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**Council Proceedings of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana**  
*June 23, 2009*

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana was called to order by Chairman Ron Webb at 3:09 p.m., Tuesday, June 23, 2009, in the Government Chambers in Government Plaza (505 Travis Street).

Councilman Webb: I'd like for Councilman Lester to lead us in the invocation, and Councilman Shyne in the Pledge.

Councilman Lester: Before we start, I would ask that we give some special consideration to the family of Christopher Maiden who was a city employee in Code Enforcement, and to day lost his battle with cancer. Many of you that know Christopher knows how much he loved the city, and he loved the department, and he will certainly be missed.

Invocation was given by Councilman Lester.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Shyne.

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

**Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Long to approve the minutes of the Administrative Conference, Monday, June 8, 2009 and Council Meeting, Tuesday, June 9, 2009. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.**

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

Councilman Webb: Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, I believe since we've got such a large and outstanding group of summer Biz Camp participants, I will yield mayoral comments at this point and time, and allow these young folks to be recognized and presented to the council and to the city. So, I yield back to you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Webb: Okay, do we have a representative here from Biz Camp today that would like to come up and tell us what's going on today with y'all?

Ms. Gallager: Good afternoon. My name is Megan Gallager.

Ms. White: And my name is Grace White.

Ms. Gallager: On behalf of our State Representative Roy Burrell, our Biz Camp administrator, staff and students, I thank you for your support. Without special sponsors like you, this camp would not be possible.

Ms. White: We have enjoyed this past week of Biz Camp activities. We visited the Shreveport Regional Business Incubator and Chesapeake Oil and Gas Office and Safety Town USA, where we learned the effect natural gas has on our economy. We have learned the pros

and cons of starting our own businesses, and are in the process of writing our business plan for this week's competition. We feel that at the end of this Biz Camp, we will have gained the skills and (inaudible) we need to become successful business owners.

Ms. Gallager: Thank you again for your support and please accept these T-shirts as a small token of our appreciation of your continued support. Thank you.

Ms. Leviston: To our Mayor and other Members of the City Council, thank you for this opportunity to show off our Biz Campers and to officially thank you for your support, your continued support in the past. May I introduce though to you, the people who work with our Biz Campers each summer. If you will stand (the staff members of Biz Camp, please stand those that are here). From Fair Park High School, the Marketing Coordinator, Ms. Cassandra Howard. We have in the back from Southern University in the Division of Workforce Development, Ms. Arcenia Anthony. We have from Huntington High School, the Marketing Educational Coordinator, Ms. Catherine Harris. And from Woodlawn High School, our Business teacher, Ms. Tia Johnson-Young. We do appreciate you. We have worked very hard these two weeks to train our students to become successful entrepreneurs. On Thursday, they will be showcasing their wares, selling their wares at the Louisiana Boardwalk, and on Wednesday, tomorrow, they will go before a panel of judges to be judged for the Biz Camp competition. And we're hoping that if you have a chance to - - - if you have the opportunity, come by the Boardwalk to visit with us on Thursday, or come by Centenary College where we'll be doing the Biz Camp judging. Our camp is held at Centenary College each year. Again, we want to thank you and all of our supporters for your continued support. Thank you.

Councilman Webb: Thank you.

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

Mayor Glover: How many participants in this year's program.

Ms. Leviston: We have 47 students this year.

Councilman Webb: Distinguished guests by Council Members or anybody that you would like to recognize? Are you through Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Glover: You all can continue.

Councilman Webb: Okay. Does any Council Member have anybody they'd like to recognize or - - -? We don't Mr. Mayor, other than the Chief of Police over there waving his hands, so we'll recognize him. Go ahead Mr. Mayor, you had something else for us?

Mayor Glover: Thank you Mr. Chairman and members of the Council. I want to join you all in extending a warm and hearty welcome to these young people here today. It's great to have them here in the Chamber with us, and as they have mentioned, I have no doubt that we have before us a whole room of 40 future successful business men and women. So know that you all have accomplished great things over the last week, and we also know that there are even greater things yet ahead for each of you. So thank you for coming down here today and being with us. And especially thank you to these leaders and volunteers who spend their time in take moments from their busy schedule to work with you all. In the spirit of that, we are recognize future business leaders of Shreveport and Northwest Louisiana. Mr. Chairman and Members of the Council, I also think it's appropriate for us to take the opportunity today to recognize those who are the current business leaders of Shreveport. And so at this point, I want to ask - - - I don't have a name here for - - - the representative for EJES, I don't know if (inaudible) Gilbert

is here? Here we go, and then we have Tahira Abdul-Rahman would you come and join me? And then Mr. James Thrower, would you join me up front? Alright, she's probably the real brains and power of the operation anyway. Or at least my wife would say that if she were here representing me. And Mr. Booker White.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, is that the same Mr. Booker White that works for the Caddo Parish School System?

Mayor Glover: Absolutely. We want to start Mr. Chairman and members of the Council with recognizing and Gwen, you're going to have to give me - - - Mr. Edwin Jones? Alright. This year's 2009 Small Business of the year as recognized by the Shreveport-Bossier African-American Chamber of Commerce is EJES, Inc, is an engineering firm that provides engineering expertise and experience in civil engineering services to both public and private sector clients. EJES has offices in Louisiana, Texas and Oklahoma. It was founded in 1997 by local engineer Edwin B. Jones. EJES currently staffs more than 20 professionals, providing civil engineering and construction management services, and they maintain offices in Dallas, Forth Worth, Alexandria, Shreveport and New Orleans, Louisiana. They provide outstanding engineering and construction management services to the City of Dallas, Dallas County, TX Department of Transportation, Dallas Area Rail Transit and other public entities. It is my great pleasure Mr. Jones to recognize you and EJES, Inc as this year's African-American Chamber's Small Business of the Year. Your Mayor's Award of Excellence along with this pin as well. And please if you have any words for the Council?

Mr. Edwin Jones: Well, first of all, I just want to thank the City of Shreveport. Back in 1997, when I decided to start the business, I'm a graduate of Southern University, out of the College of Engineering, and I give credit to this business and give credit to the City of Shreveport for really helping me launch my business. Shreveport was the first city to give me an opportunity to start doing engineering work, and I have a full staff here, an office here in the Harry Patterson Building off Pines Road. And I'm committed to the City of Shreveport and I enjoy working with the City of Shreveport, and I thank you.

Mayor Glover: Alright, our next individual to be recognized is our 2009 Outstanding Business "Woman" of the year, and that individual is our very own Tahira Abdul-Rahman, a successful and awarding winning and recognized and highly respected real estate broker.. She is the owner of Tahira & Associates Realty, Inc., a top notch team of brokers specializing in property management, commercial and residential sales, land sales and investments. Hard work and success has afforded Tahira & Associates Realty to expand to include agents licensed in the state of Texas as well as Louisianal. What set's Tahira & Associated Realty apart from the others? Professional Expertise and skills, knowledge of the real estate market, and the ability to get results. This year's 2009 Outstanding Businesswoman of the Year, our very own Tahira Abdul-Rahman.

Councilwoman Bowman: Mr. Mayor, I have a question for her. Who is your father?

Ms. Abdul-Rahman: My father is Albert M. Moody, Sr.

Councilman Shyne: Your principal. That was her principal at Bethune.

Councilwoman Bowman: And I loved him so much.

Ms. Abdul-Rahman: And Mr. Lester's frat brother.

Councilman Lester: That's right. 63 years plus, one wife, one fraternity. He is my hero.

Ms. Abdul-Rahman: And I accept this honor in his memory. Because without him, I would not be here today. I thank you so much for this, I appreciate it, and I'd like to also accept

this in honor of my - - - in memory of my mother, and my late husband also. And I thank you very, very much.

Mayor Glover: Next Mr. Chairman and members of the Council, I am honored to recognize the 2009 Outstanding Business “Man” of the Year. And that individual is James E. Thrower, Jr., co-founder and CEO of Metropolitan Circles, LLC. A multi-million dollar social services agency. It provides mental health services to help families and individuals cope with their problems and restore them to their best possible functional level in the community. A staff of over 170 employees, providing opportunities for growth and advancement. Metropolitan Circles, LLC has been in operation since 1999. Employees are the cornerstone of their great organization. Today it is my great privilege Mr. Thrower to present to you on behalf of your (inaudible) this award for the Outstanding Businessman of the Year.

Ms. Thrower: My husband would want you to excuse his absence, as you know business goes on. He had a mandatory ethics training that he had to attend. So, I’m here to accept this in his absence. I know he is very thankful for your recognition as well as (inaudible). Thank you.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Mrs. Thrower, and it is not my great privilege to recognize the 2009 Chairman of the Board, Shreveport-Board African-American Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Booker White. Booker White is the Fair Share Administrator for the Caddo Parish School Board, providing ground breaking leadership for the “Opportunity Caddo” Program. The program provides tremendous business opportunities for small and economically disadvantaged businesses. We recognize Booker for his bold leadership and his coalition building among board members, and local businesses. And in doing so in his own very unique fine and efficient way. Mr. White, it is my great privilege to present to you this Mayoral Award of Excellence.

Mr. White: Thank you Mayor Glover. Thank you to each of the City Council men and women. And also to you Ms. Gwen Campbell for contacting me asking if we could come today. And we were all prepared to simply come, but not to speak. Forgive me guys for having to speak, but it’s well worth it. Since 1941, the Shreveport-Bossier African-American Chamber has been reaching out trying to help small businesses at the grass roots level grow. So, I get asked the question so often ‘Well, why do we have two chambers in Shreveport?’ Well, for the very reason I just mentioned. There is a strong need to keep that legacy going. For in 1941, African-Americans could not be a part of the Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce. So we need to keep in mind of our history as we keep moving beyond history. And I thank tremendously Mr. Kevin McCotter over at Chesapeake Energy for being our title sponsor of our Small Business Awards Luncheon, for it takes partnerships like his and many others throughout the whole Shreveport-Bossier region to help us that have been disenfranchised for so long to be able to make accomplishments that we all know that we’re all worthy of making, given the opportunity. So, thank you today for this award.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, just one minute. Booker, I want to commend you for doing an excellent job with the leadership that you are providing for that organization. You’re doing a fine job, and Kevin, we want to thank you for your generosity, for helping the organization out. Just keep it going. We love y’all.

Mayor Glover: Guys before you take your seat, Mr. Chairman and members of the Council, I want to take a moment, I guess on two personal notes. Because we refer to this organization today as the Shreveport-Bossier African-American Chamber of Commerce, but in one of it’s previous manifestations, it was the Shreveport Negro Chamber of Commerce. And anybody who hears that name probably soon afterwards feels the compulsion to utter the name of Donnie Wilson. Mr. Wilson who was the long time president of this Chamber. Loved it

dearly, and worked untiring to advance the cause of African-American and disadvantaged businesses throughout this area for not just years, but decades. And so we know that Mr. Wilson is no longer with us, but these outstanding young folks here today represent a tremendous part of his legacy. And so I know that he is up above looking down today smiling on the leadership of Mr. White, as well as the legacy that these outstanding business folk are carrying on. So, thank you all for carrying that great legacy on. And then lastly, with regard to the Negro Chamber, a personal note. My father was a former president of the Shreveport Negro Chamber of Commerce as well. And so I can remember many a time being taken along with him to sit in, in the corner and given a pad and a piece of paper. I had a pen to scribble on while they had their meeting down there on the corner of Milam and Pierre Avenue, what was (inaudible) many years ago. So thank you all, and God bless you, and continued success for this year.

Councilman Shyne: And Mr. Mayor, just for the sake of Michael Long, Mike we changed it round in the 1900s, we stopped being Negroes, we started being African-Americans.

Councilman Long: Thanks Joe.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Mr. Chairman and members of the Council. I'd like you to join me in welcoming and guys, I'm going to struggle with this name. He goes by Tommy for short. So, Tommy, would you join me here up front, and I understand at least your mother is here as well, and sister also? The whole family. We want the whole family. Oluwatome Adegboyega. Tommy, put it on the record. Just pronounce your name in full for us.

Mr. Adegboyega: Ola-wah-tom-ee Ade-boy-yeah-gah.

Mayor Glover: That was pretty close. Alright, and great to have you all here as well, and we'll have you all come up and introduce yourselves in just second. Amongst the 1,900 (and that's the father there taking the pictures. I lost site of you for a second. I'm with you, we got the whole family here). Among the 1,980 students that graduated this year from Caddo public Schools, that's 20 away from 2,000, only one Mr. Chairman, and members of the Council, only one - - - achieved a very unique distinction. This young man, young Tommy, a member of the 2009 Class of my dear Alma Mater, Caddo Magnet High School, is the only graduating seniors in Caddo Parish Public Schools with 12 years of perfect attendance.

Councilman Shyne: Oh my God! Alright Tommy! Fantastic!

Mayor Glover: From first grade through his senior year, Tommy did not miss one single day of school. Not one single day of school. Ad a supporter of education, I believe that attendance is just as important as your grades. 90% of success, we have often been told is just showing up. And Tommy showed up everyday for 12 straight years.

Councilman Shyne: That's fantastic.

Mayor Glover: Now Mr. Chairman and members of the Council, I started a tradition when I became Mayor, this particular past May represents the third May that I've been privileged to be the Mayor of City of Shreveport. The first May of 2007, we had three individuals who achieved this distinction. Last year, to show you how rare this is, there were none. In 2007, I had the opportunity, the privilege of being able to give away three of what I'm about to give away and present to this young man right now. Last year, none. This year one. Tommy, we know you're heading off to college, and we know that you're going to need to be able to have access to a computer, and we want you to have one that you can just simply tuck up under your arm. And so I'm privileged, in recognition of the outstanding achievement that you've attained perfect attendance to present you with this complimentary laptop from me individually to you.

Councilman Shyne: He's going to need it down at Grambling.

Mr. Adegboyega: I want to say thank you to you Mayor Glover and to you Council Members. And then I also want to say thank you to Ms. Mary Rounds who isn't here today, my principal. Like she's really been nice to me as I went to school there for three years. And she just talks to me in the hallway, just to say hi to me everyday, and see how I was doing in school. Just the basic things like that. And I also wanted to thank my parents who (inaudible) and stuff when I got my grades in school, just told me to focus and keep going. And this is my family. My brother, Patrick, my brother Sumi, my sister Grace and My mom. And I just wanted to say thank you again.

Mr. Adegboyega, Sr. To the Mayor and the City Council, I really don't have anything to say other than thank you for your support. Because the support you give to the school system makes it possible for these young ones to really go, and for the group that was here before, they are the future, and thank you for all you're doing. Because taking care of the future is the best thing you can do to take care of today. Thank you.

Mayor Glover: I think Gwen has the case and the other - - - the cord and the other accessories for you all. So we'll be able to get the full compliments of what goes with that. And as I mentioned in 2007, we gave away three of these. Last year, we gave away none. It is my hope that next year, we have a stack of laptop computers to give away to our young people because we want to give them the kind of encouragement that says that we know that going to school is the right thing, it's what you're there to do, it's what you ought to do. But every now and then Mr. Shyne, there is a reward at the end of the road for doing the right thing. And so, Tommy we appreciate your commitment to excellence, and we hope that there are other students out there today who may have maybe 9, or 10, or maybe 11 years of perfect attendance, and who might be thinking about taking a break at some point next year, that they know that if they're successful in achieving perfect attendance, that we'll have something here waiting for them at the end. And it's my hope that before it's all said and done Mr. Chairman and members of the Council, that we might go from laptops to something a little bit bigger than that to give young folks starting off in first grade something to shoot for and really aspire to. So, again thank you all. Thank you Mr. Chairman, and again, Tommy congratulations to you and good luck to you. The one thing he didn't say Mr. Chairman, you mentioned Grambling, and as an old "G-man", I'm not sure. Where are you going to school Tommy?

Mr. Adegboyega: LSUS.

Mayor Glover: That'll work. LSU Shreveport.

Councilman Webb: As everybody knows Haynesville Shale is starting to be a big thing for Shreveport, and I would like for Kevin McCotter with Chesapeake to come up and give us a short presentation. If you're not aware of it, I think Chesapeake is fixin to have their first operation inside the city limits of Shreveport

Mr. McCotter: Mr. Chairman and members of the Council, thank you very much. I've got some handouts if I may, to pass those out, and I think it would be more beneficial for you to understand the discussion. For the record, my name is Kevin McCotter, my address is 333 Texas Street, Rm 1100 and that's in Shreveport, 71101. Ladies and gentlemen, I'll take a minute to orient you with this map, but as Chairman Webb had mentioned, this will be the first natural gas well that will be drilled in the city of Shreveport limits by Chesapeake Energy. So, we're very proud of that and we've been working with members of the Administration, Chairman Webb and others to be prepared for this day, so this is an opportunity to provide education to you and to let you know what to expect over the next few weeks, and some of the

things that we're taking in a proactive sense to notify the surrounding area. But I'll call your attention first to - - - I guess I'll call it a bulls eye for lack of a better name. That's the actual well (inaudible). This will be the Chesapeake Energy Taylor Potter 17H-1 well. Right there in the center of the bulls eye so to speak is the well bore. So this is where the first well will be put later on in the fall. The reason I'm here before you today is to try to give you a timeline of what to expect in terms of activity over the next several months. The orange dotted line that you see coming down from the south off Ardis Taylor Drive, that is a proposed road that goes to our drilling pad location. Now the drilling pad location will encompass about 2-3 acres, and it will actually straddle the section line of Section 17 here, and then Section 8 above it. From an efficiency perspective that's very desirable for an operator to establish a location line straddling a section line. Our first well, the Taylor Potter 17 will drill south into Section 17 later on in the fall or next year, we will drill north into Section 8. Now as you can see close by here is Colquitt Road Estates, then across from the entrance road, that orange dotted line that I pointed out to you is Rosedale Subdivision. So just from a traffic perspective, our construction activity as well as our operational activity later on in the fall will only use that portion of Ardis Taylor Road between Colquitt Road and Ardis Taylor Road. We will not allow our traffic to use Ardis Taylor as a thru way over to Mansfield Road, or U.S. 171. It's a residential neighborhood, it is a school close by there as well as a daycare facility. So, we are not planning to use that road, and that's been in discussions with our Department of Operational Services folks as well. You noted that the rooms that are drawn on there depict the radius of the actual well. So, I've drawn a 500 foot ring, that's the inner circle. And if you look at the proposed Commissioner of Conservation statewide field (inaudible), he required that when we are within 500 feet of a residence, or 750 feet of a unit of residence, then his proposed rule will apply. And my commitment to the Council and to the City is that rule was just issued yesterday by the Commissioner of Conservation. It's on his website, so we are going to operate this well in accordance with Conservation rule that they issued. So at the 750 foot mark, we encompass just the eastern half or eastern portion of Colquitt Road Estates. So in doing so, then that regulates us from a traffic perspective, which the City regulates us. It regulates us from a noise perspective and our decibels that are allowed in our operations, and it also regulates us in terms of hours of operation. So, we're here to say that even though this well has already been permitted, that we're going to voluntarily adhere to the Commissioner's field rule in our operations, because it's just simply the right thing to do. Now from the notification procedure, after today's meeting, then our next action will be to notify via letter the residents of Colquitt Road Estates, as well as Rosedale Estates and other surrounding streets about this construction activity. In fact, we'll have a flagman there at the entrance protecting traffic while construction activity takes place. We're going to asphalt the first 100 feet of road. That helps in spewing rocks out onto the main drive of Ardis Taylor so we're taking these measures in a proactive way in order to minimize any type of inconvenience to those residents in the area. Also in that letter, what we would like to do is respectfully invite the Council, as well as the Administration to join us in a public education meeting, perhaps later on in August, that we could invite the residents of the area, and just do a drilling 101, for lack of a better term, and to let folks know what to expect in that 90 day drilling period. So, later on in the fall, we will either move a drilling rig in, typically we're taking about 55-60 days to actually drill a well, and another month to complete the well, and after that, when the traffic is over, then there's a producing natural gas well that's online. We've already secure the rights of way for that blue dotted line coming south from the well site, and that is the pipeline, that's the gathering pipeline. So, this unit will be

ready to go. So, with that, I'll end this portion of my presentation and answer any questions that you may have, and then Mr. Chairman and Members, if I could respectfully ask for another 5 or 6 minutes to talk about the potential for the city leasing some city owned property that is out in this location of the city where we will be drilling wells in the future, and to respectfully request that the Council consider re-nominating that land for lease as we drill the wells. And I'm happy to take any questions.

Councilman Webb: Any Council Member have any questions at this point?

Councilman Walford: What's the time frame for the blue dotted line for the pipeline coming from the west?

Mr. McCotter: Good question. The construction period of the pad site will be about a month. We thought that that would be desirable to do that now while school was out and traffic is diminished somewhat on Ardis Taylor. So we should complete the pad site in the August time frame. We plan right now tentatively to move our drilling rig in, in the October time frame, when we start moving the drilling rig in, we will start constructing the gathering line. So, ideally for us, that gathering line is in place, so when the well is completed, we're able to connect the gathering line, start sending gas to market, and start selling gas.

Councilman Webb: Okay, any other questions? Okay, go ahead and continue.

Mr. McCotter: Now members, the Taylor Potter 17 is just one well that we have planned to go ahead and start work on in the southwest Shreveport area. And in that area, there's about two different units or townships and range. Actually it's Township 16 north, Range 14 west, and then Township 16 north, Range 15 west. And so you've got - - - that's going to be the larger handout that you're receiving here, where you have portions of that, that are shaded. So in these areas in Southwest Shreveport and these two areas, and there's about a dozen sections, and that's in the other handout that you've received here, that identifies sections, individual sections within these ranges and townships, where there are city owned property. And then you've got maps behind that that depict each one of those tracts of property, just to give you an idea of where that's located. Just to summarize, the vast majority of this acreage that's identified here, it's not an estimate, it's exactly 527.19 acre, It's predominantly acreage that's under city streets and rights of way. There are a couple of larger tracts and it's itemized in the detail here, and each one of these tracts sync up with an inventory of property that's maintained in Mr. Strong's office as well. But 527 acres that the last time the city nominated those acreage, it I believe imposed a \$10,000 minimum per acre bonus for that on that particular acreage. Obviously the markets have changed. If you look back over the last few months, the state mineral board sales per acreage bonus amounts have been in the \$7, 8, 900 per acre range. My message to you very respectfully is that we will be drilling wells in these sections in the coming months, towards the end of this year and the first half of next year. We would love to get this city acreage under lease, although the bonus structure has changed drastically, it would allow the city to take advantage of this right of way property, and property that's under streets, and to catch onto a revenue stream so to speak as those wells come online next year, and of course we expect a rise in price environment next year as the supply and demand imbalances continue to get more back in those. So, it's just an opportunity, we think, that you could take some right of way property, property that's under streets, property that I don't think will actually be put into commerce or property that would be of a desirable nature to be used for a city park or some type of a facility like that, and generate some revenue. So, although the bonus amount has changed, there's no denying that, the revenue opportunity to put this property into production as wells come online over the remainder of this year and next year, is certainly an opportunity that we

would love to see the city go ahead and nominate this property. It would go to the state mineral board, and whether it would be leased by Chesapeake or some other company, it would of course go to the highest bidder. But it would require coming down from the minimum of where it is now to be more reflective of the current market rates. So I appreciate that opportunity and certainly happy to answer any questions.

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

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

Councilman Webb: Okay, we'll move down to Property Standards Report. Mr. Holt?

**Reports:**

*Property Standards Report*

Mr. Holt: Thank you Mr. Chairman, I'll take any concerns y'all have. I believe Ms. Bowman and Mr. Walford, and Mr. Long, and I think that's all I had today.

Councilwoman Bowman: Jim, were your inspectors able to get over to Terry Street?

Mr. Holt: Yes Ma'am. No violations exist. I've got a picture for you, there's an email waiting on you. The trailers that are in place are perfectly legal. They're not pretty trailers, but they are functional for their intended purpose. And he uses them on a regular basis. There's a vacant house he keeps locked and in immaculate condition, and the last time the complainant called us, it was because the man had two used doors leaning against the side of the house. The inspector tells me that the complainant calls us about twice a year, the neighbor. It's an ongoing thing. Currently there are no violations present.

Councilman Walford: Yeah, let's talk about 1531 Oakdale, that's been a thorn in my side all day. What did your inspectors find there?

Mr. Holt: The last email was at 2:00, there was nobody there working, nobody anywhere around the property when they got there.

Councilman Walford: Just for the benefit of the Council, this is an example of where our system is broken and what's wrong with it. This property, I got a call this morning going back Jim a couple of months ago?

Mr. Holt: Several months, there was an allegation at one time that people were coming in after dark, and leaving before sunlight. And the allegation was that they were people who were not supposed to be on the property, and that they were wanted by the police. The property was checked by the CLO and the inspector. The neighbor said everybody there ran off, and we've processed it for securing and demolition. And now, the allegation is that the owner who lost it to tax sale has rented it. And that 's where we are today.

Councilman Walford: This morning, I got a call that they had two people out there, we already have a demo order on the property, but the owner was trying to rent the property. And this particular owner has not paid any taxes on this property. It was adjudicated for 1990 taxes. So that's only 19 years, and they've been renting the house. We have 19 different code enforcement violations on this property. Again, we get no tax revenue, they show currently

owed to the city \$4,763.42. But if you go to the list that Finance provided me, back in April, and add up what this property owner owes us, it comes out to over \$115,000.00. I'm sorry Michael, I can't give you the name of Bear Development company or Francis Grigsby. Oh! What? Bea, can you edit that out? I slipped up and said Bear Development.

Ms. Johnson: I'm not going to do it Mr. Chairman.

Councilwoman Bowman: That's public record. Now.

Councilman Walford: I said Francis Grigsby too didn't I?

Ms. Johnson: Yes sir.

Councilman Walford: I shouldn't have done that.

Councilman Lester: Was that F R A N C I S?

Councilman Walford: I believe it is.

Councilman Webb: Is the house rented now?

Councilman Walford: This morning I was told some woman was about to rent it. Their inspectors have been out there, there are two people that were working on it left. But Jim, I'm going to ask you something and it does not come under your watch. But we've had weed abatement over and over and over again on this property, and yet I look back, somebody keeps cancelling them. Why would that be?

Mr. Holt: I got that email, and right after I got it, is when we found out our inspector had passed away. Kinda disrupted the office, so they haven't looked into that. I'm going to try to find out the best I can, why somebody may have done that. But - - -

Councilman Walford: Over and over again, and a lot of them are dated 2005. All in the same month, somebody cancelled a number of them. It really makes me wonder.

Mr. Holt: Being our records weren't computerized then, I'm not hopeful of what I'm going to find, but I'll look into it and see what I can find.

Councilman Walford: But this is an example of what's wrong with our system and what we have got to find a way to fix, whether it comes from ordinance changes by this council, whether it comes from enforcement actions driven by the administration, whatever it takes. We've got to stop this kind of thing. And I was anxious to get a hold of Jim, because the last thing I wanted to see was somebody move in there and then us to move forward on a demo. And I feel like if they went out and said this was a candidate for demolition, it certainly wasn't something that we want someone to live in. And that's the very reason that we're moving forward with Mr. Lester's renter's code. But I bring this up as one example. In my district there are over 90 properties that are adjudicated to the city to the city that have current water service, and I can't imagine why they would have current water service unless they're occupied. And most of them that I've driven by are. And it points to a systemic problem that we as the Legislative Branch and those gentlemen over there as the Executive Branch have got to address, got to put a stop to this. We can't have people landlords renting properties, and thumbing their nose at us for taxes and for code enforcement charges. And I will tell you that when we talked about tightening up one time in our property standards committee, one of the principles in one of the real estate companies that frequently shows up in our books, told me - - - first thing he said that was like fingernails on a blackboard, because they owed us up in the five figures was my brother doesn't believe in paying for cutting grass. And then when I suggested we were tightening up on our code enforcement with the changes that we did make, he told me, that's fine, we'll just adjudicate all our properties to the city. So obviously now people think they rent it as long as they can, when it becomes so dilapidated, they quit paying the taxes on it, and they think that we will just take it over. And I think if we call Ms. Scott over here and ask her if that

is our legal responsibility, or if the owner still has responsibility, she's going to tell us that it's the owner, and it's time for us as a body to start holding people accountable and responsible. And I'm not beating on you, I appreciate the quick service, Cause I think this one frustrated you like it did me today. And we need to make sure that if we have a demo ordered, they can't get a permit, and they can't go in after the fact and try to do work, and put somebody in there. I don't know if it would be legal, but once we get a demo order, can we not allow water service to be connected to it.

Mr. Holt: I'll have to ask Ms. Scott. There are real limitations on private property on what I can't do. If somebody has moved in, whether legally or not.

Councilman Walford: But we can stop - - - you do note it in the system so the permit can't be issued?

Mr. Holt: I lock everything that we have a demo on. So there won't be any permit issued for building. Which means if they're building, they're probably doing it without a permit.

Councilman Walford: Well, if you would, lets' keep an eye on this one just in case they were truly trying to rent it this morning, as the neighbors said.

Mr. Holt: Well I'm sure those neighbors will keep us informed. I think there's one that's going to be sure and call me over and over. Thank you Jim. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilwoman Bowman: Jim, one more thing. We want to thank you, the CLOs and everybody else that came out on Friday. We did a good drive through over in the Steeple Chase area, and I appreciate that. We found some issues that I know, but still need to take a little time to straighten out, but at least we're trying. And one other thing I had was, would you please keep us, email us especially myself in reference to the services when - - - with Chris?

Mr. Holt: As soon as we have that information, we'll get it to everybody.

Councilwoman Bowman: Thank you I appreciate that.

Councilman Webb: If no further comments, thank you Mr. Holt. Mr. Sibley, you want to discuss revenue collection plan?

### *Revenue Collection Plan & Implementation Report*

Mr. Sibley: Yes Mr. Chairman. Thank you members of the Council. As indicated yesterday, what we want to do is continue to build on the basic information we gave out before. And Mr. Walford, that issue we are looking at that. We started to look at how we can - - - whether it's a system capability issue in determining if an address has a permit, so the water can be turned. There's an issue of how the people sign for the water. So, we're trying to look at that to see how we can actually find some way to keep that from happening where the owner is delinquent but somebody comes and signs up for water anyhow. But moving in that direction, what we wanted to do today was talk specifically about a couple of things that y'all have identified. One is we have Mr. Shea here from DDA to talk about the parking correction, and where we are in that thing. We're also going to have Mr. Madden come up and talk about the existing contracts. As we indicated in our report, we have three collection contracts, including DDA. We have one building contract, and we're going to have to give you some information on that. Mr. Walford, we also have the specific information on the tax sale that you requested on yesterday, if Mr. Madden will go over that. And looking forward to next council meeting, we'll again ask if there are any specific items or issues that y'all would like us to look at, please let us know. But based upon the information that you give today, we intend to come back and

provide recommendations on whether or not we think those contracts have been effective, whether or not we should renew them, whether or not we should look at moving in a different direction. But that will be after we've had an opportunity to sit down with those providers and discuss the specifics of these contracts and what they'd be doing for the city. So if it pleases the Council, I'd like to ask Mr. Shea to come forward first of all and discuss the parking collections progress.

Mr. Don Shea: Thank you very much. Mr. Chairman and members of the Council and Mayor, I'm happy to be here today, and I want to also say thank you to the city administration and the Councilman Walford's office working with us to tweak the parking program so that that the city has the teeth in the program to get the revenue that's coming to it. At this moment, when I left the office to come over here, Mr. Glanville, your newly appointed parking hearing officer was being oriented and briefed in our office about his new duties. So, we expect that to go well, and we also expect to probably need a number of other additional hearing officers over the next couple of months, perhaps two or three or more. And I hope that we can find adequate volunteers to take care of that. Secondly, I'd like to say that we are finalizing our agreement with our preferred provider of what's called the 'smart boot' technology. A sophisticated method to screen vehicles and find out exactly where they are and how we can collect them. We did a field test downtown two weeks yesterday on this equipment, which is basically vehicle mounted scanner that reads license plates and can tell you instantly if these license plates are in arrears, or if they have outstanding citations, etc. And I just wanted to say that in that two and half hour period, the morning of June 8<sup>th</sup>, we scanned 1,578 licensed plates downtown, virtually everyone that was parked on the street during that period. There were 39 vehicles that were what we called 'hits' that had outstanding violations. The average violation on those hits was \$182, which had a total of owing the city of \$7,085. And the highest offender in that class that we saw that morning, owed the city \$1080. So, they're out there and so that's revenue that can be captured. I also want to say that over the last three year period, there's been an accumulation of about \$1,200,000 in outstanding fines. 23,000 vehicles have at least one outstanding violation, and 2,100 vehicles have three or more outstanding violations. So, the current parking ordinance provides that if you do have three outstanding violations, you can be booted, or impounded. And with the presence of now the hearing officer, will allow us to adjudicate any appeals on that basis. We are making preparations now to send letters to the 2,100 people who are in that class of having three or more violations on July 1<sup>st</sup> to notify them that they are in arrears and we're going to start the booting program. However, the best collection will of course take place when we can reach those 23,000 scofflaws that have either one or two tickets. And so, while the certified letter process that we're going to be doing to the 2,100 is cumbersome and expensive. We will go through that for the 23,000 other violators if we are able to achieve the modification in the ordinance, which we recommended and city staff is working on. And that modification would allow us to either boot or impound or tow any violator, if he has one outstanding violation provided it was sufficiently in arrears, let's say 60 days. If it hadn't been paid in 60 days, we could send such a certified letter, and then put them in the same class as the multiple violators. And that will allow the city to maximize the revenue enhancement there.

Councilman Walford: Mr. Shea, how much does those 2,100 owe us, do you know?

Mr. Shea: I do have some numbers on that. The 2,100 people owe the city \$364,000 and change. And incidentally, I'll tell you that in face, my sort of final remark Councilman comes from a question you asked yesterday at the work session, which was has the recent press

attention to this and the immediate coverage of this opportunity resulted in an increase in collections? And the answer is yes, sort of. We've had three perpetrators come to our office over the last week or so, that owed more than \$1,000 each, and I can think of no other reason they would have done that except that they're fearful that the boots coming. And one of those was in there talking, we had the top ten violators range from a high of \$2,750 owed down to one vehicle \$1,280. Somewhere in the middle of at \$2500 came to our door, and we put her on a payment plan, so she's paying us off over a two year period, so that revenue is already starting because of the threat of this new program. I'm happy to hear that. My guess is when we start sending these certified letters, we're going to get a lot more, and I think ultimately over the next year or two years, what we're really going to see is a lot more quarters in the meters as people are more conscious of protecting themselves from getting parking tickets. So that's the situation. We're on board to do the July 1<sup>st</sup> launch of this enforcement program as we are in final negotiations with that provider, the equipment as I mentioned, and I'd be very happy to take any questions.

Councilman Webb: Mr. Shea, how many boots do we have?

Mr. Shea: We have four booths right now, they're the old fashion big orange, heavy metal clasp things. What we're going to go to - - - they're cumbersome, they're heavy, they have the potential to damage the vehicle, in some cases as they are attached or removed, and the smart boot technology is far smaller, far lighter and furthermore, it allows the booting to take place and the payment to be made 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. So you don't have to wait for somebody to come down with a key to take the boot off. As an example, you come out and see this new smart boot on your car, say 10:00 on a Friday night, there's an 800 number on the boot. And you call that 800 number and give them your credit card number or your checking account number, pay by check. And you're given a code to punch into that boot and the boot gets removed.

Councilman Webb: And they take the boot with them?

Mr. Shea: Take the boot in your car, take it home, and you owe us another \$25 a day until it's returned after the first business day. So that's all explained to them in the protocol when they call the 800 number.

Councilman Webb: Okay, that's going to be interesting. And how many boots are you anticipating?

Mr. Shea: We suspect that we'll probably be able to get by with half a dozen or so, but the vendors is prepared to advance 20 boots if we need them.

Councilman Webb: I think we're going to need 'em.

Mr. Shea: Just from practical point of view, we probably at least half dozen, somewhere those two numbers. I want to also point out that this smart boot technology is pretty common these days, or has become common over the last 3 or 4 years, and the city is probably going to (inaudible) speaking in terms of population and in terms of the inventory of parking meters. And so we're asking the company that we're dealing with, which is called Pay Lock Systems to rewrite their motto to reflect the needs of a medium size community like us, a couple hundred-thousand population, 1,200 meters in the inventory.

Councilman Webb: When are the letters going out?

Mr. Shea: July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Councilman Webb: Is there a time frame on there or how long?

Mr. Shea: We're drafting it right now, and this is subject to final approval and sign off by the Administration and Councilman Walford. But we believe that a 30 day notice at this

point is sufficient, because they've been notified already whenever the violations occurred, that they're in arrears. One of the things we're trying to do is have sort of a spicy announcement about this so that the general public knows that the city is going to be taking this responsibility much more seriously, and that the vulnerability of the scofflaws is not to be ignored.

Councilman Webb: And when you order one of those boots, how long does it take to get one?

Mr. Shea: Couple of days.

Councilman Webb: Oh, okay. So, if we need more it won't take us long to get more. Any other questions from Council Members?

Councilman Walford: Thank you Mr. Chairman. There was one other thing that we had talked about that I think we ought to put on television, and the public should hear it now, since Adam is sitting back there. We don't plan to let somebody get booted and just leave their car taking up the parking place forever. We have an excellent plan for them that Don might want to (inaudible).

Mr. Shea: I'm glad you mentioned that. We will impound the car, tow it as well as boot it if the violation is up on the street for more than 24 hours.

Councilman Webb: That's a good time frame.

Mr. Shea: I believe that we'll reduce that - - - you know there's sort of rolling three year period that people have to pay these fines, and then they roll off the books. I think that the current three year accumulation of \$1,200,000 will be reduced by more than half within the balance of calendar year of 2009, and then we'll have a much more manageable problem going forward as people come to understand that the city is serious about collecting the revenue that it's entitled to. And I really believe that our meter results will probably increase as people respect the on street parking system, and another result will be that people who have longer term intentions and a couple of hours in the meter will be driven into parking garages, which is the whole point in the first place.

Councilman Walford: If I could make one more point, the increase in revenue that comes in, in the Parking Enterprise Fund is used to create more parking. And I've discussed some long range plans with the administration on what we might do with that, that's going to do nothing but enhance our downtown and our Riverfront. So, the money will go to very, very good use as it comes in.

Mr. Sibley: And Mr. Chairman, before we go to Mr. Madden, I'd like to make one comment. I think I read it in the media that our hearing officers that y'all confirmed are being paid and in fact, they are volunteers. So that's not really costing the city any money for those individuals that would step forward to volunteer to do that.

Councilman Webb: Who are the hearing officers?

Mr. Sibley: Mr. Glanville. I think the media indicated that they were paid positions. But they are not. They are volunteer positions.

Councilman Shyne: So the Shreveport Times made a mistake?

Mr. Sibley: Well, I won't say that. I just wanted to make sure that the public knew that they are not paid.

Mayor Glover: We'll note that he was referred to as Adam and not the local scribe.

Mr. Sibley: I'd like to call Mr. Madden forward Mr. Chairman to tell you about those contracts that currently exist.

Mr. Charles Madden: Okay, besides the contract we have with DDA on the collections of parking, we also have a contract with a company that does all of our billing for EMS, and that

company is paid based on the amount not on what they bill, but what is collected. And that is 8% of the total collected amount that runs between \$300 and 400,000 a year, if we pay them for that service. And then we have two collection companies that collect the delinquent bills. One of the collects the water and sewer bills. They presently run each month with what the amount that is put with them, they collect about 50% of that amount each month. That's not the month. The last month was put with them, but kinda of the running average of what they collect. And the other company collects the EMS bills, their average is a whole lot lower, around 10-11%, is a whole lot collecting at \$50 or 60 water bill from someone than it is \$800 EMS bill from someone. So those are the contracts that we have right now. We will meet with each of those companies in the next couple of weeks to discuss their contracts, and whether or not it will be continued, and what changes we might make in those contracts.

Councilman Walford: When they pay the EMS collections, do they pay them to us, or do they pay them to the collection company?

Mr. Madden: If it's with the collection agency, if it's with one of the two collection agencies, it goes to them and they remit the money to us. The money for the original billing for emergency services comes here and then we notify the company that we've received the money and they post it to the account.

Councilwoman Bowman: Do we do any in-house collecting? I mean, how do we go about doing that?

Mr. Madden: We have the normal collections for water billings that we do, and it's sent to collections. It's not sent to collections until it's reached a certain dollar value.

Councilwoman Bowman: I understand that part, the water collections, but on all of this other outstanding bills, what is in place for the city to try to collect some of that on their own?

Mr. Sibley: We have internal compliance.

Mr. Madden: It depends on what it is like occupational licenses. If the occupational license isn't paid, then we send them a letter notifying them that they have not paid. And if we don't get a response, then we arbitrarily assess them an amount that becomes due, and that's usually when we hear from them, when we assess them amounts usually more than what they owe, and then they come in with the correct amount and pay that. In fact right now, I think we're over about \$10,000 over what we had budgeted for occupational licenses, and we still got quite a bit of work to do on them this year, on collecting.

Councilwoman Bowman: Is that the only thing that we have from that department collect on?

Mr. Madden: We collect property standards.

Councilwoman Bowman: Well that's where I'm going with this.

Mr. Madden: We send out a - - - the original bill is sent out by property standards. If it's not paid in 30 days, then we send out an additional notice. If they come in and can't pay the full amount, we will work out some type of a payment with them if that's what they need. And then we send out a second notice, then after that if it's not paid, then it's put onto the property as a - - - attached to the property. Some information that Mr. Walford asked for yesterday.

Mr. Sibley: Before you move into that, just follow up on Ms. Bowman's comment. One of the things that we look at and evaluate with these contracts, we're doing two things. 1) We're trying to (inaudible) historical data. So we can have a picture of how these guys have performed. Because many of them have been under contract for quite a few years. And we're trying to get a picture of how effective they've been. We're trying to find out what kind of industry norms out there, for example if someone collects at 30%, what is that? Is that normal?

Is that okay or not? Secondly, we're trying to balance the external collections against what it would cost us to do it internally. In the initial report that you got, the compliance section is actually fairly small now, compared to what it was. At one point in the city and part of what we may be coming to you with is a recommendation that we beef that up, especially if there's a situation where what we're paying to do it externally, we can do it internally just as effectively, but perhaps at lower cost. So that's a part of what we'll be coming back also, talking about for example if there are two people there now, we may need to beef that up to four in order to enhance our collection ability, but the internal compliance section also is plugged in, in many of those processes before it goes out to the collections. There are some things that don't go out, some things that do. So, we'll be presenting you information on that in the future, as we continue to track the historical data on how they've done and try to get some idea industry wide how they compare. And we'll do some of that when we sit down with them and actually talk about how effective they've been for the city compared to what it cost.

Mr. Madden: It's (inaudible) ones we have placed with outside agencies, all of their collections are done by the compliance section. And there are two revenue auditors who do that collection at this time.

Councilman Lester: Would the Administration be opposed to when you do your analysis, in going out looking for industry norm, it could be that certainly with the economic times that we're in, there may be some other external entity that may give us a better rate in terms of - - - if the current person is doing it for 8%, some person might want to do it for a better rate, and that might wind up being something that inures to the benefit of the city. Because certainly if you talk about bringing it in house, you've got employees, salary, retirement, da, da, da, da. So maybe one of the answers may be to find out - - - I don't know how you would do that without putting it out for an RFP, but if the Administration would kinda look at seeing, it might be time to open this deal up for competition, and that might wind up inuring to the benefit of the city as well.

Mr. Sibley: We certainly will Councilman Lester. One of the things that we found is some of these contracts have been around quite a while. And so it's interesting to put it back out and just see, as you said, whether or not we get a better deal with those guys or someone else. And that's certainly something we'll be looking at (inaudible).

Mr. Madden: Okay, the numbers Mr. Walford asked for yesterday, we took 2,380 parcels to tax sale with a total value of \$1,054,000. We sold 1,413 properties for a total value of \$733,000. We adjudicated 968 properties with the value of \$316,000.

Councilman Walford: Mr. Chairman, I've got a question, and I'm not sure if it's for Mr. Madden. I'm going to toss it out there and see if the Administration grabs it, or if Mike Strong or - - - what we do, but what do we need now to go after selling some of the adjudicated properties that we have that are over the three years, and I bring up - - - in the last Council they pick up a square mile bounded by Stoner and you remember the boundaries on Line Ave and Centenary or something like that, and they put signs out. And they sold quite a few of the adjudicated properties. I have no idea how much money you brought in, but is that something that the Administration would consider? 1) To get the properties back on the books, and 2) it brings us some money. And I know Mike's folks do the real property, and or if you've gotten rid of them and move them off by themselves?

Mr. Sibley: He still has them. But that's one of the things Mr. Walford, that is interesting. Most of the processes deal with property standards and those kinds of things ultimately end up with us as indicated in the Oakdale Street situation, ends up with us having

property that at that point, we have to maintain, pay for, and have liability for. And in often times those are properties that no one really wants to come and buy. So, having those programs like the \$1 adjudicated property program and the other programs that (inaudible) is a large part of our effort. I want to ask Ms. Scott to come up and speak.

Ms. Glass: Mr. Chairman, can I say one thing?

Councilman Webb: Yes Julie, go ahead.

Ms. Glass: You have a state statute that says we do not have short liability on adjudicated property. I don't want you to say that.

Mr. Sibley: Okay, thank you.

Ms. Scott: There are some statutes that we can use right now. There are some statutes that we are using and after this session is over, hopefully, we will also be authorized to go back to our \$1 program. It was a very short lived program, but the 150 or 250, I forget the number of properties that we actually conveyed under that property was quite successful. And since that program terminated, we've been asked a number of times by persons who were on a list who did not get an opportunity to take advantage of the program or participate in it whether or not the program was coming back. And so hopefully, after this session, that will be another tool so to speak in our arsenal that we can offer, in addition to trying to convey some of these adjudicated properties. That is one of the things Mr. Walford that we're going to look at in this report or in these reports that we'll bring to you, some options and recommendations on things that we can implement if they don't exist already or tweak a little bit in the hopes of trying to move some of these adjudicated properties.

Councilman Walford: What I keep hoping Ms. Scott, some of these 90 that I've got, that I've driven by that have people living in them, and look fairly decent, I just keep wondering what would happen if we put a 'For Sale' sign in the front. I tend to think most landlords would come running and pay up.

Ms. Scott: Well Mr. Walford, before we can do that, we actually need to own the property. So that again, that's one of the plans that we want to lay out a program of if it's going to be property that we would target that we would actually attempt to acquire or, if it's in a certain area. That's something that we're working on in conjunction with Mr. Stadlander in Property Management on, and the discussion is right now that we would try to target properties that we think would have some value or properties that people would be interested in trying to acquire, that are in fact adjudicated, that meet the criteria for the program and attempt to go out and acquire those properties and see if there's a market for those.

Councilman Walford: Well let me assure you that I have a list of 90 that I think at least half of them certainly look attractive enough that people would want to buy them, and I have to thank Anna for that, and we can show them to you. I would be happy to share the GEO number and everything.

Councilman Lester: The only thing I was going to ask you, and thank you Ms. Scott and Mr. Chairman, is you know part of what this brings up is two things. 1) With a lot of the tough economic times people are living in, some of the people near foreclosures that you have in the city is such that Community Development is working on a program, Neighborhood Stabilization Part II, Shreveport has a high number of foreclosures and there are some governmental programs that are out there to help stabilize neighborhoods and so, when you have both issues of property being foreclosed on, the components to that economically is not paying taxes. And so that is an issue as well. But even moving forward, we have to be very careful and very judicious about the use of our power to go in and acquire this property. Because the last thing

that we want to do from the City's standpoint, even though we don't have liability for adjudicated property is just have an inventory of property for land banking purposes. I think what we have to have as part of this conversation is a long term strategy on how we actually get rid of the property. And one of the things is the \$1 program, but one of the things that I might suggest moving forward is the idea of right now, I'm looking at a map that Jim Holt got for me from the folks upstairs relative to adjudicated property. And I think what we need to do is look at where we have high concentrations of these properties and then use some of the legal tools that are in our arsenal to go and instead of just buying one or acquiring interest in one or two parcels, go and grab those areas that are tightly compacted and contiguous and then offer those to developers and say to these developers, 'Okay, we have 25 lots in Stoner Hill, or we have 30 lots in Queensborough, that are somewhat contiguous, and because they are inside the city, they already have access to improved streets, streets and drainage, and sewer', why not get someone to come in and build some residential development or economical development projects associated with that? So, the problem that we're having is more than just people not paying their property taxes, it's a bigger issue in terms of those areas, I mean heck there are properties on Bert Kouns, there's an old Luby's that's adjudicated. You know, so I mean it's not just the single family dwelling in Allendale when people think of property that's adjudicated, there's a lot of commercial property that's adjudicated for one reason or another, the owner maybe had an issue, but it bespeaks a greater problem and the answer to it is not going to be just as simple as putting 'For Sale' signs on it, there's got to be a comprehensive strategy that we use to make certain parts of town that have been systemically disinvested, make those areas attractive again. And we might have to as a Council do some different things, like TIF districts. I know that's a bad word for some people, but it might require us to do something like that, so that we can bundle those properties, and give some assets to some loans or something to make those things more attractive. So, I would just ask the Administration as we have this conversation, let's look at it in a holistic manner, because it's not just one particular thing that contributed to this. There are a number of causes and probably a number of solutions that we'll have to use to get us to where we need to be. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Shyne: You know I'd like for the Administration to take this into consideration too, when you're looking at doing this. When you look at redeveloping these areas, there are going to be some factors that you're going to have to take into consideration. You need to take into consideration the school environment. Because you know as well as I do, we just got through talking about education. The young people will come back in and stabilize a community. One of the main things they're looking at, what kind of schools? Is this a low performing school, or is this a performing school that's meeting all of the state's criteria? Or will I have to bus my kid across town to another school? The other thing I think we need to look at is getting with the Police Department or the Sheriff's Department and identifying the crime element in that area. You know nobody wants to come back in and invest \$100,000, let's even \$60 or 70,000 into an area and two blocks down the street, you've got a bunch of crack houses, or you've got a bunch of dilapidated houses. And let me say this, Mr. Mayor. You and I've been around a long time, and I'm not necessarily talking about age, but you know this is the first time that we've had and it's because of the efforts of Jim Holt and I guess I can say it was a wise move, I don't know. Somebody might be listening that might have been there Mr. Mayor, so I'm going to lay it all on you.

Mayor Glover: That's a wise move Mr. Shyne.

Councilman Shyne: Okay, I'm going to lay it all on you. But I see somebody over there shaking their head. Cause I don't think he likes Jim. But you know yourself, we've been dealing with this problem for a long time. And this is the first time that we've had a tangible solution. You know where you can see where these houses have been demolished. Although Mayor, I don't think a lot of people realize how much it really cost us. Because they think you can just go out and do it like the Chief could do it when he was growing up. You just get you a hammer and a saw and two or three fellows, and y'all just go out and tear the whole house down. You can't do that anymore. But people can see the tangible results that's coming from that, and those are areas that people are going to be more likely to move back in. I mean is it accessible to a service station? Is it accessible to a grocery store? You know there are a little tangible things that you need to look at before you just go out and group a bunch of property together, and say, 'Hey look, we got 30 lots right here, so lets see if we can package this and sell it to a developer.' And here I am, I come along and I want to buy a house, I'm not going to sink in if I'm a young family. Of course I guess I'm still young enough to have a young family. I see the way Dale was looking at me Mayor, like I might be beyond that Joyce.

Councilwoman Bowman: Don't start calling my name.

Councilman Shyne: But it might be a little snow on the mountain top there, but - - -

Mr. Sibley: Well at least you have a mountain top.

Councilman Shyne: Look at Ron saying stop pointing at him.

Mayor Glover: Thought you were about to share some news with us Mr. Shyne.

Councilman Shyne: Art, don't say that. But these are the things Mr. Mayor, that I'd like for us to look at, and I hope Bonnie is hearing this before we go and package and develop. Because I've heard people say that. You know Joe, I wouldn't mind coming back in and buying a house, but I want to be somewhere, where my kids can go to school. Or I don't want to be two blocks from some houses that need to be demolished. Because we've got 10 good houses here, but we've got three or four dilapidated houses that's going to run my property value down. So, these are the things that - - - and when you Google these properties that I'd like for you to look into. Again, we've done an excellent job in getting rid of some of those dilapidated houses. Because you know we had a meeting out there not too long ago.

Councilman Walford: Certainly, we want to try and package the properties. What galls me, and I use one specific example without a name, but I will tell you that each and everyone of us that's sitting here on this dais knows. This individual has rental property, and he has some in my district, and he has one particular one that's adjudicated. Pretty nice house. But he's smart enough to know that we're not going to do anything if he doesn't pay his taxes. But if we offer that property for sale, sell our tax interest, put a sign in front of the house. He knows that he's going to have to go through fighting the monitions suit when somebody starts to buy it, and he's going to do just like Mr. Shea is talking about the parking violators, he's going to come pay. But he's a friend of just about everybody up here, but he knows the system. And each and everyone of you know him. And I can think of two properties that he's got. But he knows the system, and he knows that if he doesn't write that check. And he has no homestead exemption, because it's a rental property. And he knows that nobody is going to do anything. Those are the ones that I would like to see us go after. And sell our tax interest in the properties. He's not going to come to that. When the sign goes up in front of the house, and the tenants start asking 'you selling this house'? And they say no, I'm not selling. Well the City of Shreveport is. They're going to come and see Mr. Madden. I promise you they are. An that's the ones that I would like to see us have at the top of the list and I'm not going to tell you who it is.

Councilman Shyne: And I'm glad you're not talking about Stephanie Lynch, because that's my neighbor.

Mr. Sibley: Mr. Chairman, that concludes our collections report.

Councilman Webb: Mr. Mayor, you have any further comments? Okay. I see we do have the Honorable President of the Caddo Parish Commission, Stephanie Lynch and Matthew Lynn, and also Mr. Pannell with the Port Commission.

Councilman Webb: Okay, public hearing. Let's move on to item No. 6 on our agenda.

*The Chairman read the following:*

**Public Hearing:** Intent to issue not exceeding Eleven Million and No/100 Dollars (\$11,000,000) Utility Revenue Bonds (Shreveport Water Meter Project) Series 2009A (the "Bonds"), the proceeds of which will finance the constructing and acquiring improvements, extensions and replacements to the water system of the City, including the replacement of the City's water meters, a work of public improvement for the City. (Relative to **Resolution No. 33 of 2009** - Adopted February 24, 2009)

Councilman Webb: The public hearing is now open, and I'll listen to a presentation from the Administration if you have one.

Mr. Sibley: Thank you Mr. Chairman and we do. I'd like to call Mr. Strong as well as representatives from our Bond Counsel and to come forward and lay out some basic information for the benefit of the public.

Mr. Strong: Mr. Chairman, what we'd like to do is kinda do this in two steps. 1) I'll go first, and kinda go through some of the process that we have gone through to get to the point of where we are today, and then turn it over to our financial people to kinda explain the financing process and how that goes. And what this is, this actually goes back from over six years ago. There was an audit that was done six years ago talking about the issues that we had in our Customer Service Section, and issues with meters, and how we needed to do things. And one of the things that we had talked about doing that period of time was talking about the automated meters that were coming into existence back then. So, we went through the process, some of our staff actually went on trips to view automated systems throughout and came back some odd three years ago. We began the process of writing an RFP. We actually went to the A&E Committee back in November 2007, and at that time, it was unanimously moved to move forward with the process with drinking water to begin the process of putting in and installing the automated meter systems in Shreveport. There were three times that we came to the City Council. One in the December 2008, but we authorized the Mayor to be able to sign a contract with Triton Water. We also came back in February 24<sup>th</sup> of '09 and March 10<sup>th</sup> of '09 which was with our financial people that actually began the process on that to get us to go to DHH, Department of Health and Hospitals to be able to get the money. So, we reached that part. The project in itself is actually, three phases to it. The part that is actually before the Council is Phases I and II. It amounts to a total of \$10,424,491. Phase I is the actual putting together and the installation and implementation of 3,219 large meters. Meters that are over one inch in size. That is \$7.4(million) of that. Phase II is actually the set up of the billing system, which is almost \$3,000,000, \$2.987(million) for that, and that brings us into more modern times where the billing systems where we are more in tune to the other utility companies in the city. As I said, this is for 3,219 meters. They are electronic for all the areas in the new billing system.

What we will see from this is that by the installing of these meter, we'll see somewhere approximately \$1.8(million) in revenue that we would be bringing in from that. That's actually accounting for the water that would be sold. So, it's not like it raising anything. It's only accounting for the water that we're selling today. In looking at it again, our financial people will go into it in more detail. Our debt service is going to be probably in the neighborhood of less than \$800,000 a year for that. So the net in that is going to be approximately \$1,000,000. Two things have come out of this. 1) During the process of looking at our stimulus from the federal government that has come down, we're going to see a grant that will come back to this. It's going to be \$1,000,000 from DHH, that's going to go towards us for actual principal forgiveness on this. Another thing and they'll go into greater detail is to Build America. Seeing that we're going to see 35% of our interest that will be coming off of our bonds that we'll see in here. And that's about another million dollars overall once we get into it. So, we're getting a good interest rate, we're seeing that that the project can move forward and we're seeing that it is a competitive project, from where it was at the very beginning from where we started and where it is today. And now I guess I'll turn it over to Mr. Weems and let him go into the financial side of it.

Mr. Weems: I've asked Calvin Grigsby with Grigsby and Associates to talk about the actual finance portion of that and then I'll wrap up with the regulatory process that we're in.

Mr. Grigsby: Mike, you know that Dale and I had a conversation with Jenny Mier today and she announced that the rate is going to be dropped down to 3.4, and with the Build America bonds, we're going to get it down to an effective 2.5%. We're closer to \$650,000 rather than \$800,000.

Mr. Strong: Not bad.

Mr. Grigsby: And I was happy that I had the call where the Administration could hear this. But let me talk a little bit about the finance, and I'll take it from the top. When we started to look at the financing package presented by the vendor, it had an effective interest rate of about 4.8%. We contacted the State Department of Health and Hospitals, Human Services, and I think I got that right. And they basically advised that they would consider water meters under the federal Clean Water Act grant program., and that program is simply an allocation of several hundred billion dollars among the states, and the State of Louisiana gets about \$4,000,000,000, and they allocate that among the various cities and counties and parishes in the state. We're able to get the water meter qualified because water meters are deemed to meet all the requirements of the Clean Water Act. That means the federal government has already provided in their regulations that water meters save money, help the environment, and also are cost effective. So, we put together a conference call with Mike Strong and DHH, and they committed to try to get the deal done within three months. I think they went a little bit over that, but not by much, and in the course of that after we had the initial conversation where we would qualify and water meters would need to qualify under the Clean Water Act, an environmental benefit criteria, without a 6-12 month engineering process which is what you have to have for any kind of like sewers or pipes or any thing like that. So, with that, we've filled out the application. And started the process right away. During the course of that process, we became aware of the fact that the stimulus package provided that for these kinds of financing, the federal government, if you made the election, would allow you to issue the bonds on a taxable basis and get a 35% of the interest paid directly by the U.S. Treasury to the city. Because DHH is not a taxpayer, they did not have to raise their rate which at that was 3.9, and we in affect got Build America Bonds plus Clean Water Grant monies and our effective rate was about 2.7%, and as of

today, because they've reduced the basic rate to 3.4, and they have - - - and we still get the 35% interest payment from the federal government, we have an effective rate of about 2.5%. Now in addition to that, under their regulations and because this is a water meter project, they can give us a credit on our principle over the next four years of \$1,000,000. So in affect, we'll be getting an interest rate of about 2.5% and Shreveport has secured the allocation, which means the allocation will not go to any other city or parish, and will also get a write down on our principle, which in affect is a grant of about \$1,000,000. So, we've gone from \$11,000,000 at 4.8% to \$10,000,000 at about 2.5, subject to getting everything legal.

Mr. Weems: Which is where Jackie start (inaudible) the legal team. And as Mr. Chairman said earlier, calling the pubic hearing, the first official action taken by you was on February 24<sup>th</sup>, which was a notice of intent to file with the State Bond Commission. And the subsequent resolution to hire professionals including the FAs and the lawyers to continue this process. That led up to this public hearing today, that we're going under a particular statute that requires a public hearing, after publication in the local newspaper, a notice of this project that is proposed. And that fourth publication occurred last Friday. After the hearing today, we will be back before you on the 14<sup>th</sup> of July, with an additional resolution that authorizes your legal team to go back to the State Bond Commission for the final approval by the Bond Commission as well as introducing an ordinance that would then come back up before you for a second reading on July 28<sup>th</sup>. It will only be at that time then would the Mayor be authorized and the bond team authorized to actually close the loan with DHH. So that, if we stay on this schedule is anticipated that the actual loan would close and the project be ready to commence in early August of this year. And I think we're all available for questions if you'd like to.

Councilwoman Bowman: Mr. Grigsby, will you explain - - - any city within the state basically had the opportunity to apply for this grant, so you were basically saying that we were the ones that were chosen to be awarded on that? Can you elaborate a little bit on that?

Mr. Grigsby: Sure, be happy to. The allocation for Clean Water Grant Funds which come from the federal government is based on the population of each state. And then the Department of Health and Hospitals and this Department of Environmental Quality, which is the sewer side, then allocates that among the parishes and cities within the state. So, there's a limited amount of funds that are available to finance both water projects, and sewer projects. And I don't have, I don't know if you have the exact number but, - - -.

Mr. Strong: On this, DEQ received \$43,000,000, that would be going towards that would be a grant that was in here. We got zero. DEQ did not even get us. We were No. 55 on the list. DHH ended up getting \$27,000,000. Our project was able to get this, and we got a million dollars out of it. So out of all of the water and sewerage stimulus funds that came down and what came to the city and state, the only thing we've got on water and sewerage and our utility is \$1,000,000 from the water side. So we were able to get that.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, I would add and Mike correct me if I'm wrong. Obviously that was an outcome that did not please me or any of a whole bunch of other mayors and councils across this state. But I think if we evaluated the risk, it ended up being I think where they ended up splitting the money up primarily amongst the smallest towns and villages. Because to my recollection, the only allocation that ended up coming to Northwest Louisiana, did not come to us, did not go anywhere in Caddo, did not go to Bossier City, but I think it was Benton that got their project funded, but not Bossier City or any of the other. There was no Baton Rouge, or New Orleans, there was no Lafayette, no Lake Charles.

Mr. Strong: The largest city I believe was Natchitoches if I remember right that was throughout the whole part. So - - .

Mayor Glover: I think they decided to try and take what they thought was smaller sums of money and have a bigger impact in a smaller community as opposed to cities I guess of larger sizes. Nobody else has given us any other explanation other than that, but that was what you could infer in looking at the list.

Mr. Strong: And remember too that we turned in also to make sure depending on how much of the funding was going to be, was like \$50,000,000 on the water side, and \$50,000,000 on the sewer side in addition to the 10. And this is the one that we got.

Mr. Weems: If I may also, just had to go set through the Bond Commission hearings on numerous occasions. A lot of these smaller communities don't have the water and sewer revenue to justify the water meter project. That may be some of the thinking behind what they did. Because you have to have the cash flow out of your current system to be able to put this in. They don't let you count savings that you've not achieved. So that's additional, I think factor that goes before the Bond Commission (inaudible).

Councilwoman Bowman: How much do you estimate that the city would receive in revenues from this project?

Mr. Strong: Once the project is completed, with this one, it's \$1.8(million) in that neighborhood - - - increase in the (inaudible).

Mr. Sibley: Mr. Chairman, that's all we have in terms of a presentation however, this is a public hearing, and we'll ask that they remain in case there are questions from the audience like that.

Councilman Webb: Do we have anyone in the Chamber that would like to speak in favor of the intent to issue the utility revenue bonds? Do we have anyone in opposition to the intent to issue the utility revenue bonds? Okay, 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. **Ordinance No. 66 of 2009**: An Ordinance to adopt Chapter 25 of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances establishing regulations relative to the conduct of oil, gas and other hydrocarbon well operations with the City of Shreveport, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
2. **Ordinance No. 67 of 2009**: An Ordinance to amend Chapter 78 of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances to adopt regulations relative to the placement of pipeline across City-Owned property or within city rights of way, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Councilman Webb: Do we have anyone in the Chamber that would like to speak in favor of or in opposition to adding this to the agenda?

Mr. Thompson: There is one Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Webb: Okay, come forward please. How you doing'? give us your name and address for the record please.

*Ms. Jodee Bruyninckx: (400 Travis, Suite 1501)* Thank you for letting me speak today. I represent the Oil and Gas industry. Louisiana oil and gas was established in 1992 to represent independent oil and gas producers as well as service companies serving the oil and gas industry. We do have an office here in Shreveport located over on Travis Street. I represent the oil and gas industry. We're very interested obviously in the various elements of this proposed ordinance. I received a copy of your proposed draft ordinance today, but I haven't had an opportunity to prepare comments on the provisions or to pass it on to our exploration and production companies who will be required to comply with it. We certainly recognize your concerns in assuring that there are mechanisms in place to protect your residence, your constituents from unreasonable and interruptions of their enjoyment of their neighborhood and community. It's imperative to protect the quality of life in this area, so that you may continue to grow as a city, and to also ensure critical future economic development. These are concerns that aren't in dispute, but are concerns that are shared with our industry. As an oil and gas industry, we're one of the most highly regulated industries in America. We're regulated at the federal and the state level, by several agencies of overlapping jurisdiction. Just here in Louisiana, we're regulated by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, and the Department of Transportation and Development. And the regulations exist not in just the form of state law, but often in the form of administrative rules, regulations, and emergency orders. For example, the Office of Conservation, there is (inaudible) 29B which controls all the oil and gas drilling regulations and activities here in the state. It's a 121 page document that regulates oil and gas activities. Several provisions in your proposed ordinance are already covered by this state regulation, not to mention other aspects of the proposed ordinance which are regulated under other existing state law with the Office of Conservation and Department of Environmental Quality. As you know and as you've read recently, the office, in the wake of the Haynesville Shale drilling here in the Haynesville, the Commissioner of Conservation has chosen to draft some of the issues with the horizontal shale drilling wells. This field rule covers hours of operation, noise levels, fencing, dust, vibrations, odors and other areas of concern. For the first time, hours of operations and noise levels at the drill site are going to be regulated. Although it's not our choice to be regulated in these areas, it's a priority for the commissioner in response to your concerns about these issues. The commissioner actually, I hear that he's issued his final field rule today. And we were sent notice. I think that y'all received notices this afternoon as well along with me. I don't have the field rule in hand right now to go over it, but I hope that now that the field rule is released, that we can work together to address your concerns that were not addressed by this field rule with the Office of Conservation. As a highly regulated industry, it's imperative to our continued growth and production in this area to insure that we are governed by layers of regulations that are coherent, non-duplicative and under which compliance is possible from our companies. Today, I ask you, and I urge you to hold off on the consideration of this ordinance until you, the public, and industry have had a chance to review your ordinance and the field rule. Compare it with that job, and make the revisions necessary to achieve that coherent, non-duplicative regulation so that we are able to comply with it. I would (inaudible) helping continue dialogue on this issue as we move forward with your concerns with the drilling in the area. And also if you have any questions at this time, I'd be happy to take them.

Councilman Lester: Thank you Mr. Chairman, not a question, just a real quick comment. Certainly, our process is that we introduce the ordinance and there is a layover period we move forward, but I think the thing that the people in the industry, and I understand who are highly regulated, one of the reason why it's highly regulated as you know is somewhat of a hazardous activity. It can be. There are some certainly financial constraints and concerns, but there are also some environmental situations, and certainly from our standpoint, we would be less than effective representative of our folks, if we didn't do everything within our power to make sure that we were protecting our folks to the extent that the law allows us to do so. And the prudent thing for us to do as a council, and I think that's why we're taking the action, working together with our city attorney is to, before we get to a point where there is a problem on the inside the city, to kinda let the people know what we expect, because when problems happen and questions arise, our phones are going to ring off the hook, and our constituents are going to want to know that when these issues arose, or arise, that we have some idea of what we can and can't do, and we have to address those scenarios. So it's not a scenario where we're just looking to wade into the whole scenario relative to adding an extra layer of regulation, we look at it as our attempts to use our police power to protect our citizens far and above any economic constraints, so that we are excited about the economic opportunities that Haynesville Shale has produced and will produce both for us and for you guys. Because certainly there is a benefit for the industry as well as for the city. But our main focus is to make sure that we protect our folks. So, I understand your position in terms of advocacy, and please understand, we would be less than effective representatives of our constituents if we did not take these certain steps.

Ms. Bruyninckx: And I certainly - - - and I do understand that, and I do appreciate that, and I understand your concerns for the citizens. I absolutely understand that. You know we just want to from a perspective that if there are already existing regulations in place, that are already being enforced at the state level, we just don't want to see those things duplicated here at the local level as well, if they're already being taken care of. And that's where we come comparing the two jobs side to side, comparing what's already being done at the state level, and it's current enforcement, so that we're not duplicating that. But I do recognize your concerns.

Councilman Lester: And I would say not necessarily in this vein, but here locally, our track record of environmental protection from the state (inaudible) less than stellar. So it's not anything against you guys, you know? If the folks in Baton Rouge can't hear and can't smell stink, then the last thing we would expect them to understand noise. So. And that's an inside joke, but all seven of us get it.

Ms. Bruyninckx: I do understand, and I know that our office of Conservation has a field office here, I think there's 12 enforcement agents at that office. But anyway I look forward to continued dialogue as we work forward on this issues with you. So thank you.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman? Ma'am, I want to just say from the Administration's perspective we appreciate you coming down to share your thoughts and your sentiments with us, and we definitely look forward to working with you and your colleagues in the coming weeks and months as we try and work through this process with the council, as I think it was mentioned that this is a set of ordinances that are just on for introduction at this point. So, there's nothing for the Council to act on today except to start the process, to moving forward. But having said that, one of the first things that I did last year, back in the month of May 2008, in fact the group of us were driving out the night of the horrendous rain incident here in Shreveport.

Councilman Walford: May 10<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Glover: May 10<sup>th</sup>, on our way to Ft. Worth, because one of the first things that I did as mayor, when I began to get a full idea of just how significant the Haynesville Shale situation could be for us here in Shreveport, was to reach out to my friend and fellow mayor over in the Ft. Worth area, Mike Moncrief, to ask if I and some of my staff folks could come and visit with him and his staffers to be able to get an idea of exactly what it is that the local communities in the Ft. Worth area have dealt with, with regard to the expiration of urban drilling. And because you mentioned that there are some specific regulations at the federal level, without question, there are significant regulations at the state level. But having been a state elected official, you know those guys are in Baton Rouge right now, and they've worked very hard, but we are far away from them, and so the ability to be able to touch and access state government or federal government, because it's so far removed is something that the average person watching this telecast or whose here in this audience, they have difficulty doing. But they know where David Cox is a couple times every month, on the Parish Commission, they know that these guys come here every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, and the Monday before. They know that I'm here, and whether it's something at state, local or federal, they come to us looking for answers and solutions. One of the things I was completely shocked however, to find upon sitting down and meeting with Mayor Moncrief and his staff, despite the fact from my perspective, Louisiana, despite the fact that we have a great district when it comes to the exploration of oil and gas, you know when you think of Texas, you think of cowboys with big hats, and big belt buckles and cowboy boots and oil wells. And that everybody in Texas or every other house may have an oil well in Louisiana, we always thought when I was a kid growing up, that 'every' house in Texas had an oil well. And so I know that the oil and gas industry there is well organized and has a tremendous history, and is very strong, and at the lobby office in Austin, I'm sure has significant sway as well as, I'm sure in Washington as well. But it took me by complete and total surprise to learn I guess on May 11<sup>th</sup>, that in Texas that despite the fact that they have the same federal regulations that we are subject to in Louisiana, and that they also have a state regulatory system that is well structured and well administered, and their Texas Railroad Commission, they also have a well functioning local authority to be able to protect the interest of cities like Ft. Worth. In fact, Mayor Moncrief took great pleasure in sitting there and introducing us to the local individuals who are responsible for issuing well permits and doing the site visits, and all of the compliance matters and what have you. And I leaned over and said to my folks, "Good Lord, I guess we may have to get some of those folks too before it's all said and done." But was shocked and completely flabbergasted when ultimately I learned when returning back to Louisiana, that here in Louisiana, in this state, that we do not afford any of the local folks, the people who are on the front line of government, the people who our citizens reach out to first, and often times for most, the ability to be able to allow those folks who approach the people to have a chance to be able to affectively play a role in the safe regulations of this industry. That's something that probably won't ever change because the folks that you work for are very formidable in terms of being able to handle the issues down in Baton Rouge. But please understand that we don't want to see this as an adversarial process. We want to work with the folks in the industry, but I think as Councilman Lester just mentioned, long before you guys be about it. When something goes wrong, these guys were hear, and I will hear, and Commissioner Cox will hear, and others will hear, and the most helpless feeling in the world is to be elected to represent someone who has a problem, and who has been aggrieved and not have any means to be able to do it except to say, please Mr.

Commissioner of Conservation, would you ensure that your folks do their job. And as Councilman Lester previously referred to, as a state representative, and now as mayor, when I point to a little establishment up on the north side of town, chooses to cook up a stink, every so often, and we ask for help in dealing with and addressing that situation, because we don't have any local means of being able to address the situation, it's awfully frustrating. And so, we're not looking to try and not maximize the great opportunity that this represents, but we think that this represents, because we think that people already call Shreveport and northwest Louisiana, from down south, they call us Texas anyway. We would just love to be able to have an opportunity to be able to do at the local level, what our neighbors to the west can do at the local level as they attempt to try and protect and safeguard their constituents, so we look forward to the dialogue, and thank you for coming today.

Ms. Bruyninckx: Thank you so much, and I certainly appreciate your willingness and the willingness of the City Council to work with us on this. I think it certainly is in my best interest for the local government to have a better relationship with the Office of Conservation and the Department of Natural Resources, and the Department of Environmental Quality and go to people within those organizations because you're right. I mean, the general public has your home phone numbers, and the home phone numbers of the Caddo Commissioners, and they don't have those at the state, and so for you to have a good relationship with the regulars in Baton Rouge is really a good thing. You know from our perspective, there's conflicting regulations. If the state says that the levels can be one thing and the local say that the levels can be something else on any given issue, for us it becomes an issue of how to comply. Our companies want to comply, they want to be good corporate citizens to everyone and just how that's supposed to work when there are provisions that do conflict. So those are some concerns from our perspective on it. But I certainly do understand your concern.

Councilman Webb: We have one more question or comment from Councilman Long.

Councilman Long: I just wanted to ask - - - David, can you come up and ask a question please?

Ms. Bruyninckx: Thank y'all so much.

Councilman Webb: Our Caddo Parish Commissioner, David Cox is in the Chambers.

Commissioner Cox: No personal questions.

Councilman Shyne: Right, because he will ask you personal questions now.

Councilman Long: With regards to any of this, where are y'all?

Commissioner Cox: Our last committee that's commissioned by Mr. Smith, we've basically decided to wait on the report to come out of Baton Rouge. And at that time, we are ready to go with the ordinances that we have. They're a little bit tougher in our estimation as far as what's coming out of Baton Rouge. We are also working with our Administration, Mr. Wilson to put together a department to oversee those regulations. We're going to bring in the City to look at that as well, for permits, complaints, and in that area.

Councilman Long: To establish a process.

Commissioner Cox: Exactly.

Councilman Long: Okay.

Commissioner Cox: Because realistically, we're still three months to six months getting that department set up, in my opinion.

Councilman Long: Okay, cool. Well thank you for that. I just - - - I knew you would know.

Commissioner Cox: Hey, it's nice being here.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, do they get extra per diem for coming down?

Councilman Long: I don't know. I was wondering why they had so many commissioners coming in today.

Councilman Walford: If we don't have anyone else to speak, I'd make a motion to add these.

**Motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Wooley to add Ordinance No(s). 66 and 67 of 2009 to the agenda. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, 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*): None.

Confirmations and Appointments: None.

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

**RESOLUTIONS:** None.

**ORDINANCES:** None.

**TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

*The Clerk read the following:*

**RESOLUTION NO. 126 of 2009**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING STEVEN I. RIGSBY & LEIGH A RIGSBY, LOCATED AT 1546 LEONARD RD., TO CONNECT TO THE WATER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, Steven I. Rigsby & Leigh A. Rigsby 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 Steven I. Rigsby & Leigh A. Rigsby, be authorized to connect the building located at 1546 Leonard Rd., to the water system of the City of Shreveport.

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

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

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Wooley, seconded by Councilman Shyne to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Long, Wooley,**

**Webb, and Shyne. 4. Nays: Councilmen Walford and Bowman. 2. Out of the Chamber: Councilman Lester. 1.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 127 of 2009**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ANGELICAN CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY, LOCATED AT 9391 ELLERBE RD., TO CONNECT TO THE WATER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, The Anglican Church of the Epiphany 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 The Anglican Church of the Epiphany, be authorized to connect the building located at 9391 Ellerbe Rd., to the water system of the City of Shreveport.

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

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 128 of 2009**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ROSA MARANTO FERTITTA & JOSEPHINE MARANTO BALISTRELLA LOCATED AT 6527 WEST 70<sup>TH</sup> STREET, TO CONNECT TO THE WATER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, Rosa Maranto Fertitta & Josephine Maranto Balistrella 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 Rosa Maranto Fertitta & Josephine Maranto Balistrella, be authorized to connect the structure, located at 6527 West 70<sup>th</sup> Street, to the water system of the City of Shreveport.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if any provisions or items of this resolution or the application thereof are held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or

applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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

Councilwoman Bowman: It's not in South Shreveport, it's out west.

Councilman Walford: Ms. Bowman, I direct this to you. Do we have any pressure problems out there?

Councilwoman Bowman: No sir.

Councilman Walford: Okay then, I'll give you a 'YES' vote.

Councilwoman Bowman: Thank you.

Councilman Wooley: (Inaudible) inconsistency there?

Councilman Shyne: Yeah, Bryan was checking that out.

Councilwoman Bowman: Explanation Mr. Chairman. No, it's not personal Councilman Shyne, but I promise you this much. Until my citizens in the west part and other parts receive some of the same benefits that the folks in the south part receive, my vote is still no. And this is for my people.

Ms. Pilkinton: You voted 'NO'.

Mr. Thompson: Do you want to change your vote?

Councilwoman Bowman: Yes. I know I voted 'YES' Bea.

Councilman Webb: Councilwoman Bowman wants to change her "NO" vote to a 'YES' vote verbally.

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

**ORDINANCES:** None.

#### **REGULAR AGENDA LEGISLATION**

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

*The Clerk read the following:*

1. **Resolution No. 120 of 2009:** resolution selecting *THE TIMES* as the Official Journal for the City of Shreveport for the period commencing July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

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

#### **Amendment No. 1 to Resolution No. 120 of 2009**

Delete the resolution as introduced and substitute the attached resolution.

Explanation of amendment:

In the second WHEREAS clause, on the second line the point size was changed from 6.5 to 7.0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 120 OF 2009**

**A RESOLUTION SELECTING THE TIMES AS THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL FOR THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING JULY 1, 2009 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2010 AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO**

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport is required by its Charter and State Law to select an Official Journal to publish minutes, ordinances, resolutions, budgets, official notices, advertisements, and other official proceedings of the City of Shreveport for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010; and

WHEREAS, The Times has submitted the following proposal:

All printing of required legals in the Classified Section - \$0.27 per agate line (7.0 point);

All printing of required legals in the Retail Section - \$6.30 per column inch;

All other (non-required) ads in the Classified Section - \$1.83 per agate line;

All other (non-required) ads in the Retail Section - \$36.60 per column inch; Affidavits: \$20.00 each; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that The Times be selected the Official Journal for the City of Shreveport to provide the services required by law for the prices described above.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, regular and legal session convened that the proposal of The Times is accepted and The Times be and is hereby designated the official journal of the City of Shreveport for the period July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010 and the Mayor of the City is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with The Times under the terms and conditions described above.

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.

**Motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Shyne to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Resolution No. 120 of 2009.**

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, before you vote, there was a question yesterday about whether or not the rates were the same for 2009 as they were for 2008. I've submitted a little sheet which you'll note they are a little less this year than they were last year. But I wanted to bring that information to you.

Councilman Shyne: I think Art talked them down.

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

**Motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Shyne to adopt Resolution No. 120 of 2009 as amended. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 121 OF 2009**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A DONATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND BRUSHY BAYOU, L.L.C., HEREINAFTER CALLED "OWNER" AND ACTING HEREIN THROUGH ALEX MIJALIS, MANAGER, FOR THE PRIVATE WATER AND SEWER MAIN EXTENSIONS (EXCLUDING SEWER LIFT STATION AND FORCE MAIN) TO SERVE BRUSHY BAYOU SUBDIVISION UNITS 5 & 6 AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO**

**BY:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened, that Cedric B. Glover, Mayor, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Shreveport a Donation Agreement with Brushy Bayou, L.L.C., represented by Alex Mijalis, 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 April 28, 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 Wooley: Mr. Chairman, this is in the middle of the city.

Councilwoman Bowman: What did he say?

Councilman Wooley: I said, it's in the middle of the city, not the outskirts, because I know that's your concern.

Councilwoman Bowman: Oh, but it is kinda - - -

Mr. Thompson: No Ma'am.

Councilman Webb: It's more east than it is west.

Councilman Walford: Hey are y'all trying to confuse Ms. Bowman?

Councilwoman Bowman: No.

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

3. **Resolution No. 122 of 2009:** A resolution declaring the intention of the City of Shreveport (The "City") to hire professionals in conjunction with the renewal of the letter of credit associated with \$40,980,000 Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority Bonds (Shreveport Convention Center Hotel Project) Series 2008 (The "Bonds") allocation of the excess swap notional amount to the bonds making application to the Louisiana State Bond Commission for approval of such action, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

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

**AMENDMENT NUMBER 1 TO RESOLUTION NO. 122 OF 2009**

Substitute the original resolution with the attached resolution.

Explanation of substantive amendments

1. Substitutes the phrase “Shreveport Convention Center Hotel Bonds” in place of references to “\$40,980,000 Revenue Refunding Bonds (Shreveport Convention Center Hotel Project) Series 2008”, “Prior Bonds”, and the “Bonds” throughout the resolution.
2. Adds the phrase “...with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.” at the end of the 6<sup>th</sup> WHEREAS paragraph.
3. Amends language throughout the resolution to state that Bond Counsel, Special Swap Counsel, and Special Borrower Counsel are appointed and employed by the City in connection with the renewal letter of credit and allocation of the Excess Swap Notional Amount and closing on the renewal letter of credit an allocation of the Excess Swap Notional Amount to \$25,000,000 of the Shreveport Convention Center Hotel Project Bonds and that fees paid to any Counsel in connection with such transaction be contingent upon closing on the renewal letter of credit and allocation of the Excess Swap Notional Amount to \$25,000,000 of the Shreveport Convention Center Hotel Project Bonds.
4. Amends Section 4 of the resolution to add language clarifying and outlining the role and responsibility of the City’s Financial Advisor with respect to renegotiation and renewal of the letter of credit and allocation of the Excess Swap Notional Amount to \$25,000,000 of the Shreveport Convention Center Hotel Project Bonds and to state that fees to be to the Financial Advisor for such services are contingent upon closing on the renewal letter of credit and allocation of the Excess Swap Notional Amount to \$25,000,000 of the Shreveport Convention Center Hotel Project Bonds.
5. Adds new Section 6 providing for the allocation and authorization for allocation of Excess Swap Notional amount to \$25,000,000 of the Shreveport Convention Center Hotel Project Bond.
6. Adds a new “BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED” paragraph authorizing City officials to do any and all things necessary and incidental to carry out the provisions of the resolution.

**RESOLUTION NO. 122 OF 2009**

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENTION OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT (THE “CITY”) TO HIRE PROFESSIONALS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE RENEWAL OF THE LETTER OF CREDIT ASSOCIATED WITH \$40,980,000 LOUISIANA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BONDS (SHREVEPORT CONVENTION CENTER HOTEL PROJECT) SERIES 2008 (THE “BONDS”), ALLOCATION OF THE EXCESS SWAP NOTIONAL AMOUNT TO THE BONDS, MAKING APPLICATION TO THE LOUISIANA STATE BOND COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL OF SUCH ACTION, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, by prior resolution, the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana (the “City”) became a participating political subdivision and member of the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority (the “Authority”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority has previously issued its \$40,980,000 Revenue Refunding Bonds (Shreveport Convention Center Hotel Project) Series 2008 (the "Shreveport Convention Center Hotel Bonds"). The Shreveport Convention Center Hotel Bonds were used to refund bonds issued for the acquisition and construction of the Shreveport Convention Center Hotel (the "Hotel"); and **WHEREAS**, in the course of the issuance of the Shreveport Convention Center Hotel Bonds, certain documents were entered into by the City, the Authority and other parties involved in the transaction including but not limited to a Letter of Credit (the "Prior Bond Documents"); and **WHEREAS**, the Letter of Credit issued related to the Shreveport Convention Center Hotel Bonds expires on June 4, 2009 and it is necessary to take certain actions to secure the issuance of a Renewal Letter of Credit; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority has previously issued its \$75,000,000 Revenue Bonds (Shreveport Utility System Project) Series 2005 (the "Prior Utility Bonds"); and

**WHEREAS**, in connection with the issuance of the Prior Utility Bonds, the City entered into a Swap Agreement with a Notional Amount of \$75,000,000 with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to prior Resolution, the City intends to proceed with the redemption of Twenty-Five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000) of outstanding Prior Utility Bonds which will leave the Notional Amount of the Swap Agreement \$25,000,000 in excess of the par amount of the currently outstanding Prior Utility Bonds (the "Excess Swap Notional Amount"); and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to allocate the Excess Swap Notional Amount to the Shreveport Convention Center Hotel Bonds; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to engage professionals in order to allocate the Excess Swap Notional Amount and make modifications and amendments to the Swap Agreement and related documents in connection therewith; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to seek the necessary approvals from the State Bond Commission and the Authority associated with the above, including, but not limited to paying the costs related to such actions including but not limited to legal fees and financial advisor fees; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to engage professionals in order to seek approval by the Louisiana State Bond Commission (the "SBC") and the Authority for the foregoing action.

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

**Section 1: Employment of Bond Counsel.** The City hereby finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of special bond counsel in connection with the renewal letter of credit and allocation of the Excess Swap Notional Amount, and accordingly The Boles Law Firm, (APC) of Monroe, Louisiana ("Bond Counsel"), is hereby appointed and employed to do and perform comprehensive legal and coordinate professional work with respect to closing on the renewal letter of credit and allocation of the Excess Swap Notional Amount to \$25,000,000 of the Shreveport Convention Center Hotel Project Bonds. Said Bond Counsel shall prepare and submit to such officials of the City for adoption all proceedings incidental to, and shall counsel and advise the Governing Authority on the foregoing. The fees of Bond Counsel shall be contingent upon closing on the renewal letter of credit and allocation of the Excess Swap Notional Amount to \$25,000,000 of the Shreveport Convention Center Hotel Project Bonds. The fees to be paid to Bond Counsel shall be hourly in an amount in accordance with Louisiana Attorney General's hourly fee schedule for representation in Bond matters

together with reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred and advanced in connection with the representation, said fees and expenses to be payable by the City.

**Section 2. Special Swap Counsel.** Weems, Schimpf, Gilsoul, Haines, Landry & Carmouche (APLC) of Shreveport, Louisiana (“Special Swap Counsel”) are hereby appointed and employed as Special Swap Counsel in connection with closing on the renewal letter of credit and allocation of the Excess Swap Notional Amount to \$25,000,000 of the Shreveport Convention Center Hotel Project Bonds, any compensation to be subsequently approved by the City and to be paid by the City. The fees of Special Swap Counsel shall be contingent upon closing on the renewal letter of credit and allocation of the Excess Swap Notional Amount to \$25,000,000 of the Shreveport Convention Center Hotel Project Bonds. The fees to be paid to Special Swap Counsel shall be hourly in an amount in accordance with Louisiana Attorney General’s hourly fee schedule for representation in Bond matters, together with reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred and advanced in connection with the representation, said fees and expenses to be payable by the City.

**Section 3. Special Borrower Counsel.** Washington and Wells, Attorneys at Law and Jacqueline Scott, Attorney at Law, both of Shreveport, Louisiana (together “Special Borrower Counsel”) are hereby appointed and employed as Special Borrower Counsel in connection with the renewal letter of credit and allocation of the Excess Swap Notional Amount to \$25,000,000 of the Shreveport Convention Center Hotel Project Bonds, any compensation to be subsequently approved by the City and to be paid by the City. The fees of Special Borrower Counsel shall be contingent upon closing on the renewal letter of credit and allocation of the Excess Swap Notional Amount to \$25,000,000 of the Shreveport Convention Center Hotel Project Bonds. The fees to be paid to Special Swap Borrower shall be hourly in an amount in accordance with Louisiana Attorney General’s hourly fee schedule for representation in Bond matters, together with reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred and advanced in connection with the representation, said fees and expenses to be payable by the City.

**Section 4. Financial Advisor.** Grigsby & Associates, Inc., of Shreveport, Louisiana is hereby appointed and employed by the City to do and perform financial advisory work with respect to renegotiation and renewal of the letter of credit and allocation of the Excess Swap Notional Amount to \$25,000,000 of the Shreveport Convention Center Hotel Project Bonds. Said Financial Adviser shall prepare and submit to such officials of the City for implementation of a comprehensive financial strategy incidental to, and shall advise the Governing Authority on the foregoing. Financial Advisor shall coordinate third-party negotiations with bankers, the bond insurer and Swap counterparties. Any compensation to Financial Advisor shall be subsequently approved by and shall be paid by the City. The fees to be paid for such services, together with reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred and advanced are contingent upon closing on the renewal letter of credit and allocation of the Excess Swap Notional Amount to \$25,000,000 of the Shreveport Convention Center Hotel Project Bonds.

**Section 5. Other Professionals.** Should it be necessary to engage other professionals, the Authorized Officers (as defined below) shall be entitled to engage such professionals provided the contracts employing such professionals shall be promptly submitted to this Council.

**Section 6. Allocation of Excess Swap Notional Amount.** The Governing Authority authorizes the allocation of the Excess Swap Notional Amount to \$25,000,000 of the Shreveport Convention Center Hotel Project Bonds and further authorizes and directs the Mayor, or his designee, to take such actions as he in his sole discretion deems necessary and appropriate to make such allocation, including, but not limited to, the execution and delivery of a Swap

Management Agreement with Financial Surety Assurance, Inc. ("FSA"), the Authority, and/or JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. and the Director of Finance and such other officials of the City to take such actions as they in their discretion deem necessary and appropriate to make such allocation on the financial records of the City.

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

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

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

**Motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Resolution No. 122 of 2009.**

Councilwoman Bowman: Maybe I wasn't paying attention yesterday, but was this amendment on there?

Mr. Thompson: I think it was.

Councilman Walford: Yes it was.

Councilwoman Bowman: I want an explanation on it.

Councilman Webb: Yeah, I was going to ask Mr. Weems, if he would come up and explain for the benefit of the people in TV Land and for the public record.

Mr. Weems: Thank you Mr. Chairman, we are substituting an entirely revised resolution for the one that was originally filed two weeks ago. And it was to clarify the more clearly the allocation of the \$25,000,000 of the swap amount of the water and sewer issue to allocate it to the hotel variable rate bond issue. There was a requirement from the bond insurer and the swap counter party on the water/sewer issue, was to clarify or make it more specific in addition to cleaning up the resolution and other sections. Section 6 and Section 7 were added on the one that was originally introduced.

Mr. Grigsby: I just want to kinda connect up the dots a little bit on this. We had a \$75,000,000 utility bond issue that was sold in 2005. That issue had a variable rate, and it also had a J.P. Morgan letter of credit. J.P. Morgan announced in September of '08 they were getting out of the letter of credit business, they were going to terminate the letter of credit, which means that we had to fix the rate on those bonds or do something else to remarket those bonds without the J.P. Morgan letter of credit. And as you know we came to you a few months back and asked you to approve a \$95,000,000 fixed rate bond issue for the utility system. That fixed rate bond issue would have required to take out of the underlying swap that was also a J.P. Morgan swap under variable rate, J.P. Morgan bonds. When we first came to you, the cost of taking out that swap was about \$3,000,000. This was in late 2008. The cost of that take out on the swap because the spread between the short term rates, because of the government and the recession, the short term rates went really low, which means the swap provider paid us a low rate, and we still had to pay them the high rate, which made the value of that swap that terminated go from \$3,000,000 to \$15,000,000. At that point, we started looking for

alternatives to doing the \$95,000,000 issue. We were able to negotiate a \$50,000,000 replacement with Capital One, and we were able to negotiate with DHH and DEQ. The potential placement and that's not done yet, but we've approved it at this level, the potential placement of the remaining \$25,000,000 of the \$75,000,000 loan that we had the J.P. Morgan letter of credit on, and that would have allowed us to keep the swap in place. The problem is when we have the \$25,000,000 that is going to DHH, we have to redeem \$25,000,000 of the bonds and the bond documents say if we redeem bonds, we have to pay off that portion of the swap, that \$25,000,000, unless we could find another variable deal to apply that to. And it just so happen that we had terminated the swap on the hotel deal. So instead of paying that high termination penalty, we then applied the \$25,000,000 swap to the \$40,000,000 hotel deal. And so that had to be negotiated with all the players, you know everybody had two law firms, and it's been quite a protracted piece of work. We got the bond insurer FSH to approved, we got J.P. Morgan to approve, to get the LCDA to approve and to get the state bond commission to approve, and I give it back to the attorney.

Mr. Weems: And don't forget the approval of the lawyers for Cap One to close the \$50,000,000 deal too. They had the money, so we were changing documents up until about 9-10:00 this morning to close the deal, and actually sent \$75,000,000 from the trustee to pay off the bonds and to transfer \$50,000,000 of those bonds back to Cap One. But that did happen today after almost eight months (inaudible).

Mr. Thompson: No. 122 does what?

Mr. Weems: It basically authorizes the cost of closing the allocations for the \$25,000,000 and for also the second component of that is to pay the cost affiliated with the renewal of the letter of credit, which actually happened in early June, but we had a work in process going, so we held up on coming to get paid until we knew exactly how the deal was going to be structured. And that was primarily the hold up was the negotiating terms and conditions under which the \$25,000,000 of the swap would get allocated to the variable rate hotel issue.

Councilman Webb: One question. I followed the \$50,000,000 and the \$25,000,000 from the DHS, but where is the other \$20(million)?

Mr. Weems: Well on the underlying bond issue Mr. Chairman, Capital One put up \$50,000,000 to buy \$50,000,000 of the bonds, the other \$25,000,000 were drawn down from the proceeds of the 2005 bond issue that was held by the trustee that related to projects that had not yet commenced. So, we used \$25,000,000 to redeem, so at this moment in time, the city has \$50,000,000 of outstanding bonds and the \$75,000,000 swap contract. But we're in the process and have filed this past week an application with DHH to replace the \$25,000,000 by DHH and DEQ to replace the \$25,000,000 so that those 2005 projects can be completed. And so we actually will be back with you with additional resolutions dealing with that \$25,000,000 as we move forward in that process.

Mr. Grigsby: Mr. Chairman I just wanted to add we are very bullish on getting the \$25,000,000 as a DHH and DEQ loan which will give us an interest rate of below 3%. And if we can apply the stimulus 35%, we'll get that down to about 2.7%.

Mr. Weems: We're not far enough along in the process to know whether or not that qualifies, but Mr. Grigsby and myself, and the other members of the team will be working on that I assure you. So, I actually have a meeting with the lawyers for DHH and DEQ on Thursday morning in Baton Rouge, so I'll be attending and dealing with these kinds of issues.

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

**Motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt Resolution No. 122 of 2009 as amended. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 123 OF 2009**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE GRANT DOCUMENTS WITH THE UNITED STATES U.S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO**

WHEREAS, the U.S Department of Justice has invited the City of Shreveport Police Department, and Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office to file a joint application for grant funds under the Justice Assistance Grant Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the award, if approved will be for a total of \$305,915 and requires no cash match by the City of Shreveport. The funds will be split with Shreveport Police Department receiving 52.50% and the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office receiving 47.50% of the total funds allocated between the two agencies, the City of Shreveport will receive \$160,605 and the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office to receive \$145,310.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Shreveport shall make a joint application to receive an award as part of the Justice Assistance Grant Program to prevent and control crime based on local needs and conditions. The funds received by the Shreveport Police Department will be used to address crime trends throughout the City of Shreveport through the use of personnel overtime. The Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office will use their funds for the purchase of law enforcement equipment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, regular and legal session convened, that it does hereby authorize the execution by Cedric B. Glover, Mayor, those grant documents necessary to apply and receive funding established within the program administered by the United States Department of Justice.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 124 OF 2009**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR A FORMULA GRANT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY UNDER THE AMERICAN RECOVERY & REINVESTMENT ACT; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS RELATED THERETO; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL CONTRACTS OR AGREEMENTS RELATIVE TO**

**RECEIPT OF THE GRANT FUNDS; AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Shreveport can receive a \$1,977,900 formula grant from the Department of Energy under the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (“Stimulus Bill”); and

**WHEREAS**, the deadline for submission of the application is June 25, 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, the grant will be used to funds a number of project related to energy efficiency and conservation in accordance with directives from the funding source.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, regular and legal session convened that: the City of Shreveport is hereby authorized to submit an application for a formula grant to the Department of Energy under the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act; the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute all documents related to submission of the grant application on behalf of the City of Shreveport and further authorized to execute all contracts or agreements relative to receipt of the grant funds from the Department of Energy on behalf of the City of Shreveport.

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

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

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

Councilman Wooley: Just for the benefit of the public, can someone explain that one?

Mr. Sibley: Let me see if I can, but Mike can help out. This one is supposed to be \$1.9(million) energy grant that many of you have been hearing about. There’s an application process that we have to go through and conclude and developing a strategy about how we’re going to use those funds to make city buildings and activities more energy efficient. And Mike if there is more detail, you and Shelly between DOS and SPAR, we’re managing that particular application process.

Councilman Lester: And Mr. Chairman, it also provides for a plan that will allow the city to do some green jobs, and get some of our local community colleges involved, and green job programs.

Mr. Strong: And that’s pretty well the gist of it. What it’s doing is to allow us to actually put in for this formula money that’s already set up, \$1.977(million) that is out there. And what we’re intending to do is to go out and turn in our application by the 25<sup>th</sup>, day after tomorrow, and to do it, and that will allow us to then go forth with putting together a strategy or at least we’ll have 120 days. So that gets us going and moves forward. And it’s a wide open project.

Councilman Webb: When are they looking for disbursements on the grants that are awarded?

Mr. Strong: If we turn this in on the 25<sup>th</sup>, and we’re going to ask for \$250,000 of the \$1.977(million), we’re expecting that that’s going to be within a 30 day period.

Mr. Sibley: Mr. Chairman, if I may add, one of the things that we had the option to do under that grant was to submit an actual list of projects that would be almost immediately funded, but it was brought to our attention, and the task force decided that the better strategy was to basically develop a plan so that whatever projects we do out of the remaining monies , they can (inaudible) these additional monies that are out there. So, it slows down a bit in that we had some ideas on some things that we'd like to do, but in looking long term in trying to maximize the dollars, we decided to go the approach that Mike just described.

Councilman Webb: How much of that do you get Shelly?

Mr. Strong: Nothing, it all goes to me.

Ms. Ragle-Stone: I knew I could count you (inaudible)

Councilman Webb: He could at least give you \$25,000 for the replacement of the gymnasium floor.

Mr. Strong: It's green money and it helps us with our issues with air quality.

Councilman Wooley: For the benefit of the public, I know you said a list of projects. Can you give us an example of some of the things you're looking to do if the money is awarded?

Mr. Strong: Different things. Items like the roof of this building. You've got items that can go out for training, like Councilman Lester said.

Mr. Sibley: Developing solar energy on all of our public buildings. Anything that adds to the energy efficient, creates green jobs as Councilman Lester pointed out, the training programs that can be done in conjunction with the local colleges and technical colleges. But the purpose of that first quarter-million is to develop that overall strategy, so we can identify the best projects that will put us in position to maximize those numbers on the back side.

Mayor Glover: One other area that has a great deal of potential, LED Lighting, I don't know, some of you may have heard about some of the advances and some of the lighting technology that's out there that is extremely cost effective and energy efficient, and so there is a whole broad range of opportunities that we look forward to exploring.

Councilman Lester: One of the things Mr. Chairman that I think as Cleveland did with some of their planning dollars was, they set up a program where they did solar panels (inaudible) on all their city buildings, they got with the local housing authority and the technology to create a jobs program and they created a nonprofit. So what you actually have is people that were living in public housing, had jobs. They went out and retrofitted city buildings, and it got down to the point where a lot of those city buildings wind up collecting so much energy, that it cut their cost down tremendously and the city was able to save millions of dollars and get a lot of people hired. So, it has some tremendous potential.

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 125 OF 2008**

**A RESOLUTION SUSPENDING THE EFFECTS OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 10 RELATIVE TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND CHAPTER 106 RELATIVE TO ZONING FOR THE FRIEND'S LOUNGE LOCATED AT 1655 KINGS HIGHWAY AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

BY: COUNCILMAN MONTY WALFORD

**WHEREAS**, the Friend's Lounge located at 1655 Kings Highway will be celebrating their anniversary on July 25, 2009; 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 12:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m., with no music being played outdoors after 8:00 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 Friend's Lounge, 1655 Kings Highway, for their anniversary celebration on July 25, 2009, with no music being played outdoors after 8:00 p.m.

**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 July 25, 2009 for the celebration of the seventh anniversary of the Friend's Lounge located at 1655 Kings Highway, between the hours of 12:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m., with no music being played outdoors after 8:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Councilman Walford: It's the one that we discussed yesterday. This is the 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> Annual, and we've approved it every year, and there's never been a problem.

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

**INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS:** *(Not to be adopted prior to July 14, 2009)* None.

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

*The Clerk read the following:*

1. **Ordinance No. 56 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)
2. **Ordinance No. 57 of 2009**: An ordinance creating and establishing a No Parking Zone in the 1500 Block of Stephens Avenue, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Walford)
3. **Ordinance No. 58 of 2009**: An ordinance closing and abandoning the 20 foot alley dedication and the 30 foot road dedication for Yale Street, located between Greenwood Road, and the abandoned V.S. & P. Railroad, located in the Idlewilde Subdivision in Section 2, (T17N-R14W), and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (B/Walford)
4. **Ordinance No. 59 of 2009**: An ordinance amending the 2009 Capital Improvements Budget, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
5. **Ordinance No. 60 of 2009**: An ordinance amending the 2009 General Fund Budget, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
6. **Ordinance No. 61 of 2009**: An ordinance amending the 2009 Budget for the Riverfront Development Special Revenue Fund, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
7. **Ordinance No. 62 of 2009**: An ordinance amending the 2009 Budget for the Metropolitan Planning Commission's Special Revenue Fund, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
8. **Ordinance No. 63 of 2009**: ZONING APPEAL: C-33-09 – An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinances, by rezoning property located on the NW corner of East Kings Highway and Zeke Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from B-2, Neighborhood Business District to B-3, Community Business District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Walford)
9. **Ordinance No. 64 of 2009**: ZONING: C-34-09 – An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinances, by rezoning of property located on the northwest corner of Flournoy-Lucas Road and I-49, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-A Residence/Agriculture District, to B-3, Community Business District with MPC Approval, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Wooley)
10. **Ordinance No. 65 of 2009**: ZONING: C-35-09 – An ordinance amending Chapter 105 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinances, by rezoning of property located on the west side of Monkhouse Drive, 1,290 feet south of Greenwood Road, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-1D, Urban, one-family Residence

District, to B-2 Neighborhood Business District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (G/Bowman)

11. **Ordinance No. 66 of 2009**: An Ordinance to adopt Chapter 25 of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances establishing regulations relative to the conduct of oil, gas and other hydrocarbon well operations with the City of Shreveport, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
12. **Ordinance No. 67 of 2009**: An Ordinance to amend Chapter 78 of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances to adopt regulations relative to the placement of pipeline across City-Owned property or within city rights of way, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Wooley to introduce Ordinance No(s). 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66 and 67 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. 33 of 2009**: An ordinance authorizing the City to close and restrict vehicular access to Fannin Street from Baker Street to Douglas Street, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (B/Walford) *(Postponed June 9, 2009)*

**Having passed first reading on April 28, 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 Wooley to postpone until July 14, 2009. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.**

2. **Ordinance No. 38 of 2009**: An ordinance amending Chapter 14 of the code of ordinances , and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (G/Bowman) *(Postponed June 9, 2009)*

**Having passed first reading on May 12, 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 Bowman, seconded by Councilman Wooley to table.**

Councilwoman Bowman: I am giving Mr. Kirkland and the attorneys time to work this out.

Councilman Lester: Cluck, cluck.

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

3. **Ordinance No. 50 of 2009**: An ordinance amending Ordinance Number 9 of 2009 which authorized the closure of the at-grade railroad crossings of the Union Pacific Railroad at Wyngate Boulevard located between Valley View Drive and Woodmont Street and Malcolm Street located between Corbitt Street and Midway Avenue, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Walford/D/Wooley/E/Webb/F/Shyne)

**Having passed first reading on June 9, 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 Webb, 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.**

4. **Ordinance No. 51 of 2009**: An ordinance amending the 2009 Budget for the Public Safety Grants Special Revenue Fund, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

**Having passed first reading on June 9, 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 Long.**

**Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 51 of 2009**

Delete the ordinance as introduced and substitute the attached ordinance.

**Motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Bowman to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 51 of 2009. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.**

**Motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Bowman to adopt Ordinance No. 51 of 2009 as amended. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.**

5. **Ordinance No. 52 of 2009**: An ordinance levying a tax of Eight and Thirty-Four One Hundredths (8 and 34/100ths) mills per dollar on all property subject to Ad Valorem taxation within the bounds of the Downtown Development District of the City of Shreveport as defined by Act 554 of 1978, as amended, for the purposes as set forth herein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

**Having passed first reading on June 9, 2009 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt.**

Councilwoman Bowman: I was just going to ask that it be explained to the general public. Because we don't want them to think we're levying a new tax or anything.

Councilman Lester: I'll let the Administration make that statement, but I was going to ask a question to the city attorney. As I appreciate it, this reauthorizes a tax that has already been levied, and it's something that you have to do and the Council has to do periodically. My

question to our City Attorney, is as I appreciate it, (inaudible) legislature that extends the boundaries of the Downtown Development District has passed both houses and is waiting for the governor's signature. As we pass this, what is - - -?

Ms. Scott: Would that property - - -

Councilman Lester: Right, is that new property going to be subject to this ad valorem tax, or are we talking about something that was - - -?

Ms. Scott: Mr. Lester, I believe that it will be, but in all honesty, I'll have to defer to Ms. Glass. But if it's something that she doesn't know, then we won't have an answer for you. But it seems as though it would be included since it would, now the property would be within the boundaries of the Downtown Development District when this particular tax applies.

Councilman Lester: Would it be subject, and we obviously are not going to solve it now, but again my question is if we pass the tax and we reauthorize the tax now, and it's not signed by the governor until - - - I don't know, we may have to - -

Ms. Glass: I will say that the ordinance itself says the boundaries as defined by Act 554 of 1978 as amended. So I think that under the terms of the ordinance, it should be included unless there's something in the state bill that would tell us something different. I guess we'll have to look into that.

Councilman Walford: I'm going to offer a subsidiary motion to postpone action.

Ms. Glass: There's a state statute that says that we have to get these adopted and to the tax assessor. So, I'd rather - - -

Councilwoman Bowman: By when?

Ms. Glass: Well by June 1<sup>st</sup>, which we haven't made, but he has the leeway to allow us the extra time, and he already has given us that. So I'd rather have them adopt it and if we need to amend something, when the bill becomes effective, we can do that.

Councilman Lester: And for the record, I'm not necessarily trying to prevent the operations of this, I'm just - - -.

Ms. Scott: But you asked a good question.

Councilman Lester: There are some new people who are now going to be subject to this.

Ms. Scott: If there is something or some other action that the Council would need to take with regard to the property that will be included within the boundaries, then we'll bring that back to you before the time being, we think we're okay.

Councilman Lester: Alright, thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Walford: Forget my substitute motion.

Councilman Webb: Nobody seconded it anyway.

Councilwoman Bowman: Yes they did.

Councilman Long: But I'll take it back, and we can stick to the original motion.

Councilman Webb: Okay, I didn't hear you. I can't hear out of my right ear.

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

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, was there any need to make anymore clarification on the record with regard to Councilwoman Bowman's point?

Councilwoman Bowman: No, I think they got the gist of it.

6. **Ordinance No. 53 of 2009**: An ordinance levying various taxes totaling Seventeen and Ninety-Eight Hundredths (17 and 98/100ths) mills per dollar on all property subject to Ad Valorem taxation within the City of Shreveport for the year 2009 in the amounts and for the purposes described herein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

**Having passed first reading on June 9, 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.**

Councilman Webb: Now, can somebody explain that one? Is that an increase, the same as last year, or what we got?

Mr. Thompson: It's just a renewal.

Mr. Sibley: Same thing.

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

7. **Ordinance No. 54 of 2009**: An ordinance levying a tax of Twenty-Six and Fifty-Six One Hundredths (26 and 56/100ths) mills per dollar on all property subject to Ad Valorem Taxation within the City of Shreveport for the year 2009 for the purpose of paying principal and interest on the outstanding General Obligation Bonds of the city of Shreveport, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

**Having passed first reading on June 9, 2009 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt.**

Councilman Webb: Same question. Is that the same as last year?

Mr. Thompson: Yes sir.

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

8. **Ordinance No. 55 of 2009**: An ordinance supplementing Ordinance amending and supplementing Resolution No. 131 of 1984, as amended; and supplementing the Twenty Fourth Supplemental Ordinance adopted as ordinance No. 129 of 2005 approved by the City Council September 13, 2005; Acknowledging, approving, ratifying and confirming that Swap Agreement entered into with respect to the \$75,000,000 principal amount of Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds (Shreveport Utility System Project) Series 2005, issued on behalf of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana; and providing with other matters in connection therewith.

**Having passed first reading on June 9, 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 Long.**

## **AMENDMENT NUMBER 1 TO ORDINANCE NUMBER 55 OF 2009**

Substitute the original ordinance with the attached ordinance.

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### Explanation of substantive amendments

1. Designates the ordinance as the "Twenty-Fifth Supplemental Ordinance" but does not change the title of the ordinance.
2. Adds the phrase "...No. 131 of 1984" to the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> "WHEREAS" paragraph.
3. Amends Article I, Section 101 to now read as follows:

"Section 101. Definitions. Unless the context shall clearly indicate some other meaning, all words and terms used in this Supplemental Ordinance which are defined in Resolution No. 131 of 1984 (the "General Bond Resolution") adopted by this Council on June 12, 1984, entitled: "A resolution authorizing the issuance from time to time of Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana, prescribing the form, fixing the details and providing for the payment of principal of and interest on such bonds and for the rights of the holders thereof", as amended and supplemented to date, or which are defined in Ordinance No. 129 of 2005 (the "Twenty Fourth Supplemental Ordinance") approved by the City Council on September 13, 2005, entitled "A Supplemental Ordinance amending and supplementing Resolution No. 131 of 1984 (the "General Bond Resolution") adopted on June 12, 1984, as amended; acknowledging and approving the issuance of not to exceed \$75,000,000 principal amount of Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds (Shreveport Utility System Project) Series 2005, on behalf of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana, approving and confirming the sale of such bonds; pledging revenues of the System to secure such bonds; authorizing the Mayor to enter into swap agreements with respect to the bonds; and providing for other matters in connection therewith." shall, for all purposes of this Twenty-Fifth Supplemental Ordinance, have the respective meanings given to them in the General Bond Resolution and the Twenty Fourth Supplemental Ordinance, as amended and supplemented to date. In addition, unless the context shall clearly indicate some other meaning, the following terms shall, for all purposes of the General Bond Resolution, the Twenty Fourth Supplemental Ordinance or of any resolution or other instrument amendatory thereof or supplemental thereto have the following meanings:"

4. Adds "Twenty-Fifth" in all blank lines in paragraphs 2 and 3 of Section 101, Section 102, Section 301, 302, 303, 304, and 305.
5. Amends Section 201 to add a sentence affirming the actions of the Mayor (current and former) in the execution and delivery of any document, certificate or agreement in connection with the Swap Agreement. This language is added due to the absence of Exhibit "A" to Ordinance No. 129 of 2005 which was a form Swap Agreement referenced in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> "WHEREAS" paragraphs" of Ordinance 55 of 2009.

**Motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 55 of 2009. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.**

**Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt Ordinance No. 55 of 2009 as amended. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.**

*The adopted ordinances and amendments follow:*

**ORDINANCE NO. 50 OF 2009**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NUMBER 9 OF 2009 WHICH AUTHORIZED THE CLOSURE OF THE AT-GRADE RAILROAD CROSSINGS OF THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD AT WYNGATE BOULEVARD LOCATED BETWEEN VALLEYVIEW DRIVE AND WOODMONT STREET AND MALCOLM STREET LOCATED BETWEEN CORBITT STREET AND MIDWAY AVENUE AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO**

WHEREAS, Ordinance Number 9 of 2009 (“the Ordinance”) authorized the closure of the at-grade railroad crossings at Wyngate Boulevard located between Valleyview Drive and Woodmont Street and Malcolm Street located between Corbitt Street and Midway Avenue subject to the condition that Union Pacific Railroad and the City of Shreveport have entered into a written agreement for a railroad crossing over Union Pacific tracks for the Southern Roadway Extension leading into the ShrevePark Industrial Park by June 15, 2009; and WHEREAS, the written agreement contemplated by the Ordinance cannot be executed by the June 15, 2009 deadline.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, regular and legal session convened that the “NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED” paragraph in Ordinance Number 9 of 2009 is hereby amended to now read as follows: “NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, regular and legal session convened that the City is authorized to remove the at-grade crossing of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) at Wyngate Boulevard and at Malcolm Street provided, that the authority granted herein shall not become effective unless the Union Pacific Railroad and the City of Shreveport have entered into a written agreement for a railroad crossing over Union Pacific tracks for the Southern Roadway Extension leading into the ShrevePark Industrial Park, by August 17, 2009.”

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

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

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 51 OF 2009**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2009 BUDGET FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY GRANTS SPECIAL REVENUE FUND AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it desirable to amend the 2009 budget for the Public Safety Grants Special Revenue Fund, to adjust revenues and for other purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that Ordinance No. 142 of 2008, the 2009 budget for the Public Safety Grants Special Revenue Fund, be amended and re-enacted as follows:

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

**2008 and Prior-Year Receipts:**

Increase Prior-Year Shreveport Enforcement Project 2007 by \$38,600,

Increase Prior-Year Shreveport Enforcement Project 2008 by \$5,000,

Increase Prior-Year Federal ATF Grant 2008 by \$800,

Increase Prior-Year PSN Anti-Gang Initiative 2006 by \$9,000

Increase Prior-Year JAG Grant 2006 by \$6,300,

Increase Prior-Year JAG Grant 2007 by \$11,300.

**In Section 2 (Appropriations):**

**From 2008 and Prior Years Revenues:**

In Prior-Year Shreveport Enforcement Project 2007 Increase Material and Supplies by \$2,600 and Improvements and Equipment by \$36,000,

In Prior-Year Shreveport Enforcement Project 2008 Increase Personal Services by \$ 48,500 and Decrease Material and Supplies by \$3,000 and Improvements and Equipment by \$40,500,

In Prior-Year Federal ATF Grant 2008 Increase Personal Services by \$800,

In Prior-Year PSN Anti-Gang Initiative 2006 Increase Personal Services \$9,000,

In Prior-Year JAG Grant 2006 Increase Personal Services by 6,300,

In Prior-Year JAG Grant 2007 Increase Personal Services by \$5,600 and Civic Appropriations by \$5,700.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance No. 142 of 2008 shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

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

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

**Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 51 of 2009**

Delete the ordinance as introduced and substitute the attached ordinance.

**ORDINANCE NO. 52 OF 2009**

**AN ORDINANCE LEVYING A TAX OF EIGHT AND THIRTY-FOUR ONE HUNDREDTHS (8 AND 34/100THS) MILLS PER DOLLAR ON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO AD VALOREM TAXATION WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AS DEFINED BY ACT 554 OF 1978, AS AMENDED, FOR THE PURPOSES AS SET FORTH HEREIN, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that an ad valorem tax of Eight and Thirty-four One Hundredths (8 and 34/100ths) mills per dollar of assessed valuation be and the same is hereby levied on all property subject to ad valorem taxation within the bounds of the Downtown Development

District, as defined by Act 554 of 1978, as amended, for the year 2009, and to be expended by the Downtown Development Authority for administration, operational expenses, capital improvements, project expenses or the retirement of bonds or other evidences of indebtedness, all in accordance with the results of a special election held November 5, 2002, and this shall be full authority to the Tax Assessors of Caddo Parish and Bossier Parish to extend said tax on the assessment rolls of the City of Shreveport for the year 2009.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Director of Finance, Ex Officio Tax Collector of the City of Shreveport, is hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to cause said taxes, as herein above set forth, to be spread upon the tax roll of the City of Shreveport for the year 2009, to collect said ad valorem taxes for and on behalf of said City, according to law, and to place the same to the credit of the funds described herein above as provided for and authorized by the special election held on November 5, 2002. The taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and the collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Clerk of Council shall provide a certified copy of this ordinance to the Tax Assessor of Caddo Parish and the Tax Assessor of Bossier Parish immediately after its final passage by the City Council and approval by the Mayor.

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

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

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 53 OF 2009**

**AN ORDINANCE LEVYING VARIOUS TAXES TOTALING SEVENTEEN AND NINETY-EIGHT HUNDREDTHS (17 AND 98/100THS) MILLS PER DOLLAR ON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO AD VALOREM TAXATION WITHIN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT FOR THE YEAR 2009 IN THE AMOUNTS AND FOR THE PURPOSES DESCRIBED HEREIN, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due and legal session convened, that an ad valorem tax of Ten and Forty-nine One Hundredths (10 and 49/100ths) mills per dollar of assessed valuation be and the same is hereby levied on all property subject to ad valorem taxation within the City of Shreveport, for the year 2009; for the purpose of general operating expenses of the General Fund.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that an ad valorem tax of Eighty-five One Hundredths (85/100ths) mills per dollar of assessed valuation be and the same is hereby levied on all property subject to ad valorem taxation within the City of Shreveport, for the year 2009; for the purpose of operating and supplying recreational facilities and appurtenances and maintaining the same, title to which shall be in the public, in accordance with the results of a special election held July 19, 2008.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that an ad valorem tax of One and Fifty One Hundredths (1 and 50/100ths) mills per dollar of assessed valuation be and the same is hereby levied on all property subject to ad valorem taxation within the City of Shreveport, for the year 2009; for the purpose of providing revenues sufficient to enable the City of Shreveport to provide a three-

platoon system in the Police Department, now in effect in the City of Shreveport in accordance with Act 323 of the Legislature of Louisiana for the year 1936.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that an ad valorem tax of One and Fourteen One Hundredths (1 and 14/100ths) mills per dollar of assessed valuation be and the same is hereby levied on all property subject to ad valorem taxation within the City of Shreveport, for the year 2009; for the purpose of improving, repairing, and maintaining the streets of the City of Shreveport, title to which shall be in the public, in accordance with the results of a special election held July 19, 2008.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that an ad valorem tax of One and Fourteen One Hundredths (1 and 14/100ths) mills per dollar of assessed valuation be and the same is hereby levied on all property subject to ad valorem taxation within the City of Shreveport, for the year 2009; for the purpose of continuing the salary and wage schedule of City employees, in accordance with the results of a special election held July 19, 2008.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that an ad valorem tax of One and Fourteen One Hundredths (1 and 14/100ths) mills per dollar of assessed valuation be and the same is hereby levied on all property subject to ad valorem taxation within the City of Shreveport, for the year 2009; for the purpose of police and fire personnel and allowance for uniforms and equipment for said departments in accordance with the results of a special election held July 19, 2008.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that an ad valorem tax of One and Seventy-two One Hundredths (1 and 72/100ths) mills per dollar of assessed valuation be and the same is hereby levied on all property subject to ad valorem taxation within the City of Shreveport, for the year 2009; for the purpose of providing funds for the City's portion of pensions, employee life insurance and hospitalization plan for City employees in accordance with the results of a special election held July 19, 2008.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall be full authority to the Tax Assessor of Caddo Parish and the Tax Assessor of Bossier Parish to extend said taxes on the assessment rolls of the City of Shreveport for the year 2009.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Director of Finance, Ex Officio Tax Collector of the City of Shreveport, is hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to cause said taxes, as herein above set forth, to be spread upon the tax roll of the City of Shreveport for the year 2009, to collect said ad valorem taxes for and on behalf of said City, according to law, and to place the same to the credit of the funds described herein above as authorized by law. The taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and the collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Clerk of Council shall provide a certified copy of this ordinance to the Tax Assessor of Caddo Parish and the Tax Assessor of Bossier Parish immediately after its final passage by the City Council and approval by the Mayor.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this ordinance and the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

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

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 54 OF 2009**

**AN ORDINANCE LEVYING A TAX OF TWENTY-SIX AND FIFTY-SIX ONE HUNDREDTHS (26 AND 56/100THS) MILLS PER DOLLAR ON ALL PROPERTY**

**SUBJECT TO AD VALOREM TAXATION WITHIN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT FOR THE YEAR 2009 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON THE OUTSTANDING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that:

An ad valorem tax of Twenty-six and Fifty-Six One Hundredths (26 and 56/100ths) mills per dollar of assessed valuation be and the same is hereby levied on all property subject to ad valorem taxation within the City of Shreveport, for the year 2009, for the purpose of paying the principal and interest on the outstanding general obligation bonds of the City of Shreveport, and creating a reasonable reserve for the payment of such principal and interest as the same respectively become due and payable, and this shall be full authority to the Tax Assessor of Caddo Parish and the Tax Assessor of Bossier Parish to extend said tax on the assessment rolls of the City of Shreveport for the year 2009.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Director of Finance, Ex Officio Tax Collector of the City of Shreveport, is hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to cause said taxes, as herein above set forth, to be spread upon the tax roll of the City of Shreveport for the year 2009, to collect said ad valorem taxes for and on behalf of said City, according to law, and to place the same to the credit of the funds described herein above as authorized by law. The taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and the collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Clerk of Council shall provide a certified copy of this ordinance to the Tax Assessor of Caddo Parish and the Tax Assessor of Bossier Parish immediately after its final passage by the City Council and approval by the Mayor.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this ordinance and the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared servable.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 55 OF 2009**

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUPPLEMENTAL ORDINANCE**

**A Supplemental Ordinance amending and supplementing Resolution No. 131 of 1984 (the "General Bond Resolution") adopted on June 12, 1984, as amended; and supplementing the Twenty Fourth Supplemental Ordinance adopted as Ordinance No. 129 of 2005 approved by the City Council September 13, 2005; acknowledging, approving, ratifying and confirming that Swap Agreement entered into with respect to the \$75,000,000 principal amount of Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds (Shreveport Utility System Project) Series 2005 issued on behalf of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana (the "City") owns and operates a revenue-producing public utility comprised of a combined waterworks plant and system and sewer plant and system (the "System"); and

**WHEREAS**, the City is authorized to borrow money payable solely from the income and revenues to be derived by the City from the operation of the System to finance acquisitions, improvements, upgrades and extensions to the System (the "Project"); and

**WHEREAS**, the City adopted Resolution No. 131 of 1984 on June 12, 1984, as amended and supplemented, authorizing the issuance from time to time of Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds and pledge of revenues of the City derived from the System on the terms and conditions set forth in Resolution No. 131 of 1984; and

**WHEREAS**, the City adopted Ordinance No. 129 of 2005 (the "Twenty Fourth Supplemental Ordinance") approved by the City Council September 13, 2005, authorizing the issuance by the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority (the "Authority") of its Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds (Shreveport Utility System Project) Series 2005 (the "Bonds") on behalf of the City to provide financing for the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority issued the Bonds on behalf of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, at the direction of the City, the Authority entered into a Swap Agreement (the "Swap Agreement") with respect to fixing the interest rate on the Bonds; and

**WHEREAS**, a form of Swap Agreement was approved by the City and was to be attached as Exhibit "A" to the Twenty Fourth Supplemental Ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, Exhibit "A" was not attached to the Twenty Fourth Supplemental Ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to acknowledge and affirm the Swap Agreement as executed.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said City, that:

## **ARTICLE I**

### **Definitions and Interpretation**

**Section 101. Definitions.** Unless the context shall clearly indicate some other meaning, all words and terms used in this Supplemental Ordinance which are defined in Resolution No. 131 of 1984 (the "General Bond Resolution") adopted by this Council on June 12, 1984, entitled: "A resolution authorizing the issuance from time to time of Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana, prescribing the form, fixing the details and providing for the payment of principal of and interest on such bonds and for the rights of the holders thereof", as amended and supplemented to date, or which are defined in Ordinance No. 129 of 2005 (the "Twenty Fourth Supplemental Ordinance") approved by the City Council on September 13, 2005, entitled "A Supplemental Ordinance amending and supplementing Resolution No. 131 of 1984 (the "General Bond Resolution") adopted on June 12, 1984, as amended; acknowledging and approving the issuance of not to exceed \$75,000,000 principal amount of Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds (Shreveport Utility System Project) Series 2005, on behalf of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana, approving and confirming the sale of such bonds; pledging revenues of the System to secure such bonds; authorizing the Mayor to enter into swap agreements with respect to the bonds; and providing for other matters in connection therewith." shall, for all purposes of this Twenty-Fifth Supplemental Ordinance, have the respective meanings given to them in the General Bond Resolution and the Twenty Fourth Supplemental Ordinance, as amended and supplemented to date. In addition, unless the context shall clearly indicate some other meaning, the following terms shall, for all purposes of the General Bond Resolution, the Twenty Fourth Supplemental Ordinance or of any resolution or other instrument amendatory thereof or supplemental thereto have the following meanings:

**"Twenty-Fifth Supplemental Ordinance"** shall mean this Twenty-Fifth Supplemental Ordinance as the same may be supplemented or amended hereafter.

Unless or except as the context shall clearly indicate otherwise or may otherwise require in this Twenty-Fifth Supplemental Ordinance: (i) all references to a particular section, paragraph or subdivision of the General Bond Resolution or this Twenty-Fifth Supplemental Ordinance, as the case may be, are to the corresponding section, paragraph or subdivision of the General Bond Resolution only, or this Twenty-Fifth Supplemental Ordinance only, as the case may be; (ii) the terms "herein", "hereunder", "hereby", "hereto", "hereof", and any similar terms, refer to this Twenty-Fifth Supplemental Ordinance as a whole and not to any particular section, paragraph or subdivision thereof; (iii) the terms "therein", "thereunder", "thereby", "thereto", "thereof", and any similar terms, refer to the General Bond Resolution, and to the General Bond Resolution as a whole and not to any particular section, paragraph or subdivision thereof, and (iv) the term "heretofore" means before the time of effectiveness of this Twenty-Fifth Supplemental Ordinance, and the term "hereafter" means after the time of the effectiveness of this Twenty-Fifth Supplemental Ordinance.

**Section 102. Interpretation.** In this Twenty-Fifth Supplemental Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires, (a) words importing persons include firms, associations and corporations, (b) words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa and (c) words of the masculine gender shall be deemed and considered to include correlative words of the feminine and neuter genders.

## ARTICLE II

### Swap Provisions

**Section 201. Swap Agreement.** The City hereby acknowledges and affirms that Swap Agreement entered into with respect to the Bonds, including, but not limited to, the following swap documents: (a.) ISDA Master Agreement dated as of September 20, 2005 between JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association and Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority, (b.) Schedule to the Master Agreement dated as of September 20, 2005, and (c.) Confirmation Swap Transaction by JPMorgan Chase Bank, NA to the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority, Re: Swap Transaction (JPMorgan Ref. No.: 6900020726423). The actions of the Mayor in the execution and delivery of any documents, certificates or agreements that he in his sole discretion deemed necessary and proper in connection with the Swap Agreement are hereby affirmed.

## ARTICLE III

### Miscellaneous

**Section 301. Publication of Ordinance.** A copy of this Twenty-Fifth Supplemental Ordinance shall be published in the Official Journal of the City of Shreveport.

**Section 302. Supplemental Ordinance to Constitute Contract.** In consideration of the purchase and the acceptance of the Bonds by those who shall hold the same from time to time, the provisions of this Twenty-Fifth Supplemental Ordinance shall be a part of the contract of the City with the holders of the Bonds and shall be deemed to be and shall constitute a contract between the City, the Trustee, the Bond Insurer and the holders from time to time of the Bonds. The provisions, covenants and agreements herein set forth to be performed by and on behalf of the City shall be for the benefit, protection and security of the holders of any and all of the Bonds and the Bond Insurer.

**Section 303. Filing of Ordinance.** A certified copy of this Twenty-Fifth Supplemental Ordinance shall be filed and recorded as soon as possible in the Mortgage Records of the Parishes of Caddo and Bossier, Louisiana.

**Section 304. Severability.** In case any one or more of the provisions of this Twenty-Fifth Supplemental Ordinance shall, for any reason, be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provisions of this Twenty-Fifth Supplemental Ordinance and the Twenty-Fifth Supplemental Ordinance shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provisions had not been contained herein or therein.

**Section 305. Governing Law.** This Twenty-Fifth Supplemental Ordinance is a contract made under, and the rights and obligations of the parties hereunder shall be governed by and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Louisiana applicable to contracts made and to be performed entirely within such State.

**AMENDMENT NUMBER 1 TO ORDINANCE NUMBER 55 OF 2009**

Substitute the original ordinance with the attached ordinance.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Ordinance No. 204 of 2006:** An ordinance amending the 2006 Budget for the Riverfront Development Special Revenue fund and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (Disparity Study) (A/Lester) (*Introduced November 14, 2006 – Tabled December 12, 2006*)
2. **Ordinance No. 205 of 2006:** An ordinance amending the 2006 Capital Improvements Budget and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (*Introduced November 14, 2006 – Tabled December 12, 2006*)
3. **Resolution No. 51 of 2007:** A resolution supporting the Employee Free Choice Act, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (*Introduced March 27, 2007 --Tabled May 8, 2007*)
4. **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*)
5. **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*)
6. **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*)

7. **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*)
8. **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*)
9. **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*)
10. **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*)
11. **Resolution No. 79 of 2009:** A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a donation agreement between the City of Shreveport and E & L Development, Inc., hereinafter called “Owner” and acting herein through Kenneth G. Lawler, Manager for the private Water and Sewer Main Extensions and related facilities to serve Hideaway Harbor Subdivision Units XIII & XIV, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Lester) (*Introduced April 14, 2009 - Tabled May 26, 2009*)
12. **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 April 27, 2009 until November 9, 2009*)
  - PSD0700214:** 2732 Logan Street. Shreveport, LA (G/Bowman) *Willie Roberson*, 6915 Quilen Rd, Shreveport, LA (E/Webb) (*Postponed April 27, 2009 until June 22, 2009*) **DECISION RENDERED JUNE 22, 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*)
  - 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 April 27, 2009 until June 22, 2009*) **DECISION RENDERED JUNE 22, 2009**

**HBO0800039:** 7221 Bethany Street, Shreveport, LA (C/Long) *Mr. Ellis Pope*, 11085 Sandwood Drive, Keithville, LA 71047 ) (*Postponed April 27, 2009 until June 22, 2009*) **DECISION RENDERED JUNE 22, 2009**

**HBO0900005:** 241 Wichita Street, Shreveport, LA 71101 (B/Walford) *Ms. Deborah McCauley*, 241 Wichita Street, Shreveport, LA 71101 (B/Walford) (*Postponed May 11, 2009 until July 27, 2009*)

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **ABO APPEAL:**

Ms. Andrea Bowie, 537 Seneca Trail, Shreveport, LA (A/Lester) *CITGO, 4040 Shreveport-Blanchard Road, Shreveport, LA* (A/Lester) **Decision rendered June 22, 2009**

### **ANIMAL SERVICES APPEAL:**

Mr. Daniel Price, 3215 Jody Lane, Shreveport, LA (E/Webb) **Decision rendered June 22, 2009**

### **PROPERTY STANDARDS APPEALS:**

**CAB0800976:** 524 March Street, Shreveport, LA (A/Lester) *Mr. Joseph Gillis, 524 March Street, Shreveport, LA 71101* (A/Lester) **Decision rendered June 22, 2009**

**PSD0800336:** 1652 ½ Cross Lake Blvd, Shreveport, LA (G/Bowman) *Mr. Donald R. Pelham, 150 Humming Bird Lane Blvd, Stonewall, LA 71078* **Decision rendered June 22, 2009**

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

Councilwoman Bowman: Mr. Chairman, Monday, we met or the Public Safety Committee met, and of course we had some very interesting topics to discuss. One with Property Standards, and the other dealt with (inaudible) trucks, 3-axle trucks or whatever, but we will get a report together and present it in our next meeting.

Councilman Walford: Can I ask a question? Give us a brief synopsis of the Property Standards, cause I think I've been getting phone calls on what y'all were talking about. Did you discuss parking in yards?

Councilwoman Bowman: We did discuss that, but we didn't actually take any action. Councilman Lester.

Councilman Lester: Thank you Madam Chairman. What's going to happen is I'm going to do a ride along with some of the CLOs, I believe - - - I think we scheduled that for Thursday, I believe, to find out kinda what their concerns were, because apparently in different parts of town, there have been some questions as to the way that the law that we wrote is being interpreted. So rather than to try to figure that out in the room, we're going to meet up there in the CLO Office, I want to say Thursday, Thursday morning, you're welcome to come. And

we're going to drive out and kinda look at what the problems were in those various areas, and kinda once we have an idea of what the officers are having or see as an enforcement problem, then we're going to sit down with the Council and our legal folks, and say okay, these are the questions that they have. In fact we do need to (inaudible) the law or we don't. And we can get some clarity in terms of the way it's being enforced. Because clearly, talking to the Chief, and several CLOs, there have been some issues as to what different people are doing in different neighborhoods, and as you know, anytime you try to pass an ordinance that has city-wide effect, the social mores and the architecture of that particular neighborhood dictate how you deal with certain things. That's one of the reasons why we had the issue, when Councilman Long has his issue about parking in the street, it might work in Broadmoor, it certainly is not going to work on the Cooper Road or in Allendale whereas we look at the parking in the yard scenario, and in areas like Martin Luther King, it means one thing, and we're not having a problem, but in certain areas, it's having some problems. So, we're going to try to find out what's going on and try to get something that is (inaudible). So that's what we agreed and that's how we're going to handle that.

Councilwoman Bowman: Okay in addition to that, and of course Thursday, we did have that Master Plan meeting. Councilman Long basically explained his portion, if you don't mind Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Webb: Go ahead.

Councilman Long: Well basically, we have had some excessive complaints of truck traffic on E. Kings Hwy, and as we start looking at the old ordinance, we realize some of the weaknesses in that they use a weight limit as the definitive identifier to establish whether the truck can travel or not travel that corridor. And so what we're researching and which we will propose later as they change and how the trucks are identified. In this case, literally the number of axles on the truck. So I've already gotten a copy of the Bossier City ordinance, which we are going to look strongly at that. Another issue that came out of part of the general discussion was the fact that when there was a list handed to all of us this afternoon, the number of 'No Truck' zones throughout the city, some of them are quite clearly in residential areas, others are kinda like E. Kings Hwy. You've got a residence where some commercial zoning is bordering that, so I mean, it's just kinda - - - my situation is one of the hybrid situations, but some of the others are clearly residential. What the police department has asked for, is that we might have a uniformed ordinance that applies to certain types of streets, or roads that can be retrofitted to all of these situations, and also the other issue is in some of these 'No Truck' zones, there is no penalty language in the ordinance, other than you defer back to some standard penalties for other types of infractions. So that's another - - - more clarification to ask for as well. So we're going to be researching that to bring results to the committee and make recommendations to the full council.

## **CLERK'S REPORT**

*The Clerk read the following:*

## **MPC APPROVAL**

C-26-09: Property located on the NE corner of Line Avenue and Albermarle, Shreveport, LA (Site Plan Approval-No Ordinance required - To be considered July 14, 2009) (D/Wooley)

**THE COMMITTEE RISES AND REPORTS: (Reconvenes Regular Council Meeting)**

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:26 p.m.

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*//s// Ron Webb, Chairman*

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