 gonna come in just to be with us. So, we're looking forward to that. Some of the activity that we're going to be proud in doing, we're having Opening Church Night, we're also going to have a High School Talent Hunt that's free to the public, we've got a "Q Lock" where we're going to mentor young men, going to be at Booker T. Washington for that. We're having our family day, and we're hopeful that we're going to be at Festival Plaza for that. We're also going to do a Health, Career and Job Fair at the Convention Center that Friday where we're going to combine bringing in some job opportunities for the local community as well as our undergraduates. We're comprised of about 55 undergraduate campuses in about cities. It was interesting to note that the Hilton mentioned the top cities. All of those cities have undergraduate as graduate chapters come in. I thought that to be interesting. Brothers Wesley and Lester have already submitted to the Council, our "wish list" of requests, so I'm not going to go into that, but we're appreciative of any support that this Council can give to us. I now want to speak specifically about the Convention Center, the Hilton, the City, the Tourist Bureau. And by the way, the Tourist Bureau did something we hadn't done in 72 years. They opted to go into partnership with me and they registered through the hotel for our first 60 days to registered members, so that we could actually lock down the hotel to have our registered guests in that hotel Brother Sibley, and that worked well. So Suzanne did a great job with that. We also want to compliment Cumulus Radio and Mitzi Hobdy Hightower, they've been great. We've been able to do our publicity and that kind of thing, and I wanted to let the City and the Council know that you do have people working like hand in hand with us. At this time, I'm going to show you a couple of slides. Going back five years, you're going to see the history of what we've done room nights, and we're going to leave a copy with the Council. But in the last five years, we've been in Oklahoma City, Monroe, Dallas, Houston, and San Antonio. We're already scheduled for New Orleans for 2010, and Monroe for 2011. But everywhere we've gone, we've captured our room nights and really just gone above that, so we're excited about that piece. Coming up, we're already under contract for about 10 meals here in the city, to start with our Council meal, and we do a religious meal, we've got a service awards breakfast that we do for our members, but our highlight will be our family day, as well as our founders banquet which this year feature a distinguished judge here, Judge Carl Stewart, he's going to be our keynote speaker. I don't know how we ended up with him, but he's going to speak and we invite you out that evening. That will be Saturday night and that will culminate our activities. And Mayor you're distinguished guest to come out and partake with us. We'll top that off with Easter Morning Prayer Service at the Convention Center. We'll actually have a church service and a breakfast. The next thing that I want to tell you is, I'm more excited about this. We do have the entire property of your convention center. From that Wednesday to that Sunday, Omega Psi Phi will have sole ownership of the Hilton, and we're excited to be able to do the things that we want to do in that building. We have a family march down that night where we have a Greek Show that the other (inaudible) will be involved in. So we're excited about that. Then Mayor, your piece one of the things that we're doing here, and I was told that this Next Great - - - pull up that 'Next Great City of the South', is that something that you have some ownership of?

Mr. Wesley: That's going to be a part of our flyers that we're going to do highlighting your skyline.

Mr. Hinchey: We're excited about being here. The local chapter has a history here with their festival, their good citizenship program, and the last thing that we're going to leave with you, Mr. Chairman. We only have one of these, I don't know the guy on the front of this, but this magazine right here will tell you quite a bit about Omega Psi Phi, and we wanted to share that with you, so that you can look at some articles and see what we do to uplift the communities that we're involved with. And the last thing that we'll have - - - the Convention Bureau and the City of Shreveport, you will see some flags that will be prominently placed throughout the city that welcomes us, and we're hopeful that those will stay displayed long enough for people to see them. But we're excited. I hope I didn't extend my time, and we're pleased to be here with you.

Councilman Webb: Thank you. Does any other Council Member have and distinguished guests or awards and recognition?

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

Councilman Webb: We'll move on to Property Standards. Mr. Holt?

Reports: Property Standards Report

Mr. Holt: Thank you Mr. Chairman, I don't have a report, but I'll be glad to take any concerns you have.

Councilman Walford: Mr. Chairman, I don't have any concerns, but I would really like to thank your folks and CLOs for the sweep in my district. That was great. I was so pleased to see the way it went, and the way that the CLOs worked with the inspectors gets the attention of even the most difficult folks to deal with.

Mr. Holt: Yes it does.

Councilman Walford: But they did a great job, and I really thank them for it.

Councilman Lester: Yes, I have two, thank you Mr. Chairman. Jim, I appreciate the work that you did, and want to let Mr. and Mrs. Leferage know that we are in fact doing research, that was an issue about that house on Sycamore, and we are doing the research to find ownership information and obviously had a problem with the trees, but the trees are alive, for us to take down live trees on property that's not exactly adjudicated, that's going to be a problem for us. But I'm hopeful through the research that your folks were able to give us, that we might be able to actually contact the owner, and get some resolution to that. The second thing I'd like to do Mr. Chairman, with your indulgence, I want to read a letter into the record and put it on the Council record. This letter is dated today from the Good Samaritan Funeral Home. I had a number of my constituents in the Allendale area, particularly around Arlington Street area that were concerned about the old Caddo Community Action Agency building and the state of disrepair that it's in. The Council will note that that building has been purchased by the folks at Good Samaritan, and they have made some efforts relative to fixing the building up. And so

certainly the community and myself were concerned at a lack of progress and just trying to find out what's going on there. I got in touch with Ms. Winnifred Jackson who is the CEO and Proprietor at Good Samaritan. She could not be with us today. She indicated that if we needed her to be, she can come to our next meeting, but she does send this letter. And it reads as follows:

Dear Councilman Lester,

Thank you for the invitation to speak with members of the City Counsel today. Because of a previously schedule appointment, I will not be able to attend. Please extend my apologies to the members. I look forward to attending your next session in April.

Prior to our purchase of the above referenced property, the grounds and the building had not been maintained since the relocation of the Community Action Agency Group. I have groomed the grounds and attempted to secure the structure with some opposition from vagrants and neighborhood children. My original plan was to refurbish the building as the new site for Good Samaritan. The structure dates back to the early 1900s, and is considered a historic site. Since we are a "for profit" corporation, we are unable to secure government funding to make repairs.

In November 2008, I hired an engineer to opine whether the original structure could be salvaged. He advised us to demolish the building, but save the interior wood floors, molding, chandeliers, and exterior brick, etc. for new construction. Currently, we are accepting bids for demolition with the hopes of salvaging what we can. J. Todd Stuart, the premier architect for the funeral industry, has looked at the existing structure and has provided an opinion on a new design. My hopes are to complete the migration to the site in stages without outside financing.

I hope this update is helpful, and assures you of my commitment to the revitalization of the Allendale Community. Should you have any additional concerns, I will be glad to answer any questions at your next meeting.

Sincerely,
Winnifred H. Jackson, Owner

Councilman Lester: So, I wanted to read that into the record. They are going to take a building that is very historical, on a number of different levels, and try to refurbish it, they're doing it with their own funds. So I'm convinced that we're going to see action. What Mrs. Jackson has indicated to us, here recently they have cleared the building of any exterior brush and things of that nature, and so hopefully by the next Council Meeting, she will be able to give us a firm deadline and a construction schedule as it relates to demolition, and reconstruction of the facility. But that's been a sore spot for a number of people in that area, and I just wanted to make sure that we got that information out to the constituents through this media so that they would know what's going on. So I appreciate Jim, you guys and your efforts to work with Ms. Jackson in that regard.

Mr. Holt: We do have that tabled on the Council Agenda. It's written up for demolition, and I sincerely hope that we never have to go after it, because it would absolutely break my budget to have to tackle that big a structure. And we routinely get calls and I'm glad you offered that because we really don't know what to tell them with it being tabled like it is, so that should help.

Councilman Shyne: Jim, I met with four or five people out in Hollywood Heights, and we're doing an excellent job out there. We have targeted some of those houses, and I think we only have about three left, and I think two of them are owned by Mr. C. I won't call his whole name, but you know who I'm talking about when I'm talking about Mr. C. You know Mr. C that we had the problem with?

Mr. Holt: Yes sir.

Councilman Shyne: The other houses that we had problems with. His father is a good friend of mine and the Mayor's. So, I would hope that - - - I'll get together with you later on, but I would hope that we would contact him to let him know that if he's not going to do anything with these buildings or with these houses, he needs to let us know. Because it ruins the whole neighborhood. You know we don't mind him making a profit. We'd like for him to come in and fix 'em up, but you know they just can't sit for years and years and years. Because it makes the whole neighborhood.

Mr. Holt: If I could get those addresses from you at a later date?

Councilman Shyne: Right, I'll get the addresses tomorrow. I remember one is 5005 McDaniel.

Mr. Holt: Well, I think we've gotten his attention already.

Councilman Shyne: I believe we have too, so we might need to - - - because that's an area in Shreveport housing that's spending about \$1.7(million) in there renovating those houses that they own, and that's a neighborhood, that we have really been able to bring back, and we don't want to let it slide down. But you're doing an excellent job.

Mr. Holt: I'll contact you in the morning, get those other addresses.

Councilwoman Bowman: Well, I just want to thank him again, I thanked you yesterday, and I thank you again for your assistance over at Jewella and Jackson, that property looks really good. I look at it every time I drive by. Thanks Jim.

Councilman Walford: This is a little bit out of the norm, but it's something I'd like to do. I got a copy of a letter that was sent to Mr. Holt, and it says, "Dear Mr. Holt: The purpose of this letter is to tell you how grateful I am with Mr. Kelly with the Property Standards Office. Due to Mr. Kelly's diligent effort, the eyesore at 205 Herndon Street has been torn down. People like Mr. Kelly deserve recognition." They also sent a copy of this to the Mayor, and to Mr. Kelly, and I just think when the citizens are that grateful, we need to recognize our personnel.

Mr. Holt: He's got something in his file on that.

Councilman Walford: Good deal thank you.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, we join Mr. Walford in adding his personal support and appreciation. And Jim before you go, I want you to make contact with Chief Whitehorn,

regarding a gentleman that he and I - - - (no need to do it now Chief), but the Chief an I made contact with following lunch today regarding a problem over in West Cape and that area.

Councilman Webb: Thank you Jim. Mr. Kirkland, before or after the meeting, or before you leave, I want to get with you on something.

Public Hearing:

The Chairman read the following:

Proposed 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.

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

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman and members of the Council, I know that based upon some of the comments made on yesterday, there's a little bit of heartburn for some members regarding this matter, but I would ask that the Council express their support for this effort, in that this does represent an opportunity to be able to improve the quality of our infrastructure here. And while there may be a time when we might want to play that high stakes game with the state, I'm not sure if this is the hill that we want to die on at this point. We may want to save those bullets for I-49, or something that may have a bit more at stake. This represents an opportunity to be able to add some infrastructure that we need. To not do it gives the state the excuse not to do it. So, based on that we ask you all to support it and if you have to hold your nose while you vote for it.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, I came prepared with my Roloids, in case anybody else needs any, I'll be glad to share them.

Councilman Webb: Do we have anyone here to speak in favor of this ordinance? Does anyone wish to speak in opposition to this 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. 72 of 2009**: A resolution suspending the effect of certain provisions of Chapter 10 and Chapter 106 of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances relative to "Thursday Nite Trolley Tour, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Mr. Thompson: I believe that Mr. Chairman, when you call for any members to speak for or against adding this to the agenda, Mr. Don Shea might have some explanation as to what this actually does.

Councilman Webb: Okay. Is there anyone in the Chamber that would like to speak in favor or against this? Come on up.

Mr. Don Shea: (Downtown Development Authority) You may have heard me say last Friday, although I wouldn't be surprised if you missed it, that we are planning in conjunction with SPAR and the Economic Development Department and others a Happy Hour function downtown, and we're combining that on April 16th, would be pre-existing TNT (Thursday Nite Trolley) experience. We have engaged four of the downtown pubs, clubs, bars or whatever you'd like to call them to be open to the public from 5-9 p.m. Patrons will have to register to participate in this ArtSpace, which would be the starting point. They'll receive a passport kind of document that will get stamped at all the other places on the tour, and go back to ArtSpace, there'll be a raffle of some trinkets at the end of it. We're going to have two bands, one at ArtSpace outdoors, and one at Blind Tiger outdoors for that period of time, we're also hiring additional security to be at the exterior of each of those locations. And to encourage people to participate in this as well as to promote the TNT Trolley, we're asking that they be allowed to, with proper containers, to move from venue to venue on that evening either on the Trolley or on foot. So that's the purpose of that request.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Shea, does this also - - - I believe it's every Thursday night between April 16th and June 25th?

Mr. Shea: That's right. I think that's the way that Ms. Ragle originally brought in and we're in support of that. We like this new function to become monthly. But we don't really have the experience yet, and we'll sort of evaluate it after the April 16th version and see if it's encouraging to move forward. Thank you.

Councilman Shyne: I was about to ask you if there would be any alcohol served. Councilman Wooley, you know you and I are both former Youth Ministers.

Councilman Webb: Oh boy.

Mr. Shea: Not on the trolley.

Councilman Webb: Okay, is there anyone else? Do we need to vote on adding it to the agenda?

Motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Shyne to add Resolution No. 72 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.

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

Confirmations and Appointments:

Councilman Webb: Confirmation and Appointments, I see none.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, I think we wanted to ask you all to suspend the rules if you would.

Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Walford to suspend the rules to add the executive appointment of Mr. Gene Richardson to the position of Chief Plumbing Inspector.

Mayor Glover: Have we given you the - - - we haven't? I signed it, and it's here. I'm sorry Arthur. It was up under this impressive Hilton Shreveport presentation. I was blinded by it.

Councilman Shyne: That's why we're going to keep Arthur with us.

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.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Richardson, would you join us up front?

Councilman Walford: Mr. Chairman if there's no objection from the Council, I would make a motion to confirm Mr. Richardson, because I understand he's needed in that department.

Mayor Glover: Very much so.

Councilman Webb: He's very, very experienced.

Councilman Walford: We did suspend the rules to add him, and I think Mr. Shyne said to vote on him, so our rules are suspended. So I'll make a motion.

Motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Long to confirm the executive appointment of Mr. Gene Richardson to the position of Chief Plumbing Inspector, Permits and Inspection.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman?

Councilman Webb: Yes, I know you want to read that, correct?

Councilwoman Bowman: Thank you Art.

Mr. Thompson: This is a letter from the Mayor concerning the Chief Plumbing Inspector. "I'm recommending that Gene Richardson be appointed to the position of Chief Plumbing Inspector in the Permits and Inspection Division, Office of Public Works, effective April 16th." And it list his salary and a copy of his resume is attached.

Councilman Webb: Okay, you want to make some comments before we vote?

Mr. Richardson: I appreciate the consideration. Look forward to the opportunity. My wife and I consider it to be a blessing.

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

Councilman Walford: He didn't want to tell you that he's one of my constituents.

Councilman Webb: Oh, he won't tell you that huh? Maybe he doesn't want to claim you. Okay.

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

RESOLUTIONS: None.

ORDINANCES: None.

TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

RESOLUTIONS:

The Clerk read the following:

RESOLUTION NO. 57 of 2009

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING T & B CONSTRUCTION, INC., LOCATED AT 805 ROCHEL DR., TO CONNECT TO THE WATER & SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that T & B Construction, Inc. be authorized to connect the structure, located at 805 Rochel Dr., to the water & sewer system of the City of Shreveport.

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

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

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

Councilman Webb: Any discussion on that Councilman Wooley?

Councilman Wooley: I believe that this one and the next three are in Twelve Oaks Subdivision.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 58 of 2009

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DAVID C. LEETH CONSTRUCTION, INC., LOCATED AT 836 ROCHEL DR., TO CONNECT TO THE WATER & SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that David C. Leeth Construction, Inc. be authorized to connect the structure, located at 836 Rochel Dr., to the water & sewer system of the City of Shreveport.

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

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

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

Councilman Walford: I'm voting 'NO' for all of these, I will continue to vote 'NO' to adding those that are outside the City to further tax and already taxed water system out there until the system will provide adequate water pressure for those citizens who live in the city out there.

Councilwoman Bowman: And Queensborough. Thank you. Ditto.

Councilman Shyne: Councilman Wooley, do I detect a little jealousy here?

Councilwoman Bowman: No. It's just reality, and don't get me started, because my people are suffering.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 59 of 2009

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ALBERT P. SMITH & PAMELA M. SMITH, LOCATED AT 9515 MAZANT LN., TO CONNECT TO THE WATER & SEWER

SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, Albert P. Smith & Pamela M. Smith 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 Albert P. Smith & Pamela M. Smith, be authorized to connect the structure, located at 9515 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.

Councilman Long: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to comment. For the record, I think that as we move forward with these things that it would be nice to know from the Administration or somebody that there is a particular subdivision with these things as they come forward would be helpful information to me, and maybe to some of the others. But as a policy situation, I would like to have more discussions. Maybe not in the context of a City Council Meeting, but in an Infrastructure Committee Meeting or something to talk about that whole issue of people connecting up, with the idea of if they're going to annex or not and all this stuff. We need to have a more clear policy on that so that we're all on the same page. So I would hope and recommend that we do that.

Councilman Webb: Well I appreciate that. Isn't there an existing subdivision that as they sell the lots off, the subdivision grows, and then so we add them to the rolls?

Mr. Norwood: Yes Mr. Chairman, and it is in the City limits I think.

Councilman Wooley: And I think the city has policies in place for annexation.

Councilman Shyne: That's why I say I detect a little jealousy Bryan.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 60 of 2009

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CODY D. BOGAN & REBECCA D. BOGAN, LOCATED AT 680 PICKETT'S MILL DR., TO CONNECT TO THE WATER &

SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, Cody D. Bogan & Rebecca D. Bogan 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 Cody D. Bogan & Rebecca D. Bogan be authorized to connect the structure, located at 680 Pickett's Mill Dr., to the water & sewer system of the City of Shreveport.

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

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

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

Councilman Lester: Mr. Chairman, as we move forward to piggyback onto what Councilman Long said, I would ask that for the next Council Meeting, someone with the Administration or DOS give us a primer, if you will, on the issue of impact fees. What other municipalities are doing in terms of impact fees, smart growth and things of that nature. Particularly as it relates to extending infrastructure outside the city limits and things of that nature. I know that that's not necessarily a popular subject, but I would like to get some information on some other municipalities from around the state, to kind of take a look at that.

Councilwoman Bowman: Thank you Mr. Lester for that, and thank some of the other Council Members for taking some interest in this. Because I felt like the Lone Ranger for a long time on these very issues.

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

ORDINANCES: None.

REGULAR AGENDA LEGISLATION

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

The Clerk read the following:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 51 OF 2009

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO 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, MANAGER, FOR THE PRIVATE WATER AND SEWER MAIN EXTENSIONS AND RELATED FACILITIES TO SERVE BROOKMEADE COMMERCIAL SUBDIVISION AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

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 Design Center Partners, L.L.C. , represented by Rand H. Falbaum, 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 Long, seconded by Councilman Wooley to adopt.

Councilman Wooley: Just so you know, this is in the city limits.

Councilman Long: And this is a development in an old cotton field, and this is commercial development, and people pay good taxes.

Councilman Shyne: Mike, I'm glad to see some of these cotton fields being taken out of growing cotton. My fingers, and back can be relieved.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 52 OF 2009

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A DONATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND SHREVEPORT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, HEREINAFTER CALLED "OWNER" AND ACTING HEREIN THROUGH DONNIE JUNEAU, MANAGER, FOR THE PRIVATE WATER AND SEWER MAIN EXTENSIONS TO SERVE MIDDLETON PLACE SUBDIVISION UNIT 3 IN TWELVE OAKS AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

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 Shyne to adopt.

Councilman Walford: I guess this would be for Mr. Norwood? This is in the city limits?

Mayor Glover: For the record, we want to affirm what that answer was?

Councilman Walford: And I understand that was a 'YES'.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 53 OF 2009

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO 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 I AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

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 RNB Enterprises, L.L.C., represented by Ben Tullos, 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: Councilwoman Bowman. 1.

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

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport intends to acquire certain equipment and other property as generally described below (hereinafter, the "Property");

Police vehicles and equipment

WHEREAS, the City may pay certain capital expenditures in connection with the Property prior to its receipt of proceeds of a lease-purchase agreement ("Lease Purchase Proceeds");

WHEREAS, the City reasonably anticipates that it will make expenditures with respect to the Property in the principal amount not exceeding \$500,000 ("Principal Amount") for which the City may or expects to enter into one or more Lease-Purchase Agreements;

WHEREAS, Treasury Department and Internal Revenue Service Regulations do not allow the proceeds of a tax-exempt borrowing to be spent on working capital;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport ("Governing Body") in due, legal and regular session convened that:

Section 1. The Governing Body finds and determines that the foregoing recitals are true and correct.

Section 2. This Resolution is adopted by the Governing Body of the City for the purpose of establishing compliance with the requirements of Section 1.150-2 of Treasury Regulations. This Resolution does not bind the City to make any expenditure, incur any indebtedness, or proceed with the purchase of the Property.

Section 3. The Governing Body of the City expects the City will pay certain capital expenditures in connection with the Property prior to the receipt of Lease Purchase Proceeds for the Property.

Section 4. The Governing Body of City hereby declares the City's official intent to use Lease Purchase Proceeds to reimburse itself for Property expenditures.

Section 5. This resolution and declaration of official intent shall take effect in accordance with Section 4.23 of the City Charter.

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

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

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 55 OF 2009

A RESOLUTION 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 EASTERMOST 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 LA 3231 FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH RATCLIFF EAST TO A DEAD END INSTALLATION, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY:

WHEREAS, in accordance with Resolution Number 106 of 2000, the City of Shreveport entered into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for the purposes of improving LA. Highway 3231 from Monkhouse Drive to I-220; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the cooperative endeavor agreement dated June 30, 2000, upon completion and acceptance of the proposed improvements to LA Highway 3231, the State of Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development was to transfer all rights, title and interest to the City of Shreveport; and

WHEREAS, the proposed improvements have been completed and accepted; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that the execution by Mayor Cedric Glover of the Act Of Transfer And Acceptance between the City of Shreveport and the LA Department of Transportation and Development for the project described herein is hereby authorized and ratified for the purpose described herein and as stated in that agreement, all has set forth in the copy of said agreement which was filed for public inspection with the original draft of this Resolution in the office of the Clerk of Council on March 10, 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 affect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this Resolution are hereby declared severable.

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

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 61 OF 2009

A RESOLUTION REJECTING THE BIDS RECEIVED FOR IFB#09-005, THE ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR JANITORIAL SUPPLIES FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, three (3) bids were received as a result of solicitations on IFB#09-005 for The Annual Contract for Janitorial Supplies for the Fire Department; and;

WHEREAS, the City has rejected all bids due to a recommendation by the Fire Department because of a change in specifications is required;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that the bids received on IFB#09-005 be rejected;

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

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

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, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 62 OF 2008

A RESOLUTION SUSPENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 10 RELATIVE TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON MAY 17, 2009 RELATIVE TO DISPENSING, SALE AND/OR CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT 4801 LINE AVENUE FOR THE WINE COUNTRY BISTRO'S, WINE AND SWINE EVENT AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY: COUNCILMAN Michael Long

WHEREAS, The Wine Country Bistro located at 4801 Line Avenue will host a Wine and Swine event on May 17, 2009 between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the establishment desires to dispense, and allow the consumption and sale of alcoholic beverages on the parking lot of the establishment, between the hours of 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Section 10-80(a) makes it unlawful for any person to sell, barter, exchange or otherwise dispose of alcoholic beverages except within those sections of the city wherein such sale is permitted by the applicable zoning ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Section Chapter 10-103(a)(5) provides that the city council may suspend or revoke any permit if a retailer allows any person to consume any alcoholic beverage on the licensed premises or on any parking lot or open or closed space within or contiguous to the licensed premises without a proper license; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of this resolution would allow the dispensing, sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages on the parking lot of The Wine Country Bistro, 4801 Line Avenue, on May 17, 2009 for the Wine and Swine event.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened Section 106-130(6), 10-103(a)(5) and 10-80(a) are hereby suspended on May 17, 2009 for the Wine and Swine event, between the hours of 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., at The Wine Country Bistro, 4801 Line Avenue.

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 Long, seconded by Councilman Walford to adopt.

Councilman Long: Help this business to hold a function there to celebrate their being there for a year.

Councilman Webb: Is this their first time to do this?

Councilman Long: Yeah.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63 OF 2009

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has received an offer to purchase the tax interest in the herein below described property as indicated below.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Shreveport does hereby authorize the sale of its tax interest in the herein below described property for an amount not less than the offer as indicated below, which is equal to the amount of the back taxes owed on the property .

Property No. 1: Legal Description – Lot 27, Wooland Springs Addition, a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, as per plat recorded in Book 600, Page 369 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon and having a municipal address of 726 West 74th Street, Shreveport LA 71108, Geo#171426-022-0027-00.

AMOUNT OFFERED: \$3,946.75 TOTAL TAXES DUE: \$3,946.75 DISTRICT F

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that because the above described property has been declared surplus, Section 26-300 of the Code of Ordinances authorized the Mayor to execute a deed for the sale of the City's interest in this property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision of this resolution or the application thereof is invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items, or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without 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 Shyne to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 64 OF 2009

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

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

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Shreveport does hereby authorize the sale of its tax interest in the herein below described properties for an amount not less than the offer as indicated below, which is at least two-thirds of the appraised value of the property:

Property No. 1: Legal Description – Lot 44, Roosevelt Subdivision, a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, as per plat recorded in Book 150, Page 265 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon and having a municipal address of 4113 Baxter Street, Shreveport LA 71109, Geo#171416-044-0044-00.

AMOUNT OFFERED: \$2,000.00 TOTAL TAXES DUE: \$2,791.21 DISTRICT “F”

Property No. 2: Legal Description – Lot 3, O’Neil Subdivision, less the North 10 feet for street and less right of way, a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, as per plat recorded in Book 41, Page 89 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, less drainage right of way and having a municipal address of 219 East Dalzell Street, Shreveport LA 71104, Geo#171305-079-0003-00.

AMOUNT OFFERED: \$334.00 TOTAL TAXES DUE: \$2,747.10 DISTRICT “B”

Property No. 3: Legal Description – Lot 2, O’Neil Subdivision, less the North 10 feet for street and less right of way, a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, as per plat recorded in Book 41, Page 89 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, less drainage right of way and having a municipal address of 221 East Dalzell Street, Shreveport LA 71104, Geo#171305-079-0002-00.

AMOUNT OFFERED: \$334.00 TOTAL TAXES DUE: \$1,487.40 DISTRICT “B”

Property No. 4: Legal Description – Lot 1, O’Neil Subdivision, less the North 10 feet for street and less right of way, a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, as per plat recorded in Book 41, Page 89 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, less drainage right of way and having a municipal address of 6771 None (E. Dalzell St.), Shreveport LA 71104, Geo#171305-079-0001-00.

AMOUNT OFFERED: \$334.00 TOTAL TAXES DUE: \$5,861.22 DISTRICT “B”

Property No. 5: Legal Description – Lot 51 and the West 10 feet of Lot 52, Maplewood Heights Subdivision, a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, as per plat recorded in Book 150, Page 254 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon and having a municipal address of 3801 Flora Avenue, Shreveport LA 71109, Geo#171416-041-0109-00.

AMOUNT OFFERED: \$1,701.00 TOTAL TAXES DUE: \$1,108.51 DISTRICT “F”

Property No. 6: Legal Description – Lot 10, Block 7 of Dixie Place Annex, a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, as per plat recorded in Book 50, Page 575 of the Conveyance Records of

Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon and having a municipal address of 6119 Lexington Avenue, Shreveport LA 71109, Geo#171424-074-0010-00.

AMOUNT OFFERED: \$334.00 TOTAL TAXES DUE: \$3,006.13 DISTRICT "C"

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

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

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65 OF 2009

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASING AGENT TO DISPOSE BY PUBLIC AUCTION OF SURPLUS VEHICLES AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent, after consultation with various department heads, has determined that certain vehicles and items as shown in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof are surplus, obsolete are unusable for present and future city needs ; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 108 of 1980 authorizes the Purchasing Agent to dispose of vehicles determined to be surplus; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to retain responsibility for the disposition of all vehicles having an acquisition value of \$10,000.00 or more; and

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

WHEREAS, the City Council concurs in the finding that the vehicles described in Exhibit A are surplus and no longer needed for public purposes and that the acquisition value of said properties are greater then \$10,000.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened, that the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to dispose of, by public auction, the surplus vehicles described in Exhibit A attached.

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

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 72 OF 2009

A RESOLUTION SUSPENDING THE EFFECT OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 10 AND CHAPTER 106 OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO “THURSDAY NITE TROLLEY TOURS” AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY: Councilman Walford

WHEREAS, several local organizations, agencies, and venues, including the City of Shreveport, have collaborated to launch trolley tours and other events in downtown Shreveport as a means to reinvigorate activity and renew interest in the area and to highlight the entertainment, food, art, history, film, trivia, science, and culture found in the area; and

WHEREAS, the first tour and other events is scheduled for April 16, 2009 and will coincide with ArtSpace’s TNT trolley tour of the downtown cultural attractions; and

WHEREAS, participants may engage in a number of activities while on the tour including but not limited to outside dining and consumption of alcoholic beverages at area café’s and other venues and locations, public street(s) or sidewalk(s) within the tour area, or while a passenger on a trolley while moving from location to location on the tour.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that provisions of Chapter 10 and Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances relative to prohibitions on outside dining and the consumption, dispensing, possession, or sale of alcoholic beverages on a public street or sidewalk within the tour area, or the consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages while a passenger on a trolley while moving from location to location on the tour are hereby suspended between the hours of 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. each Thursday beginning April 16, 2009 through June 25, 2009 in connection with the “Thursday Nite Trolley Tour” and related events and activities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other provisions of Chapter 10 and Chapter 106 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 Wooley to adopt.

Councilman Lester: Question Mr. Chairman, I guess to Councilman Walford. This trolley tour is going to be downtown Shreveport, right?

Councilman Walford: Right.

Councilman Lester: I mean, we're not taking people with our tax money across to another jurisdiction are we?

Councilman Walford: No sir.

Councilman Lester: Okay, I just wanted to make sure. I have problems with - - -

Councilman Shyne: Cause you know that Monty might would do that huh? Is that how it is Calvin?

Councilman Lester: I just wanted to make sure that is not what we're doing.

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

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, I just want to offer now, if that ever becomes a possibility, it will only be presented if the folks that they would be taken to would be helping to pay the fare as well. It would not be anything that we would be doing solely on our own. It would be a shared experience, not a singular. We can assure you that.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS: *(Not to be adopted prior to April 14, 2009)*

The Clerk read the following:

1. **Resolution No. 66 of 2009**: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to make application with the U.S. Department of Justice for Police Hiring Grant, and otherwise provide with respect thereto.
2. **Resolution No. 67 of 2009**: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a donation agreement between the City of Shreveport and Rosenwald III & IV, L.L.C., herein after 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 3 & 4, and otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Lester)
3. **Resolution No. 68 of 2009**: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a donation agreement between the City of Shreveport and Southern Trace, a limited partnership by Southern Trace Development Corporation herein after called "Owner" and acting herein through Johnson Ramsey, Manager, for the private Water and Sewer Main Extensions and related facilities to serve Southern Trace Sections XX & XX-A, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Wooley)

4. **Resolution No. 69 of 2009**: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a donation agreement between the City of Shreveport and Southern Trace, a limited partnership by Southern Trace Development Corporation herein after called “Owner” and acting herein through Johnson Ramsey, Manager, for the private Water and Sewer Main Extensions and related facilities to serve Southern Trace Sections XVIII & XVIII-A, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Wooley)
5. **Resolution No. 70 of 2009**: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a donation agreement between the City of Shreveport and Huffman Builders Shreveport, Inc., herein after called “Owner” and acting herein through Jerry Huffman, Manager for the private Water Main Extensions and related facilities to serve villages of Bert Kouns Unit 1 & 2, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Wooley)
6. **Resolution No. 71 of 2009**: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a cooperative endeavor agreement with Omega Psi Phi Fraternity relative to holding it’s District Meeting in Shreveport, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Lester)

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Shyne to introduce Resolution No(s). 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, and 71 of 2009 to lay over until the next regular meeting.

Councilman Wooley: Mr. Mayor, on No. 66, and I know we discussed this earlier and I was kinda waiting, I guess for the proper time, I didn’t want to take up too much of the communications at the beginning. As it relates to the (inaudible) or applying for the grant for \$12,000,000, for the hundred additional officers, I guess I’m already concerned. You know obviously throughout my tenure, I’ve been pro-police advocate (inaudible) and more public safety for our city, obviously attempted that to try to address some issues I thought were a real concern last year when the pay raise. I know you were concerned about re-occurrence of those funds, and that’s one of the things you stated when you vetoed that pay raise. And I think that was about \$1.3 (million). So, my question is if at the end of this, the grant money is up, and I think the price tag according to this fact sheet is about \$4.1 (million), do you or the Chief, have you worked out a plan on how we’re going to compensate that \$4.1 (million) each year and every year for those hundred officers?

Mayor Glover: There is nothing specifically that we’ve put in place at this particular point and time, as I mentioned earlier, in my comments to you and the rest of the Council, Councilman Wooley is that’s the kind of problem that I think we as a city would like to have. We recognize that if we want to be able to do the kind of policing that the citizens of this city want us to do, then one of the things that we’re going to have to try and figure out how to make happen is to increase the number of police officers that we have. The staffing study that was done by Chief Whitehorn and the members of the Police Department was given to us over a year ago, and it called for the addition of 100 additional police officers. And one of the reasons as to why we need those was highlighted here very recently when Mr. Jay Murrell came and

appeared before this Council, and mentioned his concern about the fact that we have certain areas of the city that because of some of our heightened activities in certain areas, that we do not have the level or degree of police presence that we would like to have. But that's a manpower function. And so by seeking to increase the number of officers overall, what it gives us the opportunity to be able to do is to be able to police more of the city with a larger concentration of officers, so that you don't end up shifting officers as much from one area to the other, but have the ability to be able to leave them all in one place at one time, and I believe that if we did not have the opportunity to make applications for these funds that that would be one of the objectives that this Council and this Administration would have to figure out how we would try and solve that problem at the same time that we're trying to figure out how we go about providing additional pay for our police officers as well. But to have the opportunity to be able to add those additional officers and continue to resupply our existing funding level of officers without having any direct expense to the City of Shreveport at this time, that's a gift horse Mr. Wooley, that I don't think that we should look into the mouth of. This Council under a previous configuration, this city under previous Mayors figured out exactly how to rearrange it's priorities to be able to absorb the addition of police officers through the COPS program over 15 years ago, under the original manifestations of this program. And I believe without question that if you look statistically, at where the City of Shreveport was at that particular time from a crime standpoint, that that was one of the similar points, great leadership aside, without question, we had outstanding leadership both in terms of the police department, outstanding men and women who were staffing the police department, outstanding leadership from the Council, and from within the Mayor's office, but the addition of that manpower gave us the opportunity to be able to take Shreveport's crime numbers from what, at that time, were all time highs. Now you go back and you look at 1991, 1992, 1993, you would see that the murder rate that the aggravated assault rate, that the drive-by shooting rate, that the armed robbery rate, were at levels that had never been seen before in the history of the City of Shreveport. And so it was the infusion of that additional manpower that gave us the resources to begin to be able to effectively address those problems, through more aggressive policing, through more community oriented policing, through more problem solving oriented policing, and the city of Shreveport managed to figure out how it is that we were able to addresses those particular expenses once those particular costs begin to shift back to the city. And at that time, what we were offered was not nearly as beneficial to our city as what we're being offered right now. At that time, as I referenced earlier, what was being covered with 75% of the costs of the first year's salary, 50% of the second year's costs, and 25% of the third. And in this particular situation, we're talking about 100% of the expense being covered for the first three years. And I believe that between me and you and whomever else will be here in November of 2010, will be able to figure out exactly how it is that we go about solving those problems.

Councilman Wooley: But it is going to be used for salary increases or specifically just for the addition of new officers.

Mayor Glover: None of this money would be used to salary increases. It would be used to fund police salaries at what the current level is. Obviously as you and I and this Council figure out, hopefully at some point before this year is up, how we go about trying to figure out

how to find a way even in the midst of these challenging fiscal times to provide a pay increase for our public safety officials that we'll have to cover the expense of that, but no, I don't think that President Obama or members of the Congress or any of us who work for and believe and support it. Because there are many who didn't, the stimulus package would be very happy if we just simply gave additional pay increase to our existing police officers.

Councilman Wooley: It says here the city will fund the initial cost of pre-employment. Chief, would you come up for a moment please? It says the city will fund the initial cost of pre-employment and equipment necessary to hire the additional officer at an annual cost of approximately \$1,133,125. What are pre-employment costs? Please define pre-employment.

Chief Whitehorn: That's the training, the background checks that we do, the medical tests that we do, the psychological testing that we do, it runs the gamut of all of those things that we determine whether or not an individual is first of all, suited for law enforcement, and then also we have a cost of equipping and providing patrol cars. The grant does not take care of equipment.

Councilman Walford: Okay. So in order to have a hundred officers on staff at the end of the grant, when the grant money is up, it will cost us \$4.1 (million) in salaries, and an additional \$1.15 (million) well maybe not the entire, but it says pre-employment, how much more cost is the equipment for each year? Each officer will have his or her own car?

Chief Whitehorn: Yes sir. This \$1.1 (million) will be each year. But at the end of it, all of that equipment is purchased, so then you only have the salary and benefit cost.

Councilman Wooley: So at the end of it all, we're looking at \$4.1 (million) each year?

Chief Whitehorn: That's correct.

Councilman Wooley: Thank you Chief.

Chief Whitehorn: At the current rate of salary.

Councilman Wooley: And I guess that does not include 2% longevity?

Chief Whitehorn: It should include 2%, but I'm not sure, I'll have to get that number for you. But I'm almost certain that it does.

Councilman Wooley: Okay, you can just send me an email, which I appreciate.

Mayor Glover: Chief, we want to clarify that pre-employment includes all the testing, the glocks, the tasers, the uniform, the leather gear that all of the officers get, that averages about \$7,000 per officer. And the rest is for 25 cars at about \$37,000 each. I guess that means that the Chief and Asst Chief Huddleston have decided that we won't be getting any Harleys I guess, so we'll just wait until the next stimulus (inaudible).

Councilman Shyne: I thought we were going - - - Mr. Chairman, I'm sorry. I thought we were going to get a few because we need some speed traps. Well naw, let me take that back. Not speed traps. But we do need some officers out with the radar.

Chief Whitehorn: We need adequate force, that's correct.

Councilman Shyne: I want to apologize, and I hope the media - - - we don't have speed traps.

Mayor Glover: We don't have speed traps.

Councilman Shyne: That's right. We don't have speed traps. That's over in Texas that I was - - - I was reading about over in - - - Art, they might hear me over there, and I might be on my way to Houston.

Councilman Webb: Councilman Wooley wasn't finished, and he still has the floor.

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

Mayor Glover: And the 2% Chief, I think we know doesn't kick in until after the first three years.

Chief Whitehorn: That's correct.

Councilman Webb: Go ahead Councilman Wooley.

Councilman Wooley: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Thank you Chief, you can have a seat. If you can just shoot me an email with any of the information that you may feel beneficial, I'd appreciate that. Like I said, just to reiterate, obviously I'm definitely supportive of seeing more officers hit the streets of Shreveport, and definitely was concerned about losing seasoned veterans on the force of last year. I guess I'm a little confused, well I'm not confused, I'm just a little bewildered. One moment we don't have money that's already in the existing budget every year, which is a proven fact, and we couldn't use it for a raise, cause they said it wasn't reoccurring funds, I mean surely \$4.1 (million) far exceeds \$1.3 (million) and that's not reoccurring funds, so I don't really understand the logic there, but you know I appreciate y'all's comments. So thank you.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman? I'll yield to - - -

Councilman Webb: Councilman Lester has some - - -.

Councilman Lester: Thank you. Now as I appreciate it, this is a grant application, correct Chief? And these grants are somewhat competitive.

Chief Whitehorn: They are competitive grants. And we have right now the COPS office told us that they have 1,900 applications in already. And they are still coming.

Councilman Lester: And so, as I appreciate it, the numbers that you gave relative to staffing, and things of that nature, those numbers are presupposing that we were able to get the maximum that we could get, assuming that we would be granted the request that we asked. Is that correct?

Chief Whitehorn: That's correct. We're hoping that they give us what we asked for, which would hire 100 officers.

Councilman Lester: Okay, and certainly if we get something less than what we asked for, those numbers would be less than the calculus that you have provided us, is that correct?

Chief Whitehorn: That's correct.

Councilman Lester: And as I also appreciate it, before we would make any decisions relative to staffing, relative to any of those other things with equipment, we would actually have a budgetary number before we actually had a class. I mean, we certainly wouldn't go and empanel a class of 100 cadets without having an idea of how much money we were actually getting from the federal government. Is that correct?

Chief Whitehorn: That's correct.

Councilman Lester: And so basically, what we would do is after we had applied for those funds, and were told exactly how much money those funds we would be receiving, then it

would be incumbent upon you to come back and say based upon this level of support from the federal government, I believe that we could afford this level of additional police, is that not correct?

Chief Whitehorn: That's correct.

Councilman Lester: Okay, but because this is a one time scenario, and there is competition from around the width and breadth of this country, quite naturally, you're going to ask for everything, the max that is allowable under the guidelines that have been provided to you and your staff. Is that correct

Chief Whitehorn: Yes sir, we're asking exactly for the max of what our needs are.

Councilman Lester: Okay. Alright, and so, moving forward, in one respect, you have an idea of what your needs are, but the things that you don't have any control over is how much money you're going to get. Is that fair to say?

Chief Whitehorn: That's correct.

Councilman Lester: Okay. And once you're able to get that number, then you would then be able to make the budget numbers jive as it relates to what you would have to do moving forward. Is that not correct?

Chief Whitehorn: That's correct. We'd make the appropriate adjustments.

Councilman Lester: So, it's not - - - we're not in a situation to where we're going to have a budgetary number automatically that's just thrown upon us, we will have some sense of looking at what we can handle and if in fact, our budget is in a scenario of where we can - - - you know you have a desire to empanel 25 or 50, but looking at our budgetary situation, we can only do so much, then certainly, you wouldn't put us in a position of asking for more police officers than we will have money to pay for.

Chief Whitehorn: That's correct. And there's a opportunity to extend the grant until we can hire those additional officers, up to another year or so.

Councilman Lester: So, there is a certain speculative degree to this, but there also is a certain budgetary scenario, there is the speculation as to what you can get, but the speculation as to what you can get is not divorced from the budgetary process that will determine actual numbers of police officers that are hired and equipped and those things?

Chief Whitehorn: That's correct.

Councilman Lester: Okay, thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilwoman Bowman: I have one question. Not to you Chief, it's basically Mr. Thompson, and Julie. For instance on something like this, and going to be basically long term, some of us probably won't be here for the next council. My question is do we need legislation or how Mr. Thompson, not just this, but like on bonds for instance. And those who are coming behind us to put some kind of explanation as to why we did certain things, and - - - you see what I'm saying?

Mr. Thompson: Well I think that with certainly as it relates to the large number of bond issues that the council is required to consider, and the reason for having to reconsider a lot of the refundings, it may be well to have something on the record so that in years to come, people will know why the council had to consider so many of these. Something that is very concise as it relates to a lot of the refundings. You may want to have something. And I think it's always

good to have concise information in the record, so that when people go back and research it, then future councils will know.

Councilwoman Bowman: I don't want to just go back to the minutes. I wanted something that maybe fell up under this to explain - - - 'okay, I did this, but this is why it was done, or this council did it.'

Mr. Thompson: Sometimes the fact sheets will help with that kind of research.

Councilwoman Bowman: Some of them don't have enough information. And you know it relates to those issues. (Inaudible) I mean knowing that years from now, somebody else will kinda inherit this, and it makes it easier for them to know what - - -

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, I just wanted to clarify. I think we've got some issues that are being meshed together here from Councilman Wooley's perspective. And so, I don't know if it's a perception issue or what at this point, but the idea that we've got costs that are pretty much going to be status, when it comes to (inaudible), the cost of having money within our budget to be able to go out and do the psychological exams, and all of the other things and what have you, is what we keep is within our budget because we know that we look to recruit new officers every year. And so, those are going to be status expenses that the city will have throughout the entirety of having a police department. Are we going to do background checks. Are we going to do all of those sorts of things in order to have these folks ready and (inaudible), we're going to have the actual staff out at the academy ready to do not only the training for the new recruits, but to be able to do refresher training for our existing staff. So those are all costs that are there. It was also referenced to the attrition problem that has been reference multiple occasions. I think as it was stated and stated quite clearly during some of the previous debates on this months ago. I think the Chief delineated that the City of Shreveport's attrition problem is 1) below the national average, and 2) what we've had over the last several years is right in line with the City of Shreveport's average rate of attrition for a police department. I think No. 3 also, had we maybe taken some of the direction that Councilman Wooley attempted to push us toward, and divested ourselves of the dollars that we have within our recruiting and our training and our academy staff, we wouldn't be in a position today to have had the single largest academy class in the history of the City of Shreveport. Now we've lost a couple, but that being a police academy is a hard and difficult thing. You want to make sure that you end up with only the best, and the strongest, and the most fit. But in order to get there, and you've got to start off with the numbers. And we had those numbers as great as this city has ever had. So, the ability to continue to go out and attract individuals who want to come to the Shreveport Police Department is something that's also still well established as well. Those folks showed up to go to work for Shreveport. And out of those 42 individuals, two of them worked for other departments. And decided that they wanted to come, and as I've heard some in the police department say, come and be a member of a real police department. Now I wouldn't say that necessarily, because I wouldn't want to cast dispersions on anybody else's police department, but I think that they saw and seen a level of excellence that's going on within the Shreveport's police department that they've chosen to come and be a part of. And so the need for those expenses are clearly illustrated. Had we followed some of the actions, and some of the things that were desired by Mr. Wooley, we wouldn't have been in a position to be able to do that.

And when they also mentioned of something with regard to how the expense of this would end up taking affect. We won't be hiring 100 officers all at one time. And so that in year four of this, and that's only if we're successful, 1) in getting the maximum grant that we're seeking, but if we were to get the maximum grant that we're seeking, and we were to get or have the ability to hire 100 officers, we would not be hiring them all at one time. So that after the first three years of those expenses being covered 100%, that we would end up in year four of having 100 officers going on to the city's budget that we'd have to go out and find the dollars to be able to cover. What we would do is have to deal with 25 officers per year, starting in the fourth year. Now that's a level of growth that we should have been seeking a long time ago for the City of Shreveport in our efforts to be able to address our public safety problems. So, in the fourth year, the officers from the first year would hit the payroll. In the fifth year, the officers from the second year would hit the payroll. In the sixth year, the officers from the third year would hit the payroll, and in the last year is when you would have all 100 of those officers to actually become a part of the City of Shreveport's direct specific burden of providing and covering the expenses for. Again, that represents the kind of problem that every city anywhere around the country, not only should seek to put itself in, but to run to do so. So, I guess if you perceive a problem, you'll find one wherever it is that you want to find it. But if you deal with fact and reality, you'll see that what's being proposed here represents one of the greatest opportunities that we've had in at least almost a generation to be able to put us in an position to better effectively address the public safety challenges we have in the city.

Councilman Wooley: Thank you Mr. Chairman. So at the end of the (inaudible) year Mr. Mayor, do we know what the note is going to be, or the price is going to be to pay - - - I'm sorry, not the note. Back up. At the end of the fourth year, when all the money is out, and we do reach the maximum, you know we get the grant, I don't know how the process is, but we're able to save 25 this year, 25 in the year 2010, at the end of the fourth year, whatever that year might be, depending on how fast we implement this process, and we're granted the maximum amount that's on this sheet, at the end of the fourth year, you are responsible for those 100 officers, is that correct?

Mayor Glover: No, we're responsible for the first 25 hired in the first year of the grant.

Councilman Wooley: And so, if I have 100 men on the staff, at the end of four years, then I'm not paying their full salaries?

Mayor Glover: Obviously you're not. I know this is (inaudible)

Councilman Wooley: Let me say this Mr. Mayor, but the reason why I'm asking the question is to understand it. So when I make this decision, (inaudible) is understand

Mayor Glover: And I'm attempting to explain it to you.

Councilman Wooley: And I can sense your frustration.

Mayor Glover: No, I'm not frustrated at all.

Councilman Wooley And all I'm doing at this point is to understand it clearly to make the best decisions because we can go back and I know you made comments about the direction I was taking things. But - - - and you said something about how - - - that if would have went in the direction I mentioned last year about trying to keep officers who are experienced on staff that were leaving, which I thought was important to raise and bring them above the southern

regional average for the first time, because (inaudible) competitive marketplace as a police department, so they would not (inaudible) to leave, and the officers not only left for that reason - -

Mayor Glover: Our attrition rate is not above the national average.

Councilman Wooley: Mr. Mayor, one moment please sir.

Mayor Glover: It is not anywhere beyond what it's been for the last 15 years Mr. Wooley.

Councilman Wooley: But the point is - - -

Mayor Glover: You perceive a problem that does not exist.

Councilman Wooley: The point is the reasoning you stated for not allowing that to happen was because you said, there were not reoccurring funds which I showed in the budget is there very single year, and has been for the last eight years. And that is recorded and documented. Therefore I said it was reoccurring funds in the budget. Then you said today that there was a chance that this class that's going on today, right now, cannot possibly, may or may not have occurred had we gone in my direction. So now my question to that is, about the money, I know the money that I using for the raise was money that was budgeted for officers that we don't even have, there are empty seats. And you're saying that's going to affect your training, so did we just dip into money for salaries for officers, or money for salaries for new officers to go to training class? That was the question that I was trying to pose here. To have a better understanding of that, and also to understand implementation of us paying out 100 new officers.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Wooley, what you tried to do is to re-debate an issue which that's already been settled. This is not a debate about the pay raise.

Councilman Wooley: No, I'm not trying to re-debate it, I'm just making a statement.

Mayor Glover: Every thing that you just stated had to do with your pay raise proposal. Nothing to do with what we're dealing with here today.

Councilman Wooley: Well not everything. First of all, the first part was to say there was concern then of re-occurring funds, I'm saying it's a concern now of re-occurring funds. The same argument being made in saying that people were against, and you in particular with the veto was against then, I'm trying to understand why you would not be against it now. Because either in your opinion would not be, or by your definition would not be re-occurring funds. So I'm trying to understand that, and tied to that would be the process of implementing the salaries for all those officers, since it's not "re-occurring funds." The other thing I was trying to bring up was asking the question, but when you made the comment about having gone in that direction last fall, that potentially this training class would not have occurred. So my question is do we use those funds for this training class?

Mayor Glover: The answer to your question in that regard is yes. Have we taken training funds, recruiting funds, recruiting staff, and used them to cover the pay raise that you proposed, then we would not have had the individuals on staff to go out recruit, screen, background, and now train the largest academy class in the history of the City of Shreveport.

Councilman Wooley: I appreciate that answer.

Mayor Glover: Now, to answer your other question, as you've heard the Chief explain, we are recruiting and intending to hire 25 additional police officers for each year for a total of four years, with the hope that at the end of four years, we will have a net gain of 100 police officers. But because those individual officers are hired in 25 officer increments, in terms of how they would end up hitting the budget, they are staggered year by year. And so, for the first three years of each group of 25, 100% of their salaries would be covered by this grant. In year four, the first 25 who are hired would then at that point transition from the grant funding to the City of Shreveport. And so it would be our task at that point to figure out how to increase the budget in order to accommodate 25 additional police officers. In the fifth year after that, then an additional 25 officers would come off the grant funding budget. And so, we would have to figure out now how to cover the funding for those 25 additional for a total of 50. In year six, the third group would come off of the grant funding, that would be a total of 75, and in year seven, all 100 police officers at that particular point and time, would be completely free, unless as the Chief has just pointed out, that we would be successful in being able to either extend that grant funding, have some other source for it, but then we would be responsible for covering those expenses. And Councilman Wooley, this is no different from any other time in this city's history where we went from having 5 police officers to 10. From 10-25, from 25-50 and from 50-100. It's no different from when we went from having one fire station to having two, to three, now all the way up to having 22.

Councilman Wooley: Nope, 21 right now.

Mayor Glover: The biggest difference - - - no we have 22.

Councilman Wooley: No 21 operating

Mayor Glover: 21 that are fully staffed and operating. The biggest difference in this case is this would represent the first time in this city's history when we would have the opportunity to be able to increase our staffing levels this significantly and to do so without any direct expense for the first three years to the City of Shreveport. Now, for whatever reason you choose to find the problem with that, and you're welcomed to pick it apart, anyway that you can. But I tend to see it as a great opportunity for us to be able to advance public safety for the City of Shreveport, and that's why we're here today with it on the agenda for introduction, and are going to ask you all to hopefully pass it, and pass it unanimously two weeks from now.

Councilman Wooley: Thank you Mr. Mayor, I appreciate that. First of all it's not a problem, it's an understanding. Secondly, I do pick everything apart, so I can make the best decision for the City of Shreveport with the taxpayer dollar. That's my job, that's why I asked the question. So granted \$4.1 (million) each year would be \$1.1 (million) and obviously after the third year of each 25, spread like that would be 2% longevity, I understand that. And I don't think you answered my question in the beginning when I asked you did we use training dollars, now excuse me, did we use empty seats, those that are not filled right now to conduct a training class, the class that's going on today? Okay, that's what I need to know.

Chief Whitehorn: We used the vacancy dollars to hire 40 additional officers. We still have officers that are leaving, retiring and some being terminated. But right now, I have 14 vacancies. Real vacancies within the department. And before then I had 30 - - - I had 40

something vacancies. In fact I had 50, because we got 10 officers out of the COPS hiring grant that's in the class now. And then I guess as far as the - - -

Councilman Wooley: I guess we'll have to see what happens at the end of this graduating class, to see I guess the number of vacancies depending on who graduates, and who doesn't graduate. It may go up, it may go down, well I guess if anything, it'll go back up, if there are not more people to leave the class.

Chief Whitehorn: Yes sir, and in fact we're planning another class before the end of the year to finish up those vacancies that we have currently now, and any additional vacancies that we may get before the end of the year.

Councilman Wooley: Okay, thank you Chief, thank you Mr. Mayor, appreciate those comments.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Councilman Walford, thank you Chief. Councilman Wooley, got my Ws mixed up.

Councilman Webb: I think we're ready to - - - we have not voted on introduction yet, have we?

Ms. Johnson: No sir.

Councilman Webb: We need to vote on introduction.

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES: *(Not to be adopted prior to April 14, 2009)*

The Clerk read the following:

1. **Ordinance No. 18 of 2009**: ZONING: C-90-08 An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance by re-zoning property located on the SE corner of Dupont Street & Hearne Avenue, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-2, Urban Multi-Family Residence District to B-2, Neighborhood Business District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Walford)
2. **Ordinance No. 19 of 2009**: ZONING APPEAL: C-1-09 An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance by re-zoning property located on the east side of Dillingham Avenue, 225 feet south of Mitchell Lane, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-1D, Urban, One Family Residence District, to R-1D-E, Urban, One Family Residence/Extended Use District with Site Plan Approval, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (C/Long)
3. **Ordinance No. 20 of 2009**: ZONING: C-15-09 An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by re-zoning property located on the east side of Wallace Lake Road, 350 feet south of Dalton Street, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-1D, Urban, One-Family Residence

District, to B-2A, Business Park Business District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Wooley)

4. **Ordinance No. 21 of 2009**: ZONING: C-16-09 An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by re-zoning the north 430 feet of Lot 174, Suburban Acres Subdivision subject property located on the west side of Linwood between Mt. Zion Road, and McCarey, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana from B02, Neighborhood Business District to B-2A, Business Park Business District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Long to introduce Ordinance No(s). 18, 19, 20, and 21 of 2009 to lay over until the next regular meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

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

The Clerk read the following:

1. **Ordinance No. 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) *(Postponed March 10, 2009)*

Having passed first reading on March 10, 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 Long to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

2. **Ordinance No. 15 of 2009**: An ordinance authorizing the purchasing agent to dispose of surplus real property, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. *(Not to be adopted prior to April 14, 2009)*

Having passed first reading on March 10, 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 postponed until the next regular meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

3. **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.

Having passed first reading on March 10, 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 Lester to adopt.

Councilman Lester: Real quick Mr. Chairman. Could I have Ron Norwood to come up?

Who is standing in for the va-ca-tion-ing Mike Strong,

Mr. Norwood: Who is at an undisclosed location.

Councilman Lester: Right, right, right.

Councilman Shyne: He's in China.

Mr. Norwood: We're not sure.

Councilman Lester: And might not need to know. Mr. Norwood, this issue deals with that scenario with the permits that was brought to us by a lot of the local contractors, is this that scenario, where they were concerned about having to pay the exorbitant fees for the small - - ?

Mr. Norwood: Yes sir. Exactly.

Councilman Lester: So, this is going to take care of that issue. Could you expound on that really quick?

Mr. Norwood: This would be for say new construction, big remodeling, new construction where the inspector has to make multiple visits to the site, and we charge for each visit, and it's an attempt to recoup our costs for inspection. That's why we (inaudible).

Councilman Shyne: Call for the vote.

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. 7 OF 2009

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE CITY'S INTENTION TO ACQUIRE FULL OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

By: Councilman Lester

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has a tax interest in certain properties adjudicated for the nonpayment of property taxes, said properties being more fully described below along with the names of the last known owner of record of each property; and

WHEREAS, under La. R.S. 47:2236 et. seq. when property has been adjudicated to a political subdivision, the political subdivision may declare by ordinance that it intends to acquire a full ownership interest in the property; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that it does hereby declare its intention to acquire the following properties in full ownership:

Parcel	Geo# Physical Address Legal Description	Book# Page#	Assessed Owner
P-1A	181435-128-0062-00 23242 NONE Lot 692, Boisseau Annex Subdivision	Registry #1044243 Book #66 Page#2238	Robert L. Dunn
P-2A	181435-126-0064-00 1670 Abbie Street Lot 64, Shepherd & Stuart Subdivision	Registry #180218 Book #836 Page#347	Lila Gatson Moss ½, George Moss, Jr., Harry Moss & Herrice Moss Lewis ½
P-3A	181435-126-0065-00 23353 NONE Lot 65, Shepherd & Stuart Subdivision	Registry #1143719 Book #2431 Page#600	J.L. Hickman and James L. Hickman
P-5A	181435-126-0069-00 1652 Abbie Street Lot 69, Shepherd & Stuart Subdivision	Registry #1157932 Book #2457 Page#101	Jake Cullick Real Estate, Inc.
P-6A	181435-125-0070-00 1648 Abbie Lot 70, Shepherd & Stuart Subdivision	Registry #438134 Book #1157 Page#426	Leona Bryant c/o Pauline Sells
P-7A	181435-125-0071-00 1638 Abbie Lot 71, Shepherd & Stuart Subdivision	Registry #387412 Book #1081 Page#790	Mary Henderson Lemmons Gibson, Eddie Henderson & Mattie Henderson Hardwell 1/3 each
P-8A	181435-125-0085-00 622 Pierre Avenue Lots 78, 79, & 80, Shepherd & Stuart Subdivision	Registry #510780 Book #1265 Page#478	Lighthouse Securities & Investment Company, Inc.
P-9A	181435-125-0088-00 610 Pierre Avenue South 31.8 Ft. of Lots 41 & 42 and South 31.8 Ft. of E. 20 Ft. of Lot 43	Registry #510780 Book #1265 Page#478	Lighthouse Securities & Investment Company, Inc.

	Shepherd & Stuart Subdivision		
P-10A	181435-125-0091-00 23351 NONE North 31.5 Ft. of South 63.3 Ft. of Lots 41 & 42 and the North 31.5 Ft. of South 63.3 Ft. of East 20 Ft. of Lot 43, Shepherd & Stuart Subdivision	Registry #1159827 Book #2460 Page#484	Evelyn J. Lewis
P-11A	181435-125-0090-00 600 Pierre Avenue N. 61.7 ft. of Lot 41 & N. 61.7 Ft. lot E. 29.3 Ft. of Lot 42, Shepherd & Stuart Subdivision	Registry # Book #2384 Page#797	Keith Brown
P-13A	181435-126-0055-00 1665 Anna Street Lot 55, Shepherd & Stuart Subdivision	Registry #1232111 Book #2601 Page#629	Robert Wyandon
P-14A	181435-126-0057-00 1673 Anna Street Lot 57, Shepherd & Stuart Subdivision	Registry #1652211 Book #3316 Page#45	Mary L. Banks
P-15A	181435-126-0060-00 1685 Anna Street Lot 60, Shepherd & Stuart Subdivision	Registry #1103600 Book #2358 Page#42	Sidney Albert Tucker
P-16A	181435-128-0071-00 1707 Anna Street Lot 61, Boisseau Annex	Registry #1539873 Book #2240 Page#512	Rockie Lee Bullard Through his agent and attorney-in-fact Thomas Rosenblath
P-17A	181435-128-0059-00 1711 Anna Street Lot 59, Boisseau Annex	Registry #232326 Book #945 Page#15	Ruby Lee Hewitt
P-18	181435-128-0058-00 1713 Anna Street Lot 58, Boisseau Annex	Registry #691560 Book #1556 Page#57	Jean H. Fore
P-20A	181435-128-0071-00 1736 Anna Street S. 63 Ft. of Lot 52, Boisseau Annex	Registry #1290577 Book #2716	Denny Bertolla

		Page#629	
P-22A	181435-127-0047-00 1714 Anna Street Lot 47, Boisseau Annex, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana	Registry #803564 Book #1744 Page#71	Veva Grant
P-23A	181435-124-0026-00 1664 Anna Street Lot 26, Shepherd & Stuart Subdivision	Registry #609603 Book #1420 Page#496	Lillian E. M. Anderson
P-24A	181435-124-0049-00 1656 Anna Street Lot 27 and the S/2 of Lot 28, less W. 10 feet of Lot 27 dedicated for an alley, Shepherd and Stuart Subdivision	Registry #725164 Book #1612 Page#52	Essie Browen Terry
P-25A	181435-124-0030-00 1648 Anna Street Lot 30, Shepherd and Stuart Subdivision	Registry # Book # Page#	Jake Cullick
P-26A	181435-123-0034-00 1628 Anna Street Lot 34, Shepherd & Stuart Subdivision,	Registry #1367651 Book #2857 Page#758	Sandra Goodman Bois
P-27A	181435-123-0045-00 514 Pierre Avenue N. 65 Ft. of Lots 38, 39, & 40, Shepherd & Stuart Subdivision	Registry #941037 Book #2011 Page#263	Donald Wilson
P-28A	181435-123-0004-00 1617 Logan Street Lots 4 & 5, Shepherd & Stuart	Registry #447897 Book #1171 Page#771	Ruby Pleasant Lombardino
P-29A	181435-123-0006-00 1621 Logan Street Lot 6, Shepherd & Stuart Subdivision	Registry # Book # Page#	
P-30A OCCUPIED	181435-123-0008-00 1631 Logan Street Lot 8, Shepherd & Stuart	Registry #738094 Book #1633 Page#142	Ira Atkins, Sr.

P-31A	181435-123-0010-00 1639 Logan Street Lot 10, Shepherd & Stuart Subdivision	Registry #1068833 Book #2290 Page#136	Michele Mary Davis Shinault
P-33A	181435-124-0031-00 1657 Logan Street The E. 30 Feet of Lot 13, Shepherd & Stuart Subdivision	Registry #1079503 Book #2314 Page#570	John Daniel Jamerson
P-34A OCCUPIED	181435-124-0045-00 1669 Logan Street E. ½ of Lot 16, Shepherd & Stuart Subdivision	Registry # Book # Page#	
P-35A	181435-124-0044-00 23344 NONE The W/2 of Lot 16, Shepherd and Stuart Subdivision	Registry #766930 Book #1681 Page#327	Herman Morris & Mattie Morris
P-36A	181435-124-0018-00 1677 Logan Street Lot 18, Shepherd and Stuart Subdivision	Registry # Book # Page#	Jake Cullick
P-37A OCCUPIED	181435-124-0020-00 505 Boisseau Street Lot 20, Shepherd & Stuart Subdivision	Registry #1367651 Book #2857 Page#758	Sandra Goodman Bois
P-39A OCCUPIED	181435-127-0040-00 1711 Logan Street Lot 40, Boisseau Subdivision	Registry #1072343 Book #2298 Page#299	Edinburg Smith ½ & Edward Smith ½
P-40A	181435-127-0035-00 1739 Logan Street Lot 25, Boisseau Annex, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana	Registry #1605793 Book #3250 Page#245	Ivory Investment Company, Inc.
P-41A	181435-091-0033-00 1720 Logan Street Lot 33, Boisseau Subdivision, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana	Registry # Book # Page#	Janice Smith ½, Gloria Ann Rodgers ½, Mahasin K. Muhammad ½
P-42A OCCUPIED	181435-091-0047-00 1702 Logan Street E. 50 Ft. of Lots 1 & 2 Boisseau	Registry # Book # Page#	Ben R. Banks, Jr.

	Subdivision		
P-43	181435-094-0018-00 1668 Logan Street Lot 18, J. W. White Subdivision, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana	Registry # Book # Page#	Robert V. Dompka, Trustee (of the Dompka Trust) property of Fletcher Brown
P-44A	181435-094-0017-00 1666 Logan Street Lot 17, J.W. White Subdivision	Registry # Book # Page#	PAD Properties 3312 Fairfield send offer letter
P-45A	181435-094-0016-00 1664 Logan Street Lot 16, J.W. White Subdivision	Registry # Book # Page#	PAD Properties 3312 Fairfield send offer letter
P-46A	181435-094-0014-00 1652 Logan Street Lot 14, J.W. White Subdivision, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana	Registry #1216729 Book #2572 Page#602	Fletcher Wilson ½ & Phyllis McGough ½
P-47A	181435-094-0013-00 1648 Logan Street Lot 13, J.W. White Subdivision, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana	Registry #1656968 Book #3318 Page#12	Clinton R. Mitchell
P-48A	181435-094-0012-00 1646 Logan Street Lot 12, J.W. White Subdivision	Registry #1358427 Book #2841 Page#490	Bobbie Varner Davis
P-49A	181435-094-0011-00 1642 Logan Street Lot 11, J.W. White Subdivision	Registry # Book # Page#	Iris Matthews Martin ½, Jack A. Martin, Jr. 1/4, and Ralph A. Martin 1/4
P-50A	181435-094-0005-00 1616 Logan Street Lot 5, J.W. White Subdivision	Registry # Book # Page#	Ruby Pleasant Lombardino
P-51	181435-093-0042-00 320 Pierre Avenue Lot 1, Dutch Garden Subdivision	Registry # Book # Page#	Adrian D. Hughes and Verlena Bell Hughes
P-52A	181435-093-0033-00 1627 Myrtle Street Lot 33, Dutch Garden Subdivision	Registry # Book # Page#	Linda L. Robinson
P-54A	181435-093-0028-00 1639 Myrtle Street Lot 28, Dutch Garden Subdivision	Registry # Book # Page#	First Family Financial Services, Inc.

P-55A	181435-0936-0027-00 1643 Myrtle Street Lot 27, Dutch Garden Subdivision	Registry # Book # Page#	Joseph B. Howard 12512 John Gin Road
P-56A	181435-093-0026-00 1645 Myrtle Street Lot 26, Dutch Garden Subdivision	Registry # Book # Page#	Jake Cullick Trappier Lewellan
P-57A	181435-093-0021-00 1661 Myrtle Street Lot 21, Dutch Garden Subdivision	Registry # Book # Page#	Gerald R. Lindsay
P-58A	181435-093-0040-00 335 Boisseau Street S. 17 ½ feet of Lot 20, Dutch Garden Subdivision	Registry # Book # Page#	S.E. Florsheim
P-59A	181435-094-0042-00 403 Boisseau Street W. 83 Ft. of Lot 19, J.W. White Subdivision	Registry # Book # Page#	Booker T. Graham, Jr.
P-60A	181435-094-0020-00 405 Boisseau Street Lot 20, J. W. White Subdivision	Registry # Book # Page#	Alfred Davis
P-61A	181435-091-0003-00 401 Boisseau Street Lot 13, J. W. White Subdivision	Registry # Book # Page#	Imogene H. McCollough 2030 Hwy. 2, ALT. Haynesville LA 71038
P-62	181435-091-0004-00 404 Boisseau Street Lot 4, Boisseau Subdivision		Ruth Murphy Blackman
P-63A	181435-091-0008-00 328 Boisseau Avenue Lot 8, Boisseau Subdivision	Registry # Book # Page#	Bailey Randle
P-65A	181435-091-0035-00 439 Sycamore Street W/2 of Lot 28, Boisseau Subdivision	Registry # Book # Page#	Leon Riley
P-66A	181435-091-0027-00 437 Sycamore Street Lot 27 and E. 140 Ft. of Lot 26, Boisseau Subdivision	Registry # Book # Page#	Arlander and Mary W. Stephens
P-67A	181435-091-0040-00 23238 None	Registry # Book #	Claude A. Dance, Jr. Constance Evelyn

	W. 100 Ft. of Lot 26, Boisseau Subdivision	Page#	Knight 1/6, Gloena Black Hall 1/6, Lillian Kirkland 1/6 from the succession of Berry Black, Myra Hilson 1/8, Corinne Shorts 1/8, Lee Velure Hilson 1/8, Gloria Littlejohn Cooper 1/8, from the succession of Estella Hilson Black Jewell Street Church of God in Christ pursuant to a Quitclaim Deed executed by tax purchaser Claude Dance, Jr.
P-68A	181435-091-0038-00 23241 None E/2 of Lot 24, Boisseau Subdivision	Registry # Book # Page#	Graveless Babies, Inc.
P-69A	181435091-0037-00 327 Sycamore Street W/2 of Lot 24, Boisseau Subdivision	Registry # Book # Page#	Oscar Whitmeyer
P-70A	181435-093-0016-00 1648 Myrtle Street Lot 16, Dutch Garden Subdivision, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana	Registry # Book # Page#	Isaac Woods
P-71A	181435-093-0015-00 1646 Myrtle Street Lot 15, Dutch Garden Subdivision,	Registry # Book # Page#	Ward Elmo Bryant, Jr. Dennis Joslin & Jane Gibson Joslin (tax buyer only)
P-72A	181435-093-0052-00 Lots 6 & 7, Dutch Garden Subdivision,	Registry # Book # Page#	Secer Demar
P-73A	181435-092-0110-00 1617 Garden Street Lot 110 and the W/2 of Lot 109, Templeman Subdivision	Registry # Book # Page#	Nicholas Putch
P-74A	181435-092-0116-00 Lot 116, Templeman Subdivision	Registry # Book #	Caddo Oil Company, Inc.

		Page#	N.R. Properties Trust (tax buyer only)
P-75A	181435-092-0117-00 Lot 117, Templeman Subdivision	Registry # Book # Page#	Caddo Oil Company, Inc. N-R Properties Trust (tax buyer only)
P-77A	181435-091-0019-00 1731 Garden Street Lots 19 & 20, Boisseau Subdivision,	Registry # Book # Page#	Annie Williams
P-78A	181435-091-0021-00 1733 Garden Street Lot 21, Boisseau Subdivision	Registry # Book # Page#	Lighthouse Securities and Investment Company, Inc.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that in accordance with La. R.S. 47:2236(B) this ordinance shall be filed with the recorder of mortgages, who shall index the names of the tax debtor and the City of Shreveport as mortgagees.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that in accordance with La. R.S. 47:2236(C) and (D), notice shall be given to all persons whose interests the city intends to terminate, and notice shall be published in the official journal. Both notices shall state that the tax sale parties (defined by La. R.S. 47:2122) shall have sixty days after the date of the notice, if five years have elapsed from the filing of the tax sale certificate, or six months after the date of the notice, if five years have not elapsed from the filing of the tax sale certificate, to redeem the property or otherwise challenge the acquisition in a court of competent jurisdiction.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that in accordance with La. R.S. 47:2236(E), if the property is not redeemed within said time limits, this ordinance shall become operative and the City of Shreveport shall acquire full ownership of the property, subject only to such rights as determined by a final judgment rendered in an action filed within the time limits set forth above.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that in accordance with La. R.S. 47:2236(E) the city shall file a notice in the conveyance records indicating that it has acquired full ownership of the property in compliance with the statute.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 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

BY:

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in regular and legal session convened that Section 22-1 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Shreveport pertaining to the schedule of permit and inspection fees for buildings and building regulations is hereby amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 22-1. Schedule of permit and inspection fees.

The schedule of permit fees for any person approved to receive a permit for all construction shall be:

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(5) *Inspections inside the city limits.* There shall be a fee in the amount of \$65.00 per inspection for inspections performed for all new commercial projects, commercial remodel projects, commercial additions, new residences, residential remodels, and residential additions with respect to all Building, Electrical, HVAC, and Plumbing permits issued inside the city limits. This will be effective May 1, 2009.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilman Webb: Any unfinished business Mr. Thompson?

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, yesterday, we talked about Ordinance No. 115 being brought from the table by Councilman Lester, but I believe he's going to wait until the next meeting.

Councilman Lester: That's correct Mr. Chairman.

Councilwoman Bowman: (inaudible) now Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Thompson: At the last meeting we talked about bringing Ordinance No. 115 of 2008 off the table to vote on today. But in discussions between Mr. Lester's email messages that I saw, between he and Ms. Glass, I believe that he's going to wait until the next meeting to make sure that this is in the form and has the requirements that he wants in there.

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. 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*)

11. **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*)

12. **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) (*Introduced February 24, 2009 – Tabled March 10, 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*)

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 March 9, 2009 until May 11, 2009*)

NEW BUSINESS: None.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES

Councilwoman Bowman: Just a reminder. The Public Safety meeting will be April 2nd, 10:30, here in the Chamber. Public Safety Meeting. Councilman Walford probably wanted to - -

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Councilman Walford: Mr. Chairman, MPC Subcommittee meets at 11:00 Thursday, I'm going to have to defer to Mr. Sibley or Mr. Mayor, it's going to be in your conference room?

Mayor Glover: Mayor's Conference Room.

Councilman Wooley: Mr. Chairman, the GIS Committee will have it's first meeting at 2:15 prior to the next Work Session.

Councilman Webb: Prior to the next Work Session? What is that date Art?

Mr. Thompson: The members have been appointed? Oh, they already know. We'll get a notice to everybody.

CLERK'S REPORT:

The Clerk read the following:

Letter of Appeal: C-1-09, East side of Dillingham Avenue, 225' south of Mitchell Lane.

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 6:35 p.m.

//s// Ron Webb, Chairman

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